



spy sent by my father, or is she a rebel like me? I don't trust her, but together we'll discover secrets that may destroy what's left of our world. There have always been those with wealth and those without. My name is Talen, and I'm here to even the score.

**Pro Full-Text Search in SQL Server 2008** 10 2020 Businesses today want actionable insights into their data—they want their data to reveal itself to them in a user-friendly form. What could be more natural than human language? Natural-language search is at the center of a storm of ever-increasing web-driven demand for human-computer communication and information access. SQL Server 2008 provides the tools to take advantage of the features of its built-in enterprise-level natural-language search engine in the form of integrated full-text search (iFTS). iFTS uses text-aware relational queries to provide your users with fast access to information. Whether you want to set up an enterprise-wide Internet or intranet search engine or create less ambitious natural-language search applications, this book will show you how to get the most out of SQL Server 2008 iFTS: Introducing powerful iFTS features in SQL Server, such as the FREETEXT and CONTAINS predicates, custom thesauri, and stop lists. Showing you how to optimize full-text query performance through features like full-text indexes and iFilters. Providing examples that help you understand and apply the power of iFTS in your daily projects.

**Alarm Sep 01 2022** Safe and comfortable. That about sums up Chloe's life. Meeting a tall, dark stranger covered in tattoos is not in her plans. Bad boys just aren't even if they are gorgeous and built like a brick wall. Her internal alarms warn her that Aiden Hunter is definitely on the list of men her mother told her to avoid, but she doesn't listen. Instead, she finds herself drawn to Aiden and the excitement he promises. Near the beach in Miami, he occupies her days with thrills and her nights with the excitement she's never experienced before. She knows he's hiding something from her, but Chloe pushes away her concerns and embraces this new way of living. As Aiden takes her to live life to the fullest, Chloe battles the internal warnings that tell her to be wary. By the time she realizes her fears may be justified, it's too late. Aiden's past is a mystery, but is he the hunter or the hunted?

**One Night in a Storm Jan 17 2021** Two university students thrown together in the midst of a raging storm, one a Shibari expert, the other an instinctive submissive, find themselves in a flood of waters rise, so does Kasinda's panic. When she allows Cree to use his expertise to ease her fears, she finds herself healing from the trauma of her past. They may soon subside, but their passion for each other is just beginning to grow. Cree may be the rigger, but it's Kas who has his emotions in knots.

**Win Some, Lose Some Dec 24 2021** For Matthew Rohan, every day is a struggle. Each task others complete without thinking is a challenge for him. Recently orphaned, he has to finish the last few months of high school and take care of his disabled sister on his own. When Mayra comes into his life, his comfortable routines implodes. He can't handle change, but Mayra is unrelenting in her quest to understand him, to show him acceptance and maybe even love. When she breaks through his shell, the world will never be the same again. An awkward boy with Asperger's Syndrome, a persistent girl who pulls him out of his isolated existence, and a lottery ticket that could change their lives forever.

**Commodity Apr 27 2022** A woman hunted by human traffickers. A hot and dangerous bodyguard. Utter destruction. The end of civilization. The beginning of a new currency. Women are now the highest COMMODITY.

**Isolated Jun 25 2019** *Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome.* The mantra is good enough for the Marines; it's good enough for me. *Improvise . . .* Near the top of the world, I fight for my life against my opponent, Sebastian Stark. He has the upper hand in strength, but I have the cunning to turn the tables on him. I battle the elements, my emotions, and him until Stark and I manage to strike a deal to ensure freedom for us both—and the women we love. *Adapt . . .* Being alone comes naturally to me. I've spent my life alone. Sharing my experiences, opening up to another human being, developing a relationship—all these things are foreign to me. Sometimes I wonder if it's even possible to be. *Overcome . . .* I've been away from Lia for far too long, yet I still have commitments I must keep. When I make my way home, I will tell her I have decided to end my life. I have led and move on to become the man she needs. I can overcome my demons; I must. But will Lia be willing to wait?

**Down and Out Aug 27 2019** \*Don't read this book if you don't like snarky, dominant, tattooed men who say things like "Open your mouth, and I will," after you tell them to shove it. And don't read this book if you don't like sassy, strong-willed, fiercely independent heroines who use phrases like "bossy asshole" as a term of endearment. You've been warned.\* "Tattooed package of sin." That's how Savannah Ryan would describe her new boss, Declan Whitmore, the deliciously tattooed and pierced fighter who has the top spot in Boston's newest underground fighting organization. She'd also describe him as bossy, arrogant, and depending on what he does to piss her off that as a bossy asshole. It's that aloof attitude, along with Savannah's witty comebacks and tight little body that land her on his radar. Unfortunately for her, Declan is relentless. He sets his sights on someone, both in and out of the ring. Unfortunately for him, this recently reformed bad girl is trying to go straight after heading down a dangerous path. She's not going to make this easy for him. In fact, she's going to make it—and him—very, very hard. Declan's not worried, though. He'll have Savannah come hell or high water because if there's one word he'd use to describe her, it's "MINE."

**To Professor, with Love Apr 15 2021** Junior in college. Star athlete. Constant attention from the opposite sex. On this campus, I'm worshiped. While seven hundred miles away, back in my hometown, I'm still trailer park trash, child of the town tramp, and older sibling to three kids who are counting on me to keep my shit together. I keep them away from the same crappy life I grew up in. These two opposing sides of myself never mix until one person gets a glimpse of the true me. I never expect to meet anyone like this or want more beyond one night. This may be the real deal. Problem is Dr. Kavanagh's my literature professor. If I start anything with a teacher, I'm caught together, I might as well kiss my entire future goodbye, as well as my family's and especially Dr. Kavanagh's. Except sometimes love is worth risking everything. At the least, it damn well better be, because I can only resist so much.

**Worth May 17 2021** Lucius Aurelius Faustus is the Tribune over Caesar's legions in the west, fighting against the Gauls. He's harsh, unforgiving, strategic, and a warrior on the battlefield. When an enemy's sword pierces his side, he must retreat to Mediolanum to have the wound treated. Once the medicus has done all he can, he orders a slave woman, to watch over Tribune Faustus as he heals. As Faustus appraises the beautiful young woman, he knows she'll be tending to more than just his wounds. To distract him from the pain, Aia regales him with stories of her childhood as a slave, and Faustus finds himself strangely drawn to her. When he demands further information, she obliges without question as a slave must. Her gentle ministrations command the attention of the Tribune, and as he learns more of her, he sees her worth beyond which a master views a servant. Aia is only a slave, her value measured by nothing but a pair of coins. Another man already owns her, and she is far beneath the commands Emperor Caesar's armies. Regardless, Faustus finds her warm touch and genuine concern for his healing intriguing, and his inexplicable attraction for her deepens. A man of his station can never acknowledge feelings for a slave, but during their time together, Faustus begins to understand her true worth.

**Female Corpses in Crime Fiction Mar 15 2021** This book examines the central significance of sexualized female corpses in modern and contemporary Hispanic and Anglophone crime fiction. Beginning with the foundational detective fictions of the nineteenth century, it draws from diverse subgenres to describe a transatlantic necropornography characterized by lascivious interest in female cadavers, dissection, morgues, femicide, and snuff movies. Hard-boiled and police procedural classics from the U.S. and the U.K. are juxtaposed with texts by established Spanish and Spanish American genre masters and with obscure works that prefigure the contemporary transmedial boom in corpse-centered fictions. The rhetoric and aesthetics of necropornographic crime fiction are related to those of popular crime journalism and science television dramas. This study argues that crime fiction has long fixated disproportionately on the corpses of beautiful young white women and continues to do so through deaths and autopsies as occasions for male visual pleasure, male subjective self-affirmation and male homosocial bonding.

**Drawn Deeper Jan 01 2020** I've come undone. For years I thought the world looked at my family and saw perfection. I was a busy surgeon and my wife was devoted to two boys. But her devotion crumbled as her alcoholism took over. The outside world saw all too well what I wanted to deny. Ten months ago she filed for divorce and moved away. To where – I don't know. Nor do I care. But my boys do. And they're left with me, a man who never learned how to be the dad they deserve. Just starting to pick up the pieces, my world is rocked again by the last woman I'd expect. Given her past with my family, she's a bad idea. But I'm drawn like a moth to her. I can't stay away, even though I know this, too, will eventually crumble around me.

**The Hurricane Jul 07 2020** \*\*Goodreads finalist for BEST DEBUT\*\* A love that's worth keeping is worth fighting for . . . Emily McCarthy is living in fear of a dark, dangerous past. A gifted mathematician, she is little more than a hollow, broken shell, trying desperately to make ends meet long enough to finish her degree. The unlikely friendship with the aging, cantankerous owner of an old boxing gym, Em is thrown into the path of the most dangerous man that she has ever met. Corbin, Hurricane O'Connell is cut, tattooed and dangerous. He is a lethal weapon with no safety and everyone is waiting for the mis-fire. He's never been knocked out before when he meet Em he falls, HARD. Unlike any other girl he's ever met, she doesn't want anything from him. Just being around her makes him want to be a better man. They are polar opposites who were never meant to find each other, but some things are just worth the fight. Perfect for fans of Kristen Ashley and Katy Evans 'A Ref to the fighter romance genre. A realistic and beautiful journey of two people beating the odds to achieve their happily ever after.' Harper Sloan

**Trapped Sep 20 2021** Bizarre rituals on a remote island in Maine. My crazy neighbor lying naked in the produce section of a grocery store. The sting of a knife as it cuts through my flesh. Now I know why they say life is never easy. The soft touch of Tria's hand against my chest is the only thing that keeps me going, but there are others. As a fighter, I should be able to deal with anything life throws at me, but there is one circumstance I simply can't handle. I only have one coping mechanism: a tattoo on my arm and a needle in my vein.

**Scoring Wilder Jun 05 2020** With Olympic tryouts on the horizon, the last thing nineteen-year-old Kinsley Bryant needs to add to her plate is Liam Wilder. He's a star soccer player, America's favorite bad boy and has all the qualities of a skilled panty-dropper. Not to mention that Liam is strictly off limits; her coaches have made

perfectly clear. But that just makes him all the more enticing.

**Keep Me Still** Apr 03 2020 New Adult Romance contains MA 17+ content. Layla Flaherty had the perfect life, or close to it. Until a stranger gunned her parents off in front of her, leaving her with seizure inducing PTSD. After years of trying to pass as normal and failing miserably, she resigns herself to being invisible. But new Landen O'Brien sees her, and he likes what he sees. Much to Layla's surprise, he doesn't freak out when she has a seizure in front of him. He does the exact opposite of what she expects until the tremors subside. But Landen has secrets of his own. Secrets that both bind them together and tear them apart. Scarred by loss, Layla leaves her home in Hope Springs, Georgia, hoping to put her painful past behind her and start over in college in California. When she runs into Landen at freshmen orientation, she has to make. Reinforce those steel walls she's built up around herself or give the only boy who can keep her still a second chance. Landen's more than ready to tear down those walls but this time when they come crashing down, they might bury her.

**Offside** Nov 03 2022 I have to be the best. I am the best. I'm quick. I'm strong. I'm smart. I'm the star keeper of my high school soccer team, and I've got major scouts scouting me. As their captain, my teammates will do anything I say – on or off the field. Girls practically beg to be added to my list of conquests. As long as I'm on the field for the best team in the world, I won't have to worry about my father's wrath. I'm Thomas Malone, and I've seen to it that the world revolves around me. There's no one at school, and it's just a matter of time before she gives in to my charm. This one's just a little more stubborn than most – she won't even tell me her name! She's smart. Maybe too smart. I can't let her in. I can't let anybody in. I'm not too worried, but even I have to admit she's interfering with my focus on the goal. Dad's not going to like that. Did I mention I love Shakespeare? Yeah, I know. I'm a walking contradiction. According to the Bard – "some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." Somehow, I got all three. Now how is anyone supposed to live up to that?

**Transcendence** Jul 31 2022 It's said that women and men are from two different planets when it comes to communication, but how can they overcome the obstacles of prehistoric times when one of them simply doesn't have the ability to comprehend language? Ehd's a caveman living on his own in a harsh wilderness. He's strong, intelligent, but completely alone. When he finds a beautiful young woman in his pit trap, it's obvious to him that she is meant to be his mate. He doesn't know how to provide for her, protect her, and put a baby in her. Elizabeth doesn't know where she is or exactly how she got there. She's confused and distressed by her predicament. There's a caveman hauling her back to his cave home. She's not at all interested in Ehd's primitive advances, and she just can't seem to get him to listen. No matter how hard she tries, getting her point across to this primitive but beautiful man is a constant – and often hilarious – struggle. With only each other for company, they must rely on each other to fight the dangers of the wild and prepare for the winter months. As they struggle to coexist, theirs becomes a love story that transcends language.

**Birthright** Jul 19 2021 After the unexpected death of the woman who raised her, Cherice Bay arrives in Cascade Falls to find answers to her own parentage. Inevitably, roadblocks arise at every turn, and her search for information provides more questions than answers. When she meets the charismatic and influential Nataniel, she seems eager to help, and she's clearly falling for him in the process. For Nate, tradition dictates his motives, and he knows Cherry will make the perfect addition to his family. She's hot, naive, and clearly into him. He just needs to play the perfect boyfriend while hiding his illegal businesses and his real intent. As long as his father stops her, the way, he's sure to get a ring on her finger soon. As they unravel an increasingly complex mystery, neither is prepared for what is revealed.

**Specimen** Sep 28 2019 I awaken in a laboratory. I don't know who I am. I'm inexplicably drawn to the doctor who cares for me. She tells me I've been altered, that I'm stronger and faster, that I'll be a key component in a war between corporations. She says I volunteered for this. She says I volunteered to be transformed, but she doesn't know if what she says is true. Something isn't right. My memories have been taken, wiped clean, but dreams begin to slip into my conscious mind. I can't let her know when that happens, or they'll remove my memories again. Somewhere inside of me, I know I need to remember something important. I'm fighting a war I don't understand, and the one woman I rely on can't be trusted.

**One Night in a Dungeon** Jan 25 2022 Rocco, isolated by his horrific past and imprisoned in the impenetrable cage of his own mind, knows how damaged he is. Resigned to his lonely fate, he finds solace in the bonds of a shibari rigger's ropes. Casey is determined to use her newfound rope skills to break through to the flawed, submissive man. She knows her dominant personality and newfound expertise will benefit the young man, but her own childhood trauma may jeopardize teaching the anxious, introverted man the more intimate ways of rope and endanger the promising relationship between them. One night in a dungeon, two broken souls will be bound together.

**Sacked** Nov 30 2019 What he wants he gets... Knox Masters is a quarterback's worst nightmare. Warrior. Champion. And...virgin. Knox knows what he wants--and he's got it. All American Football player? Check. NFL pros scouting him? Check. Now, he's set his sight on two things. The national title. And Ellie Campbell. Sure, she's the star of his fellow teammate, but that's not going to stop him. Especially not when he's convinced Ellie is the one. ...but he's never met her before. But Ellie isn't as sure as she is to start a new life and she's not interested in a relationship...with anyone. Beside it's not just her cardinal rule of never dating her brother's teammates that keeps her away from him, but Ellie has a dark secret that would jeopardize everything Knox is pursuing. Knox has no intention of losing. Ellie has no intention of giving in.

**Judging Book** Oct 02 2022 The debutante path is a fairly straight track: who you are, who you associate with, and whose label you are wearing become priorities that define you. They are the aspects by which you are judged. Ashlyn's world has been one of enlightenment and finesse, and now she is ready to take on the financial world on her father's company just as he had always planned. Her future had been scripted long ago, but a chance meeting with a beautiful boy on a bicycle gives Ashlyn a new outlook on life. Ethan is far too young, far too tattooed, far too pierced-just far too everything-to ever fit into her world. He has issues, too-major ones. Ashlyn knows he's not the one she's been accepted by her friends, let alone her overbearing father, but there is something about his live-in-the-moment outlook that keeps drawing her back into his arms. She has to make a choice. Can she forgo the family dynasty and live life to the fullest with this fascinating but damaged young man?

**Outnumbered** Jul 27 2019 I'm not exactly the social type. After spending most of my formative years in prison, I prefer an isolated existence in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories, making what little cash I need guiding tourists to the best hunting grounds. I have no desire for company; I crave solitude instead, especially during the subarctic winter months, but what am I supposed to do when I come across a woman in distress? I can't just leave her to die in the cold, and a storm is on the horizon. I am confined to my secluded cabin, and I quickly realize there's something not quite right about Seri-or is her name Netti? She switches moods faster than a snowflake, and she changes direction. In fact, I'm starting to think there's more than one person behind the mystifying woman's intense, green eyes. Physically, only two of us are in the cabin, but I still feel outnumbered.

**Otherwise Unharm** Oct 22 2021 After Evan Arden was imprisoned by the enemy for a year and a half, he returned from the desert as a military hero. He'd suffered minor injuries during his captivity, was discharged from the Marines with a touch of shellshock, but was considered otherwise unharmed. Now he wonders how he got where he is-incarcerated in Chicago's Metropolitan Correctional Center for using his sharpshooting expertise to take out the neighborhood park with a high-powered rifle and multiple rounds of ammunition. Lia Antonio, the woman he rescued from the desert heat the previous year, is the only person who can bring him out of his isolation. Deprived of psychosis and mounting PTSD. When she does, Evan knows he can't just let her go again. He's never considered leaving the business before-who retires from the mafia?-but he's determined to get both Lia and himself out of harm's way. Evan faces overwhelming forces from multiple directions as a deal to get him out of prison is more dangerous than he imagined. With a mob war on the horizon and the feds holding evidence over his head, Evan has no choice but to throw himself into the middle of the warzone. In his efforts to make things right, Evan crosses the wrong man and finds himself on the business end of the crosshairs. With his acute perception and ability to stay a step ahead of his former co-workers, but this time, it isn't just his own life on the line-he's got to protect Lia from the man who once called him a friend.

**Caged** May 29 2022 This is not made for TV. This is the raw, brutal underground of no-holds-barred combat. Inside the cage there is nothing but me and the pain of those who dare enter. In the cage, I never have to worry about anyone but myself. Yet, when she began standing outside of the cage, everything changed. I was fighting for the money or the glory - I was fighting for her.

**Otherwise Occupied** Feb 11 2021 Evan Arden is a hit man for a Chicago mob boss and moves through life with darkness in his soul and a gun in his hand. Those who fear him for what he is fear him, and those who find out the hard way never get a chance to tell anyone else. The few people who get a glimpse inside his head witness a merciless killer, his only loyalty resides with his employer, the man who calls the shots that rain from Evan's weapon. As a POW of the Gulf War, Evan spent months in captivity, and the memories of his confinement combine with thoughts of the woman he left in Arizona. He lives his life day-to-day with little more than the comfort of his dog, Odin. As insomnia overtakes him, he seeks comfort from an unlikely source, but will confiding in her be his undoing? He's struggling to forget his past and to move on. **Otherwise Occupied**

**Sinfully Sexy** Sep 08 2020 In this enchanting contemporary romance, sure to delight readers of Rachel Gibson and Susan Elizabeth Phillips, a close encounter of a kind leads a plain Jane to discover her wild side. Chloe Sinclair has never been bad . . . until she stumbles—literally—into the arms of a gorgeous stranger. To make matters worse, the morning after, her world is rocked completely off its axis when the sensual dreamboat turns out to be the man brought in to save the TV station where her father works. Sterling Prescott is hard-driven, gorgeous as hell, and determined to turn the struggling KTEX into a success. But all bets are off when the shameless wildcat turns on him last night walks back into his life—acting like a squeaky-clean librarian. Life gets truly complicated, however, when Sterling decides to win more than the game, he has to show Chloe that being sexy isn't a sin. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Linda Francis Lee's *Simply Sexy*.

**Love At First Kiss** Mar 03 2020 It was only supposed to be one night. A thousand dollars to pretend to be Nolan Cline's girlfriend. How could I say no to that? I was

the only virgin escort on the planet, but Mr. Cline didn't have to know about my lack of experience for the job. All I had to do was hang onto his arm, smile, and be presentable to the rich CEO billionaire's friends and coworkers. It was all great until I saw the possessive and territorial look in Nolan's eyes when he first spotted me in my red dress... Then, I knew that there wouldn't be any pretending between us. It started in the limo... it continued at the gala... until we were so consumed with each other that I ended up looking anything but presentable. I might have been the first virgin escort on the planet at the start of the date... But I definitely won't be by the end of the night. One look at his pretend date, Nolan Cline shows Arya just how much of an Over-The-Top possessive alpha he really is. SAFE, no cheating, and a sweet HEA that will have you grinning and blushing! Enjoy!

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