

Ties That Bind Break Lensey Namioka

High school senior Meg revels in being a rebel; cutting class whenever possible and hanging out anywhere she's not supposed to be. Like on a railroad-tracks-covered bridge that's off-limits to trespassers. When she and her friends are busted for trespassing and underage drinking, she's sentenced to spend her spring break riding along with a rookie police officer on his nightshift patrol. To make things worse the cop, John After, is only two years older than Meg, and is sure that he knows all he needs to about her. John has nothing but contempt for her childish rebellion, but that's fine, because the feelings mutual - his straight-laced, by-the-book attitude is everything that Meg hates. But they're about to discover that they have a lot more in common than either one of them could have dreamed and, as they're forced to spend time together, sparks fly and a hot attraction between them becomes undeniable...

To provide an introduction to the French language, emphasizing limited language acquisition and extensive cultural awareness.

When Xiaolong--perhaps the laziest boy in all of China--devises a way to capture the thief who breaks into his family's home, all the people in his village change their minds about the "lazy" boy.

In 1892, nine-year-old Dom's mother puts him on a ship leaving Italy, bound for America. He is a stowaway, traveling alone and with nothing of value except for a

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new pair of shoes from his mother. In the turbulent world of homeless children in Manhattan's Five Points, Dom learns street smarts, and not only survives, but thrives by starting his own business. A vivid, fascinating story of an exceptional boy, based in part on the author's grandfather.

Ballet means everything to Robin Lee. But when her parents, who have brought Robin's grandmother from Hong Kong to America to live with them, can no longer afford her lessons, she is determined not to give up her dream even amidst family conflict. A Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies.

Ailin lives in China in 1911, and everyone in her family wants her to have her feet bound, but she refuses. Did she make the right choice?

In medieval Japan, two out-of-work samurai warriors must use their fighting skills when they join a group of local boys, led by the mysterious White Fox, in resistance to a cruel occupying force.

This young adult mystery novel is set in feudal Japan where a fascinating plot unfolds along with a wealth of information about classical Japanese history and culture. Zenta and Matsuzo are wandering ronin (masterless samurai) with a skill and code of honor unlike the ordinary citizens of Japan. Together the stoic Zenta and carefree Matsuzo fall in and out of extraordinary adventures solving mysteries that leave others baffled. Zenta loves a challenge, which is why he and Matsuzo volunteered to be bodyguards for Pedro and Father Luis two Portuguese missionaries with powerful enemies. Not only are Pedro and Father Luis feared by many of the

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Japanese in the area because of their unusually pale faces, long noses, and firearms but they're also in the middle of a tense political battle between the shogun and Nobunaga, the most powerful warlord in sixteenth century Japan. When Pedro becomes the main suspect in the murder of Lord Fujikawa, one of the shogun's supporters, Zenta and Matsuzo must learn to work with the strange foreigner to prove his innocence while also trying to appease Nobunaga and Fujikawa's men. Who really murdered Lord Fujikawa? Zenta and Matsuzo's investigations lead them to surprising conclusions.

Ailin's life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.

Gifted eighth-grader Leon Harris becomes an instant celebrity when the film he makes for a class project sends him to in-school suspension.

Guess what -- Gary Paulsen was being kind to Brian. In *Guts*, Gary tells the real stories behind the Brian books, the stories of the adventures that inspired him to write Brian Robeson's story: working as an emergency volunteer; the death that inspired the pilot's death in *Hatchet*; plane crashes he has seen and near-misses of his own. He describes how he made his own bows and arrows, and takes readers on his first hunting trips, showing the wonder and solace of nature along with his hilarious mishaps and mistakes. He shares special memories, such as the night he attracted every mosquito in the county, or

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how he met the moose with a sense of humor, and the moose who made it personal. There's a handy chapter on "Eating Eyeballs and Guts or Starving: The Fine Art of Wilderness Nutrition." Recipes included. Readers may wonder how Gary Paulsen survived to write all of his books -- well, it took guts. Third daughter Mary Yang makes an unexpected new friend while trying to hide a kitten from her family.

Welcome to *Sexy Men...Sassy Women* A bestselling author, a medevac pilot, a hotshot lawyer, a bodyguard, a football coach and a children's book author...all sexy, sensitive men who can be stubborn and infuriating. A reclusive artist, a CEO, a family court judge, a businesswoman, a college professor and a celebrity food channel host...all successful, smart and sassy women who can tame the men they love. In *TIES THAT BIND*, Reese Bishop would like to think he's gotten over his ex-wife, Judge Kate Renado, and vice versa. But when they're thrown together to disprove an accusation by a former client, who they represented in their high-powered law firm, everything between them gets murky. They're both involved with wonderful new partners, their daughter has finally accepted their divorce, and the cover-up in the prison system can't quell the explosive attraction and deep love that surfaces when they work to prove their innocence. Readers will be shocked by the turn of events in this novel.

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“Kathryn Shay writes some of the cleanest prose around, and it’s my belief she’d make the Yellow Pages sound interesting if the phone company put her on staff.” The Romance Reader “Shay has crafted a novel with an intriguing premise and, best of all, with two protagonists who unleash tons of conflict in their wake.” RT Book Reviews “Ms. Shay knows her way around a steamy love scene.” Don’t miss all the books in the Sexy Men...Sassy Women series. While not connected by characters and plot, in all six books, you’ll find the men sexy and women sassy. The Betrayal (Sexy Men...Sassy Women Book 1) Stay With Me (Sexy Men...Sassy Women Book 2) Ties that Bind (Sexy Men...Sassy Women Book 3) The Bodyguard ((Sexy Men...Sassy Women Book 4) Playing for Keeps (Sexy Men...Sassy Women Book 5) Dancing in the Dark (Sexy Men...Sassy Women Book 6)

Set in 1932, this is the story of two misfits with no place to call home, who build a relationship during a train hopping journey from the cold heartbreak of their eastern homes toward the sunny promise of California Pearl Plankette ran away from her abusive father, but has nowhere to go until she stumbles upon a disguise that gives her the key to a new identity. Reborn as a boy named Soupy, she hitches her star to Remy "Ramshackle" Renault, a hobo who takes her under his wing. Ramshackle's kindness and protection go a long way to help Soupy heal

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from her difficult past. But Ramshackle has his own demons to wrestle with, and he'll need Soupy just as much as she needs him. Now includes an Educator's guide written by Meryl Jaffe, PhD.

Third Sister and her siblings try to help Eldest Brother, the most talented musician in the Yang family, find work to pay for a new violin. Reprint. Recently arrived in Seattle from China, musically untalented Yingtao is faced with giving a violin performance to attract new students for his father when he would rather be working on friendships and playing baseball.

Spurned by the love of his life, Hezekiah leaves Panama in 1919 to return to his homeland in Jamaica with the hope of regaining stability and furthering his commercial ambitions. Over time, Hezekiah becomes a national figure and a well-established businessman. Yet the trail of heartbreak continues. Hezekiah engages in several failed attempts to recover a lost family, and with many lovers over several years, who will carry on his legacy and take his estate? Pat Lindsay Fletcher's debut historical novel, is a gripping tale of class, race, and family struggle in the colonial era of early to mid-twentieth century Jamaica. It mirrors the pattern of many Caribbean families and leaves us asking how on earth these generational cycles can be broken.

Just in time for the 10th anniversary of *Between*

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Shades of Gray, Ruta Sepetys's award-winning debut novel, and inspiration for the major motion picture *Ashes in the Snow*, is now a gorgeous graphic novel! From #1 New York Times and international bestselling author and Carnegie Medal winner of *Salt to the Sea* comes a story of loss and of fear--and ultimately of survival--in a brand-new four-color format. "Few books are beautifully written, fewer still are important; this novel is both." --The Washington Post A New York Times notable book An international bestseller A Carnegie Medal nominee A William C. Morris Award finalist A Golden Kite Award winner June, 1941. A knock comes at the door and the life of fifteen-year-old Lina Vilkas changes forever. She's arrested by the Soviet secret police and deported from Lithuania to Siberia with her mother and younger brother. The conditions are horrific and Lina must fight for her life and for the lives of those around her, including the boy that she loves. Risking everything, she secretly passes along clues in the form of drawings, hoping they will reach her father's prison camp. But will her messages, and her courage, be enough to reunite her family? Will they be enough to keep her alive? A moving and haunting novel perfect for readers of *The Book Thief*, now available as a stunning graphic novel.

A collection of short stories - four previously published and three new - linked by the theme of young people experiencing personal dilemmas. All

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are set in South Africa, first under apartheid and then after the first democratic elections. They cover the period from 1950 to 2000 and reflect the lives of a range of young people, black and white, living in what was for many years seen as the world's most openly racist society.

In this sweeping history, bestselling author Amy Chua explains how globally dominant empires—or hyperpowers—rise and why they fall. In a series of brilliant chapter-length studies, she examines the most powerful cultures in history—from the ancient empires of Persia and China to the recent global empires of England and the United States—and reveals the reasons behind their success, as well as the roots of their ultimate demise. Chua's analysis uncovers a fascinating historical pattern: while policies of tolerance and assimilation toward conquered peoples are essential for an empire to succeed, the multicultural society that results introduces new tensions and instabilities, threatening to pull the empire apart from within. What this means for the United States' uncertain future is the subject of Chua's provocative and surprising conclusion.

Ties That Bind, Ties That Break Laurel Leaf

Public research universities were previously able to provide excellent education to white families thanks to healthy government funding. However, that funding has all but dried up in recent decades as historically underrepresented students have gained

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greater access, and now less prestigious public universities face major economic challenges. In *Broke*, Laura T. Hamilton and Kelly Nielsen examine virtually all aspects of campus life to show how the new economic order in public universities, particularly at two campuses in the renowned University of California system, affects students. For most of the twentieth century, they show, less affluent families of color paid with their taxes for wealthy white students to attend universities where their own offspring were not welcome. That changed as a subset of public research universities, some quite old, opted for a “new” approach, making racially and economically marginalized youth the lifeblood of the university. These new universities, however, have been particularly hard hit by austerity. To survive, they’ve had to adapt, finding new ways to secure funding and trim costs—but ultimately it’s their students who pay the price, in decreased services and inadequate infrastructure. ? The rise of new universities is a reminder that a world-class education for all is possible. *Broke* shows us how far we are from that ideal and sets out a path for how we could get there.

A love story with a difference - girl meets girl, they fall in love. A powerful and turbulent novel about first love and crossing boundaries. Louie is a prefect at Woodhaugh High. She plays hockey, passes exams and acts in school plays. She's going to be a lawyer.

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Willa lives in a pub. She had an affair with the daughter of a preacher and was kicked out of Miller Park College. She just wants to get through her final exams and become a chef. Quietly. Then they fall in love - fast. And everything the girls were sure of - their families, their friends, their faith, their identities - are called into question. Willa and Louie face the consequences, difficulties and joys of their relationship. A fast-paced, turbulent but ultimately uplifting story of deep, painful, heart-wrenching first love. Written in Paula Boock's crisp, direct style this gripping book has a strong appeal for both adults and teenagers. 'an essential addition for all secondary school and public libraries.' Dr Elody Rathgen, Senior Lecturer in Education, University of Canterbury 'it has such a powerful and beautifully written message about the meaning of love.' Otago Daily Times 'I laughed, I cried, I held my breath, as Paula Boock's Willa and Louie fell in and out of love and dared to be true to themselves. Evening Post

FIONA CHENG IS half and half: Her father is Chinese and her mother is Scottish. Fiona looks more like her father than her mother, so people always expect her to be more interested in her Chinese half than her Scottish half. Lately even Fiona's confused about who she really is. "A realistic, gentle and funny tale."—Detroit News & Free Press "Readers will identify with Fiona's struggle to fit in."—Publishers Weekly

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In China's Public Diplomacy, Ingrid d'Hooghe provides a thorough analysis of how China's approach to public diplomacy is shaped by the country's political system and Chinese culture.

Two unemployed samurai are saved from drowning by the Ainus, a primitive people on a northern Japanese island, and are torn in their loyalties when the possibility of war arises between the Ainus and a band of Japanese settlers.

When her husband dies, Lu Si-yan's mother is encouraged to sell her young daughter into domestic service. Lu Si-yan is just eleven when sold by her uncle. Nearly two years will pass before she can get back home to her mother and brother. In this powerful and compelling novel Sally Grindley portrays the life of a young girl in China, a young girl whose life is said to be like 'spilled water'. With a brilliant first-person narrative and a powerful description of time and place, this novel is gripping, heart-wrenching and utterly mesmerising.

The youngest child in a talented musical family, Yingtao is afraid that his screeching violin will ruin the family recital, and he dreams of telling his family about something he likes better than music. Reprint.

An unemployed samurai reluctantly helps solve a mystery and prevent the overthrow of a young ruler on an island in medieval Japan.

Third Sister in the Tao family, Ailin has watched her two older sisters go through the painful process of having their feet bound. In China in 1911, all the women of good families follow this ancient tradition. But Ailin loves to run away from her governess and play games with her male cousins.

Knowing she will never run again once her feet are bound, Ailin rebels and refuses to follow this torturous tradition. As a result, however, the family of her intended husband breaks their marriage agreement. And as she enters adolescence, Ailin finds that her family is no longer willing to support her.

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Chinese society leaves few options for a single woman of good family, but with a bold conviction and an indomitable spirit, Ailin is determined to forge her own destiny. Her story is a tribute to all those women whose courage created new options for the generations who came after them.

A Simon & Schuster eBook. Simon & Schuster has a great book for every reader.

Seventeen-year-old Mormon girl Elizabeth is torn between becoming an astronomer and familial duties and faith when she navigates a whole new world of possibility, in this sweeping adventure set in Colorado in the late nineteenth century.

*Book 6 - the final novel in the Broken Bonds series To protect the woman he loves, Detective Ethan Quinn defied the law he's defended and upheld his entire career. He turned his back on his honor with only one objective in mind: protect Avery at all cost. Now he's tangled in a web of deceit and corruption, no better than the killer he's hunting. As Quinn navigates a treacherous maze, he senses a rat amid his department. He suspects the perpetrator is hiding in plain sight, using their shield within the law to disguise them. Who is the real Alpha? Having been framed for murders and crimes they didn't commit, a suspect is under investigation by not only the ACPD, but the FBI, and lead medical examiner Avery Johnson feels the pressure from all sides as she guards the secrets within her lab. Quinn went to great lengths to save her, to protect her...and now it's her turn to be the hero for the man she loves. A showdown is looming, the Alpha is ready to strike. No one is safe as the clock ticks down to the final moments that will test every member of the task force, leaving only one side left standing.

Feeling confined by the traditional family attitudes of her strong-willed, manipulative grandmother, sixteen-year-old April Chen fights for her independence. Reissue.

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In 1919, 17-year-old Hattie leaves the Montana prairie—and her sweetheart Charlie—to become a female reporter in San Francisco, in the sequel to *Hattie Big Sky*, that was written, in part, to answer many questions that readers posed about the irrepressible Hattie.

Sue Hua just moved from racially diverse Seattle to a suburban white-bread town where she feels like the only Asian American for miles. Then she meets Andy, a handsome and passionate violin player who happens to be Asian American. Sue feels an instant attraction to Andy, and her white friends think they're "made for each other"—after all, they both use chopsticks and eat a lot of rice, right? But there's just one problem. Andy's last name is Suzuki. And while that may mean nothing to the other students at Lakeview High, Sue knows that it presents a world of problems to her family.

Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells them about growing up black in 1940s Alabama and serving as a member of the Women's Army Corps during World War II.

Readers will relish this companion to the highly acclaimed adventure, *The Wreckers*: Young John is charmed by the Dragon, the schooner he is planning to sail to London and use for the honest wool trade. But a mysterious gentleman delivers an ominous warning to "steer clear of that ship," because the ship was "christened with blood." The ship looks clever and quick, and the crew seems to know how to man it, but with such a warning John is left to wonder how well he really knows what lies ahead. Will he heed the advice given by the mysterious man? Or will he brave the unknown on his own?

"An Old Order Amish young woman and an unsuspecting college student are on a collision course that neither could

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have foreseen"--

While most 16-year-old girls are planning their weddings, Xueyan, known as Yanyan, has no interest at all in marriage. She is fascinated by medicine. In China in 1921, women rarely attend university, let alone medical school. Still, Yanyan is determined to become a doctor. But Yanyan's feelings about marriage change when she meets Liang Baoshu. An outstanding scholar and martial arts student, Baoshu is passionate and dangerous. He is determined to rid China of the foreigners who occupy it and restore power to the Manchu dynasty. Life with him would be an adventure. But when Yanyan realizes that being with Baoshu would also mean sacrificing her dream of becoming a doctor, she faces the most difficult decision of her life. And her choice leads to an entirely new adventure an ocean away in America—where Yanyan is the foreigner.

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