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Astoria Martini & Olive

From bestselling and National Book Award-nominated author Tahereh Mafi comes a stunning novel about love and loneliness, navigating the hyphen of dual identity, and reclaiming your right to joy—even when you're trapped in the amber of sorrow. It's 2003, several months since the US officially declared war on Iraq, and the American political world has evolved. Tensions are high, hate crimes are on the rise, FBI agents are infiltrating local mosques, and the Muslim community is harassed and targeted more than ever. Shadi, who wears hijab, keeps her head down. She's too busy drowning in her own troubles to find the time to deal with bigots. Shadi is named for joy, but she's haunted by sorrow. Her brother is dead, her father is dying, her mother is falling apart, and her best friend has mysteriously dropped out of her life. And then, of course, there's the small matter of her heart— It's broken. Shadi tries to navigate her crumbling world by soldiering through, saying nothing. She devours her own pain, each day retreating farther and farther inside herself until finally, one day, everything changes. She explodes. An Emotion of Great Delight is a searing look into the world of a single Muslim family in the wake of 9/11. It's about a child of immigrants forging a blurry identity, falling in love, and finding hope—in the midst of a modern war.

Memories of You: A Stark Security Novella Martini & Olive
The seventh full-length novel in the sensual and provocative romance that began with *Release Me* and follows the highly-charged and ultra-sexy relationship between billionaire Damien Stark and former beauty queen Nikki Fairchild.

Embrace Me Evil Eye Concepts, Incorporated
From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Julie Kenner comes a new story in her *Dark Pleasures* series... From the first moment I saw him, I knew that Rainer Engel was like no other man. Dangerously sexy and darkly mysterious, he both enticed me and terrified me. I wanted to run—to fight against the heat that was building between us—but there was nowhere to go. I needed his help as much as I needed his touch. And so help me, I knew that I would do anything he asked in order to have both. But even as our passion burned hot, the secrets in Raine's past reached out to destroy us ... and we would both have to make the greatest sacrifice to find a love that would last forever. **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.**

Lost With Me

1001 Dark Nights Press
From New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling authors J. Kenner, Kennedy Ryan, Darynda Jones, and Heather Graham... Four Dark Tales. Four Sensual Stories. Four Page Turners.
Charmed By You by J. Kenner Former vigilante-for-hire Simon Barré has one steadfast rule: stay far away from celebrities. Too bad Simon's first assignment at Stark Security is to protect A-list actress Francesca Muratti. He can't even turn down the assignment, as that would be violating his second rule—never fail a woman. Now he finds himself up-close-and-personal with a high-maintenance diva whose flash and sass drives him crazy—but whose touch he undeniably craves. The world might believe that Francesca Muratti leads a fairy tale life, but the truth is far darker. For years, she's kept a horrible secret about her best friend's death. Now someone is threatening to kill Francesca if she doesn't reveal all. **The Close-Up** by Kennedy Ryan I met Nazareth Armstrong when I was eighteen years old. From the beginning, my brother warned me to stay away from him. Told Naz to stay away from me. Our hearts didn't listen. I shared one magical night under the stars with my brother's rival, thinking it was the start of a once-in-a-lifetime something. But one awful moment ended it all. Years later when we meet again, we've both pursued our dreams, lived a little, found success...but never found love. What began as a tiny flame when we were young now threatens to consume us. I'm more drawn to Naz than ever, but his complicated history with my brother makes whatever this could be...nearly impossible. **The Graveside Bar and Grill** by Darynda Jones When Donovan St. James' precocious charge asks him to tail the doctor who keeps their ragtag team patched up, he wants to refuse. Not because the saucy teen is getting too big for her britches, ordering him around like a mob boss, but because the woman stirs feelings in him he would rather not explore. However, when evil threatens the doc's life, he realizes he has no choice. Sia saved his life once. He will try to return the favor. He

just prays he can do it without losing his heart. Descend to Darkness by Heather Graham Angela Hawkins Crow awakens to find herself in total darkness. Despite her years as a Krewe agent, she is first seized with panic, but her life and her training kick in. She knows that she must stay calm and go back in her mind to find out how she got where she is...and where she might be. Meanwhile, an eerie phone call comes in at Krewe headquarters, warning them all that Angela has been kidnapped, describing her ordeal, and lamenting the fact that she can't be saved. But there is no such thing with the Krewe. In the dark and in the light, the fight is on. **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.**

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Harper Collins
From New York Times and USA Today bestselling authors J. Kenner, Lexi Blake, Alexandra Ivy, and Dylan Allen... Four Dark Tales. Four Sensual Stories. Four Page Turners. **Memories of You** by J. Kenner Hollywood consultant Renly Cooper is fed up with relationships. His recent breakup with a leading lady played out across the tabloids, and the former Navy Seal is more than ready to focus on his new position as an agent at the elite Stark Security agency. He's expecting international stakes. Instead, his first assignment is to protect one of Damien Stark's friends from a stalker. A woman who, to his delight, turns out to be one of his closest childhood friends. Treasured by Lexi Blake David Hawthorne has a great life. His job as a professor at a prestigious Dallas college is everything he hoped for. Now that his brother is back from the Navy, life seems to be settling down. All he needs to do is finish the book he's working on and his tenure will be assured. When he gets invited to interview a reclusive expert, he knows he's gotten lucky. But being the stepson of Sean Taggart comes with its drawbacks, including an overprotective mom who sends a security detail to keep him safe. He doesn't need a bodyguard, but when Tessa Santiago shows up on his doorstep, the idea of her giving him close cover doesn't seem so bad. **Slayed by Darkness** by Alexandra Ivy Only an idiot would try to kidnap Jayla. She's a take-no-prisoner kind of vampire who rebelled against the previous King of Vampires, and now regularly battles with both human and demon enemies who resent the success of Dreamscape casino she manages in Hong Kong. So when she's snatched off the streets, she doesn't bother to struggle. Instead she starts plotting her slow, bloody revenge. The last creature she expects when she arrives at her destination is Azrael, the mysterious mercenary vampire she killed a century ago. **The Daredevil** by Dylan Allen "I dare you to let me watch..." It was the wickedest of propositions, made by the most devilish of men. It doesn't matter that Tyson Wilde has got a killer smile, wears a suit like it's his job, and oozes spine-tingling sex appeal. I should say no. Because beneath the surface of that cool, disinterested exterior, lies passion hot enough to burn. I danced too close to it once and have the scars to prove it. So, on any other night, in any other city, and if he'd been even a fraction less mouthwatering, I would have been able to resist. But it's my birthday, we're in Paris, and it's him. **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.**

Meet the Beatles

1001 Dark Nights Press
From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author J. Kenner comes a new story in her *Stark Ever After* series... My life with Damien has always been magical, and never more so than during the holidays, a time for us to celebrate the hardships we've overcome and the incredible gift that is our family. Over the years, he has both protected and cherished me. He has made my life more rich and full than I could ever have imagined. This year, he's treating me and our daughters to a holiday in Manhattan. With parades and ice skating, toy displays and candies. And, most of all, with each other. It's a wonderful gift, a trip I will always cherish. But this year, I'm the one with the surprise. And I can't wait to see the look of delight and awe when I finally share my secret with Damien. But I'm terrified that when danger strikes, it will take a holiday miracle for me to even get the chance. **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.**

Stark Security

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From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Julie Kenner comes a new story in her *Stark International* series... Sometimes passion has a price ... When sexy Stark Security Chief

Ryan Hunter whisks his girlfriend Jamie Archer away for a passionate, romance-filled weekend so he can finally pop the question, he's certain that the answer will be an enthusiastic yes. So when Jamie tries to avoid the conversation, hiding her fears of commitment and change under a blanket of wild sensuality and decadent playtime in bed, Ryan is more determined than ever to convince Jamie that they belong together. Knowing there's no halfway with this woman, Ryan gives her an ultimatum - marry him or walk away. Now Jamie is forced to face her deepest insecurities or risk destroying the best thing in her life. And it will take all of her strength, and all of Ryan's love, to keep her right where she belongs... **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.**
The Southern Gates Of Arabia - A Journey In The Hadbramaut Martini & Olive

From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author J. Kenner comes a new story in her *Stark Security* series... Former vigilante-for-hire Simon Barré has one steadfast rule: stay far away from celebrities. Too bad Simon's first assignment at Stark Security is to protect A-list actress Francesca Muratti. He can't even turn down the assignment, as that would be violating his second rule—never fail a woman. Now he finds himself up-close-and-personal with a high-maintenance diva whose flash and sass drives him crazy—but whose touch he undeniably craves. The world might believe that Francesca Muratti leads a fairy tale life, but the truth is far darker. For years, she's kept a horrible secret about her best friend's death. Now someone is threatening to kill Francesca if she doesn't reveal all. She needs protection, but there's no way she's going to tell the sexy Stark Security agent what she did or why she's being threatened. Which means that in order to survive and protect her secrets, Francesca must pull off the biggest acting job of her career: she's going to have to let Simon close, but not let him see her true heart. **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.**

Tea Rex

Evil Eye Concepts, Incorporated
There's one special gift Damien wants to give his wife Nikki and their daughters for Christmas... but with a crisis brewing and time running out, can he make it home in time for the holidays?

The Book of (More) Delights

1001 Dark Nights Press
Take a walk through the stunning stitched world of renowned embroiderer Chloe Giordano, and discover not only her unique way of working with sewing thread but also a sublime collection of her exquisite textile art, inspired by her love of the natural world. Taking one project from conception through to completion, see how Chloe plans her designs, chooses colours, selects threads, blends colours and finally stitches her designs in order to create her beautifully detailed embroideries. Packed with Chloe's guidance on every aspect of the process, including hooping and framing, this book will inspire you to create stunning thread paintings of your own. In the second part of the book, wend your way through a beautiful gallery of Chloe's work showcasing her popular, intricate embroideries that celebrate wildlife both big and small - from foxes, fawns through to hares, rabbits, mice and more. All are accompanied by the back story and inspiration behind the piece, offering a fascinating and exclusive look into Chloe's creative process.

Last Ones Left Alive Evil Eye Concepts, Incorporated
Rhodes Scholar Kerry Donovan has never had anything handed to her on a silver platter. As she arrives at Oxford to begin her course of study, she is determined to make the most out of this latest opportunity. But when she meets Her Royal Highness Princess Sasha, second in line to the British throne, Kerry's priorities are eclipsed by an attraction neither of them can ignore. "Sassy Sasha" is a tabloid favorite who appears to delight in scandalizing her people, but beneath her vexed public image, Sasha longs to be truly seen. Will the tenuous connection she forms with Kerry be broken by the weight of the crown? Or will they find true love despite the forces endeavoring to keep them apart?

Interview with the Billionaire

Bantam
From New York Times bestselling author J. Kenner comes a sensually seductive novella starring fan favorites Damien Stark and his wife, Nikki Fairchild. Includes a special preview of *Anchor Me*, the highly anticipated fourth full-length novel featuring Nikki & Damien as they begin the next chapter in their life together. I didn't understand passion until I met Damien, the man who turned my world upside down and swept me off my feet. And

though our life together feels perfect, we can't escape our secrets--and the danger that continually threatens to surface. But for one night, I seek a respite. A birthday wish for my husband, my lover, my friend—one absolutely perfect night. It is my most ardent wish. And I only hope that it will come true...

Devil Said Bang Algonquin Books

Anatole is a most honorable mouse. When he realizes that humans are upset by mice sampling their leftovers, he is shocked! He must provide for his beloved family--but he is determined to find a way to earn his supper. And so he heads for the tasting room at the Duvall Cheese Factory. On each cheese, he leaves a small note--"good," "not so good," "needs orange peel"--and signs his name. When workers at the Duvall factory find his notes in the morning, they are perplexed--but they realize that this mysterious Anatole has an exceptional palate and take his advice. Soon Duvall is making the best cheese in all of Paris! They would like to give Anatole a reward--if only they could find him...

Hold Me: A Stark Ever After Novella Bantam

"Combines the spare poetry of *The Road* with the dizzying pace of *28 Days Later*." —Jennie Melamed, author *Gather the Daughters*
 "A riveting novel." —Eowyn Ivey, bestselling author of *The Snow Child*
 Remember your just-in-cases. Beware tall buildings. Always have your knives. Raised in isolation by her mother and Maeve on a small island off the coast of a post-apocalyptic Ireland, Orpen's life has revolved around training to fight a threat she's never seen. More and more she feels the call of the mainland, and the prospect of finding other survivors. But that is where danger lies, too, in the form of the flesh-eating menace known as the skrake. Then disaster strikes. Alone, pushing an unconscious Maeve in a wheelbarrow, Orpen decides her last hope is abandoning the safety of the island and journeying across the country to reach the legendary banshees, the rumored all-female fighting force that battles the skrake. But the skrake are not the only threat...
 Sarah Davis-Goff's *Last Ones Left Alive* is a brilliantly original imagining of a young woman's journey to discover her true identity.

Stark University of Chicago Press

From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author J. Kenner comes a new story in her Stark International series...

Entertainment reporter Jamie Archer knew it would be hard when her husband, Stark Security Chief Ryan Hunter, was called away for a long-term project in London. The distance is difficult to endure, but Jamie trusts the deep and passionate love that has always burned between them. At least until a mysterious woman from Ryan's past shows up at his doorstep, her very presence threatening to destroy everything that Jamie holds dear. Ryan

never expected to see Felicia Randall again, a woman with whom he shared a dark past and a dangerous secret. The first and only woman he ever truly failed. Desperate and on the run, Felicia's come to plead for his help. But while Ryan knows that helping her is the only way to heal old wounds, he also knows that the mission will not only endanger the life of the woman he holds most dear, but will brutally test the deep trust that binds Jamie and Ryan together.

Enchant Me Random House

Rob Sheffield, the Rolling Stone columnist and bestselling author of *Love Is a Mix Tape*, offers an entertaining, unconventional look at the most popular band in history, the Beatles, exploring what they mean today and why they still matter so intensely to a generation that has never known a world without them. Meet the Beatles is not another biography of the Beatles, or a song-by-song analysis of the best of John and Paul. It isn't another exposé about how they broke up. It isn't a history of their gigs or their gear. It is a collection of essays telling the story of what this ubiquitous band means to a generation who grew up with the Beatles music on their parents' stereos and their faces on T-shirts. What do the Beatles mean today? Why are they more famous and beloved now than ever? And why do they still matter so much to us, nearly fifty years after they broke up? As he did in his previous books, *Love Is a Mix Tape*, *Talking to Girls About Duran Duran*, and *Turn Around Bright Eyes*, Sheffield focuses on the emotional connections we make to music. This time, he focuses on the biggest pop culture phenomenon of all time—The Beatles. In his singular voice, he explores what the Beatles mean today, to fans who have learned to love them on their own terms and not just for the sake of nostalgia. Meet the Beatles tells the story of how four lads from Liverpool became the world's biggest pop group, then broke up—but then somehow just kept getting bigger. At this point, their music doesn't belong to the past—it belongs to right now. This book is a celebration of that music, showing why the Beatles remain the world's favorite thing—and how they invented the future we're all living in today.

Tangled with You: A Stark Security Novella Search Press Limited

As a sixteen-year-old looks at and systematically destroys each of his mementos of Ann-Kathrin, he replays scenes from their relationship and realizes that it was not the great romance he believed it to be.

Caress of Darkness: A Dark Pleasures Novella Harper Collins

Stark is a secret consortium with more money than God, and the social conscience of a dog on a croquet lawn. What's more, it knows the Earth is dying. Deep in Western Australia where the Aboriginals used to milk the trees, a planet-sized plot is taking

shape. Some green freaks pick up the scent: a pommie poseur; a brain-fried Vietnam vet; Aboriginals who have lost their land...not much against a conspiracy that controls society. But EcoAction isn't in society: it just lives in the same place, along with the cockroaches. If you're facing the richest and most disgusting scheme in history, you have to do more than stick up two fingers and say 'peace'.

Anchor Me Bantam

My love for Damien fills me; the intensity of our bond brings me to my knees. For him, there is no burden I wouldn't bear, no punishment to which I wouldn't submit. Together we have carved a life out of adversity, chiseling away pain to reveal strength and beauty. For several blissful years, I have laughed with our children in the sunlight and surrendered myself to his embrace in the dark. And then in one terrible moment, everything changes. Our youngest daughter is stolen from us and used as leverage in a sick, twisted game of revenge and greed. Damien and I will do anything to bring our little girl home, even if it means losing each other. This time for good.

Release Me: Stark Series Book 1 Knopf Books for Young Readers

In the tradition of *The Lost City of Z* and *Skeletons in the Sahara*, Astoria is the thrilling, true-adventure tale of the 1810 Astor Expedition, an epic, now forgotten, three-year journey to forge an American empire on the Pacific Coast. Peter Stark offers a harrowing saga in which a band of explorers battled nature, starvation, and madness to establish the first American settlement in the Pacific Northwest and opened up what would become the Oregon trail, permanently altering the nation's landscape and its global standing. Six years after Lewis and Clark's began their journey to the Pacific Northwest, two of the Eastern establishment's leading figures, John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson, turned their sights to founding a colony akin to Jamestown on the West Coast and transforming the nation into a Pacific trading power. Author and correspondent for *Outside* magazine Peter Stark recreates this pivotal moment in American history for the first time for modern readers, drawing on original source material to tell the amazing true story of the Astor Expedition. Unfolding over the course of three years, from 1810 to 1813, Astoria is a tale of high adventure and incredible hardship in the wilderness and at sea. Of the more than one hundred-forty members of the two advance parties that reached the West Coast—one crossing the Rockies, the other rounding Cape Horn—nearly half perished by violence. Others went mad. Within one year, the expedition successfully established Fort Astoria, a trading post on the Columbia River. Though the colony would be short-lived, it opened provincial American eyes to the potential of the Western coast and its founders helped blaze the Oregon Trail.