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In the wake of a mysterious hunter's declaration of his intent to kill the Assassin King of Ylorc, a convocation of dragons gathers in mourning at the death site of one of the last of their kind, while a council of war meets in preparation for battle on an unprecedented scale. By the author of *Elegy for a Lost Star*. Reprint.

"He Walks with Dragons" takes place when what was, what is, and what shall be were one in the same. Draig, a boy on the verge of his manhood, is summoned to the majestic mountain by the Great Ones. There he finds out he is about to transcend the ages and risk his life to prevent the destruction of mankind. Born into the naïve innocence of ancient man, Draig lives a simple pastoral existence in a quiet, small village. But one day he is flung on a magical journey into a forbidden new world. There, Draconos, a dragon, befriends the boy, training him in the art of warfare. From this day forward, the young boy finds himself in awe at the wonders the world holds for him. Not only has Draig become a man, but he is living like a dragon and learning their mystical powers. "From the time Man first crawled upon this earth...we found him worthy to take his rightful place among the

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creatures that walk upon the earth. While hiding in the shadows, we have protected him. We have nurtured him all these many ages. But now man grows in great numbers and makes war on everything he sees.” And when the time comes, will Draig be willing to lay down his life for the sake of saving the dragons? And when the dragons are gone, where will he go? He is no longer just a man.

HARD-HITTING PULP ACTION - AS THE BULLETS BLAZE IN A SCORCHED EARTH SHOWDOWN THEY'LL DISCOVER WHAT TRULY MATTERS MOST. In the cold, lonely world of hired guns, Malakai is a legendary trigger-puller. The victim of a twisted, abusive childhood that left him both physically and emotionally scarred, blood and bullets have become his religion. Once partnered with Gabriel Asher before he walked away, Malakai stayed with the Company, honing his lethal skills to become the quintessential lone wolf assassin. When he is contracted to stop the Syndicate-a powerful Japanese crime organization-from blackmailing the chairperson of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Malakai discovers someone is playing Judas and he needs to flush them out before he gets burned. As the chaos and carnage escalate, his life gets complicated by the arrival of a mysterious woman who may have even more scars on her soul than he does. But is she really who she says she is? With betrayal all around him,

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Malakai knows one wrong move could cost him his life. When the Syndicate hires a ruthless assassin named Jesus to hunt him down, Malakai knows the only way to survive is to fight fire with hellfire.

“An enthralling conclusion to this superb trilogy, displaying an exceptional combination of originality, magic, adventure, character, and drama.”—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) King Shrewd is dead at the hands of his son Regal. As is Fitz—or so his enemies and friends believe. But with the help of his allies and his beast magic, he emerges from the grave, deeply scarred in body and soul. The kingdom also teeters toward ruin: Regal has plundered and abandoned the capital, while the rightful heir, Prince Verity, is lost to his mad quest—perhaps to death. Only Verity’s return—or the heir his princess carries—can save the Six Duchies. But Fitz will not wait. Driven by loss and bitter memories, he undertakes a quest: to kill Regal. The journey casts him into deep waters, as he discovers wild currents of magic within him—currents that will either drown him or make him something more than he was. Praise for Robin Hobb and Assassin’s Quest “Fantasy as it ought to be written . . . Robin Hobb’s books are diamonds in a sea of zircons.”—George R. R. Martin “Superbly written, wholly satisfying, unforgettable: better than any fantasy trilogy in print—including mine!”—Melanie Rawn

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The sketch-style depictions and unusual fonts create an eerie atmosphere where the reader has to decide if what they see really happened or if it is just a work of fiction. Includes writing space for your conclusions. This book makes a great group activity. This is not intended for children. Contains brief nudity.

Everything you need to know to look after yourself to bring about and maintain perfect health, prosperity, wealth, happiness, quality of life and longevity. It reveals that we are, without realising, not doing enough or the right things to protect our health and prosperity which is equally extremely damaging to nature, wildlife, oceans, sea-life, fresh springs, waterways and air, and us. The Book by Linde utilises new and ancient knowledge from around the world, over the millennia identifying what changes we need to make to enhance every aspect of our lives with simple solutions for almost every situation. It is your most powerful contribution to protecting, nurturing and saving our planet. In summary, 'THE BOOK' Consists of Six Chapters which incorporates a summary within each one: Lifestyle; Food & Nutrition; Medical Care; Mind; Water; and Now Live the final chapter which you can cast your eye over first as it is a synopsis of the complete works. It is highly recommend to read from cover to cover but, it is packed with valuable information to just use as a Reference Manual on a day to day basis. Teaches you how to look after your body and mind to ultimately prevent illness,

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but also to help regain and maintain perfect health; Provides countless number of practical, realistic & simple tips to easily adopt into your day to day lifestyle improving quality of life, saving time & money and gaining longevity; Fuses together specialised areas in health & mind, lifestyle & environment under one cover; Identifies our day to day toxic exposures that we are unaware of and provides successful resolutions; Gives you complete fundamental knowledge and awareness, to use your courage to take responsibility for your life enhancing your health, prosperity and happiness; Provides you with ancient knowledge and practices to new, from science including quantum physics, to philosophy, psychology, and important detail on nutrition, exercise, energies and medicine; Is very current, answering all the conflicting hype about diets, the next super food or the bad effects of conventional drugs or sugar that are in the media weekly, even daily; For more information please visit www.thebookbook.co.uk

Jonathan goes on a secret quest to Rome, and Flavia, Nubia and Lupus set out to find him. Their dangerous mission takes them to the Golden House of Nero where a deadly assassin is rumoured to be at work - and they learn what happened to Jonathan's family during the terrible destruction of Jerusalem nine years earlier.

Abraham Lincoln watched a play. James Garfield walked through a train station.

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William McKinley shook hands with his public. John Kennedy smiled and waved from a motorcade. In these moments shots rang out and four presidents suffered mortal wounds. Some say their assassins were calculating killers. Others say they were madmen guided by strange notions of the world. Assassins' America examines the lives of each killer and his victim. Their stories are full of twists and mysteries, and even today Americans live with lasting effects of these terrible crimes.

A Kirkus 2018 Best Book of the Year! Shakespeare in Love meets Philippa Gregory in this witty and thrilling story of star-crossed assassins in Elizabeth England, perfect for fans of My Lady Jane and The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue! When Lady Katherine's father is killed for being an illegally practicing Catholic, she discovers treason wasn't the only secret he's been hiding -- he was also involved in a murder plot against the reigning Queen Elizabeth I. With nothing left to lose, Katherine disguises herself as a boy and travels to London to fulfill her father's mission, and to take it one step further -- kill the queen herself. Katherine's opportunity comes in the form of William Shakespeare's newest play, which is to be performed in front of Her Majesty. But what she doesn't know is that the play is not just a play. It's a plot to root out insurrectionists and destroy the rebellion once and for all. The mastermind behind this ruse is Toby Ellis, a

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young spy for the queen with secrets of his own. When Toby and Katherine are cast opposite each other as the play's leads, they find themselves inexplicably drawn to one another. But the closer they grow, the more precarious their positions become. And soon they learn that star-crossed love, mistaken identity, and betrayal are far more dangerous off the stage than on.

Felshtinsky investigates how Russia under Putin became the first country in history to be ruled by its secret service. Using first-hand information from former oligarchs and KGB spies, he describes how the power has shifted away from the oligarchs to a small network of spies. Together they have created a power that was unimaginable even under Russian Communism.

IN THE VIKING REALM BRAVERY IS MET WITH BATTLE Nora and Frederick travel five-hundred years back in time to Arres, a world before the Vikings undertaking a perilous journey through the heart of the City of Assassins to claim the assassin weapons. But dark forces and deadly creatures work against them and together they must outsmart their enemies and return to the Triangle.

Defying orders from the Empire and the Republic upon their return Nora and Frederick become fugitives. Soon Viking raiders from both dynasties hunt the two outlaws as they flee across the Forbidden Areas seeking alliances from other races. But the ferocious Lord Nourusa leader of the Republic, Emperor Magnus

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and most heartbreakingly of all Helena - Nora's best friend and Orkeney ally to their enemies work against them. With the map that leads to the nine worlds tattooed on her back Nora poses a great threat to her enemies as the decision she is about to make will change the world of the Vikings forever.

A thrilling YA fantasy novel from award-winning author Arthur Slade! Carmen is a student at Red Assassin School. She's an expert at bladed weapons and poisons; and she's desperate to finish at the top of the class, ahead of her twin brother. The students have been trained to hunt using giant black swans, but Carmen has discovered a dragon. All she has to do is get on his back. One problem: he's killed everyone who gets near him. Then the Emperor declares war on assassins. And there might be a traitor among them. Carmen wants to graduate. But the emperor wants her dead. Her classmates might, too. Graduation night is about to become the fight of her life. In this heartstopping adventure by Arthur Slade, readers will root for Carmen - an Assassin with a heart of gold, determined to follow her dream against all odds.

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'Reveals its mysteries with the style of a magic show and the artful grace of a gifted storyteller' Nicholas Eames, author of Kings of the Wyld THE KING IS DEAD, LONG LIVE THE KING . . . Many years of peace have passed in

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Maniyadoc, years of relative calm for the assassin Girton Club-Foot. Even the Forgetting Plague, which ravaged the rest of the kingdoms, seemed to pass them by. But now Rufra ap Vthyr eyes the vacant High-King's throne and will take his court to the capital, a rat's nest of intrigue and murder, where every enemy he has ever made will gather and the endgame of twenty years of politics and murder will be played out in his bid to become the King of all Kings. Friends become enemies, enemies become friends and the god of death, Xus the Unseen, stands closer than ever - casting his shadow over everything most dear to Girton. Praise for this trilogy 'Outstanding . . . Kept me reading well into the early hours of the morning' James Islington, author of *The Shadow of What Was Lost* 'Dead gods, dread magic, and a lead that feels like a breath of fresh air. Great fun' Peter Newman, author of *The Vagrant* 'Readers will appreciate Barker's complex mythology and smoothly flowing plot' Publishers Weekly 'Riddled with intrigue and dangerous magic, this is a hugely enjoyable debut' Jennifer Williams, author of *The Copper Promise* 'A dark-humoured game of cat and mouse between assassins, with traitors on all sides' David Dalglish, author of the *Shadowdance* series *The Wounded Kingdom* trilogy begins with **AGE OF ASSASSINS**, continues with **BLOOD OF ASSASSINS** and concludes with **KING OF ASSASSINS**.

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trilogy begins with AGE OF ASSASSINS, continues with BLOOD OF ASSASSINS and will continue with KING OF ASSASSINS.

Riley, a teen orphan boy living in Victorian London, has had the misfortune of being apprenticed to Albert Garrick, an illusionist who has fallen on difficult times and now uses his unique conjuring skills to gain access to victims' dwellings. On one such escapade, Garrick brings his reluctant apprentice along and urges him to commit his first killing. Riley is saved from having to commit the grisly act when the intended victim turns out to be a scientist from the future, part of the FBI's Witness Anonymous Relocation Program (WARP) Riley is unwittingly transported via wormhole to modern day London, followed closely by Garrick. In modern London, Riley is helped by Chevron Savano, a nineteen-year-old FBI agent sent to London as punishment after a disastrous undercover, anti-terrorist operation in Los Angeles. Together Riley and Chevie must evade Garrick, who has been fundamentally altered by his trip through the wormhole. Garrick is now not only evil, but he also possesses all of the scientist's knowledge. He is determined to track Riley down and use the timekey in Chevie's possession to make his way back to Victorian London where he can literally change the world.

This is the coloring book version of the popular story: Cora the Cow Loses Her Spots. Includes the story text. Oh no! Cora's lost her spots! Join her on an

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adventure around the farm to find them-or will she decide she wants new spots? With fun illustrations and an easy-to-read story, this book is sure to be a family favorite! This delightful children's book is ideal for bedtime and beginner readers and is perfect for fans of Sigal Adler, Elwyn Tate, or Michael Yu.

These were the crimes that were meant to change the world, and sometimes did. The book connects the killing of the Kennedys or the murder that sparked the First World War with less well-known stories, such as the Berlin shooting of an instigator of the Armenian genocide or the attack on an American 'robber baron'. Taking in Malcolm X and Queen Victoria, Adolf Hitler and Andy Warhol, Charles Manson and Emma Goldman, Tsars, Presidents, and pop stars, *Age of Assassins* traces the process that turned thought into action and murder into an icon. In tackling the history of political violence, the book is unique in its range and attention to detail, summoning up an age of assassination that is far from over.

With shades of *Game of Thrones* and *Romeo and Juliet*, this richly imagined fantasy from debut author Sarah Ahiers is a tale of love, lies, and vengeance. Fans of Kristin Cashore and Rae Carson will devour the flawlessly crafted action and inventive world building. Seventeen-year-old Lea Saldana is a trained assassin. She was born into one of the nine clipper Families in the kingdom of Lovero who lawfully take lives for a price. As a member of the highest-ranking clan, loyalty to Family is valued above all, but that doesn't stop Lea from getting into a secret relationship with Val Da Via, a boy from a rival clan. Despite her better judgment, Lea has fallen in love with him; but she's confident she can anticipate any threat a mile away. Then she awakens one night to a house full of smoke. Although she narrowly escapes, she isn't able

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to save her Family as their home is consumed by flames. With horror, she realizes that Val and his Family are the only ones who could be responsible. Devastated over his betrayal and the loss of her clan, there's just one thing on her mind: making the Da Vias pay. The heart of this assassin craves revenge.

Discover a gripping new mystery series with the extended excerpt of Assassins of Athens When the body of a boy from one of Greece's most prominent families turns up in a dumpster in one of Athens' worst neighborhoods, Chief Inspector Andreas Kaldis of the Greek Police's Special Crimes Division is certain there's a message in the murder. But who sent it and why? Andreas' search for answers takes him deep into the sordid, criminal side of Athens nightlife and then to the glittering world of high society, where age-old frictions between old and new money breed jealousy, murder, revenge, revolutionaries, and some very dangerous truths. It is a journey amid ruthless, powerful adversaries that brings Andreas face-to-face with old grudges, new emotions, ancient Athenian practices, and modern political realities once thought unimaginable. Assassins of Athens brings readers deep into a world of crime set against the seductive backdrop of modern-day Greece in Jeffrey Siger's must-read series. "Jeffrey Siger's Assassins of Athens is a teasingly complex and suspenseful thriller....Siger and his protagonist, Chief Inspector Andreas Kaldis, are getting sharper and surer with each case."—Thomas Perry, New York Times bestselling author

A young apprentice to an assassin becomes embroiled in a conspiracy that could destroy a kingdom in a brilliant epic fantasy debut by David Gemmell Award-nominated author RJ Barker To catch an assassin, use an assassin... Girton Club-foot has no family, a crippled leg, and is apprenticed to the best assassin in the land. He's learning the art of taking lives, but his latest

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mission tasks him with a far more difficult challenge: to save a life. Someone is trying to kill the heir to the throne, and it is up to Girton to uncover the traitor and prevent the prince's murder. In a kingdom on the brink of civil war and a castle thick with lies, Girton finds friends he never expected, responsibilities he never wanted, and a conspiracy that could destroy an entire kingdom. Praise for *The Wounded Kingdom*: "Dead gods, dread magic, and a lead that feels like a breath of fresh air. Great fun."?Peter Newman, author of *The Vagrant* "Often poignant and always intriguing, *Age of Assassins* reveals its mysteries with the style of a magic show and the artful grace of a gifted storyteller."?Nicholas Eames, author of *Kings of the Wild* "The most interesting treatment of the fantasy assassin trope in a while, and an involving narrative in its own right."?RT Book Reviews *The Wounded Kingdom* *Age of Assassins* *Blood of Assassins* *King of Assassins* For more from RJ Barker, check out: *The Tide Child Trilogy* *The Bone Ships* *Call of the Bone Ships*

Sy Middleton, a teenager living in Manhattan, enters a secret world when he is initiated into Earth-tribe and becomes a Tribler. In the Middle Realm, Tribers from Earth-, Fire-, Air- and Water-tribe train to enhance their powers and compete in monthly Lunar Festivals. The Zodiac Council has protected the Lower and Middle Realms from the Darkforce for thousands of years, but the balance of power has shifted, placing humanity at risk. The Darkforce has stolen the Book of Dreams. Sy and his friend Joshua Ryderson embark on a quest to find it...

The age of Nore. A time of hardship, war, enchantment, and evil. These events lead of to the story of Tecoco's Earth, where the inhabitants within the world of Tecoco are embroiled in a tide of suffering and terrible predicament. A brother swears vengeance on the suffering of a populace. A wicked king seeks the world for his own. A chief makes a decision that will decide

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the fate of his people. This is the age of Nore.

2018 BookNest Fantasy Awards Finalist for Best Novel “This book has everything I love: Clean, crisp worldbuilding. Characters that live and breathe. A story that teases and surprises me. I like Master Assassins so much I wish I'd written it, but deep down, I know I couldn't have written it this well.”—#1 New York Times bestselling author Patrick Rothfuss Two village boys mistaken for assassins become the decisive figures in the battle for a continent in the thrilling new desert-based epic fantasy by the author of *The Red Wolf Conspiracy*. Kandri Hinjuman was never meant to be a soldier. His brother Mektu was never meant for this world. Rivals since childhood, they are drafted into a horrific war led by a madwoman-Prophet, and survive each day only by hiding their disbelief. Kandri is good at blending in, but Mektu is hopeless: impulsive, erratic—and certain that a demon is stalking him. Is this madness or a second sense? Either way, Kandri knows that Mektu's antics will land them both in early graves. But all bets are off when the brothers' simmering feud explodes into violence, and holy blood is spilled. Kandri and Mektu are taken for contract killers and must flee for their lives—to the one place where they can hope to disappear: the sprawling desert known as the Land that Eats Men. In this eerie wilderness, the terrain is as deadly as the monsters, ghouls, and traffickers in human flesh. Here the brothers find strange allies: an aging warlord, a desert nomad searching for her family, a lethal child-soldier still in her teens. They also find themselves in possession of a secret that could bring peace to the continent of Urrath. Or unthinkable carnage. On their heels are the Prophet's death squads. Ahead lie warring armies, sandstorms, evil spirits and the deeper evil of human greed. But hope beckons as well—if the “Master Assassins” can expose the lie that has made them the world's most wanted men.

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"A whole lot of swashbuckling awesomeness. A definite winner!" —John Gwynne, author of *The Shadow of the Gods* A brilliantly imagined epic fantasy of honor, glory, and warfare, *Call of the Bone Ships* is the action-packed sequel to RJ Barker's *The Bone Ships*. Dragons have returned to the Hundred Isles. But their return heralds only war and destruction. When a horde of dying slaves are discovered in the bowels of a ship, Shipwife Meas and the crew of the *Tide Child* find themselves drawn into a vicious plot that will leave them questioning their loyalties and fighting for their lives. Praise for *The Tide Child* Trilogy: "Brilliant" —Robin Hobb, New York Times bestselling author "The Bone Ships is excellent. Aside from the standout writing, it's one of the most interesting and original fantasy worlds I've seen in years." —Adrian Tchaikovsky, Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning author *The Tide Child* Trilogy *The Bone Ships* *Call of the Bone Ships* *The Bone Ship's Wake* For more from RJ Barker, check out: *The Wounded Kingdom* *Age of Assassins* *Blood of Assassins* *King of Assassins*

"Ten days after the war ended, my sister Laura drove a car off a bridge." These words are spoken by Iris Chase Griffen, married at eighteen to a wealthy industrialist but now poor and eighty-two. Iris recalls her far from exemplary life, and the events leading up to her sister's death, gradually revealing the carefully guarded Chase family secrets. Among these is "The Blind Assassin," a novel that earned the dead Laura Chase not only notoriety but also a devoted cult following. Sexually explicit for its time, it was a pulp fantasy improvised by two unnamed lovers who meet secretly in rented rooms and seedy cafés. As this

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novel-within-a-novel twists and turns through love and jealousy, self-sacrifice and betrayal, so does the real narrative, as both move closer to war and catastrophe. Margaret Atwood's Booker Prize-winning sensation combines elements of gothic drama, romantic suspense, and science fiction fantasy in a spellbinding tale. A New York Times and Indie Bestseller--now in paperback! Perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Red Queen, this is the first novel in a sweeping YA fantasy-romance duet about a deadly assassin, his mysterious apprentice, and the country they are sworn to protect from #1 NYT bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz. Caledon Holt is the kingdom's deadliest weapon. No one alive can best him in speed, strength, or brains, which is why he's the Hearthstone Guild's most dangerous member. Cal is also the Queen's Assassin, bound to her by magic and unable to leave her service until the task she's set for him is fulfilled. Shadow of the Honey Glade has been training all her life to join the Guild, hoping that one day she'll become an assassin as feared and revered as Cal. But Shadow's mother and aunts expect her to serve the crown as a lady of the Renovian Court. When a surprise attack brings Shadow and Cal together, they're forced to team up as assassin and apprentice. Even though Shadow's life belongs to the court and Cal's belongs to the queen, they cannot deny their attraction to each other. But now, with war on the horizon and true love at risk, Shadow and Cal will

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uncover a shocking web of lies that will change their paths forever.

Age of Assassins Orbit

Assassin. That's what they called her as she slipped through the shadows on the orders of her Emperor. She was young, lithe, and deadly. She was the best of her kind. King. His only title. More important than his birth name. Feared by his people, and searching for a Queen. But when he ends up in the hands of a psychopath, will he be able to work with the deadly woman he's held captive with or will they both perish?

T.A.G. You're It... "It is 4 a.m. when they come for me. I am already awake, strung out on the fear that they will come, and fear that they won't. When I finally hear the click of the latch on the dormitory door, I have only a second to brace myself before-" At Cate's isolated boarding school Killer is more than a game-it's an elite secret society. Members must avoid being "killed" during a series of thrilling pranks-and only the Game Master knows who the "killer" is. When Cate's finally invited to join The Guild of Assassins, she knows it's her ticket to finally feeling like she belongs. But when the game becomes all too real, the school threatens to shut it down. Cate will do anything to keep playing and save The Guild. But can she find the real assassin-before she's the next target?

King of Assassins is the third novel in the spellbinding fantasy epic, The Elven

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Ways. Thrown into exile on Kerith by a sorcerous act of war, the Vaelinars have used their own unique talents to gain power over the races native to this world, and to create magical Ways that remold Kerith forever. But now their war has followed them, ripping holes in the fabrics of both universes. The Vaelinars stand at a dangerous threshold as old and new betrayals threaten the destinies of the peoples of two worlds. Against this background of betrayal and ever-shifting alliances, two star-crossed lovers--the half-breed Sevryn and the orphaned, goddess-touched Vaelinar, Rivergrace--must escape the fury of a desperate ruler. The Warrior Queen Lariel, having accidentally revealed to Sevryn the forbidden powers that gained her the throne, has begun a vicious manhunt to destroy him. Fleeing her wrath, Sevryn and Rivergrace find no safe haven as the world's magic begins to disintegrate around them and the old Gods wake. In the midst of this chaos, Sevryn is charged with finding the King of Assassins--a quest that may consume him. And only Rivergrace has any hope of discovering the means to save both Sevryn and the world she loves.

It is an adaptation of the age-old Biblical tale of David and Goliath and opens the door for discussions on self-confidence and faith in the face of great obstacles. It is also an excellent book for schools, day cares and Sunday Schools. It is simple, inviting story, and is widely available in print and e-book for

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easy access.

She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, *The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One*. Meet Goom'pa. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all? When Gabriel appears on a dark and stormy night, he seems just like any other twelve year-old... except for the scars that cover his back and the fact that he has no memory of his past. The wealthy couple who rescue Gabriel promise to help him find his parents, but their mysterious behavior soon leads him to wonder if they really are who

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they appear to be. Gabriel's new friends Jodi and Pete try to prepare him for the strange adventures that await, but they may already be too late. Gabriel suddenly finds himself in a world where no one can be trusted; a world filled with shadowy monsters, cruel villains, and dark conspiracies. As he pieces together his mysterious past, Gabriel has to wonder: Is it truly his destiny to save the world from the Shadowlords, or is he actually one of them?

Bella isn't evil. But even people with good intentions can end up doing bad things. Especially when they meet people with the power to persuade them to do almost anything, like John Wilkes Booth—the most charismatic and famous actor of his time. So when Booth sets his sights on Bella, an assistant seamstress to Mary Todd Lincoln, to help with his plot to kidnap President Lincoln, he is able to persuade her to betray her president and even turn her back on the boy she has loved her entire life. Bella believes Booth is only trying to force the North to release Southern war prisoners, and will not harm her dear friend Mr. Lincoln. But the kidnapping plot fails, and now Booth will stop at nothing—even if it means harming Bella in the process. Anna Myers has crafted a provocative new look at the Lincoln assassination through the eyes of both a young White House insider and the assassin himself. An author's note provides the historical background to this tragic event.

A novice assassin is on the hunt for someone killing their own in K. A. Doore's *The Perfect Assassin*, a breakout high fantasy beginning the *Chronicles of Ghadid* series.

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