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Opium Nation Hostage Bride Substance Use and Abuse West of Kabul, East of New York All the Ugly and Wonderful Things Two from Mazatlan Deacon King Kong El Chapo Guzman Under the Drones Mrs Escobar Cartel Wives Call Me Dave The Drug Lord's Hostage Children of the Drug War Cartel The Infiltrator From Drug Dealer to Christian Narco Queen Footprints in the Sand Don't Kiss the Bride Son of Escobar Florida Roadkill The Hate U Give Pusher Myths Mafia Lord's Innocent Bride A Journey Through Afghanistan Kiffe Kiffe Tomorrow Freedom on the Frontlines Crimes Committed by Terrorist Groups Orion American Kingpin Confessions of an Ethical Drug Dealer The Infiltrator Twelve Days of Winter Games without Rules Chaldeans in Detroit US Nation-Building in Afghanistan The Infiltrator The Darkling Bride True Blue & Carrera's Bride

A "touching, furious, sharp, and very funny" novel of an immigrant teenage girl finding her own identity in France (Booklist). The Paradise projects are only a few metro stops from Paris, but it feels like a different world. Doria's father, aka the Beard, has headed back to their hometown in Morocco, leaving her and her mom to cope with their mektoub, their destiny, alone. They have a little help—from a social worker sent by the city, a psychiatrist sent by the school, and a thug friend who recites Rimbaud. It seems like fate has dealt them an impossible hand, but Doria might still make a new life—"with bravado, humor, and a healthy dose of rage" (St. Petersburg Times). "[A] sassy, spunky tale . . . Doria has what it takes to storm any barricade." —The Hartford Courant "[Doria is] as likable as Holden Caulfield or Prep's Lee Fiora. Readers will cheer. Highly recommended." —Library Journal, starred

review "A promising addition to the world's literary voices." —The Miami Herald "Moving and irreverent, sad and funny, full of rage and intelligence. Her voice is fresh, and her book a delight." —Laila Lalami, bestselling author of The Moor's Account While the drug cartels expand into abductions, ransoms, and murder the tourist resorts may be the last safe haven. Are they really as safe as advertised? Take a dark trip into the world of human trafficking and international prostitution. Look at the short lives of innocent young women forced into the shadows forgotten by society. Young girls promised eventual freedom that they never again experience. Straight out of today's headlines and the whispers no one wants to hear. Two From Mazatlan hints at the fate of women forced into human trafficking and the illegal sex trade. Mazatlan should be the perfect setting for a romantic honeymoon. The magic of the brightly colored markets during the day and the tropical nights in a luxury hotel is the perfect setting. Almost instantly the ultimate honeymoon turns into the ultimate nightmare. In a matter of hours, a new bride's world of festive days and sensual nights in a private hot tub changes to the mental deprivation of an isolation cell. The mental torture, prepares the innocent bride for her new life and frightening future. Abduction by a greedy drug lord thrusts Anne Cromly on a path into the dark world of the foreign sex trade. The local police are controlled by the drug lord and are unwilling to help. Even a ransom payment can't save her from a brutal future ending in eventual execution. As a last act of desperation and a favor to a friend, Jake Roads steps in to try to save the young bride. Despite a meddling father, Jake formulates a rescue plan to pluck Anne from the clutches of the greedy drug lord. An accidental comment gets back to

the drug lord thwarting the rescue plan and putting everyone in imminent danger. With no possible plan and the hostage numbers increasing daily, Jake faces countless obstacles on every step of his planned rescue. With nothing left to try, Jake must face the drug lord in person to delay the inevitable execution of the young bride and a group of innocent local girls. Jake goads a volatile drug cartel leader into extreme actions leading to a last ditch rescue with only a single chance of success. The only weapon he has left is his own intelligence and quick actions. Jake reverts to luck and a prayer to find a way out when he finds himself and the hostages he needs to rescue between the greed of the drug lord and a hunger school of sharks in the vast Pacific Ocean. A story that might make you think twice about that luxury vacation south of the border. Jake Roads reveals a small insight to the real world of covert operation, not the Hollywood version that verges closer to pure fantasy. A passionate personal journey through two cultures in conflict Shortly after militant Islamic terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center, Tamim Ansary of San Francisco sent an e-mail to twenty friends, telling how the threatened U.S. reprisals against Afghanistan looked to him as an Afghan American. The message spread, and in a few days it had reached, and affected, millions of people- Afghans and Americans, soldiers and pacifists, conservative Christians and talk-show hosts; for the message, written in twenty minutes, was one Ansary had been writing all his life. West of Kabul, East of New York is an urgent communiqué by an American with "an Afghan soul still inside me," who has lived in the very different worlds of Islam and the secular West. The son of an Afghan man and the first American woman to live as an Afghan, Ansary grew up in the intimate world of Afghan family life, one never seen by outsiders. No sooner had he emigrated to San Francisco than he was drawn into the community of Afghan expatriates sustained by the dream of returning to their country -and then drawn back to the Islamic world himself to discover the nascent phenomenon of militant religious fundamentalism. Tamim Ansary has emerged as one of the most eloquent voices on the conflict between Islam and the West. His book is a

deeply personal account of the struggle to reconcile two great civilizations and to find some point in the imagination where they might meet. Narco Queen is a fast-paced thriller about a poor, innocent young girl who, by fate, is pulled into the murky and violent world of illicit drug trafficking. Soon, she is consumed by power and greed. Through blind ambition and murder, she rises to become the first narco queen and the head of a Mexican cartel. Jimi Fritz takes us on a journey both geographical and philosophical, while sharing a half-century of adventures in buying, selling and consuming psychedelic drugs. Along the way we learn the difference between smart drugs and dumb drugs, the truth about religion, and how to make a perfect cup of tea. The book outlines Fritz's fifty-year journey in buying, selling and experimenting with psychedelic drugs while traveling the world. He is also a filmmaker, musician, chef, writer, director and bon-vivant. Read the book that inspired the movie! Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping novel about one girl's struggle for justice. Three generations of Irish nobles face their family secrets in this spellbinding novel from the award-winning author of the Boleyn King trilogy. The Gallagher family has called Deeprath Castle home for seven hundred years. Nestled in the Wicklow Mountains of Ireland, the estate is now slated to become a public trust, and book lover and scholar Carragh Ryan is hired to take inventory of its historic library. But after meeting Aidan, the current Viscount Gallagher, and his enigmatic family, Carragh knows that her task will be more challenging than she'd thought. Two decades before, Aidan's parents died violently at Deeprath. The case, which was never closed, has recently been taken up by a new detective determined to find the truth. The couple's unusual deaths harken back a century, when twenty-three-year-old Lady Jenny Gallagher also died at Deeprath under

mysterious circumstances, leaving behind an infant son and her husband, a renowned writer who never published again. These incidents only fueled fantastical theories about the Darkling Bride, a local legend of a sultry and dangerous woman from long ago whose wrath continues to haunt the castle. The past catches up to the present, and odd clues in the house soon have Carragh wondering if there are unseen forces stalking the Gallagher family. As secrets emerge from the shadows and Carragh gets closer to answers—and to Aidan—could she be the Darkling Bride's next victim? Praise for *The Darkling Bride* "A gorgeous concoction of Victorian gothic, mystery, and romance, all with an unforgettable library, *The Darkling Bride* is the perfect book to curl up with in front of a roaring fire. Laura Andersen has created a masterpiece."—Tasha Alexander, New York Times bestselling author of the *Lady Emily Mysteries* "Who can say no to an abandoned castle, a mysterious library, a renowned Victorian novelist, a brooding viscount, and a mystery that goes back several generations? Andersen captures the gothic tone perfectly, drawing you into the secrets of Deeprath Castle. . . . Perfect for reading on a rainy day with a strong cup of Irish tea!"—Lauren Willig, New York Times bestselling author of *That Summer I* decided to create a wedding planner & keepsake book so that the bride could have all her information in one place. It's so handy for the planning of a wedding, but it's a whole new book when the wedding day is done. I look at mine now and I remember all the great dresses, websites, flowers, rings and outrageous ideas I loved and might not have used. Then I look to the back and I am always thankful for all that we were given. It's a fast time in a couple's life so it's great to have a book that documents the whole planning process from the first idea to the actual wedding day. The electrifying true story that inspired the major new motion picture *The Infiltrator* Robert Mazur spent years undercover infiltrating the Medellín Cartel's criminal hierarchy. The dirty bankers and businessmen he befriended—some of whom still shape power across the globe—knew him as Bob Musella, a wealthy, mob-connected big shot living the good life. Together they partied in \$1,000-per-night hotel suites, drank bottles of the world's finest

champagne, drove Rolls-Royce convertibles, and flew in private jets. But under Mazur's Armani suits and in his Renwick briefcase, recorders whirred silently, capturing the damning evidence of their crimes. *The Infiltrator* is the story of how Mazur helped bring down the unscrupulous bankers who manipulated complex international finance systems to serve drug lords, corrupt politicians, tax cheats, and terrorists. It is a shocking chronicle of the rise and fall of one of the biggest and most intricate money-laundering operations of all time—an enterprise that cleaned and moved hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Filled with dangerous lies, near misses, and harrowing escapes, *The Infiltrator* is as bracing and explosive as the greatest fiction thrillers—only it's all true. **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER.** The unbelievable true story of the man who built a billion-dollar online drug empire from his bedroom—and almost got away with it In 2011, a twenty-six-year-old libertarian programmer named Ross Ulbricht launched the ultimate free market: the Silk Road, a clandestine Web site hosted on the Dark Web where anyone could trade anything—drugs, hacking software, forged passports, counterfeit cash, poisons—free of the government's watchful eye. It wasn't long before the media got wind of the new Web site where anyone—not just teenagers and weed dealers but terrorists and black hat hackers—could buy and sell contraband detection-free. Spurred by a public outcry, the federal government launched an epic two-year manhunt for the site's elusive proprietor, with no leads, no witnesses, and no clear jurisdiction. All the investigators knew was that whoever was running the site called himself the Dread Pirate Roberts. The Silk Road quickly ballooned into \$1.2 billion enterprise, and Ross embraced his new role as kingpin. He enlisted a loyal crew of allies in high and low places, all as addicted to the danger and thrill of running an illegal marketplace as their customers were to the heroin they sold. Through his network he got wind of the target on his back and took drastic steps to protect himself—including ordering a hit on a former employee. As Ross made plans to disappear forever, the Feds raced against the clock to catch a man they weren't sure even existed, searching for a needle in the haystack of the global Internet. Drawing on exclusive access

to key players and two billion digital words and images Ross left behind, Vanity Fair correspondent and New York Times bestselling author Nick Bilton offers a tale filled with twists and turns, lucky breaks and unbelievable close calls. It's a story of the boy next door's ambition gone criminal, spurred on by the clash between the new world of libertarian-leaning, anonymous, decentralized Web advocates and the old world of government control, order, and the rule of law. Filled with unforgettable characters and capped by an astonishing climax, *American Kingpin* might be dismissed as too outrageous for fiction. But it's all too real. Drug dealers are commonly presented as 'dealing in death', preying on the young and innocent and spreading addiction with little care or regard for those they entangle. Drug markets are commonly depicted as being hierarchically organized and riddled with unscrupulous practices and chaotic violence. While a strong case has been made in recent years that the powers of particular drugs have often led to an unreasonable demonization of drug users, there has been little by way of understanding drug dealers as part of that same process. Who is a drug dealer? How does the dealer operate in the drug market? What if many common perceptions, both about dealers themselves and drug markets more generally, are either incorrect or unreasonably distorted? Reviewing recent research into the minutiae of drug dealing and drug market operations, *Pusher Myths* suggests that these overly simplistic characterizations of who the drug dealer is, what drug dealers do, and the context within which they operate serve to perpetuate unhelpful ideas of what the drug problem is and, thus ultimately, how it should be resolved. Focusing on issues such as dangerous drug adulteration, the pushing of street drugs onto the young and innocent, the provision of free drugs to hook new clients, and the legend of the Blue Star LSD Tattoo, this book goes in the direction of recasting our understanding of the drug dealer as one that has been unreasonably demonized and de-humanized. This book also provides a contemporary analysis of how the various myths (untruths) surrounding drug dealers may be understood within the broader conceptual analysis of the place of myth in modern society.

Book Description: A unique collection of original essays that investigates the impacts of the war on drugs on children and young people. With contributions from around the world and utilizing a wide range of styles and approaches including ethnographic studies, personal accounts and interviews, the book asks three fundamental questions: What have been the costs to children of the war on drugs? Is the protection of children from drugs a solid justification for current policies? What kinds of public fears and preconceptions exist in relation to drugs and the drug trade? Afghan women were at the forefront of global agendas in late 2001, fueled by a mix of media coverage, humanitarian intervention and military operations. Calls for "liberating" Afghan women were widespread. Women's roles in Afghanistan have long been politically divisive, marked by struggles between modernization and tradition. Women, politics, and the state have always been intertwined in Afghanistan, and conflicts have been fueled by attempts to challenge or change women's status. It may appear that we have come full circle twenty years later, in late 2021, when Afghanistan fell to the Taliban once more. Women's rights in Afghanistan have been stripped away, and any gains--however tenuous--now appear lost. Today, the country navigates both a humanitarian and a human rights crisis. This book measures the rhetoric of liberation and the physical and ideological occupations of Afghanistan over the twenty-year period from 2001 through 2021 through the voices, perspectives, and experiences of those who are implicated in this reality--Afghan women. As the daughter of a drug dealer, Wavy knows not to trust people, not even her own parents. It's safer to keep her mouth shut and stay out of sight. Struggling to raise her little brother, Donal, eight-year-old Wavy is the only responsible adult around. Obsessed with the constellations, she finds peace in the starry night sky above the fields behind her house, until one night her star gazing causes an accident. After witnessing his motorcycle wreck, she forms an unusual friendship with one of her father's thugs, Kellen, a tattooed ex-con with a heart of gold. By the time Wavy is a teenager, her relationship with Kellen is the only tender thing in a brutal world of addicts and debauchery. When tragedy rips

Wavy's family apart, a well-meaning aunt steps in, and what is beautiful to Wavy looks ugly under the scrutiny of the outside world. Kellen may not be innocent, but he is the fixed point in Wavy and Donal's chaotic universe. Instead of playing it safe, Wavy has to learn to fight for Kellen, for her brother, and for herself. About the Author Bryn Greenwood is a fourth-generation Kansan, one of seven sisters, and the daughter of a mostly reformed drug dealer. She earned a MA in Creative Writing from Kansas State University. She is the New York Times bestselling author of the novels *The Reckless Oath We Made*, *All the Ugly and Wonderful Things*, *Last Will*, and *Lie Lay Lain*. She lives in Lawrence, Kansas. Industry Reviews New York Times bestseller USA Today bestseller This is a print on demand edition of a hard to find publication. Examines terrorists' involvement in a variety of crimes ranging from motor vehicle violations, immigration fraud, and mfg. illegal firearms to counterfeiting, armed bank robbery, and smuggling weapons of mass destruction. There are 3 parts: (1) Compares the criminality of internat. jihad groups with domestic right-wing groups. (2) Six case studies of crimes includes trial transcripts, official reports, previous scholarship, and interviews with law enforce. officials and former terrorists are used to explore skills that made crimes possible; or events and lack of skill that the prevented crimes. Includes brief bio. of the terrorists along with descriptions of their org., strategies, and plots. (3) Analysis of the themes in closing arguments of the transcripts in Part 2. Illus. By the author of *Destiny Disrupted*: an enlightening, accessible history of modern Afghanistan from the Afghan point of view, showing how Great Power conflicts have interrupted its ongoing, internal struggle to take form as a nation I guess you could say I was a damsel in distress, and he was my knight in shining armor. But more accurately, I was a girl with a lot of bad luck, and he was a guy with a lot of muscles and tattoos. Jude "Lucky" Locketti wasn't just a sexy, brooding construction worker. He was my own personal hero who seemed to be in all the right places at the right times. Like when my car broke down and I needed a ride home, and when I face planted on the sidewalk right in front of him and had to be taken to the emergency

room. Those weren't exactly my best moments, but they were his. We became friends, and it didn't matter that he was sixteen years older than me. We had a lot in common-like our love of old rock music and vintage fast cars, and our aversion to relationships. When he approached me with a crazy idea to help me out, I couldn't say no. The arrangement was supposed to be temporary. A marriage on paper and nothing else. It should've been easy, but it wasn't. Because here I am, eighteen years-old, still in high school, and married to a man I was never supposed to fall in love with. We had just one rule-no kissing the bride. But we broke that rule, and it sealed our fate forever. □ NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER AND OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK □ CHOSEN BY BARACK OBAMA AS A FAVOURITE READ □ TOP TEN BOOKS OF THE YEAR, NEW YORK TIMES & WASHINGTON POST 'Brilliantly imagined, larger than life, a tragicomic epic of intertwined lives.' JOYCE CAROL OATES 'Deeply felt, beautifully written and profoundly humane.' JUNOT DIAZ, New York Times Book Review The year is 1969. In a housing project in south Brooklyn, a shambling old church deacon called Sportcoat shoots - for no apparent reason - the local drug-dealer who used to be part of the church's baseball team. The repercussions of that moment draw in the whole community, from Sportcoat's best friend - Hot Sausage - to the local Italian mobsters, the police (corrupt and otherwise), and the stalwart ladies of the Five Ends Baptist Church. DEACON KING KONG is a book about a community under threat, about the ways people pull together in an age when the old rules are being rewritten. It is very funny in places, and heartbreaking in others. From a prize-winning storyteller, this New York Times bestseller shows us that not all secrets are meant to be hidden, and that the communities we build are fragile but vital.

From the winner of a National Book Award and author of the bestselling memoir, *The Color of Water*, and *The Good Lord Bird*, a TV series starring Ethan Hawke 'A hilarious, pitch-perfect comedy set in the Brooklyn projects of the late 1960s. This alone may qualify it as one of the year's best novels.' The Washington Post What Goodreads readers are saying: ***** 'Deacon King Kong is

one of those novels whose brilliance sneaks up on you. I haven't been this pleasantly surprised by a book in a while.' ***** 'I do believe I just finished one of my all time favorite books. I loved every minute spent with Sportcoat and his community. A good old fashioned yarn shot through with truth, spirit, and humor. I LOVED it!' ***** 'This book was a balm for my soul, a portrait of a black church community circa 1969 with sweet characters (well, most of them), interconnections that stretch back decades, and a plot with more than one mystery at its heart.'

***** "'Deacon" has the texture of folk lore and fable mixed with the unexpected rhythms of jazz and the noisy streets of late 1960s Brooklyn.'

***** 'The ending was one of those where you clutch your heart and want to hug the book (or your Kindle).' An astonishing and revelatory memoir by two women who escaped the glamorous yet deadly international drug trade. Mia Flores and Olivia Flores live under assumed names. To their neighbours, they are typical single mothers, their days filled with school runs and PTA meetings. But Olivia and Mia are anything but ordinary. They live in fear, hiding from a past that included wealth beyond their wildest dreams but also more danger than they ever could have imagined. Mia and Olivia are married to the highest level American drug traffickers ever to become US informants, Chicago-born twin brothers Margarito and Pedro Flores. These men worked with - and then brought down - dozens of high-level members of the Mexican cartels, most significantly notorious kingpin Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman. The brothers and their wives had everything money could buy - luxury cars, huge houses and expensive jewellery - but came to understand that the vast wealth that accompanied cartel life came with the ever-present threat of kidnapping, death or imprisonment. Choosing their families over money, they decided to give it all up and cooperate with the US government. Now, from behind the cloak of witness protection, Olivia and Mia have come forward for the first time to tell the full story of their family's decision to risk everything and seek redemption. Cartel Wives is a love story, an insider's look into a terrifying but high-flying modern-day drug empire and, finally, the story of a major federal government operation to bring down one of the most feared

men in the world. Robert Mazur spent five years undercover infiltrating the criminal hierarchy of Colombia's drug cartels. The dirty bankers and businessmen he befriended knew him as Bob Musella, a wealthy, mob-connected big shot living the good life. Together they partied in expensive hotels, drank the world's finest champagnes, drove Rolls-Royce convertibles and flew in private jets. But under Mazur's designer suits and hidden away in his quality briefcase, recorders whirred quietly, capturing the damning evidence of their crimes. Then, at his own staged wedding, he led a dramatic takedown that shook the underworld. In the end, more than eighty men and women were charged worldwide. Operation C-Chase became one of the most successful undercover operations in the history of US law enforcement, and evidence gathered during the bust proved critical to the conviction of General Manuel Noriega. The Infiltrator is the true story of how Mazur's undercover work helped bring down the unscrupulous bankers who manipulated complex international finance systems to serve drug lords - including Pablo Escobar and the infamous Medellin cartel - corrupt politicians, tax cheats and terrorists. It is a shocking chronicle of the rise and fall of perhaps the biggest and most intricate money-laundering operation of all time. And, at its heart, it's a vivid portrait of an undercover life and the sacrifices it requires. Filled with dangerous lies, near misses and harrowing escapes, The Infiltrator is as bracing and explosive as the greatest fiction thrillers - only it's all true. Shortly before the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, David Chaffetz and a fellow American student slipped from the protection of Western culture and immersed themselves in the customs, fears, and hopes of the Afghan people, setting out on horseback through the mountains and into a lonely, hermetic world of nomads and isolated villages. Chaffetz's vivid, honest, and often poignant account of their experience reveals a great deal about the people of Afghanistan-and Willard Wood, his traveling companion, contributes a foreword considering the experience of the Afghan people in the new light of autumn, 2001. A collection of interlinked tales of crime and retribution laced with dark humour, set around the festive season - from the No. 1 bestseller

Stuart MacBride Thieves, drug dealers, lap-dancers, gangsters and even the odd good guy populate these twelve tales exploring the seedier side of life in North East Scotland. After a decade as Conservative Party leader and six years as Prime Minister, he remains an enigma to those outside his exclusive inner circle. Now, in the wake of his dramatic resignation following the sensational EU referendum campaign, this new edition of the book that 'got the world talking' (Daily Mail) revisits the real David Cameron, bringing the story of his premiership to its final chapter. Based on hundreds of interviews with colleagues past and present, friends and foes, this unauthorised biography charts Cameron's path from a blissful childhood in rural Berkshire through to the most powerful office in the country, giving a fascinating insight into his most intriguing relationships, both political and personal. Exploring the highs and lows of his administration, from his brush with disaster over the Scottish question and his humiliation over Syria to his surprise election victory in 2015 and his controversial win on gay marriage, this fully updated edition offers a comprehensive assessment of Cameron's legacy in office, weighing up the extraordinary achievements of Britain's youngest Prime Minister for 200 years. Pablo Escobar was the most notorious drug lord the world has ever seen. He became one of the ten richest men on the planet and controlled 80 per cent of the global cocaine trade before he was shot dead in 1993. This is the long-awaited autobiography of his eldest son, Roberto Sendoya Escobar. His story opens with two helicopter gunships, filled with heavily armed Colombian Special forces personnel led by an MI6 agent, flying into a small village on the outskirts of Bogota in Colombia. The secret mission to recover a stolen cash hoard, culminates in a bloody shoot-out with a group of young Pablo Escobar's violent gangsters. Several of the men escape, including the young Escobar. As the dust settles in the house, only a little baby is left alive. His distressing cries can be heard as his young mother lies dead beside him. That baby is the author, Roberto Sendoya Escobar. In a bizarre twist of fate, the top MI6 agent who led the mission, takes pity on the child and, eventually, ends up adopting him. Over the years, during his

rise to prominence as the most powerful drug lord the world has ever known, Pablo Escobar tries, repeatedly, to kidnap his son. Flanked by his trusty bodyguards, the child, unaware of his true identity, is allowed regular meetings with Escobar and it becomes apparent that the British government is working covertly with the gangster in an attempt to control the money laundering and drug trades. Life becomes so dangerous, however, that the author is packed off from the family mansion in Bogota to an English public school. Many years later in England, as Roberto's adopted father lies dying in hospital, he hands his son a coded piece of paper which, he says, reveals the secret hiding place of the 'Escobar Missing millions' the world has been searching for! The code is published in this book for the first time. In greater Detroit, Chaldeans from present-day Iraq have established a strong presence and a thriving community. Chaldeans (pronounced Kal-de'an) are a distinct ethnic group from present-day Iraq with roots stretching back to Abraham, the biblical patriarch of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam who was from the "Ur of the Chaldees." Chaldeans are Catholic, with their own patriarch, and they speak a dialect of Aramaic, the language of Jesus Christ. Chaldeans began immigrating to the United States at the beginning of the 20th century, when Iraq was known as Mesopotamia (the Greek word meaning "land between two rivers," the Tigris and the Euphrates). Lured by Henry Ford's promise of \$5 per day, many Chaldeans went to work in Detroit's automotive factories. They soon followed their entrepreneurial instincts to open their own businesses, typically grocery markets and corner stores. Religious persecution has caused tens of thousands of Chaldeans to relocate to Michigan. Today, the Greater Detroit area has the largest concentration of Chaldeans outside of Iraq: 150,000 people. Nathan Williams is dangerous. He can be your worst nightmare if you get on his bad list. He is a vicious, cruel, ruthless, merciless, and heartless killer. He is New York most dangerous mafia lord in the disguise of the most successful CEO. He is known as Scorpio in the underworld because of his obsession with the deadly animal. Sophia James was leading a simple vanilla life when all of sudden her world turns upside down. She is an

innocent, sweet and pure soul but that's what attracts the darkness the most. She is the source of light to brighten up his dark world and he has no intention of letting her go if it means to blackmail her to last extents..... Einst von seinem rechtmäßigen Thron verstoßen, hat Mateo Moreno nur zwei Ziele. Der mächtigste Drug Lord Kolumbiens zu werden und Rache zu üben. Die schöne Valentina Botero ist der Schlüssel für seinen Feldzug. Nicht mehr. Nicht weniger. Zumindest war das der Plan. Dass seine schöne Geisel ihm derart unter die Haut gehen würde - war nicht geplant. Ihr ganzes Leben war Valentina darauf vorbereitet worden, einmal die Frau von Sebastian zu werden. Doch dann wird sie an ihrem Hochzeitstag entführt. Und ihr Entführer ist kein anderer als Mateo Moreno, der Mann, den man hinter vorgehaltener Hand den Schlächter nennt. Skrupellos. Grausam. Machthungrig. Er will sie nicht nur benutzen um seine ehrgeizigen Ziele zu erreichen. Nein. Er will sie brechen. Sie unterwerfen. Und dafür ist ihm jedes Mittel recht. Substance use and abuse are two of the most frequent psychological problems clinicians encounter. Mainstream approaches focus on the biological and psychological factors supporting drug abuse. But to fully comprehend the issue, clinicians need to consider the social, historical, and cultural factors responsible for drug-related problems. Substance Use and Abuse: Cultural and Historical Perspectives provides an inclusive explanation of the human desire to take drugs. Using a multidisciplinary framework, authors Russil Durrant and Jo Thakker explore the cultural and historical variables that contribute to drug use. Integrating biological, psychosocial, and cultural-historical perspectives, this innovative and accessible volume addresses the fundamental question of why drug use is such a ubiquitous feature of human society. The first full length Gypsy Brothers novel from the smash hit author Lili St Germain. Now a USA Today bestseller! How much is a life worth? I grew up in Columbia, the daughter of a wealthy drug lord. I lived a life of extravagance, until one day a drug run went horribly wrong and everything came crashing down around me. I was given away. A payment for a debt. The Gypsy Brothers motorcycle club became my owners, and I did everything I could to survive. But falling in love

with the man who owned me wasn't part of the plan ... Praise for the Cartel trilogy: 'Awesome job Lili ... I am ready to hop on the back of a bike and join the club!' LiteraryGossip.com 'I can't believe it took me this long to finally pick up this author ... sign me up for more of the Gypsy Brothers!' Jasmine, GoodReads 'Sensational, shocking, compelling and totally addictive ... the best when it comes to dark, brooding and bloody romance' Kelly, Perusing Princesses Collects two stories from the Long, Tall Texans series into one sizzling book that's sure to heat up cold winter days. Reissue. It's the dead of winter and struggling actress and wedding-cake decorator Piper Donovan is thrilled to be in warm and romantic Sarasota, Florida, enjoying the powdery white beaches, soothing seas, and golden sunsets over the Gulf of Mexico. She and her family are there to celebrate her beloved cousin's wedding. Not only is Piper creating the sugar-sand-dollar-festooned wedding cake, she's also the maid of honor. But a cloud seems to be hovering over the whole affair. Shortly after a bridesmaid mysteriously disappears, a kindly neighbor's car is run off the road and a prospective witness, an innocent Amish teenager, is threatened to keep silent. Then a body is found on the beach where the wedding will take place. With the nuptials in jeopardy, it falls to Piper to unmask a killer. As Piper gets close to figuring out who's been covering his guilty footprints in the sand, the cunning killer has already set his sights on Piper as his next victim! Afghan-American journalist Fariba Nawa delivers a revealing and deeply personal exploration of Afghanistan and the drug trade which rules the country, from corrupt officials to warlords and child brides and beyond. Khaled Hosseini, author of The Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns calls Opium Nation "an insightful and informative look at the global challenge of Afghan drug trade. Fariba Nawa weaves her personal story of reconnecting with her homeland after 9/11 with a very engaging narrative that chronicles Afghanistan's dangerous descent into opium trafficking...and most revealingly, how the drug trade has damaged the lives of ordinary Afghan people." Readers of Gayle Lemmon Tzemach's The Dressmaker of Khair Khana and Rory Stewart's The Places Between will find Nawa's personal,

piercing, journalistic tale to be an indispensable addition to the cultural criticism covering this dire global crisis. When talking about law offenders, terrorist, syndicates, and drug lords, numerous names or groups might come to mind. In Mexico one name resonates clearly, and that is Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Loera. Guzman is a Mexican drug kingpin who leads the criminal organization Sinaloa Cartel, named for to the Mexican Pacific coast state of Sinaloa. Joaquin Guzman is also popular with the codename "El Chapo Guzman" or "The Shorty Guzman" because of his stature of 5 ft. 6 in (1.68 m). In 2003, he earned his reputation of being the top Mexican drug lord after the arrest of Osiel Cardenas of the Gulf Cartel, rival of Guzman and considered as the world's most influential drug barons by the United States Department of the Treasury. El Chapo Guzman was the second most powerful individual in Mexico next to Carlos Slim. Guzman was considered the 10th wealthiest man in Mexico in 2011 and held the 1,140th position throughout the globe, having a net worth of about US\$1 billion. US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) believes that he has already surpassed the power and influence of Pablo Escobar, who is considered the godfather of the drug world. The Chicago Crime Commission called Guzman Public Enemy Number One in 2013 for the impact of his criminal link in Chicago, although there was no proof that Guzman went in that city. Al Capone was last person to obtain such notoriety in 1930. Guzman was seized in Guatemala in 1993, extradited, and punished with 20 years imprisonment in Mexico for assassination and drug trading. He was able to break free from a federal maximum-security prison in 2001 after inducing the prison guards. Because of this, he became wanted by the United States, the government of Mexico, and by INTERPOL. There was a US\$5 million prize granted by the US for any information towards to his capture. On the other hand, the Mexican government provided a 60 million pesos reward, or about US\$3.8 million, for details on the whereabouts of Guzman. On February 22, 2014, El Chapo Guzman was arrested in Mexico by the Mexican authorities. He was located inside a fourth-floor room at 608 Avenida del Mar beachfront Miramar condominium Mazatlan, Sinaloa and

was seized without a gunshot fired. On July 11, 2015 Guzman was able to break out of prison once again. In this eBook, the escape of El Chapo will be highlighted, along with his biographical information. Why has the US so dramatically failed in Afghanistan since 2001? Dominant explanations have ignored the bureaucratic divisions and personality conflicts inside the US state. This book rectifies this weakness in commentary on Afghanistan by exploring the significant role of these divisions in the US's difficulties in the country that meant the battle was virtually lost before it even began. The main objective of the book is to deepen readers understanding of the impact of bureaucratic politics on nation-building in Afghanistan, focusing primarily on the Bush Administration. It rejects the 'rational actor' model, according to which the US functions as a coherent, monolithic agent. Instead, internal divisions within the foreign policy bureaucracy are explored, to build up a picture of the internal tensions and contradictions that bedevilled US nation-building efforts. The book also contributes to the vexed issue of whether or not the US should engage in nation-building at all, and if so under what conditions. Introducing Serge Storms, America's most cheerful serial killer. Local trivia buff Serge loves eliminating jerks and pests. His drug-addled partner Coleman loves cartoons. Hot stripper Sharon Rhodes loves cocaine, especially when purchased with rich dead men's money. On the other hand, there's Sean and David, who love fishing and are kind to animals - and who are about to cross paths with a suitcase filled with stolen insurance money. Serge wants the suitcase. Sharon wants the suitcase. Coleman wants more drugs . . . and the suitcase. In the meantime, there's murder by gun, Space Shuttle, Barbie doll, and Levi's 501s. In other words, welcome to Tim Dorsey's slice of America - where nobody gets out unscathed and untanned! **A Sunday Times Book of the Year** The closest you'll ever get to the most infamous drug kingpin in modern history, told by the person who stood by his side The story of Pablo Escobar, one of the wealthiest, powerful and violent criminals of all time has fascinated the world. Yet the one person closest to him has never spoken out - until now. Maria Victoria

Henao met Pablo when she was 13, eloped with him at 15, and despite his numerous infidelities and violence, stayed by his side for the following 16 years until his death. At the same time, she urged him to make peace with his enemies and managed to negotiate her and her children's freedom after Pablo's demise. On the 25th anniversary of Pablo's death, the most intriguing character in the Escobar narrative is ready to share her story and reveal the real man behind the legend. Dies ist die komplette Geschichte von Valentina und Mateo aus "Hostage Bride" und "Hostage Forever". ***** Einst von seinem rechtmäßigen Thron verstoßen, hat Mateo Moreno nur zwei Ziele. Der mächtigste Drug Lord Kolumbiens zu werden und Rache zu üben. Die schöne Valentina Botero ist der Schlüssel für seinen Feldzug. Nicht mehr. Nicht weniger. Zumindest war das der Plan. Dass seine schöne Geisel ihm derart unter die Haut gehen würde - war nicht geplant. ***** Ihr ganzes Leben war Valentina darauf vorbereitet worden, einmal die Frau von Sebastian zu werden. Doch dann wird sie an ihrem Hochzeitstag entführt. Und ihr Entführer ist kein anderer als Mateo Moreno, der Mann, den man hinter vorgehaltener Hand den Schlächter nennt. Skrupellos. Grausam. Machthungrig. Er will sie nicht nur benutzen um seine ehrgeizigen Ziele zu erreichen. Nein. Er will sie brechen. Sie unterwerfen. Und dafür ist ihm jedes Mittel recht. The Arkadian Brides Agency is about to send Hailey to paradise. Hailey always thought she was a member of the noble poor in Arkadia's underworld. Her family's farm might be struggling, but as the designated produce runner, she is reminded how lucky she is every time she brings donations to the village children's home. But when Hailey learns that the family business isn't what it seems, she knows she has to get away fast. The only option is the unthinkable - sell herself off as a bride to a wealthy man in the overworld to buy her family out of danger. Orion follows the rules. It's the only option if he wants to be elected the King's ambassador. But when a single night of fun in the Outer Rings lands him with an unexpected heir on his doorstep, Orion must take action, and fast. Since the little one's biological mother can't be found, he opts to sponsor a bride from the underworld. His daughter will not be made to

grow up without a mother figure. And after all, a permanent tie to Arkadia's working class underworld could gain him essential votes. But he is determined to honor his new bride with his name and fortune, without imposing himself on her romantically. The unlikely couple might be planning a marriage of convenience, but their shared love of little Opal brings them inexorably closer each day. When Hailey's past threatens to catch up with her, they will be forced to face their true feelings. Will Orion sacrifice his career for love? Or will Hailey go on the run again before he gets a chance? If you like strong women, hunky aliens, wild adventures, steamy sensual scenes, and happily-ever-afters, then you'll love the world of Arkadia: Arkadian Alien Mail Order Brides: -Orion -Titan -Atlas Robert Mazur spent five years undercover infiltrating the criminal hierarchy of Colombia's drug cartels. The dirty bankers and businessmen he befriended knew him as Bob Musella, a wealthy, mob-connected big shot living the good life. Together they partied in expensive hotels, drank the world's finest champagnes, drove Rolls-Royce convertibles and flew in private jets. But under Mazur's designer suits and hidden away in his quality briefcase, recorders whirred quietly, capturing the damning evidence of their crimes. Then, at his own staged wedding, he led a dramatic takedown that shook the underworld. In the end, more than eighty men and women were charged worldwide. Operation C-Chase became one of the most successful undercover operations in the history of US law enforcement, and evidence gathered during the bust proved critical to the conviction of General Manuel Noriega. The Infiltrator is the story of how Mazur helped bring down the unscrupulous bankers who manipulated complex international finance systems to serve drug lords - including Pablo Escobar - corrupt politicians, tax cheats and terrorists. It is a shocking chronicle of the rise and fall of perhaps the biggest and most intricate money-laundering operation of all time - an enterprise that cleaned and moved hundreds of millions of dollars a year. And, at its heart, it's a stunning and vivid portrait of an undercover life and the sacrifice it requires. Filled with dangerous lies, near misses and harrowing escapes, The Infiltrator is as exciting and explosive as the greatest fiction thrillers - only

it's all true. In the West, media coverage of Afghanistan and Pakistan is framed by military and political concerns, resulting in a simplistic picture of ageless barbarity, terrorist safe havens, and peoples in need of either punishment or salvation. Under the Drones looks beyond this limiting view to investigate real people on the ground, and to analyze the political, social, and economic forces that shape their lives. Understanding the complexity of life along the 1,600-mile border between Afghanistan and Pakistan can help America and its European allies realign their priorities in the region to address genuine problems, rather than fabricated ones. This volume explodes Western misunderstandings by revealing a land that abounds with human agency, perpetual innovation, and vibrant complexity. Through the work of historians and social scientists, the thirteen essays here explore the real and imagined presence of the Taliban; the animated sociopolitical identities expressed through traditions like Pakistani truck decoration; Sufism's ambivalent position as an alternative to militancy; the long and contradictory history of Afghan media; and the simultaneous brutality and potential that heroin brings to women in the area. Moving past shifting conceptions of security, the authors expose the West's prevailing perspective on the region as strategic, targeted, and alarmingly dehumanizing. Under the Drones is an essential antidote to contemporary media coverage and military concerns.

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