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MacKayla Lane's life is good. She has great friends, a decent job, and a car that breaks down only every other week or so. In other words, she's your perfectly ordinary twenty-first-century woman. Or so she thinks . . . until something extraordinary happens. When her sister is murdered, leaving a single clue to her death—a cryptic message on Mac's cell phone—Mac journeys to Ireland in search of answers. The quest to find her sister's killer draws her into a shadowy realm where nothing is as it seems, where good and evil wear the same treacherously seductive mask. She is soon faced with an even greater challenge: staying alive long enough to learn how to handle a power she had no idea she possessed—a gift that allows her to see beyond the world of man, into the dangerous realm of the Fae. . . . As Mac delves deeper into the mystery of her sister's death, her every move is shadowed by the dark, mysterious Jericho, a man with no past and only mockery for a future. As she begins to close in on the truth, the ruthless Vlane—an alpha Fae who makes sex an addiction for human women—closes in on her. And as the boundary between worlds begins to crumble, Mac's true mission becomes clear: find the elusive Sinsar Dubh before someone else claims the all-powerful Dark Book—because whoever gets to it first holds nothing less than complete control of the very fabric of both worlds in their hands. . . . Look for all of Karen Marie Moning's sensational Fever novels: DARKFEVER | BLOODFEVER | FAEFEVER | DREAMFEVER | SHADOWFEVER | ICED | BURNED | FEVERBORN | FEVERSONG BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Karen Marie Moning's Bloodfever.

Octavia I stepped off the plane and was hit by a jolt of electricity. It's as if lightning is striking me, the first time I see him. As I step off the jet and onto the tarmac, there he stands, as if summoned from my fantasies. He is gorgeous, muscled, Scottish, and there for me. The electric pulse that dashes across my skin as his kiss brushes against my hand pushes that pulse lower. This is to be the next leg in my journey to discovering what I want out of life. After years of focusing on nothing but work, it's time to focus on myself and the adventures I've dreamed about. Will those adventures include a wealthy Scottish Lord? Malcolm When our eyes met, I knew she was mine. Life is full of unexpected twists and turns. Finding out I am adopted and have a half-brother could have sent me into a spiral. Instead, it gives me a foundation. Seeing him happy with his perfect woman, shows me what is important in life, and I want what they have for myself. I never imagined I'd find my perfect woman stepping off my brother's private jet. But as luck would have it, O isn't looking to settle down. Our mutual paths lead us to a castle wedding in the Highlands, where things start to unravel. When the gun is pointed at my head, I have only one regret, O. Publisher's Note: This steamy mystery contains graphic scenes and a theme of power exchange.

In her new novel, perennial bestseller Anne Rice fuses her two uniquely seductive strains of narrative -- her Vampire legend and her lore of the Mayfair witches -- to give us a world of classic deep-south luxury and ancestral secrets. Welcome to Blackwood Farm: soaring white columns, spacious drawing rooms, bright, sun-drenched gardens, and a dark strip of the dense Sugar Devil Swamp. This is the world of Quinn Blackwood, a brilliant young man haunted since birth by a mysterious doppelgänger,

“Goblin,” a spirit from a dream world that Quinn can’t escape and that prevents him from belonging anywhere. When Quinn is made a Vampire, losing all that is rightfully his and gaining an unwanted immortality, his doppelgänger becomes even more vampiric and terrifying than Quinn himself. As the novel moves backwards and forwards in time, from Quinn’s boyhood on Blackwood Farm to present day New Orleans, from ancient Athens to 19th-century Naples, Quinn seeks out the legendary Vampire Lestat in the hope of freeing himself from the spectre that draws him inexorably back to Sugar Devil Swamp and the explosive secrets it holds. A story of youth and promise, of loss and the search for love, of secrets and destiny, Blackwood Farm is Anne Rice at her mesmerizing best.

Thirty year old Anna Strong is a bounty hunter-tough, confident, at the top of her game. But when she is attacked one night in a parking lot, her life is inexorably changed. She awakens in the hospital to find she has become Vampire and her world is now the unsettling world of the undead. With her mentor, the vampire doctor who treated her in the hospital, she strives to make sense of it all. But then her home is burned to the ground, and her business partner and best friend is kidnapped. Anna suddenly finds herself alone on a quest to save not only her missing friend, but herself as well.

Lia Nautilus may be a Mermaid but she's never lived in the ocean. War has ravaged the seven seas ever since the infamous Little Mermaid unleashed a curse that stripped Mer of their immortality. Lia has grown up in a secret community of land-dwelling Mer hidden among Malibu's seaside mansions. Her biggest problems are surviving P.E. and keeping her feelings for Clay Ericson in check. Sure, he's gorgeous in that cocky, leather jacket sort of way and makes her feel like there's a school of fish swimming in her stomach, but getting involved with a human could put Lia's entire community at risk. So it's for the best that he's dating that new girl, right? That is, until Lia finds out she isn't the only one at school keeping a potentially deadly secret. And this new girl? Her eyes are dead set on Clay, who doesn't realize the danger he's in. If Lia hopes to save him, she'll have to get closer to Clay. Lia's parents would totally flip if they found out she was falling for a human boy, but the more time she spends with him, the harder it is for her to deny her feelings. After making a horrible mistake, Lia will risk everything to stop Clay from falling in love with the wrong girl.

Jess Riley's parents were ripped from this world to the bright light in the sky. This light, known as the Tear, randomly transforms people from this planet to another once a year. When the Tear first appeared, the Watchers, a mysterious group of men who have supernatural powers, make their presence known to the leaders of the world, earning their complete trust to deal with the turmoil the Tear caused. Jess joins the Watchers as an agent searching for ways to bring her parents home. Jess and Mason, leader of the Watchers, team up to seal the Tear forever, at the same time struggling to overcome the feelings they are beginning to have for one another.

Bellwether Prize winner Hillary Jordan’s provocative new novel, *When She Woke*, tells the story of a stigmatized woman struggling to navigate an America of a not-too-distant future, where the line between church and state has been eradicated and convicted felons are no longer imprisoned and rehabilitated but chromed—their skin color is genetically altered to match the class of their crimes—and then released back into the population to survive as best they can. Hannah is a Red; her crime is murder. In seeking a path to safety in an alien and hostile world, Hannah unknowingly embarks on

a path of self-discovery that forces her to question the values she once held true and the righteousness of a country that politicizes faith.

Join Rae Kerrigan in this bestselling series & start one amazing adventure! The Chronicles of Kerrigan BoxSet-Bks#1-6 Book 1 - Rae of Hope How hard do you have to shake the family tree to find the truth about the past? 15 year-old Rae Kerrigan never knew her family's history. Her mother & father died when she was young and it's only when she accepts a scholarship to the prestigious Guilder Boarding School in England that a mysterious family secret is revealed. Will the sins of the father be the sins of the daughter? As Rae struggles with new friends, a new school & a star-struck forbidden love, she must also face the ultimate challenge: receive a tattoo on her 16th birthday with specific powers that may bind her to an unspeakable darkness. It's up to Rae to undo the darkness in her family's past and have a ray of hope for her future. Book 2 - Dark Nebula Nothing is as it seems anymore. Leery from the horrifying incident at the end of her first year at Guilder, Rae's determined to learn more about her new tattoo. Her expectations are high, but all hopes of happiness turn into shattered dreams the moment she steps back on campus. Lies & secrets are everywhere, and a betrayal cuts Rae deeply. Among her conflicts & enemies, it appears her father is reaching out from beyond the grave to ruin her life. With no one to trust, Rae doesn't know who to turn to for help. Has her destiny been written? Or will she become the one thing she hates the most-her father's prodigy. Book 3 - House of Cards Rae Kerrigan is 3months away from graduating from Guilder. She's now moonlighting as an operative for the Privy Council, a black ops division for British Intelligence. She's given a mentor, Jennifer, who fights like a demon. Rae finds a strange maternal bond with her. At the same time, she finds a new friend when Devon disappoints her once again. . When the Privy Council ask for her help, she finds a friend, and a link, to the Xavier Knights – another agency similar to the Privy Council. Will she lose herself in the confusions of the past and present? What will it mean for her future? Book 4 - Royal Tea The Queen of England has requested the help of the Privy Council. Someone is trying to kill her son's fiancé. The HRH Prince plans to marry a commoner, and his bride has a secret no one knows but the Privy Council. She has a tatù. When the Privy Council turns to Rae for help, she can't possibly say no; not even when they make Devon her partner for this assignment. Rae would rather be anywhere but with Devon, especially since she believes her mother to be alive, despite the Privy Council's assurances to the contrary. How can Rae find proof of life for her mother, come to terms with her feelings for Devon, and manage to save the Princess, all while dressed for tea? When the enigma, the secrets and the skeletons in the closet begin to be exposed, can Rae handle the truth? Book 5 - Under Fire Rae Kerrigan is determined to find her mother. No amount of convincing from Devon, or the Privy Council, is going to make her believe her mother is not alive, and Rae will stop at nothing to find her. Torn between friendship and loyalty, Rae must also choose between Luke and Devon. She can't continue to deny, or fool herself, any longer. The heart wants what the heart wants. Book 6 - End in Sight When life couldn't get anymore confusing, fate steps in and throws a curveball.

For fans of The Chronicles of Narnia comes the first book in the Wildwood Chronicles, the New York Times bestselling fantasy adventure series by Colin Meloy, lead singer of the Decemberists, and Carson Ellis, acclaimed illustrator of The Mysterious Benedict Society. In Wildwood, Prue and her friend Curtis uncover a secret world in the midst of violent upheaval—a

world full of warring creatures, peaceable mystics, and powerful figures with the darkest intentions. And what begins as a rescue mission becomes something much greater as the two friends find themselves entwined in a struggle for the very freedom of this wilderness. A wilderness the locals call Wildwood. Wildwood captivates readers with the wonder and thrill of a secret world within the landscape of a modern city. It feels at once firmly steeped in the classics of children's literature and completely fresh at the same time. The story is told from multiple points of view, and the book features more than eighty illustrations, including six full-color plates, making this an absolutely gorgeous object. Supports the Common Core State Standards

"In the near future, the Krinar rule the Earth. An advanced race from another galaxy, they are still a mystery to us-- and we are completely at their mercy. Shy and innocent, Mia Stalis is a college student in New York City who has led a very normal life. Like most people, she's never had any interaction with the invaders-- until one fateful day in the park changes everything. Having caught Korum's eye, she must now contend with a powerful, dangerously seductive Krinar who wants to possess her and will stop at nothing to make her his own."--Page 4 of cover.

The compelling diary of a young girl on the brink of maturity as her life draws to toward its tragic end -- one of the most moving and vivid documents of the Jewish experience. In a feat of virtuoso storytelling, Anne Rice unleashes Akasha, the queen of the damned, who has risen from a six-thousand-year sleep to let loose the powers of the night. Akasha has a marvelously devious plan to "save" mankind and destroy the vampire Lestat—in this extraordinarily sensual novel of the complex, erotic, electrifying world of the undead. Look for a special preview of Anne Rice's Prince Lestat in the back of the book. The Vampire Chronicles continue in Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis, available for pre-order now. Praise for The Queen of the Damned "Mesmerizing . . . a wonderful web of dark-side mythology."—San Francisco Chronicle "With The Queen of the Damned, Anne Rice has created universes within universes, traveling back in time as far as ancient, pre-pyramidal Egypt and journeying from the frozen mountain peaks of Nepal to the crowded, sweating streets of southern Florida."—Los Angeles Times "Imaginative . . . intelligently written . . . This is popular fiction of the highest order."—USA Today "A tour de force."—The Boston Globe

"This is a really, really good book. Anna is a great character, Stein's plotting is adventurous and original, and I think my readers would have a great time with THE BECOMING. Best of all, Stein is writing a sequel." --New York Times bestselling author Charlaine Harris "With plot twists, engaging characters and smart writing, this first installment in a new supernatural series has all the marks of a hit. Anna Strong lives up to her name: equally tenacious and vulnerable. She's a heroine with the charm, savvy and intelligence that fans of Laurell K. Hamilton and Kim Harrison will be happy to root for. If this debut novel is any indication, Stein has a fine career ahead of her." --Publishers Weekly My name is Anna Strong. I was thirty on my last birthday, and I will be thirty when you read this. In fact, physically I will never be older than thirty no matter how many mortal years I have on this earth. I am a vampire. How I became one and the reason for my existence is the reason for this story. I tell it the way it happened so you will learn the truth as I did. It may not be what you expect . . . Anna Strong is a bounty hunter--tough, confident, at the top of her game. But when she is attacked one night in a parking lot, her life is inexorably changed. She awakens in the hospital to find she has become a vampire and her world is now the unsettling world of the undead. With her mentor, the vampire doctor who treats her, she strives to make sense of it all. But then her home is burned to the ground, and her best friend is kidnapped. Anna suddenly finds herself alone on a quest to save not only her friend, but herself as well . . .

She's sent back in time to prevent an innocent man's murder, but she wasn't supposed to fall for him...or was she? Meet the time traveling matchmaker Kiko and the unsuspecting lonely

hearts zapped to the past to fulfill their destinies. With sizzling romance, heart-stopping action, and swoon-worthy heroes, this series is unputdownable!

With her partner out of town, her family abroad, and her mentor estranged, newly-turned vampire Anna Strong is keeping a low profile. But now young vampires are turning up dead, completely drained of their life force. And though Anna wants to say no when Williams, her former teacher and now leader of a supernatural enforcement squad, asks for her help, she can't. But soon, she'll wish she did.

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Anne Rice, this sensuously written spellbinding classic remains 'the most successful vampire story since Bram Stoker's Dracula' (The Times) In a darkened room a young man sits telling the macabre and eerie story of his life - the story of a vampire, gifted with eternal life, cursed with an exquisite craving for human blood. Anne Rice's compulsively readable novel is arguably the most celebrated work of vampire fiction since Bram Stoker's Dracula was published in 1897. When Interview with the Vampire was originally published the Washington Post said it was: called Interview with the Vampire a 'thrilling, strikingly original work of the imagination . . . sometimes horrible, sometimes beautiful, always unforgettable'. Now, more than forty years since its release, Anne Rice's masterpiece is more beloved than ever.

She's a romantic at heart, living in the most unromantic of worlds . . . Nicknamed Sweet Abelli for her docile nature, Elena smiles on cue and has a charming response for everything. She's the favored daughter, the perfect mafia principessa . . . or was. Now, all she can see in the mirror's reflection is blood staining her hands like crimson paint. They say first impressions are everything . . . In the murky waters of New York's underworld, Elena's sister is arranged to marry Nicolas Russo. A Made Man, a boss, a cheat-even measured against mafia standards. His reputation stretches far and wide and is darker than his black suits and ties. After his and Elena's first encounter ends with an accidental glare on her part, she realizes he's just as rude as he is handsome. She doesn't like the man or anything he stands for, though that doesn't stop her heart from pattering like rain against glass when he's near, nor the shiver that ghosts down her spine at the sound of his voice. And he's always near. Telling her what to do. Making her feel hotter than any future brother-in-law should. Elena may be the Sweet Abelli on the outside, but she's beginning to learn she has a taste for the darkness, for rough hands, cigarettes, and whiskey-colored eyes. Having already escaped one scandal, however, she can hardly afford to be swept up in another. Besides, even if he were hers, everyone knows you don't fall in love with a Made Man . . . right? This is a standalone forbidden romance.

When Avery, the sinister vampire who turned her, is killed and leaves her his vast fortune, Anna Strong, clinging to what humanity is left within her, must protect those she loves from a werewolf who, claiming to be Avery's widow, is out for blood and money. Original.

Brilliant, original sci-fi and fantasy stories featuring brave and bold heroines Thirteen urban and paranormal tales of strong women, armed with weapons they are not afraid to use, as well as fists and feet of fury, who face monsters and bad guys-and are not above rescuing men in the process.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Ilona Andrews invites you to experience the first novel in the "intriguing world" (Locus) of Kate Daniels with this special edition of Magic Bites... Kate Daniels is a down-on-her-luck mercenary who makes her living cleaning up magical problems. But when Kate's guardian is murdered, her quest for justice

draws her into a power struggle between two strong factions within Atlanta's magic circles. Pressured by both sides to find the killer, Kate realizes she's way out of her league—but she wouldn't want it any other way... This special edition includes in-depth information about the world of Kate Daniels, with descriptions of its characters and factions. Explore Kate's Atlanta like never before with answers to FAQ and a quiz to find your place there. And don't miss the prequel story "A Questionable Client," as well as scenes of events in Magic Bites from Curran's point of view.

#1 New York Times Bestselling author - Surrender to fiction's greatest creature of the night - Book II of the Vampire Chronicles The vampire hero of Anne Rice's enthralling novel is a creature of the darkest and richest imagination. Once an aristocrat in the heady days of pre-revolutionary France, now a rock star in the demonic, shimmering 1980s, he rushes through the centuries in search of others like him, seeking answers to the mystery of his eternal, terrifying existence. His is a mesmerizing story—passionate, complex, and thrilling. Praise for *The Vampire Lestat* "Frightening, sensual . . . Anne Rice will live on through the ages of literature. . . . To read her is to become giddy as if spinning through the mind of time, to become lightheaded as if our blood is slowly being drained away."—*San Francisco Chronicle* "Fiercely ambitious, nothing less than a complete unnatural history of vampires."—*The Village Voice* "Brilliant . . . its undead characters are utterly alive."—*The New York Times Book Review* "Luxuriantly created and richly told."—*The Cleveland Plain Dealer*

As a vampire, Anna Strong has an immortal life...but now she's running out of time. Anna's relationship with shape-shifter Daniel Frey has given her hope for a future with him and his son--especially when Frey proposes... But just when Anna starts to think her life couldn't be better, she must fly to France to be at the side of her dying mother. There she learns that not every vampire accepts her Chosen One status. And one such vamp is about to go rogue--by leading his followers in a fight to usurp humanity... The tranquility of Mars is disrupted by humans who want to conquer space, colonize the planet, and escape a doomed Earth.

A new epic of love and war among gods and humans, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Awakening*. The world of magick and the world of man have long been estranged from one another. But some can walk between the two—including Breen Siobhan Kelly. She has just returned to Talamh, with her friend, Marco, who's dazzled and disoriented by this realm—a place filled with dragons and faeries and mermaids (but no WiFi, to his chagrin). In Talamh, Breen is not the ordinary young schoolteacher he knew her as. Here she is learning to embrace the powers of her true identity. Marco is welcomed kindly by her people—and by Keegan, leader of the Fey. Keegan has trained Breen as a warrior, and his yearning for her has grown along with his admiration of her strength and skills. But one member of Breen's bloodline is not there to embrace her. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran, plots to destroy Talamh—and now all must unite to defeat his dark forces. There will be losses and sorrows, betrayal and bloodshed. But through it, Breen Siobhan Kelly will take the next step on the journey to becoming all that she was born to be.

An urban fantasy anthology features heroines who combat supernatural adversaries from dragons to demons, in a collection that includes contributions from such authors as Rachel Vincent, Carole Nelson Douglas, and P. N. Elrod. Originally appeared in the print anthology *The Bite Before Christmas*. 'Tis the

season to join Cat and Bones for some holiday cheer in this Night Huntress novella by USA Today and New York Times bestselling author Jeaniene Frost. They were looking forward to a normal holiday—at least as "normal" as it gets for vampires Cat and Bones and their otherworldly friends and family. But their yuletide plans are shattered when a mysterious stranger shows up and reveals long-buried secrets that threaten to take a bite out of their holiday cheer ... and lives.

Adult Readers Only Have you ever had a dream where two planets collide and the ending result was total annihilation of everything you know and love? Mack and her friends in Portland Maine are about to find out, except that it's not colliding planets but the strands that hold the portal between human and Fae worlds that will be tested.

Anne Rice, creator of the Vampire Lestat, the Mayfair witches and the amazing worlds they inhabit, now gives us the first in a new series of novels linked together by the fledgling vampire David Talbot, who has set out to become a chronicler of his fellow Undead. The novel opens in present-day Paris in a crowded café, where David meets Pandora. She is two thousand years old, a Child of the Millennia, the first vampire ever made by the great Marius. David persuades her to tell the story of her life. Pandora begins, reluctantly at first and then with increasing passion, to recount her mesmerizing tale, which takes us through the ages, from Imperial Rome to eighteenth-century France to twentieth-century Paris and New Orleans. She carries us back to her mortal girlhood in the world of Caesar Augustus, a world chronicled by Ovid and Petronius. This is where Pandora meets and falls in love with the handsome, charismatic, lighthearted, still-mortal Marius. This is the Rome she is forced to flee in fear of assassination by conspirators plotting to take over the city. And we follow her to the exotic port of Antioch, where she is destined to be reunited with Marius, now immortal and haunted by his vampire nature, who will bestow on her the Dark Gift as they set out on the fraught and fantastic adventure of their two turbulent centuries together. Look for Anne Rice's new book, Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis, coming November 29, 2016.

The idea of "The Green Book" is to give the Motorist and Tourist a Guide not only of the Hotels and Tourist Homes in all of the large cities, but other classifications that will be found useful wherever he may be. Also facts and information that the Negro Motorist can use and depend upon. There are thousands of places that the public doesn't know about and aren't listed. Perhaps you know of some? If so send in their names and addresses and the kind of business, so that we might pass it along to the rest of your fellow Motorists. You will find it handy on your travels, whether at home or in some other state, and is up to date. Each year we are compiling new lists as some of these places move, or go out of business and new business places are started giving added employment to members of our race.

A New Tale from the World of the National Bestselling Anna Strong Vampire

Chronicles. Saving her family means saving the world. Vlad and Anna Strong set out to solve a kidnapping mystery and save Southern France, but they soon discover the stakes are higher than they imagined.

David and John become embroiled in a new set of horrific but absurd challenges when movie-induced zombie phobia enables a nefarious shape-shifter race to take over the world.

In the gleaming heights of Victorian London, a world of deception awaits an unconventional Society lady whose taste for adventure makes her a most formidable adversary . . . Though Society demands that I make a good marriage, I, Cherry St. Croix, have neither the time nor the interest. I am on the trail of a murder with no victim, a mystery with no motive, and the key to an alchemical formula that could be my family's legacy. Yet the world is not so kind as to let me pursue simple murder and uncomplicated bounties. Above the foggy drift, an earl insists on my attention, while my friends watch my increasingly desperate attempts to remain my own woman. From the silken demands of the Midnight Menagerie—to whose dangerously seductive ringmaster I owe a debt—to the rigorous pressures of the peerage, all are conspiring to place before me a choice that will forever change my life.

Anna finds herself in a new job ? that of District Ranger in Rocky Mountain?s National Park. Paul Davidson, her long-time love, is a thousand miles away. Dropped into the middle of a mystery that has had the park in a state of turmoil for six weeks, she at first thinks it?s solved itself ? until the voices start ? voices without bodies ... until the small slayings turn into bigger, and even the most obtuse administrator must realize something is desperately wrong in the mountains.

An emotionally abused sixteen-year-old recounts her painful childhood memories, her time spent in mental institutions, and her eventual recovery with a new family and a new voice Young librarian Samantha Watkins has always been perfectly content with her humdrum existence. Never easily fitting in with anyone anywhere, she feels most at ease in silence, among stacks of books. Sam believes in leaving fantasy and drama to the characters in her beloved novels. But one night when she leaves work late, she finds herself center stage in a tale of vengeance and terror. Samantha is rescued from a gang of vampires by Phoenix, a mysterious and otherworldly man. Suddenly her paranormal adventures take a far more extraordinary turn than any story she's ever read. Phoenix, her savior, is actually a vampire as well, tasked with stopping his peers from killing. With no possibility of returning to her former life, Sam becomes his assistant. Together they investigate a series of mysterious disappearances and attempt to save the human race from a horrible fate. Battling vampires thrills and empowers Sam, but where does she stand with supernatural Phoenix? Could Phoenix, through their work together, become a different man?

Ash, a twin-blood who sells his addictive venom, "Haze," to support his mother, and Natalie, the daughter of a diplomat, discover their connection in the Black City, where humans and Darklings struggle to rebuild after a brutal war.

Anna Strong's primitive vampire instincts are getting harder to control. And a new enemy wants to take advantage of that fact, for Anna has been chosen to shape the destiny of all vampires—and all humans.

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"A terrific tale of supernatural sleuthing . . . provides edge-of-the-seat thrills and a high-octane emotional punch." --Romantic Times Book Reviews "Once again Jeanne C. Stein delivers a

jam-packed story full of mystery and intrigue that will keep you glued to the edge of the seat! Just like with the first book in the Anna Strong series, *The Becoming*, I could not put this book down even for a second. You will find yourself cheering Anna on as she goes after the bad guys. Jeanne C. Stein has given us a tough-as-nails heroine everyone will love!" --Night Owl Romance

My name is Anna Strong. I'm a woman caught between two worlds--my past as a bounty hunter, my present as a vampire. I do my best to hold on to what makes me human--my family, my job, my lover. But the pull of the undead is a siren song that's becoming impossible to resist . . . Anna's fragile grip on a normal life evaporates when she discovers that her long-dead brother had a child she never knew anything about. Now a young teen, that child--Trish--is caught up in the worst kind of human nightmare. In order to save her niece, Anna fears she might have to surrender to the animal side of her nature. As she stalks Trish's predators, the lines between good and evil are no longer clearly defined. And before long, Anna has to ask herself who is the real monster, the humans who prey on their own kind or herself, the blood-thirsty vampire doing anything she has to in order to save them. Anna, a Watcher who keeps supernatural criminals in check, finds herself unable to control her rage as her lover, a DEA agent, disappears, a serial killer terrorizes San Francisco, and a Wiccan sorceress plans to raise up a demon.

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