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an achingly funny story about how to be your own hero when life pulls the rug out from under your feet a laugh out loud read from the sunday times bestselling author of if i never met you what happens when the one that got away comes back find out in this sparkling comedy from 1 bestseller mhairi mcfarlane the new novel from the bestselling author of you had me at hello a dramatic start to a gripping new series meticulously researched and beautifully told by one of our most prolific and talented writers santa montefiore on the last summer an island full of secrets it s the summer of 1929 and mhairi mackinnon is in need of a husband as the eldest girl among nine children her father has made it clear that he can t support her past the coming winter options are limited on the island of st kilda but the mackinnons neighbour donald has a business acquaintance on harris also in need of a spouse and offers to chaperone mhairi there on his final crossing of the year she returns an engaged woman but is in love with the wrong man one who can never be hers as she dreads the spring when she will be sent from home to become a stranger s wife word arrives that st kilda is to be evacuated the lovers are granted a few more stolen hours together but those last days on st kilda also bring heartache for mhairi and her friends and when a dead body is discovered on the abandoned isle they all find themselves under the shadow of suspicion the stolen hours is the second book in karen swan s bestselling wild isle series which began with the last summer praise for the last summer book one powerful writing and a wonderful premise make this a novel you ll simultaneously want to savour and race through i loved it and can t wait for the next in the series jill mansell author of promise me the most exciting enchanting and evocative story of forbidden love i ve ever read i truly loved it and am waiting feverishly for the second instalment cathy bramley author of the sunrise sisterhood the third laidlaw novel from the father of tartan noir explores the ruin of the body the corruption of the soul and the shattering of society the wall street journal strange loyalties begins with jack laidlaw s despair and anger at his brother s death in a banal road accident but his nagging doubts about the dynamics of the incident lead to larger questions about the nature of pain and injustice and the greater meaning of his own life he becomes convinced there is more to his brother s death his investigations will lead to a confrontation with his own past and a harrowing journey into the dark glasgow underworld the laidlaw books are widely considered to be among the greatest achievements of scottish crime writing and the founding novels of what has since become known as the school of tartan noir that includes authors like val mcdermid denise mina and ian rankin this extraordinary and beautifully written novel sets a high standard among contemporary thrillers strange loyalties like its detective hero is captivating and unforgettable publishers weekly praise for william mcilvanney and the laidlaw series a crime trilogy so searing it will burn forever into your memory mcilvanney is the original scottish criminal mastermind christopher brookmyre international bestselling author the laidlaw books are like fine malt whiskey the pure distilled essence of scottish crime writing peter may international bestselling author fastest first and best

laidlaw is the melancholy heir to marlowe reads like a breathless scalpel cut through the bloody heart of a city denise mina award winning author of conviction when a three year old girl is reported missing dci andy gilchrist is assigned the case but gilchrist soon suspects that the child s mother andrea davis may be responsible for her daughter s disappearance or worse her murder the case becomes politically sensitive when gilchrist learns that andrea is the daughter of dougal davis a former msp who was forced to resign from scottish parliament after being accused of physically abusing his third wife now a powerful businessman davis demands gilchrist s removal from the case when his investigation seems to be stalling but then the case turns on its head when gilchrist learns that a paedophile recently released from prison now lives in the same area as the missing child the paedophile is interrogated but hours later his body is found on the beach with evidence of blunt force trauma to the head and gilchrist launches a murder investigation as pressure relentlessly mounts on gilchrist he begins to unravel a dark family secret a secret he believes will solve the fate of the missing child praise for t f muir rebus did it for edinburgh laidlaw did it for glasgow gilchrist might just be the bloke to put st andrews on the crime fiction map daily record a truly gripping read with all the makings of a classic series mick herron gripping and grisly with plenty of twists and turns that race along with black humour craig robertson gilchrist is intriguing bleak and vulnerable if i were living in st andrews i d sleep with the lights on anna smith longlisted for the mcilvanney prize 2019 when reporter rebecca connolly is told of roddie drummond s return to the island of stoirm she senses a story fifteen years before he was charged with the murder of his lover mhairi when he was found not proven roddie left the island and no one apart from his sister knew where he was or what he was doing now he has returned for his mother s funeral and it will spark an explosion of hatred bitterness and violence defying her editor s wishes rebecca joins forces with local photographer chazz wemark to dig into the secrets surrounding mhairi s death and her mysterious last words of thunder bay the secluded spot on the west coast of the island where according to local lore the souls of the dead set off into the after life when another murder takes place and the severe weather that gives the island its name hits she is ideally placed to uncover the truth about what happened that night fifteen years before when the body of thomas magners business partner is found dead in his car on the outskirts of anstruther all evidence points to suicide and magners himself a wealthy property developer is currently under investigation for a series of alleged rapes from thirty years ago in total fifteen women are prepared to go to court to testify against magners but one by one they inexplicably withdraw their complaints until only five remain with the cps now reconsidering its case one of magners accusers is killed in a hit and run and the abandoned car is found to be registered to one t magners dci andy gilchrist is assigned to the hit and run case and soon discovers that magners murky past is very much seeping into the present how did he acquire his wealth how his first wife die and why did his business partner commit suicide and was magners a serial rapist in his youth or was he something far worse praise for t f muir rebus did it for edinburgh laidlaw did it for glasgow gilchrist might just be the bloke to put st andrews on the crime fiction map daily record a bright new recruit to the swelling army of scots crime writers quintin jardine gripping and grisly with plenty of twists and turns that race along with black humour craig robertson gilchrist is intriguing bleak and vulnerable if i were living in st andrews i d sleep with the lights on anna smith four hundred year old vampire nathan thought he d never love again after a brutal betrayal he falls for indomitable scots girl mhairi after rescuing her mhairi s captor is

linked with an overseas unknown enemy trying to control vampires and overthrow Nathan as head of the vampire order a secret world wide organisation of vampires and humans pledged to save society from the depredations of rogue vampires and humans set in Edinburgh and the US this is a romantic fantasy with the touch of a thriller it contains mild swearing violence and some references to torture and rape when you work in the police force intuition is everything and police sergeant Don Colyear has it in spades it's a gift that gets him into as much trouble as it gets him out of after an incident makes remaining in Glasgow impossible Don is sent to work in a remote highlands town he doesn't want to be there and the feeling is mutual his new inspector wants him gone and the locals wonder why he's even there still Don makes a go of things striking up a good working relationship with rookie officer Rowan Forbes as Don starts to investigate petty crimes it soon becomes clear that there is something off about the town a string of teenage disappearances have not been given due attention then there's the gruesome murder of the groundsman of the local sporting estate why is the inspector reluctant to properly investigate could the incidents be linked as Don delves further into the town's secrets it's not long until his own life is at risk discover the critically acclaimed Rebecca Connolly thrillers today from the dark shores of the island of Skye to the stunning Scottish highlands to the streets of Glasgow and the moors of Culloden join investigative reporter Rebecca Connolly as she delves into occult murders family secrets and Scotland's criminal underworld for fans of thrilling murder mysteries with a visceral sense of place look no further than Rebecca Connolly Douglas Skelton is an accomplished crime writer with real investigative experience and he has been longlisted for the McMillan Award for Scottish Crime Book of the Year Skelton writes gritty authentic crime novels fast paced and straight to the point like a well aimed literary projectile Times Scotland titles included in this ebook bundle are Thunder Bay The Blood is Still a Rattle of Bones Where Demons Hide Inspired by the wit and wisdom of Terry Pratchett this Clockpunk Coming of Age Adventure is sure to delight anyone who loved the amazing Maurice and his educated rodents Equal Rites or the Tiffany Aching series almost nothing interesting ever happens in Deidre's little village outside of the occasional traveling merchant or troupe of players visiting the marketplace so it's no wonder that she spends her every free moment designing and building outlandish contraptions and then relying on her semi autonomous tongue to get her out of trouble or dig her in deeper when the device inevitably slimes Momma with something then that self proclaimed were chicken hunter rode in his tall tales of shape shifting chicken beasts Cock a Doodling at the Moon were good for a laugh until it looked like they were true will Deidre be able to catch the monster before suspicions accusations and eight feet of giant chicken tear her homeland apart survivor of the Immerse or Die Challenge Squawk of the Werechicken really was an easy book to fall for it's very funny with a trio of charming precocious pre-teen protagonists and a wry thoroughly tongue in cheek tone if you like humorous writing buy Squawk of the Werechicken if you like your kids share it with them Bryce Anderson author of the improbable rise of Singularity Girl Esmeralde of Ceinn Beithe knows that she alone can name the winner of her heart to the knights gallant who ride from afar to do her bidding she issues a challenge a riddle that is both quest and test and then she flees daring her suitor to follow thus begins the Bride Quest of Bayard of Villonne to compete for the hand of a woman he has never seen newly returned from the Crusades Bayard has warned his family of a pending attack upon their estate when they pay no heed to his message he swears to protect the family holding himself even if its price is a marriage of convenience it seems a

simple matter to win the hand of a rural maid in a barbarian contest until the chase begins esmeraude s challenge makes her far more intriguing than bayard had dared to hope but when he follows her across the waters and rescues a tattered ravishing damsel in disguise he knows he has found her recklessly she offers herself to the handsome stranger but not even a passion that touches both their souls can win her hand for esmeraude will settle for nothing less than total surrender of the crusader s worn and weary heart a treasure bayard is determined to keep shielded forever scottish romance medieval romance bride quest runaway bride knight disguise fairy tale romance scotland crusader arranged marriage how far would you go for love jo will never sleep with ricky every other woman on the planet might find him irresistible but jo knows exactly what he s like she s quite content in her role of flatmate and best friend thank you very much busy seeing off ricky s hook ups as she juggles her university studies with bartending work ricky in any case is too preoccupied pursuing rock superstardom with his band vermilion to notice her unrequited feelings but when his glasgow band is scouted and the bright lights of london beckon jo realises she must make herself indispensable or lose him forever as her own traumatic past begins to catch up with her friendships and trust crumble jo has a choice to make to keep up with ricky s growing fame is going to require some serious reinvention with her plan in action she soon finds her new sex drugs and rock n roll lifestyle isn t all it s cracked up to be it s a risky game and her heart s at stake but to win jo might have to go all the way award winning author juliet marillier weaves magic mythology and folklore into every sentence on the page the book smugglers now she presents the first novel in an enchanting series that will transport readers to a magical vision of ancient ireland in exchange for help escaping her long and wrongful imprisonment embittered magical healer blackthorn has vowed to set aside her bid for vengeance against the man who destroyed all that she once held dear followed by a former prison mate a silent hulk of a man named grim she travels north to dalriada there she ll live on the fringe of a mysterious forest duty bound for seven years to assist anyone who asks for her help oran crown prince of dalriada has waited anxiously for the arrival of his future bride lady flidais he knows her only from a portrait and sweetly poetic correspondence that have convinced him flidais is his destined true love but oran discovers letters can lie for although his intended exactly resembles her portrait her brutality upon arrival proves she is nothing like the sensitive woman of the letters with the strategic marriage imminent oran sees no way out of his dilemma word has spread that blackthorn possesses a remarkable gift for solving knotty problems so the prince asks her for help to save oran from his treacherous nuptials blackthorn and grim will need all their resources courage ingenuity leaps of deduction and more than a little magic ashley is a normal girl living her dreams moving to alaska to start a new job was her fresh start in life she wasn t to know that her life would be turned upside down and back to front falling in love with dale black was always a dream for her she never expected it to ever happen in this life time all was going better than expected until a family secret stumbled out of the cupboard but would it kill them or cure them the couples happiness is short lived when ashley becomes ill but could all be well with a little help from a family member shakespeare fed us the myth of the macbeths as murderous conspirators but now val mcdermid drags the truth out of the shadows exposing the patriarchal prejudices of history expect the unexpected a thousand years ago in an ancient scottish landscape a woman is on the run with her three companions a healer a weaver and a seer the men hunting her will kill her because she is the only one who stands

between them and their violent ambition she is no lady she is the first queen of scotland married to a king called macbeth as the net closes in we discover a tale of passion forced marriage bloody massacre and the harsh realities of medieval scotland at the heart of it is one strong charismatic woman who survived loss and jeopardy to outwit the endless plotting of a string of ruthless and power hungry men her struggle won her a country but now it could cost her life is she alive or is she missing for good when the estranged daughter of scotland s premier art dealer goes missing private investigator hanlon is hired to find out where she is but what she thinks will be a straightforward job soon turns dangerous the missing girl aurora has a troubled past but what made her suddenly pack her bags and disappear hanlon has her work cut out for her the stakes are rising and she needs to get to the bottom of the case before someone else is attacked and is aurora still alive or is she missing for good a gripping new case for feisty female private investigator hanlon perfect for fans of angela marsons robert bryndza and lisa regan what readers are saying about missing for good best book i have read for some time oh my word it took me next to no time to get into missing for good in fact by the time i got to the end of the first few pages i knew that i was going to be in for one hell of a read and i wasn t wrong either a gripping brutal and exciting crime thriller that yet again had me in the palm of it s hand from the start when joe christie s fishing boat is swept onto tentsmuir beach during a fierce storm a man s mutilated body is found in the hold dci andy gilchrist of st andrews cid is called in to investigate but his murder investigation deepens when he learns that joe christie and his boat have been missing for three years the police pathologist dr rebecca cooper retrieves a five pound note from the dead man s throat is this the killer s calling card and whatever happened to joe christie cooper offers gilchrist a clue to the dead man s identity a scar from a recent operation to repair a bone shattered by a bullet the dead man is found to have been on the payroll of big jock shepherd scotland s premier crime patriarch and when three more of shepherd s men turn up brutally murdered gilchrist fears a tectonic shift in the criminal underworld gilchrist and his partner ds jessie janes set off along a murderous trail where they uncover a plot involving drug shipments and police corruption and come face to face with a man for whom human life means nothing praise for t f muir rebus did it for edinburgh laidlaw did it for glasgow gilchrist might just be the bloke to put st andrews on the crime fiction map daily record a truly gripping read with all the makings of a classic series mick herron gripping and grisly with plenty of twists and turns that race along with black humour craig robertson dci gilchrist gets under your skin though determined and a bit vulnerable this character will stay with you long after the last page anna smith gripping peterborough telegraph three fairy tale medieval scottish romances in one digital bundle from the queen of medieval romance in the countess eglantine flees to a remote scottish holding in order to give her daughters the chance to marry for love only to find an alluring highlander insisting kinbeath is his possession duncan suggests a handfast intending to win the heart of the alluring noblewoman during that year and a day but eglantine is determined to resist him at all costs in the beauty jacqueline chooses to join a convent instead of marry only to be abducted by a scarred crusader intent upon avenging himself upon duncan little does angus realize that he has seized the wrong maiden much less that she will help him to reclaim his stolen estate and claim his wounded heart as well in the temptress esmeraude challenges those knights seeking her hand to a bride quest intending to wed only the most worthy of the contenders bayard s ambitions are bound to his success and he is not a knight whose heart is

available to be claimed but esmeraude will accept no less than his all medieval romance scottish romance highlander widow abduction kidnapped second chance at love knight fairy tale romance scotland wounded hero widow enemies to lovers runaway bride a snowy victorian christmas two festive short stories in the christmas runaway by jenni fletcher willful independent heiress fiona mackay impulsively runs away to a remote scottish tower where she s trapped in the snow with equally headstrong deliciously disheveled angus drummond in their snowbound reunion by elisabeth hobbes amy munroe and anthony matthews were cruelly parted fifteen years ago and each blames the other when amy becomes anthony s new housekeeper their passion is reawakened from harlequin historical your romantic escape to the past do you dream of wicked rakes gorgeous highlanders and muscled viking warriors harlequin historical brings you three new titles in one collection this box set includes the duke s counterfeit wife by louise allen regency when their ship is commandeered nicholas terrell duke of severton saves stranger sarah by claiming she s his wife sarah enchants nicholas but as a lady s companion she s completely unsuitable for a duke snow kissed proposals by jenni fletcher and elisabeth hobbes victorian in these two christmas novellas heiress fiona finds herself trapped in a remote scottish tower with deliciously disheveled angus and amy and anthony reunite after a cruel separation years ago the knight s convenient alliance by melissa oliver medieval when injured knight sir thomas lovent arrives on brida s doorstep the village assumes he s her long lost husband brida maintains the pretense while she nurses him but how will she ever reveal he s not her husband or that she s unmarried look for harlequin historical s december 2021 box set 2 of 2 filled with even more timeless love stories discover the gritty pi hanlon series from bestselling author alex coombs a nail biting chiller that is gritty action packed and so compulsively readable reader review this boxset contains the complete pi hanlon series perfect for fans of angela marsons lisa regan and mark dawson silenced for good missing for good buried for good silenced for good detective hanlon is addicted to violence she likes the rush the danger the losing control when hanlon is suspended from the force for assaulting a suspect she escapes to the remote scottish island of jura home to the mysterious corryvreckan whirlpool but wherever hanlon goes violence is sure to follow as soon as she checks into the mackinnon arms hanlon senses something isn t quite right about the staff at her home for the week sure enough within days of arriving the body of a member of staff is found floating in the sea while police believe she was claimed by the local whirlpool hanlon isn t so sure as she pieces together the evidence dark secrets begin to unravel can hanlon work out what is going on before another floating body is found missing for good when the estranged daughter of scotland s premier art dealer goes missing private investigator hanlon is hired to find out where she is but what she thinks will be a straightforward job soon turns dangerous the missing girl aurora has a troubled past but what made her suddenly pack her bags and disappear hanlon has her work cut out for her the stakes are rising and she needs to get to the bottom of the case before someone else is attacked and is aurora still alive or is she missing for good buried for good on a remote island everyone is a suspect when private investigator hanlon is hired to protect famous yoga instructor camille anderson on her scottish island retreat she thinks this may be her simplest job yet but when an attack on camille s life goes wrong it soon becomes clear that there is a murderer on the island and hanlon will stop at nothing to track them down with only a small group of guests the suspects are clear but as the body count rises hanlon must step up to find out who the killer is

before it's too late will dci andy gilchrist end up like the others dead beheaded on a beach the middle of winter in st andrews when a young woman's half naked body is found on fife's coastal path frozen and with remnants of a rope manacle around her wrist dci andy gilchrist is given the case gilchrist's investigation uncovers a bloody trail of shootings and executions that lead him to the heart of a trafficking war links to scotland's foremost criminal family the home office and a killer intent on expanding his territory pull gilchrist deeper into this murderous web until he comes face to face with the most dangerous man he has ever met praise for t f muir everything i look for in a crime novel louise welsch a truly gripping read with all the makings of a classic series mick herron a clever thriller tinged with melancholy karen campbell rebus did it for edinburgh laidlaw did it for glasgow gilchrist might just be the bloke to put st andrews on the crime fiction map daily record the discovery of the body of laidie christie sets in motion a journey of revelation for her sister blythe wylie as blythe deals with laidie's belongings in the aftermath of her death she uncovers astonishing information that will rewrite her family's history the christie and mccorrie families of southern manitoba are bound together by devastating tragedy and loss unspeakable secrets and irrevocable promises their story spans four generations as they meander through the twentieth century exploring the changing social attitudes of the times and laying bare the stunning reality of their lives the great depression of the 1930s is an entity in itself bearing as much weight as any of the human characters of wolf river shaping and channeling their lives in ways they cannot control dare she dream of a future with cameron and his little girl returning to her scottish hometown gp bethan monroe has no idea the handsome single father she's replacing dr cameron brodie hides a serious illness bethan's healing from her own heartache but the gorgeous doc and his young daughter bring light back into her life does she have the courage to give them her heart and grasp the happiness life still has in store nae mammie's kisses is a moving story which will have the reader both laughing and crying while journeying through life with maggie orphaned when she was ten years old then separated from her brothers maggie's is a remarkable journey through life as she fights against poverty scottish hypocrisy and the cruel hardship of victorian standards sustained only by her dreams of family love and togetherness nae mammie's kisses is a well researched and accurate reflection of the social history of maggie's time justine is running for her life escaping a city and a man who between them have almost broken her she heads north to the mountains and the valleys of the highlands she is looking for somewhere to hide michael and hannah are also running with their two sons and their tattered marriage they have come to the village of kilmacarra they are looking for somewhere they can once again call home in a place of standing stones an ancient landscape in a country on the brink of change a shocking accident causes their lives to intertwine tangled together in threads of guilt and love with scotland rushing towards a referendum and the community around them fracturing each must question where they truly belong and as the ground beneath their feet begins to give up its secrets and the darkness justine fled grows close each must also find a way to face their ghosts do you dream of wicked rakes gorgeous highlanders muscled viking warriors and rugged wild west cowboys harlequin historical brings you three new full length titles in one collection miss murray on the cattle trail by lynna banning western cowboy zachariah strickland has no choice but to take greenhorn alexandra murray with him on his cattle trail as feelings mount could it be that alex belongs in the wild west with zach the warrior's viking bride by michelle styles viking celtic warlord aedan kidnaps and returns warrior

maiden dagmar to her estranged father when ordered to marry dagmar chooses aeden expecting him to refuse but he's intent on making her his bride the ton's most notorious rake by sarah mallory regency when molly morgan is rescued by handsome beau russington the scandalous rake shakes up her quiet country life the sparks between them could be explosive if molly dares to surrender look for harlequin historical's march 2018 box set 1 of 2 filled with even more timeless love stories how much do you really know about your family feisty hard working catherine mcdonald is confident that knows what's best for everyone and tries to make it happen to keep her aristocratic family's heads above water she's turned their scottish highland home annat house into a hotel but it's not proving to be plain sailing things don't improve when a woman goes missing in the nearby mountains and the hotel becomes the setting for a media circus successful businessman haydn eddlington smith has had enough of fitting in with other people's wishes he's moved to the highlands so he can do exactly what he wants why then does he find himself spending so much time with his interfering neighbour catherine an unputdownable novel set in glorious scotland with a promise of romance every night she comes mhairi every night she comes to visit me and if i'm sleeping she wakes me her shadow cast across my bedroom floor he's here too i'm sure of it lurking in the dark corners watching waiting he's here all right the dark grey man the bodach glas the mournful one an epic first love a second chance one of our most prolific and talented writers santa montefiore young flora macqueen has always dreamt of more than life on the small scottish island of st kilda so when she catches the eye of visiting adventurer and wealthy businessman james callaghan her future seems brighter winter seas separate the lovers but the island's evacuation the following summer promises to reunite them until tragedy strikes heartbroken and needing to support her family on the mainland a chance meeting offers hope soon flora is the toast of glamorous paris fame and fortune are hers for the taking but at a high price when a scandal erupts back home she is implicated along with her friends effie and mhairi but then a deception comes to light that will change everything the lost lover is book three in karen swan's bestselling wild isle series following the last summer and the stolen hours from the author of little white lies masterful clever surprising at every turn a proper page turner and a one sitting read i couldn't stop turning the pages sublime andrea mara i was gripped by the simmering tension and the layers of secrets louise jensen scottish and european action romance set in the 16th century 1982 thirteen year old ewan fraser is sent to the remote island of barra off scotland's west coast to stay with his aunt and uncle

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The Stolen Hours

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Strange Loyalties

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the third laidlaw novel from the father of tartan noir explores the ruin of the body the corruption of the soul and the shattering of society the wall street journal strange loyalties begins with jack laidlaw's despair and anger at his brother's death in a banal road accident but his nagging doubts about the dynamics of the incident lead to larger questions about the nature of pain and injustice and the greater meaning of his own life he becomes convinced there is more to his brother's death his investigations will lead to a confrontation with his own past and a harrowing journey into the dark glasgow underworld the laidlaw books are widely considered to be among the greatest achievements of scottish crime writing and the founding novels of what has since become known as the school of tartan noir that includes authors like val mcdermid denise mina and ian rankin this extraordinary and beautifully written novel sets a high standard among contemporary thrillers strange loyalties like its detective hero is captivating and unforgettable publishers weekly praise for william mcilvanney and the laidlaw series a crime trilogy so searing it will burn forever into your memory mcilvanney is the original scottish criminal mastermind christopher brookmyre international bestselling author the laidlaw books are like fine malt whiskey the pure distilled essence of scottish crime writing peter may international bestselling author fastest first and best laidlaw is the melancholy heir to marlowe reads like a breathless scalpel cut through the bloody heart of a city denise mina award winning author of conviction

Blood Torment

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Thunder Bay

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longlisted for the mcilvanney prize 2019 when reporter rebecca connolly is told of roddie drummond's return to the island of stoirm she senses a story fifteen years before he was charged with the murder of his lover mhairi when he was found not proven roddie left the island and no one apart from his sister knew where he was or what he was doing now he has returned for his mother's funeral and it will spark an explosion of hatred bitterness and violence defying her editor's wishes rebecca joins forces with local photographer chazz wymark to dig into the secrets surrounding mhairi's death and her mysterious last words of thunder bay the secluded spot on the west coast of the island where according to local lore the souls of the dead set off into the after life when another murder takes place and the severe weather that gives the island its name hits she is ideally placed to uncover the truth about what happened that night fifteen years before

The Meating Room

2014-09-18

when the body of thomas magner s business partner is found dead in his car on the outskirts of anstruther all evidence points to suicide and magner himself a wealthy property developer is currently under investigation for a series of alleged rapes from thirty years ago in total fifteen women are prepared to go to court to testify against magner but one by one they inexplicably withdraw their complaints until only five remain with the cps now reconsidering its case one of magner s accusers is killed in a hit and run and the abandoned car is found to be registered to one t magner dci andy gilchrist is assigned to the hit and run case and soon discovers that magner s murky past is very much seeping into the present how did he acquire his wealth how his first wife die and why did his business partner commit suicide and was magner a serial rapist in his youth or was he something far worse praise for t f muir rebus did it for edinburgh laidlaw did it for glasgow gilchrist might just be the bloke to put st andrews on the crime fiction map daily record a bright new recruit to the swelling army of scots crime writers quintin jardine gripping and grisly with plenty of twists and turns that race along with black humour craig robertson gilchrist is intriguing bleak and vulnerable if i were living in st andrews i d sleep with the lights on anna smith

Taken

2014-11-14

four hundred year old vampire nathan thought he d never love again after a brutal betrayal he falls for indomitable scots girl mhairi after rescuing her mhairi s captor is linked with an overseas unknown enemy trying to control vampires and over throw nathan as head of the vampire order a secret world wide organisation of vampires and humans pledged to save society from the depredations of rogue vampires and humans set in edinburgh and the us this is a romantic fantasy with the touch of a thriller it contains mild swearing violence and some references to torture and rape

Out in the Cold

2020-11-19

when you work in the police force intuition is everything and police sergeant don colyear has it in spades it s a gift that gets him into as much trouble as it gets him out of after an incident makes remaining in glasgow impossible don is sent to work in a

remote highlands town he doesn't want to be there and the feeling is mutual his new inspector wants him gone and the locals wonder why he's even there still don makes a go of things striking up a good working relationship with rookie officer rowan forbes as don starts to investigate petty crimes it soon becomes clear that there is something off about the town a string of teenage disappearances have not been given due attention then there's the gruesome murder of the groundsman of the local sporting estate why is the inspector reluctant to properly investigate could the incidents be linked as don delves further into the town's secrets it's not long until his own life is at risk

The Rebecca Connolly Thrillers: Books 1-4

2023-04-01

discover the critically acclaimed rebecca connolly thrillers today from the dark shores of the island of stoirm to the stunning scottish highlands to the streets of glasgow and the moors of culloden join investigative reporter rebecca connolly as she delves into occult murders family secrets and scotland's criminal underworld for fans of thrilling murder mysteries with a visceral sense of place look no further than rebecca connolly douglas skelton is an accomplished crime writer with real investigative experience and he has been longlisted for the mcillvanney award for scottish crime book of the year skelton writes grittily authentic crime novels fast paced and straight to the point like a well aimed literary projectile times scotland titles included in this ebook bundle are thunder bay the blood is still a rattle of bones where demons hide

Squawk of the Were-Chicken

2017-06-22

inspired by the wit and wisdom of terry pratchett this clockpunk coming of age adventure is sure to delight anyone who loved the amazing maurice and his educated rodents equal rites or the tiffany aching series almost nothing interesting ever happens in deidre's little village outside of the occasional traveling merchant or troupe of players visiting the marketplace so it's no wonder that she spends her every free moment designing and building outlandish contraptions and then relying on her semi autonomous tongue to get her out of trouble or dig her in deeper when the device inevitably slimes momma with something then that self proclaimed were chicken hunter rode in his tall tales of shape shifting chicken beasts cock a doodling at the moon were good for a laugh until it looked like they were true will deidre be able to catch the monster before suspicions accusations and eight feet of giant chicken tear her homeland apart survivor of the immerse or die challenge squawk of the werechicken really was an easy book to fall for it's very funny with a trio of charming precocious pre teen protagonists and a wry thoroughly tongue in cheek tone

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The Ladies' Pearl

1842

esmerauade of ceinn beithe knows that she alone can name the winner of her heart to the knights gallant who ride from afar to do her bidding she issues a challenge a riddle that is both quest and test and then she flees daring her suitor to follow thus begins the bride quest of bayard of villonne to compete for the hand of a woman he has never seen newly returned from the crusades bayard has warned his family of a pending attack upon their estate when they pay no heed to his message he swears to protect the family holding himself even if its price is a marriage of convenience it seems a simple matter to win the hand of a rural maid in a barbarian contest until the chase begins esmerauade s challenge makes her far more intriguing than bayard had dared to hope but when he follows her across the waters and rescues a tattered ravishing damsel in disguise he knows he has found her recklessly she offers herself to the handsome stranger but not even a passion that touches both their souls can win her hand for esmerauade will settle for nothing less than total surrender of the crusader s worn and weary heart a treasure bayard is determined to keep shielded forever scottish romance medieval romance bride quest runaway bride knight disguise fairy tale romance scotland crusader arranged marriage

The Temptress

2014-02-14

how far would you go for love jo will never sleep with ricky every other woman on the planet might find him irresistible but jo knows exactly what he s like she s quite content in her role of flatmate and best friend thank you very much busy seeing off ricky s hook ups as she juggles her university studies with bartending work ricky in any case is too preoccupied pursuing rock superstardom with his band vermilion to notice her unrequited feelings but when his glasgow band is scouted and the bright lights of london beckon jo realises she must make herself indispensable or lose him forever as her own traumatic past begins to catch up with her friendships and trust crumble jo has a choice to make to keep up with ricky s growing fame is going to require some serious reinvention with her plan in action she soon finds her new sex drugs and rock n roll lifestyle isn t all it s cracked up to be it s a risky game and her heart s at stake but to win jo might have to go all the way

Vermillion Days

2023-08-31

award winning author juliet marillier weaves magic mythology and folklore into every sentence on the page the book smugglers now she presents the first novel in an enchanting series that will transport readers to a magical vision of ancient ireland in exchange for help escaping her long and wrongful imprisonment embittered magical healer blackthorn has vowed to set aside her bid for vengeance against the man who destroyed all that she once held dear followed by a former prison mate a silent hulk of a man named grim she travels north to dalriada there she ll live on the fringe of a mysterious forest duty bound for seven years to assist anyone who asks for her help oran crown prince of dalriada has waited anxiously for the arrival of his future bride lady flidais he knows her only from a portrait and sweetly poetic correspondence that have convinced him flidais is his destined true love but oran discovers letters can lie for although his intended exactly resembles her portrait her brutality upon arrival proves she is nothing like the sensitive woman of the letters with the strategic marriage imminent oran sees no way out of his dilemma word has spread that blackthorn possesses a remarkable gift for solving knotty problems so the prince asks her for help to save oran from his treacherous nuptials blackthorn and grim will need all their resources courage ingenuity leaps of deduction and more than a little magic

Dreamer's Pool

2014-11-04

ashley is a normal girl living her dreams moving to alaska to start a new job was her fresh start in life she wasn t to know that her life would be turned upside down and back to front falling in love with dale black was always a dream for her she never expected it to ever happen in this life time all was going better than expected until a family secret stumbled out of the cupboard but would it kill them or cure them the couples happiness is short lived when ashley becomes ill but could all be well with a little help from a family member

The Smile

2014-05

shakespeare fed us the myth of the macbeths as murderous conspirators but now val mcdermid drags the truth out of the

shadows exposing the patriarchal prejudices of history expect the unexpected a thousand years ago in an ancient scottish landscape a woman is on the run with her three companions a healer a weaver and a seer the men hunting her will kill her because she is the only one who stands between them and their violent ambition she is no lady she is the first queen of scotland married to a king called macbeth as the net closes in we discover a tale of passion forced marriage bloody massacre and the harsh realities of medieval scotland at the heart of it is one strong charismatic woman who survived loss and jeopardy to outwit the endless plotting of a string of ruthless and power hungry men her struggle won her a country but now it could cost her life

Queen Macbeth

2024-05-02

is she alive or is she missing for good when the estranged daughter of scotland s premier art dealer goes missing private investigator hanlon is hired to find out where she is but what she thinks will be a straightforward job soon turns dangerous the missing girl aurora has a troubled past but what made her suddenly pack her bags and disappear hanlon has her work cut out for her the stakes are rising and she needs to get to the bottom of the case before someone else is attacked and is aurora still alive or is she missing for good a gripping new case for feisty female private investigator hanlon perfect for fans of angela marsons robert bryndza and lisa regan what readers are saying about missing for good best book i have read for some time oh my word it took me next to no time to get into missing for good in fact by the time i got to the end of the first few pages i knew that i was going to be in for one hell of a read and i wasn t wrong either a gripping brutal and exciting crime thriller that yet again had me in the palm of it s hand from the start

Missing For Good

2020-09-24

when joe christie s fishing boat is swept onto tentsmuir beach during a fierce storm a man s mutilated body is found in the hold dci andy gilchrist of st andrews cid is called in to investigate but his murder investigation deepens when he learns that joe christie and his boat have been missing for three years the police pathologist dr rebecca cooper retrieves a five pound note from the dead man s throat is this the killer s calling card and whatever happened to joe christie cooper offers gilchrist a clue to the dead man s identity a scar from a recent operation to repair a bone shattered by a bullet the dead man is found to have been on the payroll of big jock shepherd scotland s premier crime patriarch and when three more of shepherd s men turn up brutally murdered gilchrist fears a tectonic shift in the criminal underworld gilchrist and his partner ds jessie janes set off along a

murderous trail where they uncover a plot involving drug shipments and police corruption and come face to face with a man for whom human life means nothing praise for t f muir rebus did it for edinburgh laidlaw did it for glasgow gilchrist might just be the bloke to put st andrews on the crime fiction map daily record a truly gripping read with all the makings of a classic series mick herron gripping and grisly with plenty of twists and turns that race along with black humour craig robertson dci gilchrist gets under your skin though determined and a bit vulnerable this character will stay with you long after the last page anna smith gripping peterborough telegraph

Dead Catch

2019-02-07

three fairy tale medieval scottish romances in one digital bundle from the queen of medieval romance in the countess eglantine flees to a remote scottish holding in order to give her daughters the chance to marry for love only to find an alluring highlander insisting kinbeath is his possession duncan suggests a handfast intending to win the heart of the alluring noblewoman during that year and a day but eglantine is determined to resist him at all costs in the beauty jacqueline chooses to join a convent instead of marry only to be abducted by a scarred crusader intent upon avenging himself upon duncan little does angus realize that he has seized the wrong maiden much less that she will help him to reclaim his stolen estate and claim his wounded heart as well in the temptress esmeraude challenges those knights seeking her hand to a bride quest intending to wed only the most worthy of the contenders bayard s ambitions are bound to his success and he is not a knight whose heart is available to be claimed but esmeraude will accept no less than his all medieval romance scottish romance highlander widow abduction kidnapped second chance at love knight fairy tale romance scotland wounded hero widow enemies to lovers runaway bride

Bride Quest II Boxed Set

2013-02-15

a snowy victorian christmas two festive short stories in the christmas runaway by jenni fletcher willful independent heiress fiona mackay impulsively runs away to a remote scottish tower where she s trapped in the snow with equally headstrong deliciously disheveled angus drummond in their snowbound reunion by elisabeth hobbes amy munroe and anthony matthews were cruelly parted fifteen years ago and each blames the other when amy becomes anthony s new housekeeper their passion is reawakened from harlequin historical your romantic escape to the past

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2021-11-30

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2021-11-30

discover the gritty pi hanlon series from bestselling author alex coombs a nail biting chiller that is gritty action packed and so compulsively readable reader review this boxset contains the complete pi hanlon series perfect for fans of angela marsons lisa regan and mark dawson silenced for good missing for good buried for good silenced for good detective hanlon is addicted to violence she likes the rush the danger the losing control when hanlon is suspended from the force for assaulting a suspect she escapes to the remote scottish island of jura home to the mysterious corryvreckan whirlpool but wherever hanlon goes violence is sure to follow as soon as she checks into the mackinnon arms hanlon senses something isn t quite right about the staff at her home for the week sure enough within days of arriving the body of a member of staff is found floating in the sea while police believe she was claimed by the local whirlpool hanlon isn t so sure as she pieces together the evidence dark secrets begin to unravel can hanlon work out what is going on before another floating body is found missing for good when the estranged daughter of scotland s premier art dealer goes missing private investigator hanlon is hired to find out where she is but what she thinks will be a straightforward job soon turns dangerous the missing girl aurora has a troubled past but what made her suddenly pack her bags and disappear hanlon has her work cut out for her the stakes are rising and she needs to get to the bottom of the case before someone else is attacked and is aurora still alive or is she missing for good buried for good on a remote island everyone is a suspect when private investigator hanlon is hired to protect famous yoga instructor camille anderson on her

scottish island retreat she thinks this may be her simplest job yet but when an attack on camille s life goes wrong it soon becomes clear that there is a murderer on the island and hanlon will stop at nothing to track them down with only a small group of guests the suspects are clear but as the body count rises hanlon must step up to find out who the killer is before it s too late

The PI Hanlon Series

2024-03-22

will dc i andy gilchrist end up like the others dead beheaded on a beach the middle of winter in st andrews when a young woman s half naked body is found on fife s coastal path frozen and with remnants of a rope manacle around her wrist dc i andy gilchrist is given the case gilchrist s investigation uncovers a bloody trail of shootings and executions that lead him to the heart of a trafficking war links to scotland s foremost criminal family the home office and a killer intent on expanding his territory pull gilchrist deeper into this murderous web until he comes face to face with the most dangerous man he has ever met praise for t f muir everything i look for in a crime novel louise welsh a truly gripping read with all the makings of a classic series mick herron a clever thriller tinged with melancholy karen campbell rebus did it for edinburgh laidlaw did it for glasgow gilchrist might just be the bloke to put st andrews on the crime fiction map daily record

Life For A Life

2013-09-05

the discovery of the body of laidie christie sets in motion a journey of revelation for her sister blythe wylie as blythe deals with laidie s belongings in the aftermath of her death she uncovers astonishing information that will rewrite her family s history the christie and mccorrie families of southern manitoba are bound together by devastating tragedy and loss unspeakable secrets and irrevocable promises their story spans four generations as they meander through the twentieth century exploring the changing social attitudes of the times and laying bare the stunning reality of their lives the great depression of the 1930 s is an entity in itself bearing as much weight as any of the human characters of wolf river shaping and channeling their lives in ways they cannot control

The Museum of Foreign Literature, Science, and Art

1834

dare she dream of a future with cameron and his little girl returning to her scottish hometown gp bethan monroe has no idea the handsome single father she s replacing dr cameron brodie hides a serious illness bethan s healing from her own heartache but the gorgeous doc and his young daughter bring light back into her life does she have the courage to give them her heart and grasp the happiness life still has in store

Museum of Foreign Literature, Science and Art

1834

nae mammie s kisses is a moving story which will have the reader both laughing and crying while journeying through life with maggie orphaned when she was ten years old then separated from her brothers maggie s is a remarkable journey through life as she fights against poverty scottish hypocrisy and the cruel hardship of victorian standards sustained only by her dreams of family love and togetherness nae mammie s kisses is a well researched and accurate reflection of the social history of maggie s time

Wolf River

2014-01-30

justine is running for her life escaping a city and a man who between them have almost broken her she heads north to the mountains and the valleys of the highlands she is looking for somewhere to hide michael and hannah are also running with their two sons and their tattered marriage they have come to the village of kilmacarra they are looking for somewhere they can once again call home in a place of standing stones an ancient landscape in a country on the brink of change a shocking accident causes their lives to intertwine tangled together in threads of guilt and love with scotland rushing towards a referendum and the community around them fracturing each must question where they truly belong and as the ground beneath their feet begins to give up its secrets and the darkness justine fled grows close each must also find a way to face their ghosts

Saving the Single Dad Doc

2018-06-01

do you dream of wicked rakes gorgeous highlanders muscled viking warriors and rugged wild west cowboys harlequin historical brings you three new full length titles in one collection miss murray on the cattle trail by lynna banning western cowboy zachariah strickland has no choice but to take greenhorn alexandra murray with him on his cattle trail as feelings mount could it be that alex belongs in the wild west with zach the warrior s viking bride by michelle styles viking celtic warlord aedan kidnaps and returns warrior maiden dagmar to her estranged father when ordered to marry dagmar chooses aeden expecting him to refuse but he s intent on making her his bride the ton s most notorious rake by sarah mallory regency when molly morgan is rescued by handsome beau russington the scandalous rake shakes up her quiet country life the sparks between them could be explosive if molly dares to surrender look for harlequin historical s march 2018 box set 1 of 2 filled with even more timeless love stories

Nae Mammie's Kisses

2013

how much do you really know about your family feisty hard working catherine mcdonald is confident that knows what s best for everyone and tries to make it happen to keep her aristocratic family s heads above water she s turned their scottish highland home annat house into a hotel but it s not proving to be plain sailing things don t improve when a woman goes missing in the nearby mountains and the hotel becomes the setting for a media circus successful businessman haydn eddlington smith has had enough of fitting in with other people s wishes he s moved to the highlands so he can do exactly what he wants why then does he find himself spending so much time with his interfering neighbour catherine an unputdownable novel set in glorious scotland with a promise of romance

Rise

2015-03-12

every night she comes mhairi every night she comes to visit me and if i m sleeping she wakes me her shadow cast across my bedroom floor he s here too i m sure of it lurking in the dark corners watching waiting he s here all right the dark grey man the

bodach glas the mournful one

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2018-03-01

an epic first love a second chance one of our most prolific and talented writers santa montefiore young flora macqueen has always dreamt of more than life on the small scottish island of st kilda so when she catches the eye of visiting adventurer and wealthy businessman james callaghan her future seems brighter winter seas separate the lovers but the island s evacuation the following summer promises to reunite them until tragedy strikes heartbroken and needing to support her family on the mainland a chance meeting offers hope soon flora is the toast of glamorous paris fame and fortune are hers for the taking but at a high price when a scandal erupts back home she is implicated along with her friends effie and mhairi but then a deception comes to light that will change everything the lost lover is book three in karen swan s bestselling wild isle series following the last summer and the stolen hours

The Lost Woman

2015-07-09

from the author of little white lies masterful clever surprising at ever turn a proper page turner and a one sitting read i couldn t stop turning the pages sublime andrea mara i was gripped by the simmering tension and the layers of secrets louise jensen

The Mournful One

2023-11-14

scottish and european action romance set in the 16th century

The Lost Lover

2024-07-18

1982 thirteen year old ewan fraser is sent to the remote island of barra off scotland s west coast to stay with his aunt and uncle

A Guilty Secret

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Campbell's Reivers

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The Lady's Pearl

1842

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