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The Toad That Wanted to Go to School Michele Poland 2016-01-17 I am a talented author who is seeking an outstanding illustrator to join with me in a partnership to publish an inspirational picture book. I believe that a picture REALLY is worth a million words and so my story needs the pictures of a talented illustrator to bring them to life and enter the publishing world with me!

The Elementary Particles Michel Houellebecq 2001-02-06 An international literary phenomenon, The Elementary Particles is a frighteningly original novel—part Marguerite Duras and part Bret Easton Ellis—that leaps headlong into the malaise of contemporary existence. Bruno and Michel are half-brothers abandoned by their mother, an unabashed devotee of the drugged-out free-love world of the sixties. Bruno, the older, has become a raucously promiscuous hedonist himself, while Michel is an emotionally dead molecular biologist wholly immersed in the solitude of his work. Each is ultimately offered a final chance at genuine love, and what unfolds is a brilliantly caustic and unpredictable tale. Translated from the French by Frank Wynne.

Escape to Cloud Castle David Smith 2016-03-19 The three little pigs have a problem. A big bad wolf has moved into their neighborhood and won't stop his vicious attacks on their little brick cottage! Their food supply is running out, and they can't go out and get jobs to buy more! Hilarity ensues when the pigs get a clever idea to buy some magic bean seeds to grow an unlimited supply of food, only to find out the magic beanstalk that grows from the seeds leads straight to a castle in a sky! Will they be able to escape the wolf in time, or will he make them his lunch?

Home to Oblivion Roger Whittlesey 2013-03-28 "A story about friendship and survival, a supernatural adventure filled with mystery and suspense, and a tale of a boy who is forced to forge his way to a new reality under the most unreal circumstances. The story leads the reader from a pivotal Revolutionary War sea battle to a mysterious island where time seems irrelevant. Narrator Prescott Fielding, a 12-year-old boy from the 18th century, is washed ashore onto a volcanic island, where he befriends Caleb Thompson, a seventeen-year-old Vietnam War era U. S. Marine. How can two people born 200 years apart exist together at one time? Are they living in a time warp? Outside of time? Or is it the afterlife? Just as they work through their differences in perspectives, and as their friendship begins to flourish, a young World War I British Army code-breaker suddenly appears and upsets the balance. A series of events--both natural and unnatural--convince the characters to travel inland to seek answers about the mysteries of the island. Prescott soon discovers the function of the island is far more dangerous than he ever could have imagined, and standing between him and his dream to go home is a powerful and evil force." --Goodreads.

Mastiff Tamora Pierce 2011-10-25 A New York Times bestseller from the fantasy author who is legend herself: TAMORA PIERCE. In the final book in the Beka Cooper Trilogy, Beka uses her unique magic and street smarts to crack the case that will change an empire! The more secret the Hunt, the more dangerous the mission. Sometimes a distraction arrives at just the right time. After suffering a terrible loss, Beka is grateful when Lord Gershom calls on her with a top-secret Hunt. He informs Beka that she and her scent hound, Achoo, are the best team for the job, but he won't tell her anything else. And when the pair is joined by a wide-eyed young mage who seems too green to be on a case of such importance, it becomes clear that threats lurk around every corner. Soon they are wading deep into a world of power, corruption, and betrayal that threatens the Tortall royal family. Beka must decide whom she can trust with her country's future . . . and her life. The Beka Cooper Trilogy introduces an amazing young woman who is the ancestor to one of Tamora Pierce's most popular characters: George Cooper. Here, Pierce gives fans exactly what they want--a smart, savvy heroine making a name for herself on the mean streets of Tortall's Lower City--while offering plenty to appeal to new readers as well! "Tamora Pierce's books shaped me not only as a young writer but also as a young woman. She is a pillar, an icon, and an inspiration. Cracking open one of her marvelous novels always feels like coming home." --SARAH J. MAAS, #1 New York Times bestselling author "Tamora Pierce didn't just blaze a trail. Her heroines cut a swath through the fantasy world with wit, strength, and savvy. Her stories still lead the vanguard today. Pierce is the real lioness, and we're all just running to keep pace." --LEIGH BARDUGO, #1 New York Times bestselling author

An Elementary Introduction to Probability Warren Gordon 2016-07-29 This text examines both discrete and continuous random variables, assuming a knowledge of one semester of calculus.

Elementary (All-New Tales of the Elemental Masters) Mercedes Lackey 2013-12-03 In March 1987, Mercedes Lackey, a young author from Oklahoma, published her first novel, Arrows of

the Queen. No one could have envisioned that this modest book would be the beginning of a fantasy career that would span decades and more than a hundred novels, with no signs of slowing yet. And among Ms. Lackey's many novels, few are as critically-acclaimed and beloved as those of the Elemental Masters. The novels in this series are loosely based on classic fairy tales, and take place in a fantasy version of turn-of-the-century London, where magic is real and Elemental Masters control the powers of Fire, Water, Air and Earth. Now the voices of other authors join Mercedes Lackey to add their own special touches to this delightful alternate history, in a world where magic is always just around the corner...

The Year's Best Science Fiction: Thirty-First Annual Collection Gardner Dozois 2014-07-15 In the new millennium, what secrets lay beyond the far reaches of the universe? What mysteries belie the truths we once held to be self evident? The world of science fiction has long been a porthole into the realities of tomorrow, blurring the line between life and art. Now, in The Year's Best Science Fiction: Thirty-First Annual Collection the very best SF authors explore ideas of a new world in the year's best short stories. This venerable collection brings together award winning authors and masters of the field such as Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Damien Broderick, Elizabeth Bear, Paul McAuley and John Barnes. And with an extensive recommended reading guide and a summation of the year in science fiction, this annual compilation has become the definitive must-read anthology for all science fiction fans and readers interested in breaking into the genre.

From a High Tower Mercedes Lackey 2015-06-02 When a man is caught stealing from a walled garden owned by a strange woman, he bargains away his youngest daughter in return for food for his family. The woman, rumored to be a witch, takes the golden-haired child and locks her away in a high tower. Sixteen years later, Giselle has lived an isolated life, but her adoptive mother has trained her in Air magic, and Giselle must use her new skills on a quest to avenge her broken heart...

Naamah Sarah Blake 2019-04-09 "A dreamy and transgressive feminist retelling of the Great Flood from the perspective of Noah's wife as she wrestles with the mysterious metaphysics of womanhood at the end of the world." —O, The Oprah Magazine With the coming of the Great Flood—the mother of all disasters—only one family was spared, drifting on an endless sea, waiting for the waters to subside. We know the story of Noah, moved by divine vision to launch their escape. Now, in a work of astounding invention, acclaimed writer Sarah Blake reclaims the story of his wife, Naamah, the matriarch who kept them alive. Here is the woman torn between faith and fury, lending her strength to her sons and their wives, caring for an unruly menagerie of restless creatures, silently mourning the lover she left behind. Here is the woman escaping into the unreceded waters, where a seductive angel tempts her to join a strange and haunted world. Here is the woman tormented by dreams and questions of her own—questions of service and self-determination, of history and memory, of the kindness or cruelty of fate. In fresh and modern language, Blake revisits the story of the Ark that rescued life on earth, and rediscovers the agonizing burdens endured by the woman at the heart of the story. Naamah is a parable for our time: a provocative fable of body, spirit, and resilience.

The Mammoth Book of Best New SF 27 Gardner Dozois 2014-11-20 For decades now Gardner Dozois has been presenting his annual selection of the very best of recently published SF stories, both by undisputed masters of the genre and by outstanding up-and-coming writers. It has been voted Year's Best Anthology by the readers of Locus magazine an unparalleled eighteen times and remains the definitive anthology for both diehard sci-fi fans and newcomers to the genre. Without fail, Dozois pinpoints the previous year's most exciting and ambitious science fiction, showcasing truly exceptional contemporary writing. This year's collection is better than ever, comprising 33 fantastic stories by writers of the calibre of Robert Reed, Aliette de Bodard, Alastair Reynolds, Carrie Vaughn, Ian R. MacLeod and Jay Lake. The Mammoth Book of Best New SF 27 includes, as ever, Dozois's extensive recommended reading guide and his illuminating and incisive summation of the year in science fiction. Praise for previous editions: 'This annual compilation of the previous year's best short stories and novellas, together with a comprehensive summation of the state of the genre and an extensive "honourable mentions" list, has become an institution over the past three decades.' Guardian 'Quantity as well as quality . . . every piece is a treasure.' The Times 'For more than a quarter century, Gardner Dozois's Mammoth Book of Best New SF has defined the field. It is the most important anthology, not only annually, but overall.' Charles N. Brown, publisher of Locus 'New authors rub shoulders with old hands, and strong work from relative novices Hannu Rajaniemi and Lavie Tidhar suggest that SF's future is as bright as ever.' Financial Times 'The most respected editor in the field.' George R. R. Martin

Reserved for the Cat Mercedes Lackey 2014-05-02 In 1910, in an alternate London, a penniless young dancer is visited by a cat who communicates with her mind to mind. Though she is certain she must be going mad, she is desperate enough to follow the cat's advice and impersonates a famous Russian ballerina. The cat, it turns out, is actually an Elemental Earth Spirit, and leads her to minor stardom. Meanwhile, the real Russian ballerina has fallen victim to an evil troll who takes over her body and kills her patrons, drinking their life essences in order to strengthen his powers. And soon, the troll focuses his dark attentions on the young dancer...

Blood Red Mercedes Lackey 2014-06-03 The ninth novel in Mercedes Lackey's magical Elemental Masters series reimagines the fairy tale Red Riding Hood in a richly-detailed alternate Victorian world Rosamund is an Earth Master in the Schwarzwald, the ancient Black Forest of Germany. Since the age of ten, she has lived with her teacher, the Hunt Master and Earth Magician of the Schwarzwald Foresters, a man she calls "Papa." Her adoptive Papa rescued her after her original Earth Master teacher, an old woman who lived alone in a small cottage in the forest, was brutally murdered by werewolves. Rosa herself barely escaped, and this terrifying incident molded the course of her future. For like her fellow Earth Masters of the Schwarzwald Lodge, Rosa is not a healer. Instead, her talents lead her on the more violent path of protection and defense— "cleansing" the Earth and protecting its gentle fae creatures from those evil beings who seek to do them harm. And so Rosa becomes the first woman Hunt Master and the scourge of evil creatures, with a deadly specialty in werewolves and all shape-shifters. While visiting with a Fire Master—a friend of her mentor from the Schwarzwald Lodge— Rosa meets a pair of Elemental Magicians from Hungary who have come looking for help. They suspect that there is a dark power responsible for a string of murders happening in the remote countryside of Transylvania, but they have no proof. Rosa agrees to help them, but there is a catch: one of the two men asking for aid is a hereditary werewolf. Rosa has been taught that there are three kinds of werewolves. There are those, like the one that had murdered her teacher, who transform themselves by use of dark magic, and also those who have been infected by the bite of these magical werewolves—these poor victims have no control over their transforma-tive powers. Yet, there is a third kind: those who have been born with the ability to trans-form at will. Some insist that certain of these hereditary werewolves

are benign. But Rosa has never encountered a benign werewolf! Can she trust this Hungarian werewolf? Or is the Hunter destined to become the Hunted?

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A Tale of Seven Elements Eric Scerri 2013-07-18 In *A Tale of Seven Elements*, Eric Scerri presents the fascinating history of those seven elements discovered to be mysteriously "missing" from the periodic table in 1913.

Seasons Mercedes Lackey 2019-11-26 This thirteenth anthology of short stories set in the beloved Valdemar universe features tales by debut and established authors and a brand-new story from Lackey herself. The Heralds of Valdemar are the kingdom's ancient order of protectors. They are drawn from all across the land, from all walks of life, and at all ages--and all are Gifted with abilities beyond those of normal men and women. They are Mindspeakers, FarSeers, Empaths, ForeSeers, Firestarters, FarSpeakers, and more. These inborn talents--combined with training as emissaries, spies, judges, diplomats, scouts, counselors, warriors, and more--make them indispensable to their monarch and realm. Sought and Chosen by mysterious horse-like Companions, they are bonded for life to these telepathic, enigmatic creatures. The Heralds of Valdemar and their Companions ride circuit throughout the kingdom, protecting the peace and, when necessary, defending their land and monarch. Now, twenty-three authors ride with Mercedes Lackey to her magical land of Valdemar, adding their own unique voices to the Heralds, Bards, Healers, and other heroes of this beloved fantasy realm.

It's Good to Be Kind Lauren DuBois Rosemond 2017-06 "Shares the story of Leonard the Lion--admired by all other animals as King of the Jungle--who wears a red cape and uses his power and status to make a positive impact on those around him. The fun, colorful book is sprinkled with magic and mystery"--

Boundaries Mercedes Lackey 2021-12-07 This fifteenth anthology of short stories set in the beloved Valdemar universe features tales by debut and established authors and a brand-new story from Lackey herself. The Heralds of Valdemar are the kingdom's ancient order of protectors. They are drawn from all across the land, from all walks of life, and at all ages--and all are Gifted with abilities beyond those of normal men and women. They are Mindspeakers, FarSeers, Empaths, ForeSeers, Firestarters, FarSpeakers, and more. These inborn talents--combined with training as emissaries, spies, judges, diplomats, scouts, counselors, warriors, and more--make them indispensable to their monarch and realm. Sought and Chosen by mysterious horse-like Companions, they are bonded for life to these telepathic, enigmatic creatures. The Heralds of Valdemar and their Companions ride circuit throughout the kingdom, protecting the peace and, when necessary, defending their land and monarch.

Stories for Young Readers, Book 2 Donald Kinney 2011-08-08 *Stories for Young Readers, Book 2*, by Kinney Brothers Publishing, is a series of ESL readings that includes questions, grammatical explanations, exercises, and puzzles for beginning students. This textbook presents English in clear, grammatically simple, and direct language. Teachers can utilize the stories and exercises in a variety of ways, including listening comprehension, reading, writing, and conversation. Most importantly, the textbook has been designed to extend students' skills and interest in developing their ability to communicate in English.

The Dawn of Everything David Graeber 2021-11-09 INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A dramatically new understanding of human history, challenging our most fundamental assumptions about social evolution—from the development of agriculture and cities to the origins of the state, democracy, and inequality—and revealing new possibilities for human emancipation. For generations, our remote ancestors have been cast as primitive and childlike—either free and equal innocents, or thuggish and warlike. Civilization, we are told, could be achieved only by sacrificing those original freedoms or, alternatively, by taming our baser instincts. David Graeber and David Wengrow show how such theories first emerged in the eighteenth century as a conservative reaction to powerful critiques of European society posed by Indigenous observers and intellectuals. Revisiting this encounter has startling implications for how we make sense of human history today, including the origins of farming, property, cities, democracy, slavery, and civilization itself. Drawing on pathbreaking research in archaeology and anthropology, the authors show how history becomes a far more interesting place once we learn to throw off our conceptual shackles and perceive what's really there. If humans did not spend 95 percent of their evolutionary past in tiny bands of hunter-gatherers, what were they doing all that time? If agriculture, and cities, did not mean a plunge into hierarchy and domination, then what kinds of social and economic organization did they lead to? The answers are often unexpected, and suggest that the course of human history may be less set in stone, and more full of playful, hopeful possibilities, than we tend to assume. *The Dawn of Everything* fundamentally transforms our understanding of the human past and offers a path toward imagining new forms of freedom, new ways of organizing society. This is a monumental book of formidable intellectual range, animated by curiosity, moral vision, and a faith in the power of direct action. Includes Black-and-White Illustrations

Knowing and Teaching Elementary Mathematics Liping Ma 2010-03-26 Studies of teachers in the U.S. often document insufficient subject matter knowledge in mathematics. Yet, these studies give few examples of the knowledge teachers need to support teaching, particularly the kind of teaching demanded by recent reforms in mathematics education. *Knowing and Teaching Elementary Mathematics* describes the nature and development of the knowledge that elementary teachers need to become accomplished mathematics teachers, and suggests why such knowledge seems more common in China than in the United States, despite the fact that Chinese teachers have less formal education than their U.S. counterparts. The anniversary edition of this bestselling volume includes the original studies that compare U.S and Chinese elementary school teachers' mathematical understanding and offers a powerful framework for grasping the mathematical content necessary to understand and develop the thinking of school children. Highlighting notable changes in the field and the author's work, this

new edition includes an updated preface, introduction, and key journal articles that frame and contextualize this seminal work.

The Elemental Mysteries Elizabeth Hunter 2018-11-13 The tantalizing paranormal romance that launched a fictional world. A phone call from an old friend sets Dr. Giovanni Vecchio back on the path of a mysterious manuscript he's hunted for over five hundred years. He never expected a young student librarian could be the key to unlock its secrets, nor could he have predicted the danger she would attract. Now he and Beatrice De Novo follow a twisted maze that leads from the archives of a university library, through the fires of Renaissance Florence, and toward a confrontation hundreds of years in the making. History and the paranormal collide in the Elemental Mysteries, a paranormal mystery and romance series by USA Today bestselling author, Elizabeth Hunter.

The Mammoth Book of Best New SF 26 Gardner Dozois 2013-09-19 For nearly three decades, Gardner Dozois has been presenting his weighty and eclectic annual selection of short science fiction that deserves to be better known to a wider audience. It has consistently been voted Year's Best Anthology by the readers of Locus magazine, overwhelmingly more often than any other collection. Unfailingly, Dozois's selection offers the very best stories of the year, showcasing outstanding new talents alongside acknowledged masters of the genre. This year's collection is no exception, including the work of over 30 writers, including: Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Sarah Monette and Elizabeth Bear, Paul McAuley, Linda Nagata, Indrapramit Das, Pat Cadigan, Andy Duncan, Brit Mandelo, Carrie Vaughn and many more. It includes, as ever, Dozois's magisterial summation of 2012 in SF. Praise for previous editions: This annual compilation of the previous year's best short stories and novellas, together with a comprehensive summation of the state of the genre and an extensive "honourable mentions" list, has become an institution over the past three decades. The Guardian. Quantity as well as quality . . . every piece is a treasure. The Times. For more than a quarter century, Gardner Dozois's Mammoth Book of Best New SF has defined the field. It is the most important anthology, not only annually, but overall. Charles N. Brown, publisher of Locus Magazine. New authors rub shoulders with old hands, and strong work from relative novices Hannu Rajaniemi and Lavie Tidhar suggest that SF's future is as bright as ever. Financial Times.

Gertrude and Toby's Friday Adventure Shari Tharp 2015-12-14 Gertrude the goat and her best friend Toby the tortoise are adventurers. No sitting around on the boring farm for them! They love to explore, and every Friday they sneak off the farm for some extra fun. One Friday, Gertrude and Toby decide to visit the local candy store in town. They discover yummy goodies and treats, but soon find that the treats are not free! Uh oh! The market owner grabs Toby. He demands money for the candy that Gertrude and Toby have taken by mistake. Gertrude must find a way to save her friend and get back home before Farmer Sam returns.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon Kelly Barnhill 2017-08-24 THE NO. 1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER AND NEWBERY MEDAL WINNER 'This beautifully written, darkly funny coming-of-age story will enchant and entertain' Daily Mail Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is in fact a good witch who shares her home with a wise Swamp Monster and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon. Xan rescues the children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey. One year, Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight, filling the ordinary child with extraordinary magic. Xan decides she must raise this girl, whom she calls Luna, as her own. As Luna's thirteenth birthday approaches, her magic begins to emerge - with dangerous consequences. Meanwhile, a young man from the Protectorate is determined to free his people by killing the witch. Deadly birds with uncertain intentions flock nearby. A volcano, quiet for centuries, rumbles just beneath the earth's surface. And the woman with the Tiger's heart is on the prowl . . . The Newbery Medal winner from the author of the highly acclaimed novel *The Witch's Boy*.

Uscolia Gabriel Lanyi 2016-12-25

Flowy Gilberto Mariscal 2017-03-05 Flowy Lucy has received a beautiful gift, a shy and nice flower that she has named Flowy. But her arrival brings an important responsibility: Lucy will have to look after her. Will she be able to do it? Find out in this new story from the children's book series "Lucy's World"! Flowy is the English edition of a 2016 Top list book in "picture books for children" and "Early learning" in Amazon Spain. It is suitable as a read-aloud book for pre-schoolers or a self-read book for older children. Aims of the book To show the values of friendship and responsibility through a story that seeks to encourage the creativity and imagination of their readers. And also... to have fun! Other books in English from Lucy's world series: In the clouds: Lucy is a sweet little girl who loves letting her imagination run wild. Is there a better place for it than in the clouds? My Little sister: When her parents told Lucy that she was going to have a baby sister, she never imagined that everything would change so much. Can I play?: Lucy is having a big birthday party. What she doesn't know is that her friends will want to play with her toys, and Lucy doesn't really like to share. My cow Rudolpha: Lucy always wanted a pet, but she never imagined that it would be ... a cow! The book of dreams: A book comes flying down from the sky and falls into Lucy's hands. When she opens it up, someone appears from inside the book! A child with a naughty smile, who takes her on an amazing journey.

The Year's Best Science Fiction: Thirtieth Annual Collection Gardner Dozois 2013-07-23 In the new millennium, what secrets lay beyond the far reaches of the universe? What mysteries belie the truths we once held to be self-evident? The world of science fiction has long been a porthole into the realities of tomorrow, blurring the line between life and art. Now, in *The Year's Best Science Fiction: Thirtieth Annual Collection* the very best SF authors explore ideas of a new world through their short stories. This venerable collection brings together award-winning authors and masters of the field such as Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Damien Broderick, Elizabeth Bear, Paul McAuley and John Barnes. And with an extensive recommended reading guide and a summation of the year in science fiction, this annual compilation has become the definitive must-read anthology for all science fiction fans and readers interested in breaking into the genre. The multiple Locus Award-winning annual compilation of the year's best science fiction stories

Nashville - Part One - Ready to Reach Ingath Cooper 2013-05-21 Nineteen-year old CeCe Mackenzie leaves Virginia for Nashville with not much more to her name than a guitar, a Walker Hound named Hank Junior and an old car she'd inherited from her grandma called Gertrude. But Gertrude ends up on the side of I-40 in flames, and Nashville has never seemed farther away. Help arrives in the form of two Georgia football players headed for the Nashville dream as well. When Holden Ashford and Thomas Franklin stop to offer CeCe and Hank Junior a

ride, fate may just give a nod to serendipity and meant to be.

**Reactivating Elements** Dimitris Papadopoulos 2022-01-07 The contributors to *Reactivating Elements* examine chemicals as they mix with soil, air, water, and fire to shape Earth's troubled ecologies today. They invoke the elements with all their ambivalences as chemical categories, material substances, social forms, forces and energies, cosmological entities, and epistemic objects. Engaging with the nonlinear historical significance of elemental thought across fields—chemistry, the biosciences, engineering, physics, science and technology studies, the environmental humanities, ecocriticism, and cultural studies—the contributors examine the relationship between chemistry and ecology, probe the logics that render wind as energy, excavate affective histories of ubiquitous substances such as plastics and radioactive elements, and chart the damage wrought by petrochemical industrialization. Throughout, the volume illuminates how elements become entangled with power and control, coloniality, racism, and extractive productivism while exploring alternative paths to environmental destruction. In so doing, it rethinks the relationship between the elements and the elemental, human and more-than-human worlds, today's damaged ecosystems and other ecologies to come. Contributors: Patrick Bresnihan, Tim Choy, Joseph Dumit, Cori Hayden, Stefan Helmreich, Joseph Masco, Michelle Murphy, Natasha Myers, Dimitris Papadopoulos, María Puig de la Bellacasa, Astrid Schrader, Isabelle Stengers

**Elemental Magic** Mercedes Lackey 2012-12-04 Among Mercedes Lackey's many novels, few are as critically acclaimed and beloved as those about the Elemental Masters. The novels in this series are loosely based on classic fairy tales, and take place in a fantasy version of turn-of-the-century London, where magic is real and Elemental Masters control the powers of Fire, Water, Air, and Earth. Now other authors join Mercedes Lackey to add their own special touches to this delightful alternate history, in a world where magic is always just around the corner...

**Unnatural Issue** Mercedes Lackey 2014-05-02 Richard Whitestone is an Elemental Earth Master. Blaming himself for the death of his beloved wife in childbirth, he has sworn never to set eyes on his daughter, Suzanne. But when he finally sees her, a dark plan takes shape in his twisted mind—to use his daughter's body to bring back the spirit of his long-dead wife.

**UNCOLLECTED ANTHOLOGY** Leah R. Cutter 2016-11-28 The *Uncollected Anthology* series sprang from the minds of six fabulous authors who love fantasy, short stories, and each other's writing. Every three months, the authors pick a theme and write a short story for that theme. Now, for the first time, you can buy the "collected" uncollected and get all the stories written the first year in one place! The themes for the first year: Magical Motorcycles Winter Witches Heartspells Portals & Passageways For more great stories, visit the *Uncollected Anthology* website: [www.UncollectedAnthology.com](http://www.UncollectedAnthology.com)

**Firebird** Mercedes Lackey 2008-01-08 In Mercedes Lackey's *Firebird*, Ilya, son of a Russian prince, is largely ignored by his father and tormented by his larger, older brothers. His only friends are three old people: a priest, a magician, and a woman who toils in the palace dairy. From them Ilya learns faith, a smattering of magic, and the power of love—all of which he will need desperately, for his life is about to be turned upside-down. The prince's magnificent cherry orchard is visited at midnight by the legendary Firebird, whose wings are made of flame. Ilya's brothers' attempts to capture the magical creature fail. When Ilya tries to catch the Firebird, he sees her as a beautiful woman and earns a magical gift: the speech of animals. Banished, the young man journeys through a fantastical Russia full of magical mazes, enchanted creatures, and untold dangers. As happens in the best fairy tales, Ilya falls in love with an enchanted princess, but to win her freedom will be no easy task. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Karl's Story** Trudy Cutrone 2016-01-13 With an uncanny relevance to today's world and inspired by the life of its author, *Karl's Story*, is a WW II child refugee's tale of resilience, hope and courage as told through the narrative of her beloved teddy bear, Karl. A story perfect for all ages: read to children by parents, grandparents and teachers alike. It has been read many times to middle elementary grades. A book to be handed down from parent to child to child for generations to come. Karl, "a very old teddy bear," has a magic gift— he can tell stories to children who are still young enough to understand toy talk. *Karl's Story* begins in Europe. It's about Karl, the young girl Karin, and Mimi the mind reading cat, ... how the three friends experience and survive WW II and then escape from communism to a new and hope-filled life with his beloved friend Karin. Their journey, their story, enchants children but in the sense of *The Little Prince* speaks timelessly to adults as well. *Karl's Story* tells of European refugees and is as relevant today as then. The chaos of the time turned the world of the three friends upside down, slowly at first, from no more whipped cream at birthday parties to ever more frequent air raids, crashing bombs, and a harrowing train ride, with Karl and Mimi stuffed in Karin's old wicker trunk. In the journey Karin loses all she ever knew or loved, but goes on to rebuild her world in America. The book is categorized as Children's Fiction because of its charming cover and talking stuffed animals but is inspirational to young and old alike, and a perfect antidote in these still troubled times; this is indeed a book for all.

**Submission** Michel Houellebecq 2016-09-08 As the 2022 French Presidential election looms, two candidates emerge as favourites: Marine Le Pen of the Front National, and the charismatic Muhammed Ben Abbes of the growing Muslim Fraternity. Forming a controversial alliance with the political left to block the Front National's alarming ascendancy, Ben Abbes sweeps to power, and overnight the country is transformed. This proves to be the death knell of French secularism, as Islamic law comes into force: women are veiled, polygamy is encouraged and, for our narrator François – misanthropic, middle-aged and alienated – life is set on a new course. *Submission* is a devastating satire, comic and melancholy by turns, and a profound meditation on faith and meaning in Western society.

**Burn** T. J. Klune 2012-02-06 *Elementally Evolved: Book One* Set in a world that closely resembles our own, *Burn* is a story of redemption and betrayal, of family and sacrifice, which leads to the greatest question of all: how far would you go to save the ones you love? Fifteen years ago, Felix Paracel killed his mother with fire that shot from his hands. Since then, he has hidden from forces bent on exploiting him and his fire and wind Elemental abilities. But Felix's world is about to change, because he is Findo Unum—the Split One—and his coming has been foretold for generations. Though Felix's arrival brings great joy to the Elemental world, it also heralds a coming darkness. No one knows this better than Seven, the mysterious man who rescued Felix from that horrible fire years ago and then disappeared... who now has returned to claim what's rightfully his: Felix's heart. But even as Felix begins to trust Seven and his feelings about his place in the world, the darkness reveals itself, bringing consequences no one could have predicted.

**Finding Your Element** Sir Ken Robinson, PhD 2013-05-21 The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Element* gives readers an inspirational and practical guide to self-improvement,

happiness, creativity, and personal transformation Sir Ken Robinson's TED talk video and groundbreaking book, *The Element*, introduced readers to a new concept of self-fulfillment through the convergence of natural talents and personal passions. *The Element* has inspired readers all over the world and has created for Robinson an intensely devoted following. Now comes the long-awaited companion, the practical guide that helps people find their own Element. Among the questions that this new book answers are: • How do I find out what my talents and passions are? • What if I love something I'm not good at? • What if I'm good at something I don't love? • What if I can't make a living from my Element? • How do I do help my children find their Element? *Finding Your Element* comes at a critical time as concerns about the economy, education and the environment continue to grow. The need to connect to our personal talents and passions has never been greater. As Robinson writes in his introduction, wherever you are, whatever you do, and no matter how old you are, if you're searching for your Element, this book is for you.

Platform Michel Houellebecq 2016-09-01 Michel is a civil-servant at the Ministry of Culture. When his father is murdered, Michel takes a leave of absence to go on a package tour to Thailand. Infuriated by the shallow hypocrisy and mediocrity of his fellow travellers, only the awkward Valerie attracts his attention. Too bashful to pursue her, Michel prefers the uncomplicated pleasures of Thai massage parlours and sex with local women. Back in Paris, he calls Valerie and they plunge into a passionate affair, which strays into S&M, partner-swapping and sex in public. Michel quits his job, and tries to help Valerie and her boss, Jean-Yves, in their ailing travel business, by offering travel packages based on sex tourism in the third world. When their project comes to fruition and the three return to Thailand, Michel discovers that sex is neither the most consuming nor the most dangerous of human passions...  
The Gnome King Pamela Hickein 2017-12-21 Three children stumble upon a gnome and a magical book that open the door to the greatest adventure of their lives. George, Ben and Mary discover four ancient kingdoms that govern the elements of fire, air, water and earth. They enter the unseen world of fairies, mermaids and dragons only to find that they need help from the world of man. Find out how the children gather strength and courage to help their newfound friends in a fantastical journey through the Elemental Kingdom.