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i am rani jindan mother of the khalsa that is my identity that is my fate while we have all heard
tales of rani lakshmi bai and padmavati not many of us are familiar with another indian queen
daughter of the royal kennel keeper the beautiful jindan kaur went on to become maharaja ranjit
singh s youngest and last queen his favourite she became regent when her son dalip barely six
years old unexpectedly inherited the throne sharp eyed stubborn passionate and dedicated to
protecting her son s heritage jindan distrusted the british and fought hard to keep them from
annexing punjab defying tradition she stepped out of the zenana cast aside the veil and
conducted state business in public addressing her khalsa troops herself she inspired her men
in two wars against the firangs her power and influence were so formidable that the british
fearing an uprising robbed the rebel queen of everything she had including her son she was
imprisoned and exiled but that did not crush her indomitable will an exquisite love story of a
king and a commoner a cautionary tale about loyalty and betrayal and a powerful parable of the
indestructible bond between mother and child chitra banerjee divakaruni s unforgettable novel
brings alive one of the most fearless women of the nineteenth century an inspiration for our

times

the truth is not one of us is innocent we all have sins to confess so reveals catherine de medici the last legitimate descendant of her family s illustrious line expelled from her native florence catherine is betrothed to henri son of françois i of france in an unfamiliar realm catherine strives to create a role for herself through her patronage of the famous clairvoyant nostradamus and her own innate gift as a seer but in her fortieth year catherine is widowed left alone with six young children in a kingdom torn apart by the ambitions of a treacherous nobility relying on her tenacity wit and uncanny gift for compromise catherine seizes power intent on securing the throne for her sons unaware that if she is to save france she may have to sacrifice her ideals her reputation and the secret of her embattled heart

a masterwork by a skilled craftsman make a vow to read this book new york journal of books isabella is barely a teenager when she becomes an unwitting pawn in a plot to dethrone her half brother king enrique suspected of treason and held captive she treads a perilous path torn between loyalties until at age seventeen she suddenly finds herself heiress of castile the largest kingdom in spain plunged into a deadly conflict to secure her crown she is determined to wed the one man she loves yet who is forbidden to her fernando prince of aragón as they unite their two realms under one crown one country one faith isabella and fernando face an impoverished spain beset by enemies with the future of her throne at stake isabella resists the zealous demands of the inquisitor torquemada even as she is seduced by the dreams of an enigmatic navigator named columbus but when the moors of the southern domain of granada declare war a violent treacherous battle against an ancient adversary erupts one that will test all of isabella s resolve her courage and her tenacious belief in her destiny praise for the queen s vow a beautifully crafted piece of historical fiction gortner s vivid details blend with his deeply intensive research to re create isabella and castile in a way that the reader will find compelling and immersive bringing not just the queen but the whole nation to life rt book reviews a fascinating story through his creative and spellbinding storytelling gortner s readers come to know isabella intimately in mind heart and body as she lives through a tumultuous time her intense longing to be the determiner of her own unique destiny wichita falls times record news a novel of triumph as isabella vanquishes her enemies one by one she is a very human and appealing character the roanoke times politically charged passionate a well researched intriguing historical bookreporter

no one writes bright bold bad and beautiful women of history like c w gortner and he outdoes himself with his latest heroine jennie jerome american heiress royal mistress and mother of winston churchill the american adventuress shines on every page with jennie s irrepressible thirst for adventure love and everything else life has to offer kate quinn new york times bestselling author of the rose code the story of jennie jerome churchill mother of winston a new

new york born heiress who always lived life on her own terms daughter of new york financier leonard jerome jennie was born into wealth and scandal upon her parents separation her mother took jennie and her sisters to paris where mrs jerome was determined to marry her daughters into the most elite families the glamorous city became their tumultuous finishing school until it fell to revolt fleeing to queen victoria s england jennie soon caught the eye of aristocrat randolph spencer churchill son of the duke of marlborough one of britain s loftiest peers it was love at first sight their unconventional marriage driven by mutual ambition and the birth of two sons undeterred by premature widowhood or society s rigid expectations jennie brashly carried on a lifelong intimate friendship with edward prince of wales a notorious bon vivant and had two later marriages to younger men when her son winston launched his brilliant political career jennie guided him to success his most vocal and valuable supporter by turns scandalous tragic and exciting jennie jerome lived an unconventional life full of defiance one that enshrined her as an american adventuress

they say diamonds are a girl s best friend until they re stolen ania throne is devoted to her jewelry company the daughter of one of the world s most famous jewelers she arrives in cannes with a stunning new collection but a shocking theft by the notorious thief known as the leopard throws her into upheaval and plunges her on an unexpected hunt that challenges everything she believes jerome curtis thinks he s seen it all especially when it comes to crime until he s hired to investigate the loss of ania thorne s collection his every skill put to the test as he chases after a mysterious master mind responsible for some of the costliest heists in history and finds himself in a tangled web with a woman he really shouldn t fall in love with from the fabled carlton hotel to the elegant boulevards of paris ania and jerome must race against time to catch a thief before the thief catches them with everything on the line can they solve the steal or will the steal take more than diamonds from them set in the late 1950s the steal is a romantic caper by bestselling authors c w gortner and m j rose

revenge is a diamond best served cold a year after the steal ania throne is determined to take back what the leopard stole from her together with her lover and partner jerome she stages a spectacular heist during the venetian carnival to lure out the treacherous mastermind they unmasked she s willing to risk it all until her revenge takes a dangerous twist that could cost her what she loves the most jerome curtis has given up everything for ania she needs his help and he s fallen head over heels for the world s most eligible jewelry designer but when their daring scheme to catch the thief who escaped turns on them he s targeted for a crime he never wanted to commit and he has to find a way out fast from a glamorous costume gala to the winter canals of venice ania and jerome must confront the choices they ve made and bait a new trap to catch the leopard before the leopard springs his trap on them this time the stakes are personal but with more than diamonds on the line can they escape the bait or will it separate them forever the second novella in to catch a leopard the bait is a nail biting romantic caper by

bestselling authors c w gortner and m j rose reviews for the bait a great read that gave me all the feels konny kdrbck this short story is the perfect cut with all its glitz glamour and sexiness of the 1950 s shankl goodreads reviewer read this if you love exciting mystery romance stories karen h goodreads reviewer this short novella was a great follow up to book 1 if you read and enjoyed the steal i think you will enjoy the bait as well abookwormwithwine

to catch a leopard wear diamonds a year after the bait ania throne is on the prowl gone into hiding she s planned her next move to perfection intent on winning her dangerous game of cat against cat with the leopard but ania doesn t know that even the best laid heists have hidden flaws jerome curtis has taken a job at a hollywood movie studio to try and put his life back together when a familiar face from the past shows up unexpectedly jerome realizes that much as he s tried to forget her there s no escaping ania and this time what she s about to do could be her doom the heist is on jerome must join with ania again to bring down the mastermind thief who s dead set on not getting caught passion and vengeance collide as father and daughter bait each other in a high stakes gambit with jerome caught in the middle because no matter how much ania has tried to keep her lover safe she s only brought him back into the center of her ploy and the leopard intends to take full advantage of it from the glamour of late 1950s hollywood to a desperate chase in the ravines of los angeles two leopards must hunt each other to the end and only one of them can bring down its prey the heist is the thrilling conclusion in the to catch a leopard series a dramatic romantic caper that began with the steal and the bait

for fans of philippa gregory and alison weir bestselling author c w gortner effortlessly weaves history and drama in this captivating novel about one of the world s most notorious families glamorous and predatory the borgias fascinated and terrorized fifteenth century renaissance italy and lucrezia borgia beloved daughter of the pope was at the center of the dynasty s ambitions slandered as a heartless seductress who lured men to their doom was she in fact the villainess of legend or was she trapped in a familial web forced to choose between loyalty and survival with the ascension of the spaniard rodrigo borgia as pope alexander vi a new era has dawned in rome benefitting from their father s elevation are the new pope s illegitimate children his rival sons cesare and juan and beautiful young daughter lucrezia each of whom assumes an exalted position in the papal court privileged and adored lucrezia yearns to escape her childhood and play a part in her family s fortunes but rome is seductive and dangerous alliances shift at a moment s notice as italy s ruling dynasties strive to keep rivals at bay as lucrezia s father faces challenges from all sides the threat of a french invasion forces him to marry her off to a powerful adversary but when she discovers the brutal truth behind her alliance lucrezia is plunged into a perilous gambit that will require all her wits cunning and guile escaping her marriage offers the chance of happiness with a passionate prince of naples yet as scandalous accusations of murder and incest build against her menacing those she loves lucrezia must risk everything to overcome the lethal fate imposed upon her by her borgia blood

beautifully wrought rich with fascinating historical detail the vatican princess is the first novel to describe lucrezia s coming of age in her own voice what results is a dramatic vivid tale set in an era of savagery and unparalleled splendor where enemies and allies can be one and the same and where loyalty to family can ultimately be a curse praise for the vatican princess in a literary exploration riven with shakespearean quantities of murder lies deceptions and treachery gortner s narrative gains veracity with his atmospheric exploration of fashion architecture and art on the stage of loud filthy and dangerous rome gortner has imagined lucrezia borgia s life from a feminist perspective kirkus reviews gortner has invested his novel with impressive historical detail that is woven neatly into the threads of the story and his afterword and references offer excellent insight historical novels review assiduously researched and expertly crafted this novel takes readers inside the treacherous world of the borgias one of history s most dysfunctional ruling families and brings to life the sympathetic and freshly imagined character of their leading lady lucrezia this unholy plunge into rome s darkest dynasty is wholly engrossing allison pataki new york times bestselling author of sisi empress on her own the world of renaissance italy is vividly brought to life i m captivated by this knowledgeable author s take on the controversial borgias alison weir new york times bestselling author of katherine of aragon the true queen impressive research a lush background and deft characterization of these turbulent times make for a fascinating read margaret george new york times bestselling author of elizabeth i

hunted by a shadowy foe in bloody mary s court brendan prescott plunges into london s treacherous underworld to unravel a dark conspiracy that could make elizabeth queen or send her to her death in c w gortner s the tudor conspiracy the second book in the elizabeth i spymaster chronicles england 1553 harsh winter encroaches upon the realm mary tudor has become queen to popular acclaim and her enemies are imprisoned in the tower but when she s betrothed to philip catholic prince of spain putting her protestant subjects in peril rumors of a plot to depose her swirl around the one person whom many consider to be england s heir and only hope the queen s half sister princess elizabeth haunted by his past brendan prescott lives far from the intrigues of court but his time of refuge comes to an end when his foe and mentor the spymaster cecil brings him disquieting news that sends him on a dangerous mission elizabeth is held captive at court the target of the spanish ambassador who seeks her demise obliged to return to the palace where he almost lost his life brendan finds himself working as a double agent for queen mary herself who orders brendan to secure proof that will be his cherished elizabeth s undoing plunged into a deadly game of cat and mouse with a mysterious opponent who hides a terrifying secret brendan races against time to retrieve a cache of the princess s private letters even as he begins to realize that in this dark world of betrayal and deceit where power is supreme and sister can turn against sister nothing and no one is what it seems

the era of the tudors was one of danger intrigue conspiracy and above all spies summer 1553 a time of danger and deceit brendan prescott an orphan is reared in the household of the powerful dudley family brought to court prescott finds himself sent on an illicit mission to the king s brilliant but enigmatic sister princess elizabeth but brendan is soon compelled to work as a double agent by elizabeth s protector william cecil who promises in exchange to help him unravel the secret of his own mysterious past a dark plot swirls around elizabeth s quest to unravel the truth about the ominous disappearance of her seriously ill brother king edward vi with only a bold stable boy and an audacious lady in waiting at his side brendan plunges into a ruthless gambit of half truths lies and murder filled with the intrigue and pageantry of tudor england c w gortner s the tudor secret is the first book in the elizabeth i spymaster chronicles

for readers of the paris wife and z comes this vivid novel full of drama passion tragedy and beauty that stunningly imagines the life of iconic fashion designer coco chanel the ambitious gifted laundrywoman s daughter who revolutionized fashion built an international empire and become one of the most influential and controversial figures of the twentieth century born into rural poverty gabrielle chanel and her siblings are sent to orphanage after their mother s death the sisters nurture gabrielle s exceptional sewing skills a talent that will propel the willful young woman into a life far removed from the drudgery of her childhood transforming herself into coco a seamstress and sometime torch singer the petite brunette burns with ambition an incandescence that draws a wealthy gentleman who will become the love of her life she immerses herself in his world of money and luxury discovering a freedom that sparks her creativity but it is only when her lover takes her to paris that coco discovers her destiny rejecting the frilly corseted silhouette of the past her sleek minimalist styles reflect the youthful ease and confidence of the 1920s modern woman as coco s reputation spreads her couturier business explodes taking her into rarefied society circles and bohemian salons but her fame and fortune cannot save her from heartbreak as the years pass and when paris falls to the nazis coco is forced to make choices that will haunt her an enthralling novel of an extraordinary woman who created the life she desired mademoiselle chanel explores the inner world of a woman of staggering ambition whose strength passion and artistic vision would become her trademark

between the decadence and the dazzling details i love historical fiction books centered around fashion and c w gortner s latest enthralled me this story transported me to paris it was a perfect blend of fiction and fact first for women the paris runways of the 70s come to wild and splashy life in this novel of fashion s it girl loulou de la falaise and her life partying and designing with yves saint laurent karl lagerfeld and halston nightlife gowns cocaine glamour it s the 1970s and from hippie london to warhol s factory in new york reluctant aristocrat loulou de la falaise is desperately seeking adventure having escaped an early unhappy marriage she arrives on a whim in paris the champagne soaked heart of the fashion world where the rigid old world of

haute couture and the fast paced new world of ready to wear are vying for supremacy glamour sex and cocaine nights fuel the paris fashion scene its crown prince is the soulful and intensely gifted yves saint laurent whose sexy tuxedos for women and chic rive gauche boutiques reflect women's desire for seductive independence a desire loulou knows all too well loulou's bohemian flair immediately captures saint laurent's attention and they embark on a glorious intimate friendship as artist and muse together they revel in the excesses of high society decadent parties and the hedonistic underworld of gay nightclubs where the young and beautiful become prey and dangerous rivalries start to emerge their course collides with eccentric designer karl lagerfeld intent on his own conquest lagerfeld's bitter professional rivalry with yves divides paris even in an era when anything goes as yves plunges into a dangerous secret affair with karl's enigmatic young companion and loulou finds herself falling in love with a colleague's handsome boyfriend evanescent illusion and savage deception will bring them to the brink of ruin intoxicating and unforgettable the saint laurent muse is the dramatic imagining of a lifelong friendship between two kindred spirits and of a tumultuous time and place in fashion history that will never be seen again

full of weimar berlin decadence and the scandal of hollywood this is a gloriously entertaining read marlene is utterly beguiling beatriz williams new york times bestselling author raised in genteel poverty after the first world war maria magdalena dietrich dreams of a life on the stage when a budding career as a violinist is cut short the willful teenager vows to become a singer trading her family's proper middle class society for the free spirited louche world of weimar berlin's cabarets and drag balls with her sultry beauty smoky voice seductive silk cocktail dresses and androgynous tailored suits marlene performs to packed houses and becomes entangled in a series of stormy love affairs that push the boundaries of social convention for the beautiful desirous marlene neither fame nor marriage and motherhood can cure her wanderlust as hitler and the nazis rise to power she sets sail for america rivaling the success of another european import greta garbo marlene quickly becomes one of hollywood's leading ladies starring with legends such as gary cooper john wayne and cary grant desperate for her return hitler tries to lure her with dazzling promises marlene instead chooses to become an american citizen and after her new nation is forced into world war ii she tours with the USO performing for thousands of allied troops in europe and africa an enthralling and insightful account of this extraordinary legend marlene reveals the inner life of a woman of grit glamour and ambition who defied convention seduced the world and forged her own path on her own terms cinematic in both scope and story booklist starred review

london 1558 queen mary is dead and 25 year old elizabeth ascends the throne summoned to court from exile abroad elizabeth's intimate spy brendan prescott is reunited with the young queen as well as his beloved kate scheming william cecil and arch rival robert dudley a poison attempt on elizabeth soon overshadows her coronation but before brendan can investigate

elizabeth summons him in private to dispatch him on a far more confidential mission to find her favored lady in waiting lady parry who has disappeared during a visit to her family manor in yorkshire upon his arrival at the desolate sea side manor where lady parry was last seen he encounters a strange impoverished family beset by grief as well as mounting evidence that they hide a secret from him the mystery surrounding lady parry deepens as brendan begins to realize there is far more going on at the manor than meets the eye but the closer he gets to the heart of the mystery in vaughn hall the more he learns that in his zeal to uncover the truth he could be precipitating elizabeth s destruction from the intrigue laden passages of whitehall to a foreboding catholic manor and the deadly underworld of london brendan must race against time to unravel a vendetta that will strike at the very core of his world a vendetta that could expose a buried past and betray everything he has fought for including his loyalty to his queen the tudor vendetta is the third volume in the spymaster chronicles series by c w gortner

infamy is no accident it is a poison in our blood it is the price of being a borgia glamorous and predatory the borgias became italy s most ruthless and powerful family electrifying and terrorizing their 15th century renaissance world to this day lucrezia borgia the pope s beautiful daughter is known as one of history s most notorious villainesses accused of incest and luring men to doom with her arsenal of poison was she the heartless seductress of legend or was she an unsuspecting pawn in a familial web forced to choose between loyalty and her own survival from her pampered childhood in the palaces of rome to her ill fated scandalous marriages and complex relationship with her adored father and her brothers this is the dramatic untold story of a papal princess whose courage led her to overcome the fate imposed on her by her borgia blood

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this novel about sarah bernhardt the iconic french actress is both a riveting portrait of the artist as a passionate young woman and a luscious historical novel full of period detail melanie benjamin new york times bestselling author of mistress of the ritz and the aviator s wife from her beginnings as the daughter of a courtesan to her extraordinary transformation into the most celebrated actress of her era sarah bernhardt is brought to life by an internationally bestselling author praised for his historical novels featuring famous women sarah s highly dramatic life starts when she returns to paris after her convent schooling and is confronted by her mother s demand to follow in the family trade as a courtesan to escape this fate sarah pursues a career onstage at the esteemed comédie française until her rebellious acting style leads to her scandalous dismissal only nineteen years old and unemployed sarah is forced to submit to her mother s wishes but her seductive ease as a courtesan comes to an abrupt end when she discovers she is pregnant unwilling to give up her child sarah defies social condemnation and is cast adrift penniless and alone with her striking beauty and innovative performances in a bohemian theater sarah catapults to unexpected success suddenly audiences clamor to see this controversial young actress but her world is torn asunder by the brutal 1870 siege of paris sarah refuses to abandon the ravaged city nursing wounded soldiers and risking her life her return to the comédie and her tempestuous affair with her leading man plunge sarah into a fierce quest for independence undeterred she risks everything to become france s most acclaimed actress enthraling audiences with her shocking portrayals of female and male characters sarah s daring talent and outrageous london engagement pave her path to worldwide celebrity with sold out tours in europe and america told in her own voice this is sarah bernhardt s incandescent story a fascinating intimate account of a woman whose unrivaled talent and indomitable spirit has enshrined her in history as the divine sarah

in two stunning novels c w gortner brings to life two of history s most intriguing and courageous women catherine de medici the last legitimate descendant of the illustrious medici family of italy and juana of castile daughter of queen isabel and king ferninand of spain who would be the last queen to inherit her country s throne the confessions of catherine de medici catherine de medici has been expelled from her native florence and betrothed to henri son of françois i of france in an unfamiliar realm she strives to create a role for herself through her patronage of the famous clairvoyant nostradamus and her own innate gift as a seer but in her fortieth year catherine is widowed left alone with six young children in a kingdom torn apart by the ambitions of a treacherous nobility relying on her tenacity wit and uncanny gift for compromise catherine seizes power intent on securing the throne for her sons unaware that if she is to save france she may have to sacrifice her ideals her reputation and the secret of her embattled heart the

last queen born amid her parents struggle to unify and strengthen their kingdom juana at the age of sixteen is sent to wed philip heir to the habsburg empire there she finds unexpected love and passion with her dashing young husband and at first she is content with her children and her married life but when tragedy strikes and she becomes heir to the spanish throne juana finds herself plunged into a battle for power against her husband that grows to involve the major monarchs of europe besieged by foes on all sides juana vows to secure her crown and save spain from ruin even if it costs her everything includes an excerpt from c w gortner s much anticipated new novel featuring isabel of castile the queen s vow

summer 1553 a time of intrigue deceit and betrayal brendan prescott a foundling raised in the dudley household is summoned to the court of edward vi as a squire for arrogant lord robert eager to prove his worth brendan hopes to gain advancement in his new post but when lord robert sends him on an illicit mission to the king s younger sister princess elizabeth brendan soon discovers that nothing in his world is as it appears a vengeful opponent stalks the princess intent on her destruction lured into her service as a spy brendan races against time to unravel a treasonous web of terrifying dimensions one that could conceal the secret of his own mysterious birth meticulously researched filled with the pageantry and perils of tudor england the secret lion begins the story of a man s rise to power in the elizabethan secret service the first book in the spymaster chronicles

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