

Gin Oclock By The Queen Of Twitter

The truth won't set me free—but it will probably get me killed ... As Gin Blanco, aka the assassin the Spider, I'm used to having a target on my back. But ever since I started investigating the secret society known as the Circle, that target seems bigger than ever. Still, I'm trying to relax and enjoy the events leading up to my friends' wedding when I learn that an old enemy has returned to Ashland. And that's the just beginning of my latest nightmare. Soon, I have Circle goons watching my every move, but I have no choice but to continue searching for a key piece of evidence against the evil group. The deeper I dig, the more horrifying secrets I uncover, and the more dangerous things become for me and my friends. Just when I think I finally have a handle on things, a shocking revelation shatters my heart and leaves me with an ugly realization—that betrayal is the sharpest sting of all ...

Sixty years on the throne. Only the second monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee. It's been a challenge, one doesn't mind telling you. But despite it all, one's still here. Still keeping the ship afloat, still in charge, still iconic, still keeping the gin industry in business, still ruling the world. Still reigning. God Save One. Discover the wildly popular Queen on Twitter, who will show you the Royals and the world as you've never seen before! 'More successful than the original' Independent 'Hilarious spin on events' Radio Times 'Razor-sharp wit' Reuters
A daughter's love. A monarch's duty. On the road to greatness, one young woman must make an unthinkable choice. For Princess Mary, life has never been simple, but through it all the love of her father, the Duke of York, has been a constant and reliable comfort. Despite his own loyalty to the Catholic Church, the Duke and his brother, King Charles II, raised Mary as a Protestant to protect her in a time of religious and political upheaval. In order to cement this safety and to ensure the stability of the family line, at age fifteen, Mary is married to her Protestant first cousin William, Prince of Orange. However, in post-Restoration England, matters are rarely so simply settled. When Mary's uncle, King Charles II, dies suddenly and without an heir, her beloved father is crowned James II. But a Catholic king is not the will of the people, and even Mary's own husband is crying out for change. Can Mary take part in actions that will ultimately remove her own father from the throne and endanger his life? With family loyalty and the will of a nation at odds, what choice can a young princess make? With emotional clarity and vivid historical detail, beloved author Jean Plaidy brings us into the court and behind the scenes as history unfolds—and the young princess and her groom become William and Mary—the legendary monarchs, and the only co-regents in the history of a nation.

Bring the sparkle and fizz back into your life with the help of The Gin O'Clock Club Lottie is always in a hurry, rushing through her days ticking tasks off her to-do lists. Teddy is worried about his granddaughter - and he knows that his late wife, Lily, would have known exactly what to say to make things better. Now that Lily has gone, it's up to Teddy to talk some sense into Lottie. With the help of Arjun, Geoffrey and Howard, the elderly reprobates who make up his Gin O'Clock Club, Teddy makes a plan to help Lottie find her way back to the things that really matter - family, friendship and love. But as Lottie balances a high-powered job with her reluctant attendance at whist drives, ballroom dances and bingo, Teddy wonders if she's really ready to open up her heart to the possibility of true happiness... Laugh, cry and fall in love with this colourful cast of characters in THE feel-good novel of the year Rosie Blake is Brilliantly fun - Heat Just brilliant - Fabulous magazine Hilarious - Hello

Gin O'Clock Gin O'clock: Secret diaries from Elizabeth Windsor, HRH @Queen_UK [of Twitter] Hodder

When her foster brother's suddenly not-dead relative comes back into the picture, Gin Blanco, who wields potent Ice and Stone elemental magic, finds herself on the outside looking in until she discovers that this sudden interloper is planning something that could destroy them all. For the first time, the full origin story of Gin Blanco's transformation into the fearsome assassin known as the Spider—book ten in the red-hot Elemental Assassin urban fantasy series. How did I end up in a career where I always have blood on my hands? Well, let me tell you a story about an assassin who thought she could do no wrong. . . . Ten years ago. A blistering hot August night. I remember like it was yesterday. The night I, Gin Blanco, truly became the Spider. Killing people is what I do best, especially now that I've honed my Ice and Stone magic. But back then, I had yet to learn one very important rule: arrogance will get you, every single time. This particular job seemed simple: murder a crooked building contractor with ties to ruthless Fire elemental Mab Monroe. My mentor, Fletcher Lane, had some misgivings, but I was certain that I had the situation under control . . . right up until I exposed my weaknesses to a merciless opponent who exploited every single one of them. There's a reason assassins aren't supposed to feel anything. Luckily, a knife to the heart can fix that problem, especially when I'm the one wielding it. . . .

The international bestseller that inspired the must-watch drama on USA Network starring Alice Braga as Teresa Mendoza. From “master of the intellectual thriller” Arturo Pérez-Reverte, a remarkable tale, spanning decades and continents—from the dusty streets of Mexico to the sparkling waters off the coast of Morocco, to the Strait of Gibraltar and Spain—in a story encompassing sensuality and cruelty, love and betrayal, and life and death. Teresa Mendoza's boyfriend is a drug smuggler who the narcos of Sinaloa, Mexico, call “the king of the short runway,” because he can get a plane full of coke off the ground in three hundred yards. But in a ruthless business, life can be short, and Teresa even has a special cell phone that Guero gave her along with a dark warning. If that phone rings, it means he's dead, and she'd better run, because they're coming for her next. Then the call comes. In order to survive, she will have to say goodbye to the old Teresa, an innocent girl who once entrusted her life to a pinche narco smuggler. She will have to find inside herself a woman who is tough enough to inhabit a world as ugly and dangerous as that of the narcos—a woman she never before knew existed. Indeed, the woman who emerges will surprise even those who know her legend, that of the Queen of the South.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The life and loves of Prince Charles are illuminated in a major new biography from the New York Times bestselling author of Elizabeth the Queen—perfect for fans of The Crown. Sally Bedell Smith returns once again to the British royal family to give us a new look at Prince Charles, the oldest heir to the throne in more than three hundred years. This vivid, eye-opening biography—the product of four years of research and hundreds of interviews with palace officials, former girlfriends, spiritual gurus, and more, some speaking on the record for the first time—is the first authoritative treatment of Charles's life that sheds light on the death of Diana, his marriage to Camilla, and his preparations to take the throne one day. Prince Charles brings to life the real man, with all of his ambitions, insecurities, and convictions. It begins with his lonely childhood, in which he struggled to live up to his father's expectations and sought companionship from the Queen Mother and his great-uncle Lord Mountbatten. It follows him through difficult years at school, his early love affairs, his intellectual quests, his entrepreneurial pursuits, and his intense search for spiritual meaning. It tells of the tragedy of his marriage to Diana; his eventual reunion with his true love, Camilla; and his relationships with William, Kate, Harry, and his grandchildren. Ranging from his glamorous palaces to his country homes, from his globe-trotting travels to his local initiatives, Smith shows how Prince Charles possesses a fiercely independent spirit and yet has spent more than six decades waiting for his destined role, living a life dictated by protocols he often struggles to obey. With keen insight and the discovery of unexpected new details, Smith lays bare the contradictions of a man who is more complicated, tragic, and compelling than we knew, until now. Praise for Prince Charles “[Smith] understands the British upper classes and aristocracy (including the royals) very well indeed. . . . [She] makes many telling, shrewd points in pursuit of realigning the popular image of Prince Charles.”—William Boyd, The New York Times Book Review “[A] masterly account.”—The Wall Street Journal “Thoroughly researched and insightful . . . In this profile, it is clear [Smith] got inside the circular barriers that protect the man and his position. The Charles that emerges is, as the subtitle suggests, both a paradox and a creature of his passions.”—The Washington Times “[A] compellingly juicy bio . . . Windsor-philes will be mesmerized.”—People “Prince Charles paints an affectingly human portrait. . . . Smith writes about [Charles's life] with a skill and sympathy she perfected in her 2012 biography of Charles's mother.”—The Christian Science Monitor “Comprehensive and

admirably fair . . . Until his accession to the throne, Smith's portrait will stand as the definitive study."—Booklist (starred review) "[A] fascinating book that is not just about a man who would be king, but also about the duties that come with privilege."—Walter Isaacson "Sally Bedell Smith has given us a complete and compelling portrait of the man in the shadow of the throne. It's all here, from the back stairs of the palaces to the front pages of the tabs."—Tom Brokaw

First novel in the Queen's Airman series, following Hugh Thomas through his early air force days. He completes his growing up in a strict regime enlivened by demanding training both physically and academically. Love and sex are also taken care of by several women only too eager for liaisons with the handsome young man in uniform. He is involved in many escapades and forms friendships with members of the 73rd Entry, No1 Radio School. Friends who appear later in the series. During his third year Thomas comes to the attention of the security services who recruit him for a special task working in a secret establishment in an attempt to hoodwink a Russian GRU team operating in the UK. An early introduction in to what is to become a life of love, despair, intrigue and death. A time of growing up in a treacherous world of betrayal.

For the first time, Her Majesty's diaries are opened... 'Had Mrs 'call me Carole' Middleton on the phone after lunch. Wanting to check 'our outfits don't clash on the big day'. One seriously doubts they would.' Queen of sixteen sovereign nations, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. She's one of the world's most well-known and powerful leaders and has reigned for almost 60 years. She's been privy to every major event and decision. But what does she really think? 'One does enjoy the Eurovision Song Contest. Lovely to be reminded how much more civilised the British are than our European neighbours. Royal Eurovision Fancy Dress Party to celebrate. Unfortunately Camilla misread the invitation as 'Euro-tunnel Fancy Dress Party' and came as a train.' Taking in the momentous events of 2011, including two Royal Weddings, the phone hacking scandal and the Duke of Edinburgh's 90th Birthday Tarts and Vicars Party, these diaries reveal the seldom-seen workings of state and reveal how an octogenarian is quietly ruling the world and still has time for a gin. 'No, Mr Clegg, people born in Libya are not 'Librarians'. twitter.com/queen_uk facebook.com/royalginoclock

Mrs. Queen's Chump is the military memoir of a young man who, naively acquiescing to a period of "adventure" after leaving boarding school, soon found himself enmeshed in the agonies of subjugated peoples caught in the turmoil of a collapsing British Empire and demanding restoration of their dignity and rightful human freedoms. Left to deal as best he could with his own transition from boy to man - somewhat before PTSD became a recognizable quantity - he realized as a born Canadian citizen he might easily have avoided service in Britain's army - but he had committed himself, so entered with his eyes open and became a keen observer. In stories that are sometimes funny, sometimes frightening, yet somehow tinged with the sadness that always jolts the loss of innocence, the author tells of experiences as an infantry officer fighting in the jungles of both Kenya and Malaya. They are incident of another time, yet hauntingly contemporary - soldiers sent to far off corners of the world to secure the privileges of tough and ambitious colonizers, themselves champions of Empire (no matter whose) who feel full entitlement over both people and resources. Bring up the troops! Despite clear dangers, thousands of bright-eyed and brainwashed young Brits whose invincible dads had recently thrashed Hitler were now, by the late 1940's and 1950's, keen to do their bit, to head abroad and "have a go" at running the Empire. They sallied forth into what they thought a halcyon sunset in need of some burnishing, but in reality dazzling in its madness. By the end their military weight and wallop proved insufficient to address the anger of millions of very "restless natives" - or to douse the frenzies of the likes of Idi Amin. The initial disease was Empire Myopia. Within a short time, and like Kurtz in Heart of Darkness, those who had come to impose order themselves succumbed to an Idi-like dementia that tumbled the whole wretched Empire to its knees. About the Author Born in Vancouver, Canada, Jeremy Hespeler-Boulton started school in Australia, continued in the United States and Canada, and graduated from high school in Britain - this last giving rise to the military service described in these pages. A young and insightful officer, whose views often ran counter to those expressed by his superiors, he was in a unique position to observe the collapsing British Empire. Later, as a journalist living in Lisbon, Portugal, he was again witness - this time to the revolutionary shake-up and demise of another of Europe's entrenched old orders. Hespeler-Boulton has worked on major assignments in Canada, the United States, Portugal and numerous countries in Africa. In addition to writing, he is an architectural historian specializing in Renaissance Portugal. He considers "home" to be Victoria, British Columbia, Barrancos, Portugal and Bahir Dar, Ethiopia.

In need of some gin-spiration? Look no further!

Includes summarized reports of many bee-keeper associations.

This collection of more than 30 original patterns was inspired by Zentangle, a method of creating repetitive patterns that promotes relaxation as well as creative expression. The sweeping, free-form line designs incorporate flowers, stars, and geometric shapes. Pages are perforated and printed on one side only for easy removal and display. Specially designed for experienced colorists, Entangled and other Creative Haven® adult coloring books offer an escape to a world of inspiration and artistic fulfillment. Each title is also an effective and fun-filled way to relax and reduce stress.

Chronicling as it does the breakdown of George IV's marriage to his loathed cousin Caroline, and his futile attempt to divorce her and deprive her of her royal rights and status, A Queen on Trial throws up fascinating parallels with Diana and Charles' acrimonious separation and is a timely reminder of the cyclical, repetitive nature of history.

The fourth book in the "outstanding" (Romantic Times) Elemental Assassin fantasy series featuring Gin Blaco, who by day is a waitress at a Tennessee BBQ joint, and by night is a tough female assassin. I'd rather face a dozen lethal assassins any night than deal with something as tricky, convoluted, and fragile as my feelings. But here I am. Gin Blanco, the semi-retired assassin known as the Spider. Hovering outside sexy businessman Owen Grayson's front door like a nervous teenage girl. One thing I like about Owen: he doesn't shy away from my past—or my present. And right now I have a bull's-eye on my forehead. Cold-blooded Fire elemental Mab Monroe has hired one of the smartest assassins in the business to trap me. Elektra LaFleur is skilled and efficient, with deadly electrical elemental magic as potent as my own Ice and Stone powers. Which means there's a fifty-fifty chance one of us won't survive this battle. I intend to kill LaFleur—or die trying—because Mab wants the assassin to take out my baby sister, Detective Bria Coolidge, too. The only problem is, Bria has no idea I'm her long-lost sibling . . . or that I'm the murderer she's been chasing through Ashland for weeks. And what Bria doesn't know just might get us both dead. . . .

"William Tallon was a creature of extremes: though intensely loyal, he was also a dangerous risk-taker; though charming, he could also be vicious; though considerate and amusing, he could be ruthless and predatory. For much of his life he was driven by two demons: a powerful sex drive and an intense, almost pathological love for the Queen Mother..." From humble beginnings as a shopkeeper's son in Coventry to 'Page of the Backstairs' at Clarence House, William Tallon, or 'Backstairs Billy' as he came to be known, entered royal service at the age of fifteen. Over the next fifty years, he became one of the most notorious and flamboyant characters ever to have graced the royal household - the one servant the Queen Mother just could not do without. While others came and went, he remained by her side, becoming one of her most trusted friends and confidants. The fascinating life story of the man who spent more than half a century working for one of the world's most elusive institutions, Backstairs Billy provides a rare glimpse of what the royals really get up to behind closed doors...

After a Fire elemental and his goons kidnap her close friend, assassin Gin Blanco ventures into the black woods of Ashland for

revenge. Original. 75,000 first printing.

The Boer War. Two best friends. Divided by war. Banished by his father, Sebastian Brigandshaw arrives at the Cape of Good Hope and upon arrival is welcomed by a Boer hunter, Tinus Oosthuizen. The pair forms an unlikely friendship, spending many days in the vast wilderness, carving out a future from a savage land. But their days of peace are numbered. War is looming. What was so peaceful now becomes volatile and unsettled. Both of them now find themselves fighting on different sides. Would you kill your best friend for queen and country? Read this unforgettable, historical series that begins with the Boer War and how their families were dragged through some of Africa's most aggressive and remarkable days... Ready for the journey? Then buckle up. For fans of Wilbur Smith's Courtney Series, Ken Follett's Kingsbridge novels, Jeffrey Archer's Clifton Chronicles and books from Tony Park, comes an electrifying series with a family you won't want to forget. Thousands of copies sold WORLDWIDE. Discover what all the fuss is about. "Very balanced view on the Boer War. I could feel real emotions." "As my grandkids would say, it got betterer and betterer. Worth all five stars." "One of the most amazing reads I have had for a long time, it takes one back to the day, you can smell the African bush." "What a wonderful book! Full of history and philosophy. A book that I will read again after a while." "Superb! All Rimmer's books are such great reading!" "Excellent African history. Wilbur Smith fans will be pleased." NEW EDITION - MARCH 2019 Go on, scroll up and get your copy today.

Every bloody thread has been leading to this . . . I've battled a lot of bad guys in my time, both as Gin Blanco and as the notorious assassin the Spider. But I've never faced off against anyone quite as powerful and deadly as the dastardly leader of the Circle secret society. Just when I finally have a lead on how I can defeat the evil group once and for all, new information comes to light that throws me for a loop. Suddenly, everyone and everything I love is in imminent peril of being destroyed, and I'm racing against the clock to figure out a way to save my friends. The stakes couldn't be higher, and the danger has never been greater.

Somehow, I need to weave one last strand in my web of death—and kill my enemies before they kill me . . .

Match your drink to your download for the best viewing experience. During lockdown, we've all discovered the joys of streaming, catch-up, and box sets on TV. Coincidentally perhaps, some of us have also seen "wine o'clock" creeping ever earlier into the day. Why not make the most of both pleasures with this guide to what to drink as you watch. Try a "Mad Men" martini to evoke the spirit of Manhattan, or feast on a fruity Chardonnay spritzer while catching up with "Big Little Lies". Watch Scandi noir thrillers with a Danish Bloody Mary, or accompany "The Crown" with a suitably regal glass of Kir Royale. "Say Yes to the Dress" demands a champagne cocktail, while Gin of Thrones is the perfect way to warm yourself when "winter is coming." With these recipes for 50 cocktails and mixes, you can easily match your tipple to your TV favorites. Cheers!

Meals and memories from Princess Diana's personal chef. All families have their favorite foods?including the House of Windsor. Darren McGrady, personal chef to Princess Diana and chef to the royal family for fifteen years, has collected more than 100 recipes in Eating Royally and behind-the-scenes stories that offer insight into the royal family's lives. From hearty cooking to gourmet eating, these dishes will impress even the most discerning palates. Recipes include traditional English fare, and, of course, royal favorites, such as: Spring Asparagus Soup with Dill Poached Eggs en Croute Gleneagles Pate Earl Grey Tea Cake Gaelic Steaks Royal Tea Scones Eggs Drumkilbo Summer Pudding Iced Praline Souffles McGrady witnessed the rich history and surprisingly normal family life of the Royals, all while preparing elegant food with classical French influences for their table. Filled with touching photographs, mementos, and personal messages, Eating Royally chronicles one chef's extraordinary experiences within the walls of Buckingham Palace.

First published in 1897, just at the end of the Victorian age, this book is a glimpse into a world that few would ever see, the hunting lodges and estates of the upper echelons of British society. Including chapters on Deer, the new school of hunting, kennels and stables, banks and ditches, Ascot affairs, French horses, the empire and the republic and many more. This text has been republished here for its historical and cultural significance. Including a new introduction on the Foxhound.

"[An] irresistible invitation to share the lives of people who believe in enduring values."—Detroit Free Press It began with Benny Hogan and Eve Malone, growing up, inseparable, in the village of Knockglen. Benny—the only child, yearning to break free from her adoring parents. . . . Eve—the orphaned offspring of a convent handyman and a rebellious blueblood, abandoned by her mother's wealthy family to be raised by nuns. Eve and Benny—they knew the sins and secrets behind every villager's lace curtains . . . except their own. It widened at Dublin, at the university where Benny and Eve met beautiful Nan Mahlon and Jack Foley, a doctor's handsome son. But heartbreak and betrayal would bring the worlds of Knockglen and Dublin into explosive collision. Long-hidden lies would emerge to test the meaning of love and the strength of ties held within the fragile gold bands of a . . . Circle Of Friends. Praise for Circle of Friends "A rare pleasure . . . at terrific tale, told by a master storyteller."—Susan Isaacs, The New York Times Book Review "Circle of Friends welcomes you in."—The Washington Post

The Monarchy has been dismantled When a Republican party wins the General Election, their first act in power is to strip the royal family of their assets and titles and send them to live on a housing estate in the Midlands. Exchanging Buckingham Palace for a two-bedroomed semi in Hell Close (as the locals dub it), caviar for boiled eggs, servants for a social worker named Trish, the Queen and her family learn what it means to be poor among the great unwashed. But is their breeding sufficient to allow them to rise above their changed circumstance or deep down are they really just like everyone else? 'No other author could imagine this so graphically, demolish the institution so wittily and yet leave the family with its human dignity intact.' The Times 'Absorbing, entertaining . . . the funniest thing in print since Adrian Mole.' Ruth Rendell, Daily Telegraph 'Kept me rolling about until the last page.' Daily Mail www.suetownsend.com

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