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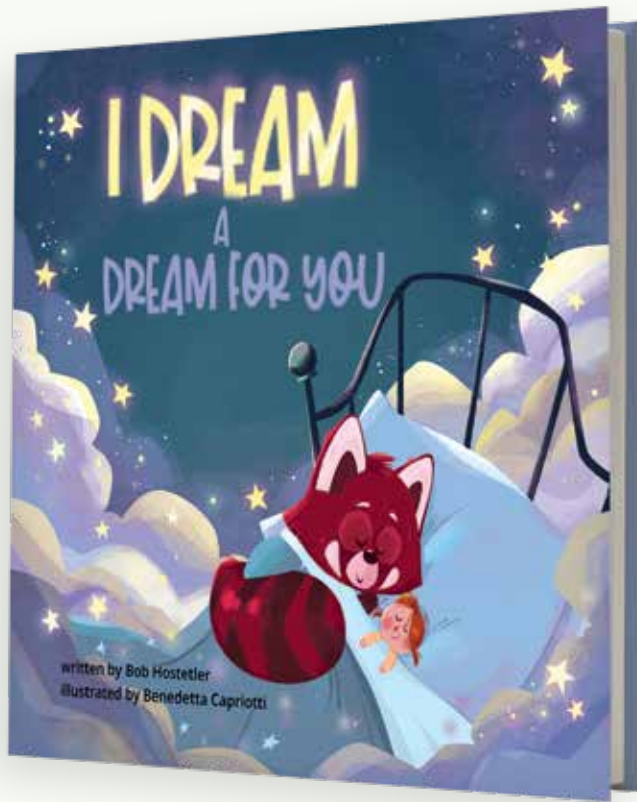
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I Dream a Dream for You

Bob Hostetler; illustrated by Benedetta Capriotti



Read-aloud bedtime book for toddlers

With its sweet bedtime rhymes, *I Dream a Dream for You* resembles the classic title *The Going to Bed Book* by Sandra Boynton. A family of red pandas make their home in the forest. When it's time for bed, Mom and Dad tuck in their three kiddos, and as they all drift to sleep, dreams come to life through the vibrant pictures and story. Parents or grandparents will enjoy reading this sweet bedtime rhyme, filled with dreams and aspirations for their little ones. With amazing, colorful illustrations, this read-to-me story richly shows the love of a faith-filled family with creative, interesting scenes that kids will love to see over and over—and those who read it to them will experience the blessing of God's love, which is meant to be shown and shared with families.

Bob Hostetler is an award-winning author, literary agent, and international speaker. His first children's book, *Don't Close Your Eyes*, and its subsequent success, was a dream come true for him. His fifty other books include the award-winning *Don't Check Your Brains at the Door* (co-authored with Josh McDowell) and *The Bard and the Bible: A Shakespeare Devotional*. He has won two Gold Medallion Awards, four Ohio Associated Press awards, and a Selah "Book of the Year" honor. He and his wife make their home in Nevada.

Benedetta Capriotti was born in Italy, in a seaside town of the central region Marche. Since she was a child, she has had a great passion for drawing and art. In high school she would draw on Greek and Latin books, so she chose to attend a professional School of Fashion and Technical Drawing. Afterward she joined the Illustration class at the International School of Comics in Rome. In addition to drawing, she likes reading, traveling, and animals, and would like to live in the English countryside.

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Coal Black Lies

An Appalachian Novel

Cindy K. Sproles

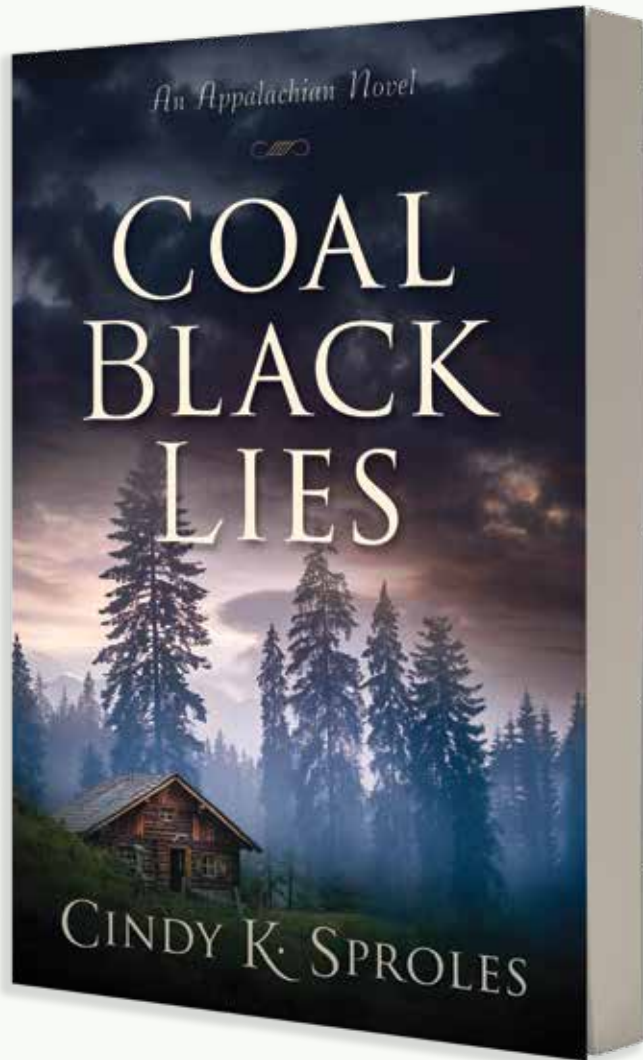
Believing the bitter lies you tell yourself leaves little room for the sweetness of truth

Coal miner Joshua Morgan managed to do the impossible—he broke away from the stranglehold of the iron-fisted Barton family and the Company Store, to whom all the miners in the Appalachian Mountains are indebted. But it cost him the life of his young daughter, who was run down by a posse led by Thomas Barton while coming to collect Joshua's payment to the store.

Five years later, a sweet but slow-witted young girl lands on his doorstep, and Joshua's desire to protect her from the clutches of the Bartons increases his thirst for vengeance. Joshua sets out to discover where the girl came from in order to take down the Barton family once and for all.

His journey leads him to the truth about the day his daughter died, a reality he finds hard to accept. But when confronted by Thomas Barton himself, Joshua is forced to rethink the dark lies brewing in his heart. If he broke away, could Thomas have also? Despite his misgivings, can Joshua join forces with a man he once despised to free the miners from the tyrannical Barton family and forge a future of peace for both the young girl and himself?

Cindy K. Sproles is a speaker and author of more than a dozen books, including several set in the Appalachian Mountains, where life is simple and words have a deep Southern drawl. Cindy was born and raised there and is very proud of her heritage. Teaching writers and crafting fiction about life in the mountains, history, and down-home ideas find their way into all she does. Cindy lives in Tennessee with her husband, Tim. Find out more about Cindy and her stories at cindysproles.com.



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To Catch a Coronet

Grace Hitchcock

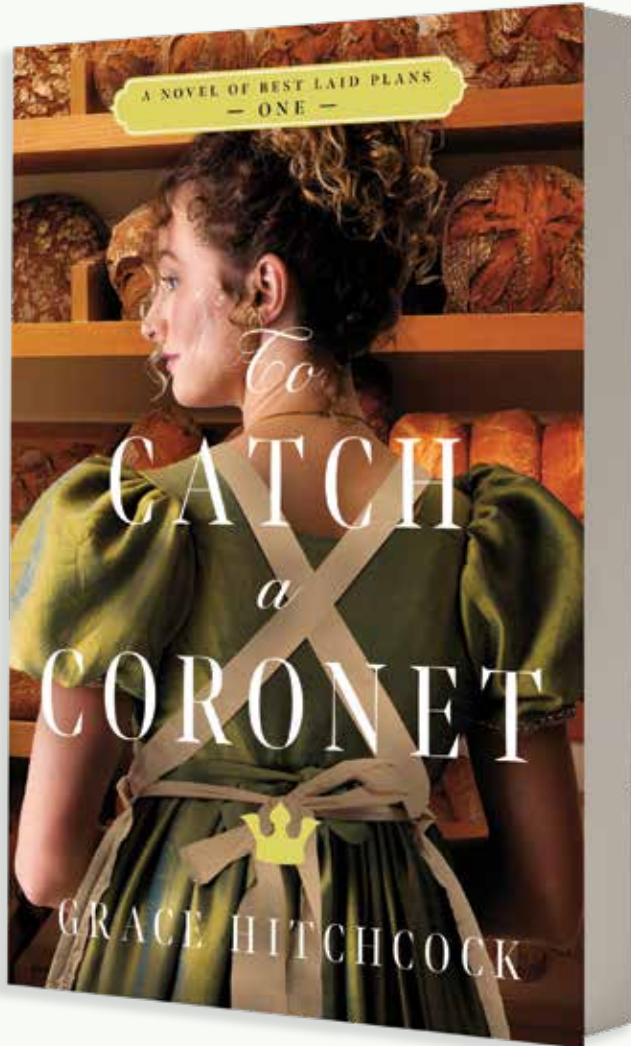
BEST LAID PLANS #1

Sometimes the only way to outsmart a scandal is to find a crown big enough to silence it

Muriel Beau, country baker turned heiress, can't stop instigating outrage. She discards two arranged engagements, then further antagonizes in Kent society by publicly proposing to a baron at a ball. His rejection leaves her with no choice but to flee to the city and to secure a coronet so splendid that her peers will forget her debacles. The glitter of the London courts convinces Muriel that it's possible to find the future she dreams of, until she finds herself entangled in yet another escapade—one that may cost her more than her crumbling reputation.

After years of serving as a privateer under an assumed name, Captain Erik Draycott, heir to Draycott Castle and soon to assume his uncle's title of Earl, returns to his London home to find it in disrepair thanks to his longtime nemesis. A staunch bachelor intent on returning to his ship, the captain is shocked when his mentor encourages him to retire and take a wife. But while his alleged pauper status causes the potential London brides to turn their noses up at him, the ladies of Kent have no such qualms and are eager to fill his coffers with their fathers' wealth. When he encounters the unconventional Muriel Beau and she becomes embroiled in his risky undertaking, Erik is torn between staying put to protect this enchanting country lady and heeding the call of the high seas.

Grace Hitchcock is the author of multiple historical novels and novellas, including the Aprons & Veils series and the True Colors series. She holds a master's in creative writing and a bachelor's in English with a minor in history. Grace lives near New Orleans with her husband, Dakota, and her sons and daughter. Connect with her online at gracehitchcock.com.



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Shannon Sue Dunlap

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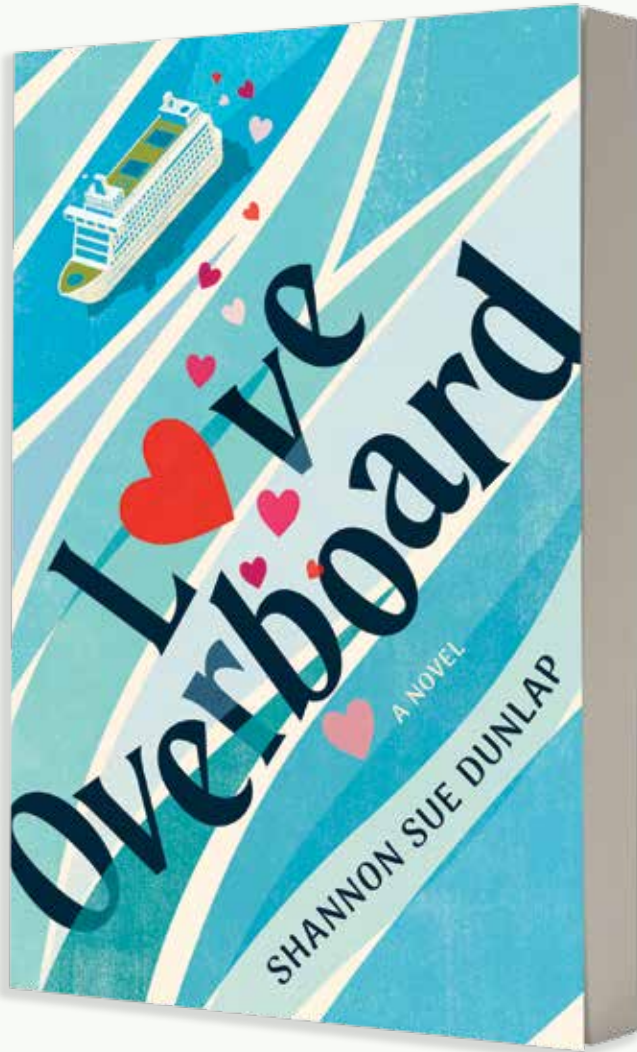
A snort-laughing, cruise ship romance takes readers into topsy-turvy waters

When a group of four quirky friends retire on a never-ending round of cruises, their attire consists of more than floral shirts and gaudy skirts. Armed with walkie-talkies and battle plans, these relationship experts—who’ve dubbed themselves the “Shippers”—target hostess Lacey Anderson and director Jonathan King in their romantic schemes. But the young couple refuses to cooperate. They’ve been on the “love boat” together before, and it went down in flames.

Boss matchmaker Emily Windsor has orchestrated multiple romantic successes, and these two upstarts certainly won’t get the best of her. The chemistry between Lacey and Jonathan is obvious, but the couple rebuffs every outlandish plot and “coincidental” meeting, forcing the matchmakers to chart a new course to true love—all while inadvertently thwarting drug smugglers threatening to ruin their floating home on the ocean.

This laugh-out-loud rom-com features loveable characters, over-the-top situations reminiscent of 1950s sitcoms, and a dash of mystery. The toe-curling romance will push the reader overboard and all in with Shannon Dunlap’s new series.

Shannon Sue Dunlap lives in hot and humid Houston, Texas, where she writes stories with a dose of laughter and a spoonful of love. Shannon loves traveling, chocolate, Jane Austen, and Jesus. She’s a big fan of happy endings and believes the heavenly Father has tailor-made one for each individual. Find out more at shannonsuedunlap.com.



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Darkness Calls the Tiger

A Novel of World War II Burma

Janyre Tromp

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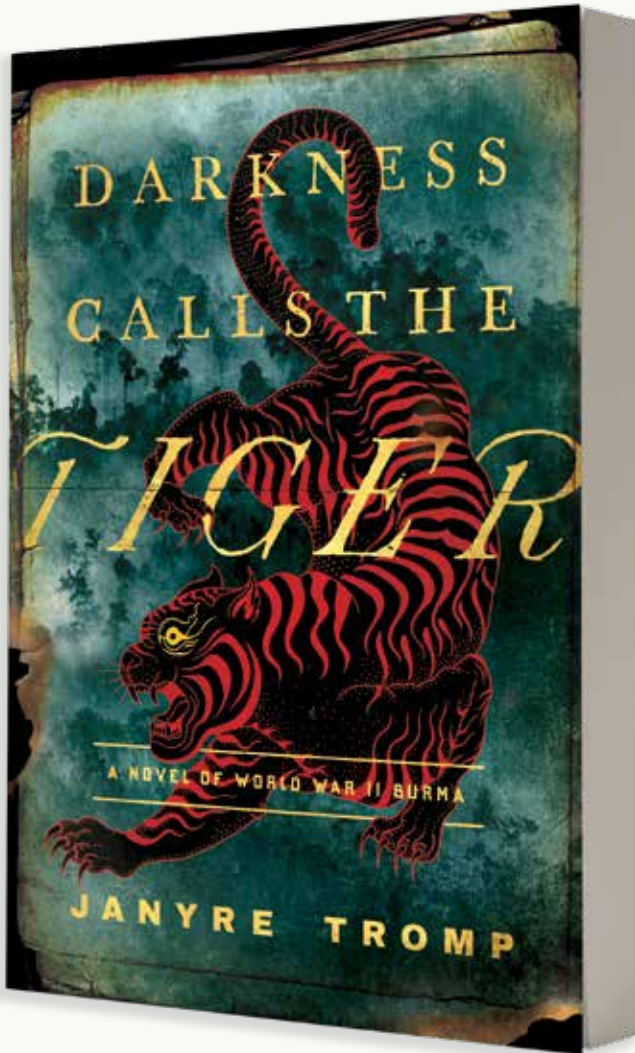
A handful of months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Imperial Japan devours the southern portion of Burma, intent on taking over mainland Asia. Unaware of the coming darkness, Kailyn Moran—the daughter of a grieving missionary father—drifts in her role as her father’s lonely little tiger.

When rumors of war reach the Kachin mountain village, Kai’s father is convinced God will protect the mission from the enemy. He leaves Kai and the frustratingly inept yet likeable new missionary, Ryan McDonough, in charge for routine visits to other villages.

The clouds of war open over the mountains, and Kailyn and Ryan forge a deep bond as they work together to provide for the villagers and the flood of refugees. But none of their effort prevents a brutal enemy from destroying the village and almost everything they love. It is then that the darkness calls to the tiger in Kailyn, and she chooses the path of unbridled revenge.

Afraid he’s lost the woman he loves, Ryan fights to protect Kai from the deadly consequences of her choice. Can he convince her of the power and freedom of forgiveness?

Janyre Tromp is an award-winning historical novelist who loves spinning tales that, at their core, hunt for beauty, even when it isn’t pretty. She’s the author of *Shadows in the Mind’s Eye* and coauthor of *O Little Town* and *It’s a Wonderful Christmas*. She’s also a book editor and published children’s book author. She lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with her family, two crazy cats, and a slightly eccentric Shetland Sheepdog. Find out more about Janyre at janyretromp.com.



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Walking on Hidden Wings

A Novel of the Roaring Twenties

Rachel Scott McDaniel

Is Geneva Hayes guilty of murdering her husband?

Geneva Ashcroft Hayes's marriage to a newspaper mogul might have been arranged, but the New York socialite is devastated when her husband's plane crashes a few short months after their nuptials. The authorities suspect someone murdered the man she loves—she even becomes a suspect! Geneva sets out on a wild mission to find his murderer.

When mysterious notes surface threatening to expose Geneva's guilt in his death, they only strengthen her resolve. She has little to go on except for a detective friend's cryptic list of locations connected to her dead spouse. When the friend also disappears, she trades her sparkling gowns for coveralls and pilot goggles.

Armed with a new name and career as a wingwalker and barnstormer, she travels from town to town in hopes of unearthing clues and locating her missing friend. But Geneva discovers that her past may not belong to her... what she once believed as truth may be nothing more than lies and deception.

In this meticulously researched historical romance set in the 1920s, author Rachel McDaniel takes the reader on a daring aviation adventure highlighting the seldom-covered barnstorming era.

Rachel Scott McDaniel is an award-winning author of historical romance. Winner of the ACFW Genesis and the RWA Touched by Love awards, Rachel infuses faith and heart into each story. She can be found online at rachelscottmcdaniel.com and on all social media platforms. She enjoys life in Ohio with her husband and two kids.



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The Vanished

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Cara Putman

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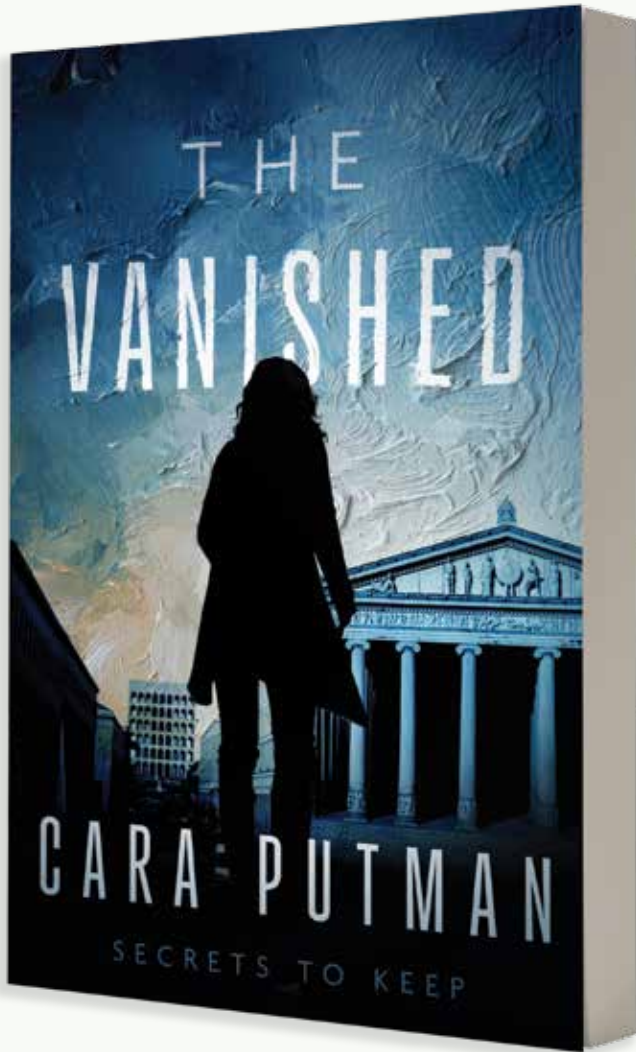
A legal suspense surrounding now-famous art pieces stolen during WWII

Janae Simmons left the small town of Kedgewick, Virginia, ten years ago to pursue her legal career and never looked back—until a life mistake leads her to her grandmother’s historic carriage house, and to the town where her past may catch up with her. Questions about her grandfather’s true identity plague Janae, launching her on a journey to unearth his secrets. Her new job at a local law firm doesn’t live up to expectations, and she wonders if coming home was the right decision.

Carter Montgomery starts his art preservation career with the only job he can get—Director at Elliott Museum of Art. At least Kedgewick is a nice-enough town to provide his nephew with a safe place to grieve the loss of his mom, Carter’s sister. But Carter’s sedate days escalate when an elderly woman claims two museum paintings were stolen from her family during World War II.

Carter enlists Janae’s help to navigate the legal complexities of art ownership. As Carter and Janae zero-in on a money laundering scheme, an attorney turns up dead and Janae uncovers another stolen painting. What has seemed like a simple legal issue turns into a race against time—with stakes so high, they might never see safe ground again.

Cara Putman is the award-winning, best-selling author of more than thirty-five novels and one nonfiction title. She serves on the full-time faculty at the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University as a clinical assistant professor teaching undergraduate and graduate business law and ethics courses. She also serves as the director of the Brock Wilson Center for Women in Management. An attorney who specializes in adoptions, employment law, and business formation, Cara is licensed in Virginia and Indiana.



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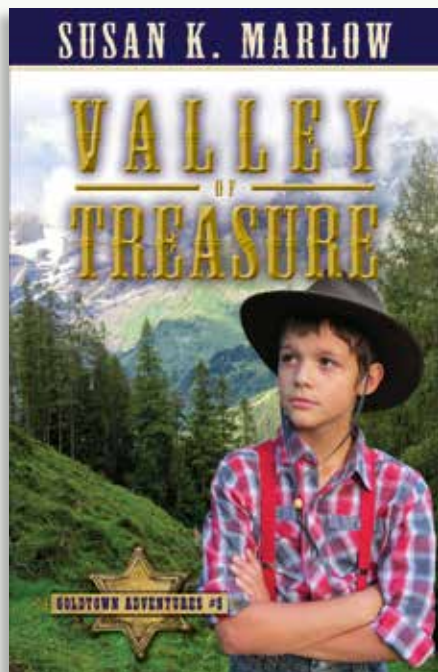
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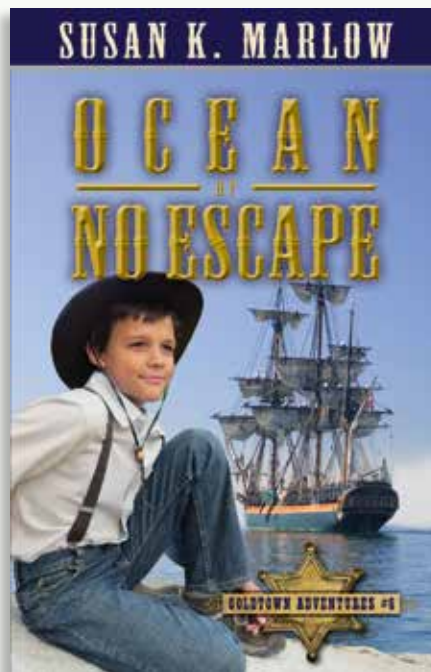
GOLDTOWN ADVENTURES #5



Ocean of No Escape

Susan K. Marlow

GOLDTOWN ADVENTURES #6



The hunt for the lost gold is on!

Jem Coulter and his friends celebrate the end of the Civil War in their town with firecrackers, parades, and anticipation for a bear-and-bull fight. But chaos ensues when a bull breaks loose, causing wood splinters and fence posts to rain down and break his cousin Nathan's legs. With the Coulter family unable to afford a San Francisco surgeon, the family and their friend, Strike-It-Rich Sam, devise a plan to raise money. Jem, his sister Ellie, and Strike embark on a quest to recover lost gold. Will they find their treasure in the valley, or will they have to strike more gold in order to help Nathan?

Susan K. Marlow is always on the lookout for a new story, whether she's writing books, teaching writing workshops, or sharing what she's learned as a homeschooling mom. The author of the Circle C Adventures series and the Goldtown Beginnings series, Susan enjoys relaxing on her fourteen-acre homestead in the great state of Washington. Readers can find supplemental material for the Circle K Series and Goldtown Series at circledadventures.com.

Is escape even possible when you've been shanghaied?

Jem Coulter, his family, and Strike-It-Rich Sam journey to San Francisco with the newfound gold to see if surgery can fix Nathan's broken legs. The uncertainty of Nathan's recovery leaves Jem bored and worried, so he heads down to the waterfront to explore. The merchant ships look exciting—where could they be sailing?

A sailor's invitation turns into an unexpected kidnapping that forces Jem into the life of a cabin boy. Forced to eat awful food and filled with a fear he'll never see his family again, Jem wonders if he can escape by jumping ship. Join Jem on the deck as he navigates the rough seas.

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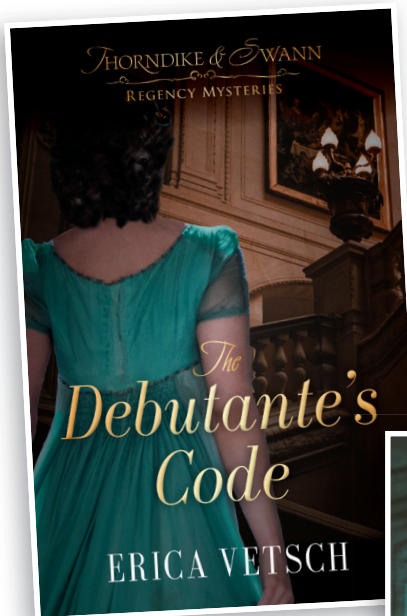
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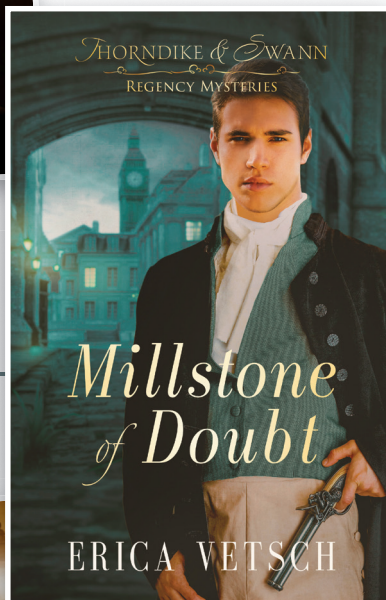
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*No matter how far you run, you can't escape yourself—
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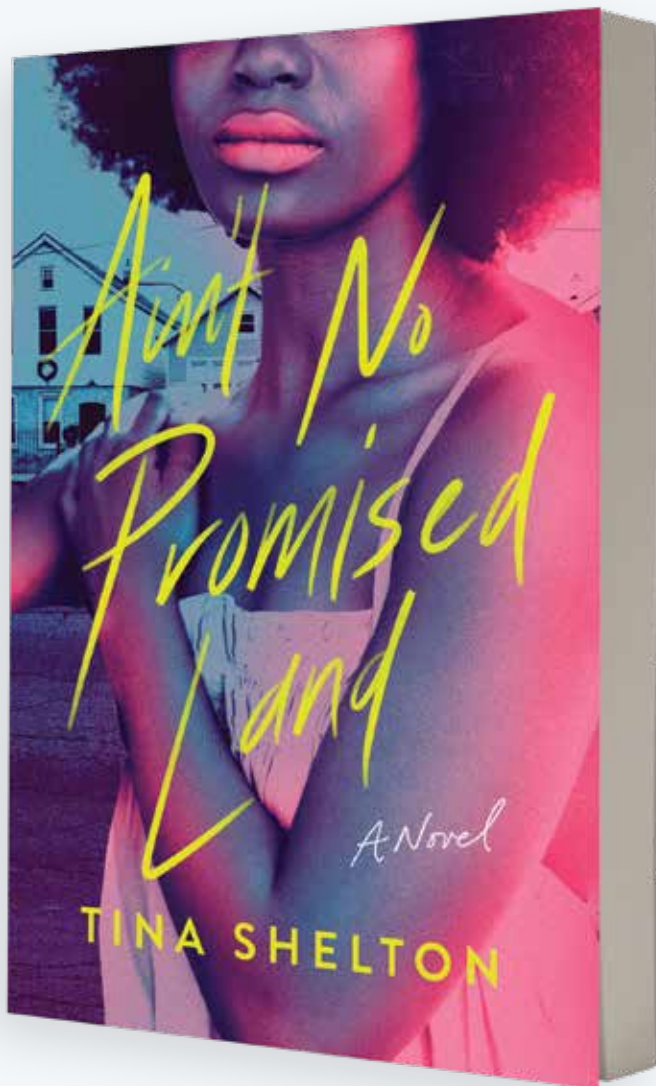
When her husband dies, Charlotte can't face the things she's done, things that could tear her family apart. So she drops a goodbye letter in the cookie jar and flees south to escape everything—her life, her three daughters, the mistakes she's made, and the secrets that have been eating her alive. She's desperate to find the peace she's looking for somewhere out there.

Now Gracey and her sisters are alone on Chicago's South Side with nothing but their home and their belongings, not a parent to be seen. They're doing everything they can to stay together as a family. But three young girls—sixteen, fourteen, and twelve—aren't meant to parent themselves. The close-knit community gathers around them to keep them fed and clothed with the utilities on, but it isn't enough. The girls are struggling and making destructive decisions as a way of coping with abandonment.

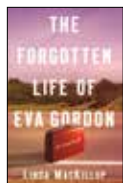
Hundreds of miles away, Charlotte is trying to keep her own head above water. She's made a close friend who talks to her about God in a way Charlotte's never heard before. But when her demons catch up to her, she must face her past head-on. Will she be able to find the courage to embrace motherhood? And will that be enough not to lose her family altogether?

Debut author Tina Shelton drops readers straight into 1980s South Side Chicago. Her raw, authentic writing welcomes those who are willing to come alongside characters dealing with generational trauma, abandonment, hidden abuse, destructive choices, and the desire to be set free. *Ain't No Promised Land* will appeal to readers of *Black Cake*, *Miss Pearly's Girls*, and Michelle Obama's *Becoming*.

Tina Shelton is registrar at Chicago Theological Seminary and a pastor in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is also the mother of two young adults, and loves walking, working out, and traveling with her family. This is her first novel.



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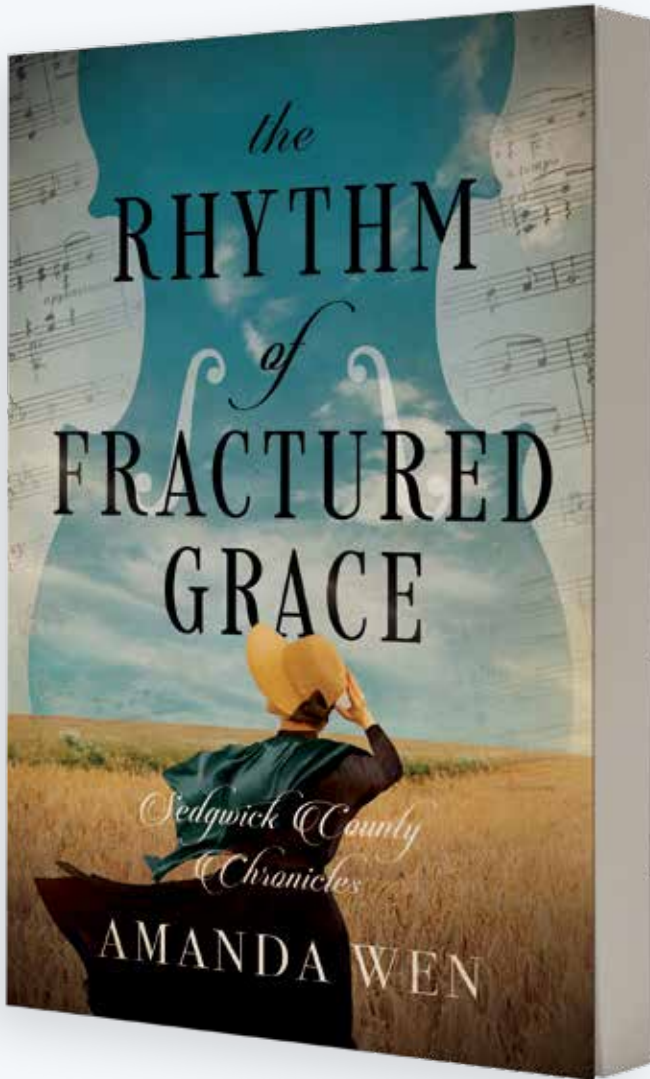
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The Rhythm of Fractured Grace

Amanda Wen

SEDGWICK COUNTY CHRONICLES #3



Is Siobhan too far gone to respond to the song of a God who's calling her back to him?

When a new customer brings a badly damaged violin into Siobhan Walsh's shop, it is exactly the sort of challenge she craves. The man who brought it in is not. He's too close to the painful past that left her heart and her faith in shambles.

Matt Buchanan has had a rough start as the new worship pastor. A car accident on his way into town left him with a nearly totaled truck, and an heirloom violin in pieces. When he takes it to a repair shop, he's fascinated with the restoration process—and with the edgy, closed-off woman doing the work.

As their friendship deepens and turns into more, they both discover secrets that force them to face past wounds. And the history of the violin reveals more about their current problems than they could have ever expected.

On the nineteenth-century frontier, a gruesome tomahawk attack wiped out most of Deborah Caldwell's family. Her greatest solace after the tragedy is the music from her father's prized violin. Given her horrendous scars, she'd resigned herself to a spinster's life. But Levi Martinson's gentle love starts to chip away at her hardened heart, until devastating details about the attack are revealed, putting their love—and Deborah's shaky faith—to the ultimate test.

Full of forgiveness and the message that no one is too damaged for God's healing touch, the final book in the split-time Sedgwick County Chronicles will thrill fans of Rachel Hauck, Lisa Wingate, and Kristy Cambron.

Amanda Wen is an award-winning writer of inspirational romance and split-time women's fiction. She is a Selah Award-winning, Parable bestselling author, and has been shortlisted for a 2023 Carol Award. Wen currently lives in Wichita, Kansas, with her husband and three children. To find her blog and short stories, visit amandawen.com.

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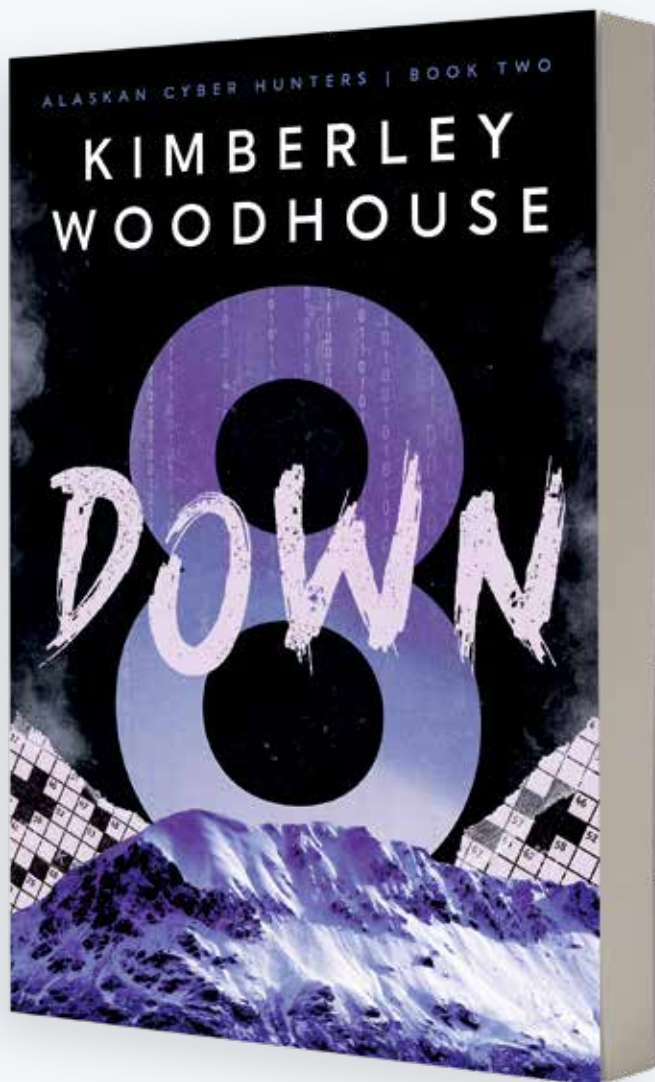
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Kimberley Woodhouse

ALASKAN CYBER HUNTERS #2



How do you catch a serial killer who attacks through cyberspace?

Investigator Carrie Kintz has been on the job with the Alaska Bureau of Investigation in Anchorage for only a couple of months. But she's already been thrown into the deep end: there's a serial killer on the loose. Not only is he claiming he's already killed eight people, he's also vowed that eight more lives will be eliminated if demands aren't met. The only clues to help law enforcement stop him are the ones he sends in crossword puzzles across the country—always in the same 8 Down position.

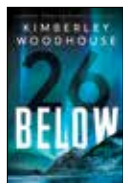
As Carrie works the case, she can't help but feel she's in over her head. And worse, there's signs that the deaths may be part of a frighteningly elaborate cyberattack. But without knowing how the victims are connected, tracking down a killer determined to prove he's smarter than everyone else may be impossible.

With the clock ticking and lives hanging in the balance, Carrie is desperate not to fail and be fired—or worse, to find her faith fading in the face of danger and uncertainty. But when she calls in security specialist Scott Patteson for his expertise on the case, she's suddenly also in danger of losing her heart.

Best-selling author Kimberley Woodhouse's thrilling romantic suspense series continues with this melding of cybercrime and true crime, perfect for fans of Irene Hannon, Lynnette Eason, and Colleen Coble.

Kimberley Woodhouse is the best-selling author of more than thirty books and novellas, including *A Deep Divide*, *Bridge of Gold*, and *The Mayflower Bride*, as well as the coauthor of the Heart of Alaska series with Tracie Peterson. Kimberley's writing has earned a Carol Award, the Christian Market Novel of the Year, the Holt Medallion, and many others. A proud former resident of Alaska, she now makes her home in Colorado. Visit her at kimberleywoodhouse.com.

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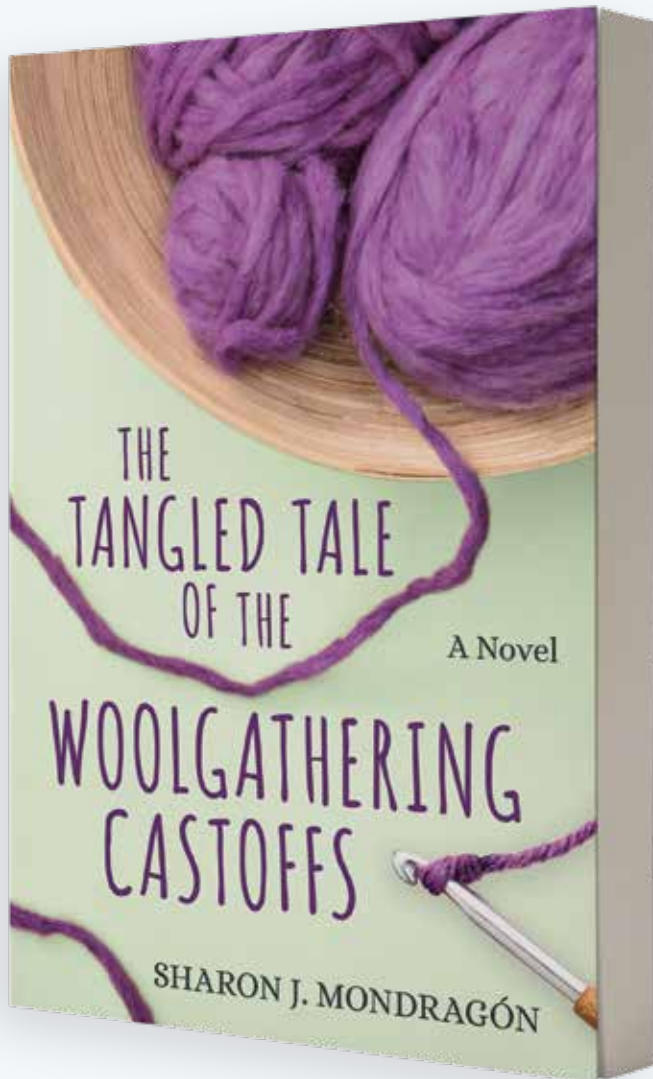
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Fair Meadows Retirement Community might as well be a country club for most of the retirees enjoying the pool, golf course, and book clubs. But for the caregivers whose family members reside upstairs in the special Memory Care Unit, vacation is over.

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That's something the Woolgatherers can't bear to see. Flirtatious Jenny Alderman, cranky crocheter Edna O'Brian, kind Rose Harker, and the rest of the prayer shawl group weave him into the circle. Sam has no idea how he got tangled up with them, and he's no good at knitting. But when one member talks him into taking up his wife's old crochet hooks, he discovers that this one small gesture might just have the power to heal his life—or even save it.

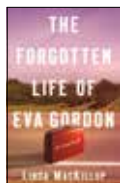
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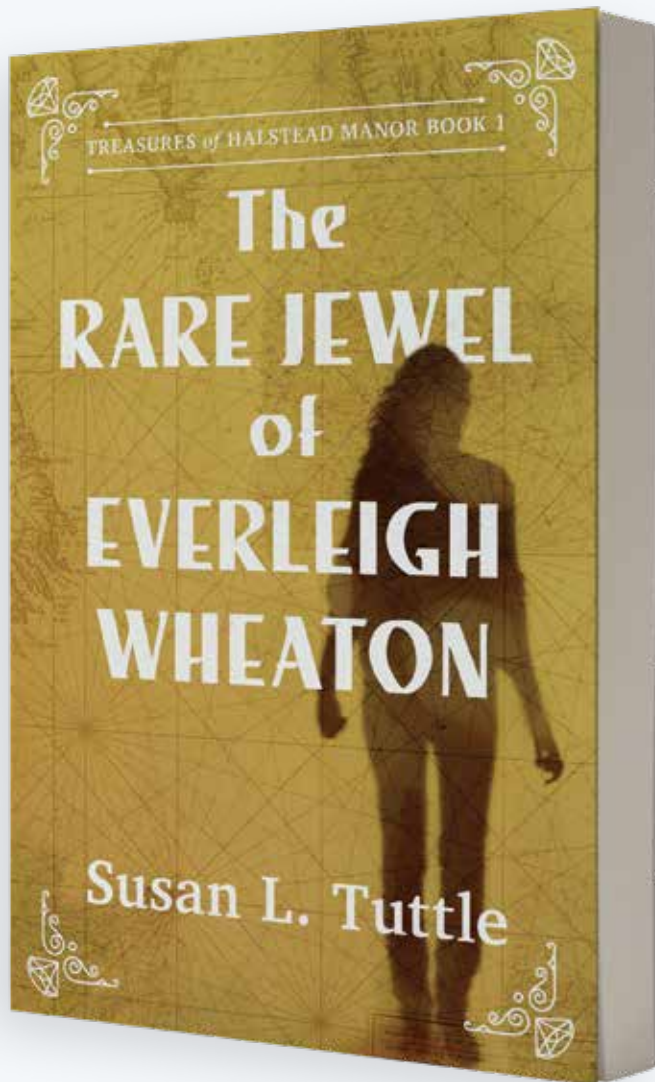
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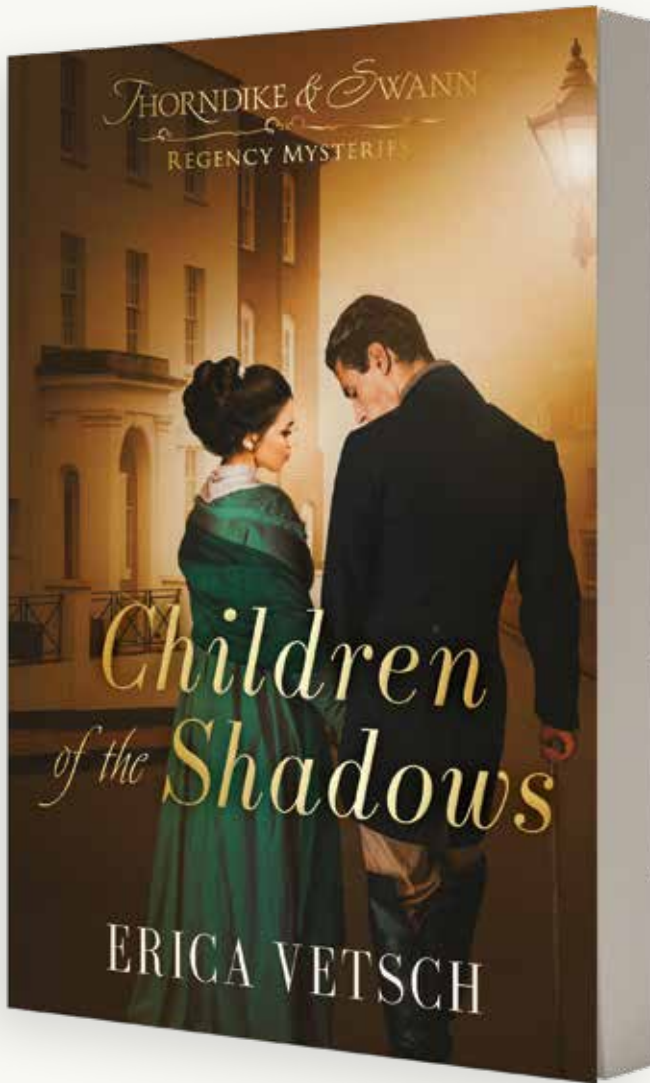
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