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The Machiavelli Covenant-Allan Folsom 2006-12-26 To investigate the killing of a former girlfriend, her child, and her congressman husband, former LAPD detective Nicholas Marten comes out of hiding, only to stumble upon a secret, illegal bioweapons program, joining forces with American president John Henry Harris to stop a secret cabal, led by prophetic lost writings of Machiavelli, and their plot for global domination. 150,000 first printing.

The Hadrian Memorandum-Allan Folsom 2010-11-30 The sequel to Allan Folsom's New York Times bestselling The Machiavelli Covenant! When an ocean of oil is found beneath Equatorial Guinea, the discovery sets of an international plot to overthrow the nation's corrupt government. Nicholas Marten has come face to face with the world's most dangerous men--secret global alliances that go back centuries and involve those at the highest ranks of political power and economic influence. Marten is a man on the run, constantly in fear of his life. He knows too much. He has no one to trust, except the one man who may be his only true friend . . . the President of the United States, John Henry Harris. Murder, suspense, and deceit shadow Marten every inch of the way as his harrowing journey takes him to Berlin, to the Portuguese Riviera, and finally to the always-mysterious Lisbon. At stake is the struggle for control of an ocean of oil, and with it the constantly shifting line between good and evil, love and hate, law and politics. Its cost, thousands of human lives. Its cause, a top secret agreement called The Hadrian Memorandum. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Day After Tomorrow-Allan Folsom 2008-11-15 "A page-turning whopper."-- Entertainment Weekly. The novel that took the nation by storm is now in paperback. Allan Folsom has created an international conspiracy of apocalyptic dimensions that interconnects three intricate and compelling stories spanning two continents and five decades.

Day of Confession-Allan Folsom 2008-11-16 A heart-thumping whirlwind of action, suspense & murder that reaches deep into the highest levels of Vatican power & uncovers a demonic scheme to massacre hundreds of thousands of Chinese in an attempt to establish a new Holy Roman Empire on the Chinese mainland in the twenty-first century.

The Exile-Allan Folsom 2005-12-27 Rendered mute after a traumatic attack, a beautiful young woman and her LAPD rookie brother find themselves enmeshed in a government conspiracy that forces them to outmaneuver an international hit man and a power-hungry baroness.

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Rage Against The Machine - Stage Fighters-Paul Stenning 2008-09-04 Rage Against The Machine changed the shape of music with their rampant self-titled debut album in 1992. Here was a politically charged troupe that took advantage of major label backing yet spoke out on issues that few stars in the spotlight dared to - never afraid to insist their message was just as important as the music. The sales came in the millions and critical acclaim besieged them ... until De La Rocha left the band in 2000. Instead of attempting to replace the inimitable orator, Morello and Co. threw a curveball and hired ex-Soundgarden throat Chris Cornell to create a new band named Audioslave. Yet there was always the genius of Rage Against The Machine in the background and in 2007 the band

reformed with De La Rocha included. Millions have waited a long time to see the spectacle unfold once again. This is the story of how a Harvard graduate and a poetical activist welded together, along with several capable cohorts, to create a bastion of youth revival and change through the medium of their striking, innovative material - a glutton of musical riches which continues to amaze and inspire today. It is also the story about the power and durability of protest music as well as a glimpse into the future of one of the greatest bands of all-time. UNOFFICIAL & UNAUTHORISED

Windflower-Nick Bantock 2006-09-21 Promised in marriage to man she does not love, Ana, a beautiful young dancer, flees her wedding and journeys to the exotic port of Serona in search of Felix Bulerias, a man who is supposed to have the answers she seeks, but along the way, she attracts the attentions of four unusual men who threaten to lure her from her goal. 50,000 first printing.

American Gangster- 2007-10-02 The novelization of American Gangster, the major motion picture from Universal Pictures about Frank Lucas, drug czar of Harlem. The film stars Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe, and is directed by Ridley Scott. For decades the Mafia controlled the flow of heroin onto the streets of Harlem. Frank Lucas changed all that. Born in rural North Carolina, he came to New York and rose to power under notorious mobster Bumpy Johnson. When Bumpy died, Frank moved to take over the drug business. Caught in a squeeze play between the Mafia and the street dealers, Frank got creative. Instead of being a tool of the mob, he went straight to the source—Cambodia—and set up his own unique distribution system. Using his brothers as his lieutenants and selling "quality" heroin in trademark blue plastic bags, Frank Lucas and his "Country Boys" became the kings of One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Street. Frank had it made. He was rich, successful, and untouchable. until Richie Roberts came along. Roberts, the Eliot Ness of drug enforcement, became a pariah among other detectives in the NYPD when he turned in the million dollars in cash he found in the trunk of a dealer's car. His personal life was a mess—his wife left him, and his son hardly knew him anymore—but on the job, Roberts was all business, and his business, heading up a Federal Narcotics Squad, was busting big-time dealers. His next target? Frank Lucas. This violent, action-filled chronicle of a uniquely American family is based on Ridley Scott's film, itself based on a New York magazine profile, "The Return of Superfly" by Mark Jacobson. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Titan-Ron Chernow 2007-12-18 National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist From the acclaimed, award-winning author of Alexander Hamilton: here is the essential, endlessly engrossing biography of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.—the Jekyll-and-Hyde of American capitalism. In the course of his nearly 98 years, Rockefeller was known as both a rapacious robber baron, whose Standard Oil Company rode roughshod over an industry, and a philanthropist who donated money lavishly to universities and medical centers. He was the terror of his competitors, the bogeyman of reformers, the delight of caricaturists—and an utter enigma. Drawing on unprecedented access to Rockefeller's private papers, Chernow reconstructs his subjects' troubled origins (his father was a swindler and a bigamist) and his single-minded pursuit of wealth. But he also uncovers the profound religiosity that drove him "to give all I could"; his devotion to his father; and the wry sense of humor that made him the country's most colorful codger. Titan is a magnificent biography—balanced, revelatory, elegantly written.

The Third Translation-Matt Bondurant 2005-04-06 An ancient mystery, a hidden language, and the secrets of a bizarre Egyptian sect collide in modern-day London in this ingenious novel of seduction, conspiracy, and betrayal alter Rothschild is an American Egyptologist living in London and charged by the British Museum with the task of unlocking the ancient riddle of the Stela of Paser, one of the last remaining real-life hieroglyphic mysteries in existence today. The secrets of the stela—a centuries-old funerary stone—have evaded scholars for thousands of years due to the stela's cryptic reference to a third translation:

Blood Dreams-Kay Hooper 2008 When the daughter of a powerful U.S. senator becomes the victim of a serial killer, FBI agent Noah Bishop and his Special Crimes Unit must join forces with a rogue civilian agency founded by Bishop in order to stop the maniac.

The Sorceress-Michael Scott 2009-05-26 Nicholas Flamel appeared in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter—but did you know he really lived? And his secrets aren't safe! Discover the truth in book three of the New York Times bestselling series the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel. The Problem: Perenelle Flamel is trapped. What's Worse: Sophie and Josh might soon be as well. Paris was destroyed by John Dee and Niccolo Machiavelli, but the missing pages of the Book of Abraham the Mage are still protected from Dee and the Dark Elders. Except Perenelle is imprisoned on Alcatraz and now Scatty is missing, leaving a weakening Nicholas as Sophie and Josh's only protection in Lond, a city Dee has under his control. The only hope of defeating Dee and escaping London is to find an Elder to teach the twins the third elemental magic—Water Magic. The bad news? The lone option is Gilgamesh the King, and he is absolutely insane. "The Secrets of

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the Immortal Nicholas Flamel has everything you loved about Harry Potter, including magic, mystery, and a constant battle of good versus evil."--Bustle Read the whole series! The Alchemyst The Magician The Sorceress The Necromancer The Warlock The Enchantress

The Alexandria Link-Steve Berry 2007-02-06 Cotton Malone retired from the high-risk world of elite operatives for the U.S. Justice Department to lead the low-key life of a rare-book dealer. But his quiet existence is shattered when he receives an anonymous e-mail: "You have something I want. You're the only person on earth who knows where to find it. Go get it. You have 72 hours. If I don't hear from you, you will be childless." His horrified ex-wife confirms that the threat is real: Their teenage son has been kidnapped. When Malone's Copenhagen bookshop is burned to the ground, it becomes brutally clear that those responsible will stop at nothing to get what they want. And what they want is nothing less than the lost Library of Alexandria. A cradle of ideas-historical, philosophical, literary, scientific, and religious-the Library of Alexandria was unparalleled in the world. But fifteen hundred years ago, it vanished into the mists of myth and legend-its vast bounty of wisdom coveted ever since by scholars, fortune hunters, and those who believe its untold secrets hold the key to ultimate power. Now a cartel of wealthy international moguls, bent on altering the course of history, is desperate to breach the library's hallowed halls-and only Malone possesses the information they need to succeed. At stake is an explosive ancient document with the potential not only to change the destiny of the Middle East but to shake the world's three major religions to their very foundations. Pursued by a lethal mercenary, Malone crosses the globe in search of answers. His quest will lead him to England and Portugal, even to the highest levels of American government-and the shattering outcome, deep in the Sinai desert, will have worldwide repercussions. BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Steve Berry's The Columbus Affair and a Cotton Malone dossier.

The Lost Constitution-William Martin 2007-05-15 Rare-book expert Peter Fallon and his girlfriend, Evangeline, the main characters from Back Bay and Harvard Yard, are back for another treasure hunt through time. They have learned of an early, annotated draft of the Constitution, stolen and smuggled out of Philadelphia. The draft's marginal notes spell out, in shocking detail, the Founders' unequivocal intentions---the unmistakable meaning of the Bill of Rights. Peddled and purloined, trafficked and concealed for over two centuries, the lost Constitution could forever change America's history---and its future. Moreover, Congress is already at war, fighting tooth and claw over the eternally contentious Bill of Rights. When word gets out of the lost draft's existence, it launches a frenzied search, as both sides of the partisan machine believe it will reinforce their arguments. While battling politicians from both sides of the debate, Peter and Evangeline must get to the document first, because they know that if the wrong people find it, they will burn it, stripping the nation of its constitutional moorings. The search takes Peter and Evangeline into the rich history of America and New England, from Shay's Rebellion to the birth of the American industrial revolution to the march of the legendary 20th Maine in the Civil War. Past and present play off one another as the search for the draft heats up. It finally boils over on the first night of the World Series, at that Mecca of New England, Boston's fabled Fenway Park, and the truth is finally revealed.... At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Cultural Secrets as Narrative Form-Margaret K. Reid 2004 Cultural Secrets as Narrative Form: Storytelling in Nineteenth-Century America examines the interplay between the familiar and the forgotten in tales of America's first century as a nation. By studying both the common concerns and the rising tensions between the known and the unknown, the told and the untold, this book offers readers new insight into the making of a nation through stories. Here, identity is built not so much through the winnowing competition of perspectives as through the cumulative layering of stories, derived from sources as diverse as rumors circulating in early patriot newspapers and the highest achievements of aesthetic culture. And yet this is not a source study: the interaction of texts is reciprocal, and the texts studied are not simply complementary but often jarring in their interrelations. The result is a new model of just how some of America's central episodes of self-definition -- the Puritan legacy, the Revolutionary War, and the Western frontier -- have achieved near mythic force in the national imagination. The most powerful myths of national identity, this author argues, are not those that erase historical facts but those able to transform such facts into their own deep resources. Book jacket.

Masterpiece-Elise Broach 2008-09-30 Marvin lives with his family under the kitchen sink in the Pompadays' apartment. He is very much a beetle. James Pompaday lives with his family in New York City. He is very much an eleven-year-old boy. After James gets a pen-and-ink set for his birthday, Marvin surprises him by creating an elaborate miniature drawing. James gets all the credit for the picture and before these unlikely friends know it they are caught up in a staged art heist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art that could help recover a famous drawing by Albrecht Dürer. But James can't go through with the plan

without Marvin's help. And that's where things get really complicated (and interesting!). This fast-paced mystery will have young readers on the edge of their seats as they root for boy and beetle. In Shakespeare's Secret Elise Broach showed her keen ability to weave storytelling with history and suspense, and Masterpiece is yet another example of her talent. This time around it's an irresistible miniature world, fascinating art history, all wrapped up in a special friendship— something for everyone to enjoy. Masterpiece is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

Handbook for Rebels and Outlaws-Mark Mirabello 2008-12-03 This is a book about freedom. Written for intellectual swashbucklers -- men and women who are radicals in politics and infidels in religion -- warriors who hammer the stake of fear into the heart of tyranny -- this volume belongs in select book collections, between the black magic and the pornography texts.

A Brief History of Liberty-David Schmitz 2011-09-19 Through a fusion of philosophical, social scientific, and historical methods, A Brief History of Liberty provides a comprehensive, philosophically-informed portrait of the elusive nature of one of our most cherished ideals. Offers a succinct yet thorough survey of personal freedom Explores the true meaning of liberty, drawing philosophical lessons about liberty from history Considers the writings of key historical figures from Socrates and Erasmus to Hobbes, Locke, Marx, and Adam Smith Combines philosophical rigor with social scientific analysis Argues that liberty refers to a range of related but specific ideas rather than limiting the concept to one definition

The Right To Parody-Amy Lai 2018-12-31 Examines the right to parody as a natural right in both the free speech and the copyright contexts.

Catalogue of the New York State Library: 1855-New York State Library. Law Library 1856

Spandau Phoenix-Greg Iles 2003-05-06 From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Penn Cage series comes a heartstopping thriller about one of the great unsolved mysteries of World War II. The Spandau Diary—what was in it? Why did the secret intelligence agencies of every major power want it? Why was a brave and beautiful woman kidnapped and sexually tormented to get it? Why did a chain of deception and violent death lash out across the globe, from survivors of the Nazi past to warriors in the new conflict now about to explode? Why did the world's entire history of World War II have to be rewritten as the future hung over a nightmare abyss? "Entirely plausible, totally engrossing...a remarkable, impressive novel."—Nelson DeMille "An incredible web of intrigue and suspense, an avalanche of action from first page to last."—Clive Cussler

The Monuments Men-Robert M. Edsel 2009-09-03 At the same time Adolf Hitler was attempting to take over the western world, his armies were methodically seeking and hoarding the finest art treasures in Europe. The Fuehrer had begun cataloguing the art he planned to collect as well as the art he would destroy: "degenerate" works he despised. In a race against time, behind enemy lines, often unarmed, a special force of American and British museum directors, curators, art historians, and others, called the Monuments Men, risked their lives scouring Europe to prevent the destruction of thousands of years of culture. Focusing on the eleven-month period between D-Day and V-E Day, this fascinating account follows six Monuments Men and their impossible mission to save the world's great art from the Nazis.

The Sleeping Doll-Jeffery Deaver 2009-06-16 A vicious killer escapes from a California super-prison and embarks on a mysterious and deadly quest. It's up to Kathryn Dance and her CBI partners to track him down before he can get to the lone survivor of the murders he had committed. Now in a tall Premium Edition.

Machiavelli and Empire-Mikael Hörnqvist 2004-11-25 Mikael Hörnqvist challenges us to rethink the overall meaning and importance of Machiavelli's political thinking. Machiavelli and Empire combines close textual analysis of The Prince and The Discourses with a broad historical approach, to establish the importance of empire-building and imperial strategy in Machiavelli's thought. The primary context of Machiavelli's work, Hörnqvist argues, is not the mirror-for-princes genre or medieval and Renaissance republicanism in general, but a tradition of Florentine imperialist republicanism dating back to the late thirteenth-century, based on the twin notions of liberty at home and empire abroad. Weaving together themes and topics drawn from contemporary Florentine political debate, Medicean ritual and Renaissance triumphalism, this study explores how Machiavelli in his chancery writings and theoretical works promoted the long standing aspirations of Florence to become a great and expanding empire, modelled on the example of the ancient Roman republic. This is a distinctive and important work.

The Assassini-Thomas Gifford 1991 After the murder of his sister--a troublemaking nun killed while praying in a Princeton chapel--lawyer Ben Driskill investigates, uncovering the deaths of eight others, all of whom were murdered by a brotherhood of killers hired to protect the Church from scandal

Appendixes to Toward a State of Esteem-California Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem, and Personal and Social Responsibility 1990 The materials in these appendices are offered as a supplement to the findings and recommendation in the final report of a California task force created to promote self-esteem and personal responsibility. They include an extensive bibliography of self-esteem resource materials, a listing of self-esteem program resources, an outline of the work being done by the various county task forces in California, and copies of the legislation relevant to this task force's mission. Appendix A lists the California County Task Forces for Self-esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility. Appendix B provides a resource inventory of programs having self-esteem components. It includes programs in California listed by county and programs outside of California. Appendix C describes programs, projects, and curricula in self-esteem and personal and social responsibility. Appendix D lists relevant books, periodicals, dissertations, audiotapes, and videotapes. Self-esteem assessment instruments are described in appendix E. Appendices F, G, and H list agencies and organizations, publishers and distributors, and human resources, respectively. The final appendix includes California legislation on self-esteem and personal and social responsibility. (NB)

The Runner-Christopher Reich 2002-08-20 Christopher Reich dazzled readers and defied expectations with his New York Times bestseller, *Numbered Account*, a breathtaking classic of modern suspense. Now Reich returns to the world of international thrillers with a no-holds-barred powerhouse of a novel set against the seething backdrop of post-World War II Germany.... July 1945. U.S. attorney Devlin Judge has come to Europe as part of an international tribunal to try Nazi war criminals. But Judge has his own personal agenda: to find Erich Siegfried Seyss, the man responsible for his brother's death. An SS officer and former Olympic sprinter, Seyss has just escaped from a POW camp, leaving a trail of bodies in his wake. But he won't escape Devlin Judge. Between the two men are miles of German countryside ... and the beautiful daughter of one of Nazi Germany's most powerful families — a woman loved by them both. But as Judge hunts his prey across a devastated nation, he finds himself caught up in a staggering conspiracy. Because Erich Seyss is no rogue SS killer. He is a man running a final race to make one last, unforgettable contribution to the Fatherland. And he is acting on orders from the last person anyone would ever suspect. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Christopher Reich's *The Prince of Risk*.

Escape the Night-Richard North Patterson 2014-11-25 #1 New York Times–bestselling author Richard North Patterson delivers a riveting novel of suspense and a powerful family's secrets Peter Carey was born into privilege during the McCarthy era, when the paranoia of Washington infected his parents' house and seeped into Peter's bones. His father was so obsessed with the family publishing business that he never had time for his son. Even as a teenager, Peter barely knew his father—and one dark night, an accident on a lonely road ensured he never would. Peter's memories of that horrific night have been erased by amnesia, but decades later he is still tortured by nightmares. When a strange conspiracy threatens to steal his company and take his life, he will have to remember . . . and find the key to survival that is locked in his own mind.

Presidents-Neil A. Hamilton 2010 A biographical dictionary profiling the presidents of the United States, from George Washington to Barack H. Obama.

Dimiter-William Peter Blatty 2011-03-29 As state security in 1970s Albania tortures a prisoner named Dimiter, known as the American "agent from hell," the staff at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital becomes enmeshed in a series of unexplainable deaths--until events explode in a surprising climax.

Her Russian Brute-Theodora Taylor 2016-02-28 Sola: Ivan Rustanov is a total jackhole. He has no conscience, and now he's forcing me to stay in his remote mountain home as his prisoner until Spring. He's no holds barred, and dangerous--the kind of guy you just know has a body count in his back story. He wants me in his bed, but that will NEVER happen. I hate him. Or at least I should. Shouldn't I? Ivan: A few years ago, having a curvy prisoner in my home wouldn't have been a problem. A few years ago I wasn't broken, damaged beyond all repair. I thought I was dead inside... until she came along and awakened me in ways I never thought possible. But what happens when her past and mine collide? Can a monster like me ever become the man she deserves? Find out what happens in this last standalone novel in Theodora Taylor's wildly popular *Loving Russians* series. Perfect for readers who like their Russian heroes scarred and in need of some heavy duty love redemption!

Destiny-Sally Beauman 2013-09-24 The blockbuster #1 international bestseller . . . a sweeping saga of a man born to wealth, a woman raised in poverty, and a love that conquers all. Edouard's story begins in London in 1940. At fourteen, he's the son of a baron and second in line to a dazzling jewelry dynasty. Hélène's story begins in Alabama in 1950. An only child, she lives with her mother in a trailer park and dreams of escaping her hardscrabble life. Their paths cross in France, and a brief, passionate affair follows. They are separated by fate, and that seems to be the end. But Edouard cannot devote his life to business . . . not

before finding H el ene again. Destiny is Sally Beauman's masterpiece about a man and a woman and their once-in-a-lifetime love.

The Portable Machiavelli-Niccolo Machiavelli 1979-01-25 In the four and a half centuries since Machiavelli's death, no single and unanimously accepted interpretation of his ideas has succeeded in imposing itself upon the lively debate over the meaning of his works. Yet there has never been any doubt about the fundamental importance of Machiavelli's contribution to Western political theory. The Portable Machiavelli brings together the complete texts of The Prince, Belfagor, and Castruccio Castracani, newly translated by Peter Bondanella and Mark Musa especially for this volume. In addition, the editors include an abridged version of The Discourses; a play, The Mandrake Root, in its entirety; seven private letters; and selections from The Art of War and The History of Florence.

Angel Mountain-Christine Sunderland 2020-04-24 A holy hermit, a Holocaust survivor, a literary librarian, and a Christian geneticist search for peace and happiness in a culture of chaos. Hermit Abram, eighty, and his sister Elizabeth, eighty-four, escaped the Holocaust in Greece and made it to America as children. Elizabeth retired from teaching high school Western Civilization, and Abram, who retired from teaching classics at U.C. Berkeley, converted to Christianity and retreated to Angel Mountain to pray with his icons for the world and preach from the mountainside. Elizabeth hires Catherine, thirty-three, to sort her home library. When Gregory, thirty-seven, a geneticist supporting intelligent design, falls from the mountainside and is rescued by Abram, these four lives are changed forever. The earth quakes, fires rage, and lightning strikes, as antifa protestors threaten the hermit and his friends. Angels bridge Heaven and Earth, and eternity intersects time. Is this the end of the world? Is the kingdom coming?

Havana Bay-Martin Cruz Smith 2008 When the body of a Russian embassy official turns up floating in Havana Bay, detective Arkady Renko is sent to Cuba to identify it, only to find himself caught up in a dangerous conspiracy that will do anything to seize control of Cuba. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

Twelve Years a Slave-Solomon Northup 2014-03-08 Now a major motion picture nominated for nine Academy Awards. Narrative of Solomon Northup, a Citizen of New-York, Kidnapped in Washington City in 1841, and Rescued in 1853. Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup is a memoir of a black man who was born free in New York state but kidnapped, sold into slavery and kept in bondage for 12 years in Louisiana before the American Civil War. He provided details of slave markets in Washington, DC, as well as describing at length cotton cultivation on major plantations in Louisiana.

The Keeping Place-Isobelle Carmody 2008-12-09 When a Misfit is kidnapped, Elspeth finds she has little choice but to join the growing rebellion against the Council. Her extraordinary mental powers could tip the scales of the struggle, but Elspeth feels torn between toppling the corrupt authoritarian regime and seeking clues vital to a more personal quest—her ambition to destroy what remains of the Beforettime weaponmachines. From the Paperback edition.

A Yellow Dog-Bret Harte 2013-02-13 I think we accepted it at Rattlers Ridge without question. The matter of ownership was more difficult to settle; and although the dog I have in my mind at the present writing attached himself impartially and equally to everyone in camp, no one ventured to exclusively claim him; while, after the perpetration of any canine atrocity, everybody repudiated him with indecent haste.

The Masterpiece-Fiona Davis 2019-07-09 In this captivating novel, national bestselling author Fiona Davis takes readers into the glamorous lost art school within Grand Central Terminal, where two very different women, fifty years apart, strive to make their mark on a world set against them. For most New Yorkers, Grand Central Terminal is a crown jewel, a masterpiece of design. But for Clara Darden and Virginia Clay, it represents something quite different. For Clara, the terminal is the stepping stone to her future. It is 1928, and Clara is teaching at the lauded Grand Central School of Art. Though not even the prestige of the school can override the public's disdain for a "woman artist," fiery Clara is single-minded in her quest to achieve every creative success—even while juggling the affections of two very different men. But she and her bohemian friends have no idea that they'll soon be blindsided by the looming Great Depression...and that even poverty and hunger will do little to prepare Clara for the greater tragedy yet to come. By 1974, the terminal has declined almost as sharply as Virginia Clay's life. Dilapidated and dangerous, Grand Central is at the center of a fierce lawsuit: Is the once-grand building a landmark to be preserved, or a cancer to be demolished? For Virginia, it is simply her last resort. Recently divorced, she has just accepted a job in the information booth in order to support herself and her college-age daughter, Ruby. But when Virginia stumbles upon an abandoned art school within the terminal and discovers a striking watercolor, her eyes are opened to the elegance beneath the decay. She embarks on a quest to find the artist of the unsigned masterpiece—an impassioned chase that draws Virginia not only into the battle to save Grand Central but deep into the mystery of Clara Darden, the famed 1920s illustrator who

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disappeared from history in 1931.

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