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Sie ist berufen zu töten und auserkoren zu lieben. Zerrissen von Trauer und Verzweiflung, findet Sybella, die Tochter des skrupellosen Verräters d'Albret, Zuflucht im Kloster St Mortain. Ausgebildet in den Künsten des Todes, machen ihre Wut und ihre Schönheit sie zu einer gefährlichen Waffe. Doch der Auftrag, an den schrecklichen Ort ihrer Herkunft zurückzukehren, verlangt ihr alles ab. Ist Rache ihr einziges, düsteres Schicksal? Sybella braucht Hoffnung, um in diesem bitteren Spiel zu überleben. Da trifft sie auf einen verletzten Krieger, dem sie helfen soll ... Robin LaFevers wuchs auf mit Märchen, Bulfinchs Mythologie und der Dichtung des 19. Jahrhunderts. Kein Wunder, dass aus ihr eine hoffnungslose Romantikerin wurde. Sie hatte das Glück ihre grosse Liebe zu finden und lebt heute mit ihrem Mann in Südkalifornien.

Who better to steal a heart for Christmas than a thief? In this e-short story and prequel to Maid of Secrets, an actress plays matchmaker for two young lovers. It's December 1558 in England and a new Queen is about to be crowned, but thief and amateur actress Meg Fellowes and her Golden Rose acting troupe are focused on survival, not politics. In between performances of their newest play in the bustling town of Leeds, the troupe is picking the pockets of rich lords and

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ladies in preparation for their own ragtag Christmas. At the end of each long day's haul, the troupe's spoils are divided up, with the useless bits cast aside. But on this particularly cold winter's night, Meg notices two curious, sealed letters in the discard pile. Together with her roguish troupe master, Meg opens them and discovers they are love letters—never sent—between a merchant's son and a landowner's daughter, who do not know of their shared affection. Meg resolves to give the two would-be sweethearts their most hoped-for Christmas wish by returning the letters to the pockets of the intended recipients, not the senders. Can Meg master the role of matchmaker in time for Christmas, or will the young lovers be forced to spend another holiday—and perhaps the rest of their lives—apart?

Wenn Liebe ein Verbrechen ist. In ihrer Kindheit haben Fatima und Samiullah in ihrem afghanischen Dorf miteinander gespielt – doch als Sami von der Uni zurückkehrt und die beiden sich ineinander verlieben, setzen sie eine Kette tragischer Ereignisse in Gang. Samis Cousin Rashid, der sich einer islamischen Miliz angeschlossen hat, verrät die beiden ...

Described by Victor Hugo as 'The Dickens of Paris', Eugène Sue was a prolific author that popularised the genre of the serial novel in France. Sue wrote the much-admired and widely imitated 'The Mysteries of Paris', as well as many

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other sensational novels, exploring the seamy side of urban life. Though known for their melodramatic quality, Sue's novels were the first to tackle the social ills that accompanied the Industrial Revolution in France. This comprehensive eBook presents Sue's collected works, with numerous illustrations, rare texts appearing in digital print for the first time, informative introductions and the usual Delphi bonus material. (Version 1) * Beautifully illustrated with images relating to Sue's life and works * Informative introductions to the novels * 31 novels, with individual contents tables * The complete text of the 1845 anonymous translation of 'The Mysteries of Paris' * The complete saga of novels 'The Mysteries of the People', translated by Daniel de Leon * The complete novels of 'The Seven Cardinal Sins', anonymous 1899 translation, published by Francis A. Niccolls * Features rare novels appearing for the first time in digital publishing, including 'Arthur' * Images of how the books were first published, giving your eReader a taste of the original texts * Excellent formatting of the texts * Famous works such as 'The Mysteries of Paris' and 'The Wandering Jew' are fully illustrated with their original artwork * Scholarly ordering of texts into chronological order and genres Please visit www.delphiclassics.com to browse through our range of exciting titles CONTENTS: The Mysteries of Paris The Mysteries of the People The Gold Sickle The Brass Bell The Iron Collar The Silver Cross The Casque's

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When Italian Renaissance professor Allison Levy takes up residency in the palazzo of her dreams – the Palazzo Rucellai in Florence – she finds herself consumed by the space and swept into the vortex of its history. She spends every waking moment in dusty Florentine libraries and exploring the palazzo's myriad rooms seeking to uncover its secrets. As she unearths the stories of those who have lived behind its celebrated façade, she discovers that it has been witness to weddings, suicides, orgies and even a murder. Entwining Levy's own experiences with the ghosts of the Palazzo Rucellai's past, *House of Secrets* paints a scintillating portrait of a family, a palace and one of the most iconic cities in the world.

Gerhild Scholz Williams's *Ways of Knowing in Early Modern Germany*: Johannes

Praetorius as a Witness to His Time, reviews key discourses in eight of Praetorius's works. She introduces the modern reader to the kinds of subjects, the intellectual and spiritual approaches to them, and the genres that this educated and productive German scholar and polymath presented to his audience in the seventeenth century. By relating these individual works to a number of contemporaneous writings, Williams shows how Praetorius constructed a panorama in print in which wonders, the occult, the emerging scientific way of thinking, family and social mores are recurrent themes. Included in Praetorius's portrait of the mid-seventeenth-century are discussions of Paracelsus's scientific theories and practice; early modern German theories on witchcraft and demonology and their applications in the seventeenth century. Furthermore, we read about the early modern beginnings of ethnography, anthropology, and physical geography; gender theory, early modern and contemporary notions of intellectual property, and competing and sometimes conflicting early modern scientific and theological explanations of natural anomalies. Moreover, throughout his work and certainly in those texts chosen for this study, Praetorius appears before us as an assiduous reporter of contemporary European and pan-European events and scientific discoveries, a critic of common superstitions, as much a believer in occult causes and signs and

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in God's communication with His people. In his writings, in his way of telling, he offers strategies by which to comprehend the political, social, and intellectual uncertainties of his century and, in so doing, identifies ways to confront the diverse interpretive authorities and the varieties of structures of knowledge that interacted and conflicted with each other in the public arena of knowing.

Basing her gripping tale on the life of the real Jane Popyncourt, gifted author Kate Emerson brings the Tudor monarchs, their family, and their courtiers to brilliant life in this vibrant novel. Beautiful. Seductive. Innocent. Jane Popyncourt was brought to the court as a child to be ward of the king and a companion to his daughters—the princesses Margaret and Mary. With no money of her own, Jane could not hope for a powerful marriage, or perhaps even marriage at all. But as she grows into a lovely young woman, she still receives flattering attention from the virile young men flocking to serve the handsome new king, Henry VIII, who has recently married Catherine of Aragon. Then a dashing French prisoner of war, cousin to the king of France, is brought to London, and Jane finds she cannot help giving some of her heart—and more—to a man she can never marry. But the Tudor court is filled with dangers as well as seductions, and there are mysteries surrounding Jane's birth that have made her deadly enemies. Can she cultivate her beauty and her amorous wiles to guide her along a perilous path

and bring her at last to happiness?

THE SECRETS OF THE TUDOR COURT SERIES IS "RICH AND LUSHLY DETAILED, TEEMING WITH PASSION AND INTRIGUE," SAID ROMANTIC TIMES. NOW TALENTED KATE EMERSON CONTINUES A SAGA AS DRAMATIC AND SEDUCTIVE AS THE COURT ITSELF. Pretty, flirtatious, and ambitious. Nan Bassett hopes that an appointment at the court of King Henry VIII will bring her a grand marriage. But soon after she becomes a maid of honor to Queen Jane, the queen dies in childbirth. As the court plunges into mourning, Nan sets her sights on the greatest match in the land...for the king has noticed her. After all, it wouldn't be the first time King Henry has chosen to wed a maid of honor. And in newly Protestant England, where plots to restore the old religion abound, Nan may be the only one who can reassure a suspicious king of her family's loyalty. But the favor of a king can be dangerous and chancy, not just for Nan, but for her family as well...and passionate Nan is guarding a secret, one that could put her future -- and her life -- in grave jeopardy should anyone discover the truth. Based on the life of the real Anne Bassett and her family, and drawing extensively from letters and diaries of the time, *Between Two Queens* is an enthralling picture of the dangers and delights of England's most passionate era.

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35 perfekte Mädchen - und eine von ihnen wird erwählt. Sie wird Prinz Maxon, den Thronfolger des Staates Illeá, heiraten. Für die hübsche America Singer ist das die Chance, aus einer niedrigen Kaste in die oberste Schicht der Gesellschaft aufzusteigen und damit ihre Familie aus der Armut zu befreien. Doch zu welchem Preis? Will sie vor den Augen des ganzen Landes mit den anderen Mädchen um die Gunst eines Prinzen konkurrieren, den sie gar nicht begehrt? Und will sie auf Aspen verzichten, ihre heimliche große Liebe? (Quelle: Buchdeckel verso).

Elizabethan glamour and intrigue abound in this heart-pounding follow-up to *Maid of Secrets*, which Kirkus Reviews called “lively and fast-paced” with “plenty of action and plot twists.” Beatrice Knowles is a Maid of Honor, one of Queen Elizabeth I’s secret protectors. Known for her uncanny ability to manipulate men’s hearts, Beatrice has proven herself to be a valuable asset in the Queen’s court—or so she thinks. It has been three weeks since the Maids thwarted a plot to overthrow the Queen, and Beatrice is preparing to wed her betrothed, Lord Cavanaugh. However, her plans come to a crashing halt as rumors of a brewing Scottish rebellion spread among the court. Beatrice’s new assignment is to infiltrate the visiting Scottish delegation using her subtle arts in persuasion. The mission seems simple enough, until the Queen pairs Beatrice with the worst of

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the lot—Alasdair MacLeod. Beatrice cannot help but think that the Queen is purposefully setting her up for failure. But Alasdair could be the key to unlocking the truth about the rebellion...and her heart. Caught in a web of ever-more-twisting lies, Beatrice must rise up among the Maids of Honor and prove what she's known all along: in a court filled with deception and danger, love may be the deadliest weapon of all.

Als Padmé Naberrie, Königin Amidala von Naboo, am Ende ihrer Amtszeit gebeten wird, künftig Naboo's Interessen im Galaktischen Senat zu vertreten, zögert Padmé, da sie sich nicht sicher ist, ob sie der ihr zugedachten Rolle gerecht werden kann. Doch die Bitte, ihrem Volk zu dienen, kann sie einfach nicht ablehnen. Zusammen mit ihren treuesten Dienerinnen muss Padmé nun herausfinden, wie man durch die tückischen Gewässer der Politik navigieren und nebenbei eine neue Identität schmieden kann – jenseits des Schattens der Königin ...

When Chloe Kaufman meets Lyndon, she has no time for love. Her father's illness drives her to strive for success, in an attempt to make life easier for her mother. That drive leaves very little space for falling in love. But when love is staring her in the face, refusing to walk away, she is tempted to jump in head first, caution to the wind. She soon finds that love is exactly what she was

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expecting it to me. Time consuming, draining and downright hard. Love isn't supposed to hurt, but for Chloe and Lyndon, it seems to be one disaster after another. The secrets that Lyndon hides, threaten to tear apart their relationship. When ex-wives and babies jump from Lyndon's closet, Chloe is faced with decisions that could place her family in financial ruin. Then comes the news of her HIV status, that make her want to give up, not only on Lyndon, but on life as well.

Die Wahrheit wird alles verändern ... An dem Tag, an dem ihre beste Freundin ermordet aufgefunden wurde, verschwand Judith. Jahre später kehrt sie plötzlich zurück. Stumm. Eine grausame Tat raubte ihr die Stimme. Niemand weiß, wo sie die letzten Jahre gewesen und was mit ihr geschehen ist. Sie lebt als Außenseiterin in ihrer kleinen Gemeinde. Ihre eigene Mutter kann ihr nicht in die Augen sehen und ihre große Liebe Lucas soll eine andere heiraten. Aber als ihr Dorf und die Menschen, die sie liebt, bedroht werden, muss sie ihr Schweigen brechen und ihr Geheimnis lüften. Denn nur wenn sie die Wahrheit über die schrecklichen Ereignisse in der Vergangenheit offenbart, wird sie ihr Dorf und ihre große Liebe retten können.

A backstairs account of the British royal family by Prince Charles's former valet
Der Rote Tod bittet zum Tanz – der atemberaubende zweite Teil von Bethany

Griffins Saga um „Das Mädchen mit der Maske“ In der Stadt, in der Araby lebt, tobt ein Bürgerkrieg, und zu der schrecklichen Seuche, die von jeher dort wütet, ist eine neue, noch tödlichere Krankheit gekommen. Mit einigen wenigen Freunden kann Araby gerade noch fliehen, doch sie hat alles verloren: Ihr Elternhaus ist zerstört, ihre Mutter wurde entführt und ihre beste Freundin ist infiziert. Zudem scheint ihre einstige große Liebe William sie betrogen zu haben. So bleibt Araby nur der Blick nach vorne: Sie stellt sich an die Spitze der Rebellion und kämpft für Gerechtigkeit, für ihr Volk, das so schrecklich leiden musste – und für eine neue Liebe, die von unerwarteter Seite entflammt ...

John Wilmot, the notorious Earl of Rochester, was the darling of the polished, profligate court of Charles II. One of the finest poets of the Restoration, patron to important playwrights, model for countless witty young rakes in Restoration comedies, he lived a full but short life, dying in 1680 (with a dramatic deathbed renunciation of his atheism) at the age of thirty-three. This edition of Rochester's poetry, brilliantly annotated and introduced by David M. Vieth, has been a classic work for decades. Rochester had many admirers: Graham Greene wrote Lord Rochester's Monkey; Daniel Defoe quoted him often; Tennyson recited his poems; Voltaire admired his satire for 'energy and fire'; Goethe could quote him in English; and Hazlitt said that 'his verses cut and sparkle like diamonds' and

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that 'his contempt for everything that others respect almost amounts to sublimity'.
Book jacket.

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your confidence level immensely and you will come across as an expert public speaker on the wedding day. No it does not end at the wedding. I guarantee with this information that I share with you, you will shed the fear of speaking in public - permanently. I will also teach you what body language to display, how to use particular facial expressions during the talk, how to modulate your voice and how to remain calm and composed on the wedding day. Lots of Exclusive Wedding Toasts to give a befitting finish to your speech Lots of relevant and Inspirational Wedding and Love Quotations to add meaning and relevance to your speech Plenty of Funny Quotations and Hilarious One-liners to add an extra much-needed punch to your speech! And if you think that is all then you are mistaken. You will also put your hands on a step by step guide on Maid of Honor Duties. This guide will list out in detail all the duties and responsibilities you have as a Maid of Honor A Handy and Useful Maid of Honor Checklist to make sure you don't miss out on anything on the BIG day. P.S. One more thing - I almost forgot. I will include a bonus section on Bridal Showers called Beautiful Bridal Showers. This will help you plan the most memorable bridal shower for the beautiful bride. From planning the theme of the party to invitations to games and gift ideas you name it and you got it! These ideas will help you easily and quickly plan the most beautiful bridal shower that will impress the bride as well as the guests! P.P.S.

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Also you will be getting The Ultimate Guide to Bachelorette Party. This material will help you easily and quickly plan the most unique and exclusive bachelorette party, making it an unforgettable experience for everyone. You will find lots of themes, ideas and everything you need to know to set the ball rolling and keep your guests enthralled.

In 1559 England, Meg, an orphaned thief, is pressed into service and trained as a member of the Maids of Honor, Queen Elizabeth I's secret all-female guard, but her loyalty is tested when she falls in love with a Spanish courtier who may be a threat.

Drawing on history, literature, and art to explore childhood in early modern Spain, the contributors to this collection argue that early modern Spaniards conceptualized childhood as a distinct and discrete stage in life which necessitated special care and concern. The volume contrasts the didactic use of art and literature with historical accounts of actual children, and analyzes children in a wide range of contexts including the royal court, the noble family, and orphanages. The volume explores several interrelated questions that challenge both scholars of Spain and scholars specializing in childhood. How did early modern Spaniards perceive childhood? In what framework (literary, artistic) did they think about their children, and how did they visualize those children's roles

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within the family and society? How do gender and literary genres intersect with this concept of childhood? How did ideas about childhood shape parenting, parents, and adult life in early modern Spain? How did theories about children and childhood interact with the actual experiences of children and their parents? The group of international scholars contributing to this book have developed a variety of creative, interdisciplinary approaches to uncover children's lives, the role of children within the larger family, adult perceptions of childhood, images of children and childhood in art and literature, and the ways in which children and childhood were vulnerable and in need of protection. Studying children uncovers previously hidden aspects of Spanish history and allows the contributors to analyze the ideals and goals of Spanish culture, the inner dynamics of the Habsburg court, and the vulnerabilities and weaknesses that Spanish society fought to overcome.

Tori prepares a figure-skating routine as a wedding present for her mom's second marriage, but she threatens to be upstaged by her future step-sister, Veronica, and the two must iron out their differences. Original.

On a hot summer day in Italy in 1902, the brutally stabbed body of Count Francesco Bonmartini was discovered, by means of its decomposing stench, inside his locked apartment. He was a typical Italian provincial aristocrat in all but

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one way: he had married into a prominent but deeply troubled family. His father-in-law was one of the nation's most famous doctors. His wife, Linda, a young freethinker, was the apple of her father's eye. Linda's brother dabbled in anarchism. Linda's lover was her father's top assistant. Her relations with them were illicit, incestuous -- and murderous. The scandal that erupted was a top news story in Europe and America for three consecutive years. Investigators uncovered successive layers of a conspiracy that constantly twisted and changed its shape. The suspects included all these men as well as their servants and lovers. There was a diverse array of murder weapons, including knives, heavy pellets, and poison. There were rumors of missing accomplices. Intimate relations among many suspects were uncovered through sensational letters and testimonials. Witnesses died mysteriously. A suspect tried to kill himself. One question lingered throughout and still haunts researchers today: what role did Bonmartini's widow, Linda, known as "The Enchantress," play? Was she the spider at the center of the vast web, or did the plot originate with the key men who loved her so desperately? Scholar and writer Christina Vella combines meticulous research with a novelist's eye for a great story. As she unspools the tight, tense drama, she offers a fascinating picture of Italian society in the early 20th century, with a historian's insights into life at both the top and the bottom.

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From sexual dysfunctions, to prison conditions, to the patronage systems that permeated medicine, law, and politics, the Bonmartini murder provides a window into a rich world. The result is an unforgettable story and an invaluable introduction to an Italy that is still recognizable today.

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question she just might answer with a joyful yes... Previously published. The "Dark Side of Shakespeare" trilogy by W. Ron Hess has been his 20-year undertaking to try to fill-in many of the gaps in knowledge of Shakespeare's personality and times. The first two volumes investigated wide-ranging topics, including the key intellectual attributes that Shakespeare exhibited in his works, including the social and political events of the 1570s to early-1600s. This was when Hess believes the Bard's works were being "originated" (the earliest phases of artistry, from conception or inspiration to the first of multiple iterations of "writing"). Hess highlights a peculiar fascination that the Bard had with the half-brother of Spain's Philip II, the heroic Don Juan of Austria, or in 1571 "the Victor of Lepanto." From that fascination, as determined by characters based on Don Juan in the plays (e.g., the villain "Don John" in "Much Ado") and other matters, Hess even made so bold as to propose a series of phases from the mid-1570s to mid-80s in which he feels each Shakespeare play had been originated, or some early form of each play then existed -- if not in writing, at least in the Bard's imagination. Thus, the creative process Hess describes is a vastly more protracted on than most Shakespeare scholars would admit to -- the absurd notion that the Bard would jot off the lines of a work in a few days or weeks and then immediately have it performed on the public stage or published shortly

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thereafter still dominates orthodox dating systems for the canon. Hess draws on the works of many other scholars for using "topical allusions" within each work in order to set practical limits for when the "origination" and subsequent "alterations" of each play occurred. In the trilogy's Volume III, Hess continues to amplify a heroic "knight-errant" personality type that Shakespeare's very "pen-name" may have been drawn from, a type which envied and transcended the brutal chivalry of Don Juan. This was channeled into a patriotic anti-Spanish and pro-British imperial spirit -- particularly with regard to reforming and improving the English language so that it could rival the Greco-Roman, Italian, and French poetic traditions -- one-upping the best that the greats of antiquity and the Renaissance had achieved in literature. In fact, as vast as the story is that Hess tells in his three volumes, there is a huge volume of material he is making available out of print (on his webpage at <http://home.earthlink.net/~beornshall/index.html> and via a "Volume IV" that he plans to offer on CD for a nominal cost via his e-mail BeornsHall@earthlink.net). Among this added material is a searchable 1,000-page Chronological listing of "Everything" that Hess deems relevant to Shakespeare and his age, or to the providing of the canon to modern times. Hess feels that discernable patterns can be detected through that chronology that help to illuminate the roles of others in the Bard's circle, such as Anthony Munday and

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Thomas Heywood. The network of 16th and 17th century "Stationers" (printers, publishers, and book sellers) and their often curious doings provide many of those patterns. Hess invites his readers to help to continuously update the Chronology and other materials, so that those can remain worthwhile research resources for all to use. For, the mysteries of Shakespeare and his age can only be unraveled through fully understanding the patterns within.

Create a wedding that reflects your Christian values with this guide to wedding traditions Do you know where your favorite wedding traditions came from? Do you want to create a wedding that reflects your Christian faith and practice? From "something borrowed, something blue" to white veils and bridal gowns, from orange blossoms to tossing rice at the happy couple, you'll learn about the meaning and historical significance of traditions for before, during, and after the wedding. For every Christian bride who wants to let her light shine, Carry Me Over the Threshold will help you create a memorable wedding that reflects your deepest spiritual values.

Unsterblichkeit, Wohlstand, unendliches Wissen. Die Menschheit hat die perfekte Welt erschaffen – aber diese Welt hat einen Preis. Citra und Rowan leben in einer Welt, in der Armut, Kriege, Krankheit und Tod besiegt sind. Aber auch in dieser perfekten Welt müssen Menschen sterben, und die Entscheidung über

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Leben und Tod treffen die Scythe. Sie sind auserwählt, um zu töten. Sie entscheiden, wer lebt und wer stirbt. Sie sind die Hüter des Todes. Aber die Welt muss wissen, dass dieser Dienst sie nicht kalt lässt, dass sie Mitleid empfinden. Reue. Unerträglich großes Leid. Denn wenn sie diese Gefühle nicht hätten, wären sie Monster. Als Citra und Rowan gegen ihren Willen für die Ausbildung zum Scythe berufen werden und die Kunst des Tötens erlernen, wächst zwischen den beiden eine tiefe Verbindung. Doch am Ende wird nur einer von ihnen auserwählt. Und dessen erste Aufgabe wird es sein, den jeweils anderen hinzurichten ... Der erste Band der internationalen Bestseller-Trilogie!

Schutzumschlag mit Metallic-Folien-Veredelung

Sophia must master her psychic ability if she is to save the life of Queen Elizabeth and her fellow maids from a dark prophecy, in this third book in the Maids of Honor series. Sophia Dee, the most unusual spy in Queen Elizabeth's Maids of Honor, has run out of time for her psychic skills to fully manifest. A terrible prophecy haunts Windsor Castle, and the Queen demands answers before the next doomed soul dies. Thrust into a dangerous competition to solve the deadly prediction, Sophia finds herself pitted against the most celebrated mystics of Europe: John Dee, her devious uncle and the Queen's personal astrologer, and Nostradamus, the renowned prophet-seer of France. In a court

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where whispers of witchcraft, poisonous plots, and grim assassins threaten her at every turn, Sophia needs answers fast. But does she dare trust Marcus Quinn, her uncle's striking assistant? Or should she turn to the tortured dark angel of the spirit realm, who whispers to her only of danger and death? As new dangers surface and the prophecy sweeps toward its final victim, the five Maids of Honor prepare to do battle. Only then will the girl who so often sees the future finally discover if she can save the Crown—and herself.

Shelley Shepard Gray's Chicago World's Fair Mystery Series is now available as an e-collection! Secrets of Sloane House Against the backdrop of the 1893 World's Fair, a young woman finds employment with an illustrious Chicago family—a family who may guard the secret of her sister's disappearance.

Deception on Sable Hill The World's Fair has introduced many new ideas to Chicago society—but can two individuals from very different backgrounds find love together? Whispers in the Reading Room Lydia's job at the library is her world—until a mysterious patron catches her eye . . . and perhaps her heart.

Ihre Liebe verstößt gegen alle Regeln In der gesellschaftlichen Elite Manhattans 1899 ist nichts gefährlicher als ein Skandal - und nichts wertvoller als ein Geheimnis. Nach der Beerdigung von Elizabeth Holland ist es nun Dianas Pflicht, die Familie durch eine vermögende Heirat zu retten. Aber der Mann, dem ihr

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Herz gehört, ist für sie unerreichbar: denn Henry Schoonmaker ist der ehemalige Verlobte ihrer Schwester. Trotzdem wollen Diana und Henry für ihre heimliche Liebe kämpfen. Doch sie haben nicht mit der ehrgeizigen Penelope Hayes gerechnet. Die ist fest entschlossen, Elizabeths Platz in der High Society zu übernehmen. Und um zu bekommen, was sie will, ist ihr jedes Mittel recht ...

"Romantik, Eifersucht, Verrat, Humor und ein opulentes Setting. Ich konnte DIE PRINZESSINNEN VON NEW YORK nicht zur Seite legen!" CECILY VOM ZIEGESAR, Autorin von GOSSIP GIRL 2. Band der PRINZESSINNEN-VON-NEW-YORK-Reihe

In the fresh spring of Elizabeth I's reign... Against the pageantry of the Virgin Queen's coronation, an ambitious young courtier and a quietly determined maid of honor struggle for life...and love! As a maid of honor to the Queen, Penelope Jermaine must avoid the pitfalls of Court life—unwary speech and unguarded emotions could prove fatal. A young woman's reputation must be above suspicion, so she has to tread carefully when Oliver Woodville promises more than mere friendship. Then a shadowy threat menaces Penelope and Oliver...and even the Queen herself. The Elizabethan Season Glory and tragedy, love and betrayal in the Age of Elizabeth

In 1559 England, Sophia Dee, a member of the Maids of Honor, Queen Elizabeth I's secret all-female guard, is pitted against some of Europe's most celebrated mystics, including Nostradamus, in a race to uncover the answer to a deadly prophesy.

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The author was a member of the Concord transcendentalist circle which also included Cairns authors Margaret Fuller and Louisa May Alcott.

AS TEMPESTUOUS AS THE TUDOR MONARCHS THEMSELVES, THE SECRETS OF THE TUDOR COURT SERIES HAS BEEN CALLED "RIVETING" (BOOKLIST) AND "WELL DRAWN" (PUBLISHERS WEEKLY). Charming. Desirable. Forbidden. Brought to court with other eligible young noblewomen by the decree of King Henry VIII, lovely Elizabeth "Bess" Brooke realizes for the first time that beauty can be hazardous. Although Bess has no desire to wed the aging king, she and her family would have little choice if Henry's eye were to fall on her. And other dangers exist as well, for Bess has caught the interest of dashing courtier Will Parr. Bess finds Will's kisses as sweet as honey, but marriage between them may be impossible. Will is a divorced man, and remarriage is still prohibited. Bess and Will must hope that the king can be persuaded to issue a royal decree allowing Will to marry again . . . but to achieve their goal, the lovers will need royal favor. Amid the swirling alliances of royalty and nobles, Bess and Will perform a dangerous dance of palace intrigue and pulse-pounding passions. Brought to glowing life by the talented Kate Emerson, and seen through the eyes of a beautiful young noblewoman, *By Royal Decree* illuminates the lives of beautiful young courtiers in and out of the rich and compelling drama of the Tudor court.

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Die Autorin von ›The White Queen‹ schreibt für junge Leser Italien, 1453: Alles deutet auf das bevorstehende Ende der Welt hin. Gerüchte über schwarze Magie, Werwölfe und andere mysteriöse Erscheinungen ranken sich quer durch das Land. Im Auftrag eines geheimen Ordens macht sich der junge Novize Luca auf, diese rätselhaften Vorkommnisse aufzuklären. Sein erster Fall führt ihn in ein Kloster, dessen Nonnen unter schrecklichen Visionen leiden

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und die Wundmale Christi zeigen. Angeklagt wird die hübsche Isobel – einzig Luca glaubt an ihre Unschuld. Doch kann er sie auch beweisen? Die Suche nach der Wahrheit führt ihn tief in den Abgrund der dunkelsten Ängste und Geheimnisse des Mittelalters. Der Auftakt zu einer spannenden Trilogie: Bestsellerautorin Philippa Gregory at her best!

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