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Under the Summer Sky

A tree stands on a hill by a river. As the sky changes, so does the tree, its branches filling with clouds, stars, snow, birds, mists, and the golden spring sun. One tree can mean many things. Thomas Locker's lyrical text records the changes in the tree's world just as simply as a child might observe them, and his magnificent paintings

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crystallize the natural phenomena that embellish the tree on each page. Questions at the bottom of each page lead to a unique discussion in the back of the book, where art and science are intertwined, and further depth is added to the wonder of Sky Tree.

Under the Broken Sky

Stargazing is among the most peaceful and inspiring outdoor activities. Night Sky, the award-winning book by Jonathan Poppele, makes it more fun than ever! Take a simple approach to finding 62 constellations by focusing on one constellation at a time, instead of attempting to study dizzying charts. Start with the easy-to-find constellations during each season and work toward the more difficult ones. Better yet, you'll learn how to locate any constellation in relation to the Big Dipper, the North Star and the top of the sky. With two ways to locate each constellation, you'll know where in the sky to look and what to look for! Along the way, you'll be introduced to mythology, facts and tidbits, as well as details about the planets, solar system and more! As an added bonus, the book comes with a red-light flashlight for night reading.

Daylighting and Lighting Under a Nordic Sky

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Curl up with this gorgeously romantic tale and let the glistening snow and the roaring fires of Stardust Lake Hotel get you in the festive spirit this Christmas. Piper Chesterfield lives a glamorous life travelling the world and reviewing the finest hotels. She calls nowhere home, she works alone and that 's how she likes it. For long ago Piper decided that to protect her heart she should lock it away. So when Piper 's next assignment brings her to the newly opened Stardust Lake Hotel for the festive season, the last person she expects to face is Gabe Whitaker, the man who broke her heart so completely she could never love again. But Piper isn 't the only one who has been frozen in time by heartbreak. Gabe hasn 't forgotten the golden-eyed girl who disappeared from his world without a trace. Now fate has reunited them on Juniper island, can the magic of Christmas heal old wounds? And can this enchanting town be the one place Piper can finally call home? Read what everyone is saying about Christmas Under a Cranberry Sky: ' I couldn 't get enough ... This story is MAGICAL ... I wish I could spend my next Christmas on Juniper Island ... It 's the perfect story to get into the festive mood and it 's one you cannot put down. ' Simona 's Corner of Dreams ' I absolutely LOVED this book. Holly Martin just completely wows you with her beautiful writing, wonderful characters and great story. ' Renita D ' Silva ' So difficult for me to put it down... This story is absolutely beautiful. ' Me, Cupcakes and Tea ' Having just finished and been astounded by Christmas Under A Cranberry Sky, I think I am fairly safe in declaring Holly Martin a queen of the Christmas book, so with that in mind I am delighted that there is a second book in this series out soon. ' Rachel 's Random Reads ' Christmas romance at its absolute best... ' Lozza 's Book

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Corner ' I have yet to read a book by Holly Martin that I haven ' t loved, and this one is no different. ' Clara ' s Books and Lit ' I cherished every single page of this book... Holly whisks you away to this magical place that had me craving all things Christmas. ' Star Crossed Reviews ' You can always count on Holly Martin for a cozy romantic escape. ' Happily Ever After Novel Thoughts

Hush of Storm & Sorrow

While battling a vicious winter storm, Roshon ol-Sarifor, along with his father and twin brother are kidnapped and thrust on a journey that takes them far from home—leaving his sister Jasmina believing them dead. Their captors claim that the Queen Who Sleeps is behind their abduction—She wants them to reclaim a magical object hidden in a deadly part of the ocean. But a violent encounter with a gang of pirates forces the ol-Sarifors to seek refuge on a smuggler's ship, where Roshon meets a girl unlike any he ' s encountered before. Ani Summerhawk never met a risk she didn ' t take. But with a price on her head, she and her older brother need to make a quick getaway from a deal gone bad. Every ship in the sea is seeking the reward for returning her to a ruthless captain who believes she's his property. But when her brother agrees to transport three passengers to a dangerous destination, Ani ' s heart is put on the line for the first time. The two families battle a treacherous sea, greedy sailors, and a powerful mage as they struggle to retrieve and secure the ancient artifact. And the attraction between a high-spirited girl and a cautious boy comes to a

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head when they discover that their biggest fight just might be with each other. Set two years before the events of Song of Blood & Stone, this action-packed novella answers the question of what happened to Jasminda 's family and sets the stage for the events in Cry of Metal & Bone (Earthsinger Chronicles, book 3) .

Under a Christmas Sky

Awaken oneawaken them all.Insomniac Piper Laurel focuses on the simple things, the feel-good things. She likes her coffee black, her wine cheap, and her men gone by morning. But when her last living relative dies, she must confront the feel-bad things. She's the last Laurel, she's almost thirty, and she's completely alone.When she returns to her sleepy seaside hometown, her ex is still as yummy as ever, and a familiar-seeming stranger is also there to tug at her heartstrings. But a love triangle isn't the only thing waiting for her. The immortal Anik has spent centuries plotting to claim the last Laurel--and a lot of innocent souls in the bargain. To survive Anik and the Realm Wars, Piper must forget her version of reality and awaken to her destiny as a Seekin, Guardian of Souls. With two men vying for her heart and hellhounds on her heels, Piper must decide who she trusts and who she loves while embracing her destiny with her eyes wide open.

A Stranger in Town

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Soon to be a major television event from Pascal Pictures, starring Tom Holland. Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, the USA Today and #1 Amazon Charts bestseller *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours. Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager--obsessed with music, food, and girls--but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior. In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier--a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich's most mysterious and powerful commanders. Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share. Fans of *All the Light We Cannot See*, *The Nightingale*, and *Unbroken* will enjoy this riveting saga of history, suspense, and love.

Under the Night Sky

A boy is surprised when his mother tells him to get up and dressed when she returns

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from work late one night, but soon they are outside, surrounded by neighbors, watching an amazing display of the northern lights.

Under the Dark Sky

After nearly a century when electric lighting has dominated the design of building interiors, a return to the use of daylight as the main ambient light source is motivated by energy, environmental, and health considerations. Good daylighting of building interiors not only promotes low energy use, it has the potential to (re)connect humans to the natural cycle of day and night, which promotes health and well-being. Light is especially important to people in the Nordic countries because it is scarce for a large part of the year and over-abundant around the summer solstice. The unique character of daylight provided by the Nordic sky with its weak intensity in the winter and low sun angles in the summer demands careful study and attention, as it is more precious than in any other location. The current context of densifying cities makes it increasingly difficult to provide sufficient amounts of daylight in buildings under Nordic sky conditions, especially in winter. Analyses using advanced building simulation programs are often needed to predict daylight levels and adjust the building design accordingly. The relevant building regulations and certification schemes need to be understood in depth if they are to be followed by design practitioners. In addition, state-of-the-art electric lighting technologies such as LEDs and advanced control systems require a good integration with daylighting design.

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Addressing these issues, this book provides the essential knowledge and background to students and practicing professionals who wish to tackle the challenging endeavor of illuminating buildings under a Nordic sky using daylight as the main ambient light source, supplemented by energy-efficient electric lighting systems.

Canada Under the Administration of Lord Lorne

Find the difference is an exciting edutainment activity that comes with many benefits. For instance, spending at least an hour solving find the difference puzzles will help boost your child's memory and visual discrimination skills. Other benefits include the essential life skills of patience, relaxation and determination. Secure a copy now!

Under the Wide and Starry Sky

Beneath a Scarlet Sky

A thrilling Scandinavian mystery from an international best-selling author. Anchorage, Alaska: A prominent Danish volcano scientist, Asger Vad and his wife and son, are found shot on the outskirts of the city. The killer has placed the victims around a table on which there is a doll house with four small dolls and a pile of volcano ashes.

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However, one person is missing at the table. The Family's 11-year-old daughter has disappeared from the house, and a massive search starts. Has she run away, or did the killer take her? Also, what secrets do the family keep? Inspector Daniel Trokic is sent to Alaska to participate in the investigation. He teams up with the half native detective Angie Johnson, and their hunt for an insane killer and the missing daughter begins.

By the Great Horn Spoon!

The year is 1849. Young Jack Flagg sets out to recoup his Aunt Arabella's fortune on a ship bound from Boston to the California gold fields. Thus begin the wild, swashbuckling adventures of a determined 12-year-old and his intrepid butler. Illustrations.

Under a War-Torn Sky

Lucas is a fighter in the Polish Resistance Movement during World War II. But when he wakes up in the trenches after a long night of being shelled, he finds his ears bloody and his memory gone. All he has left is a torn photograph of a man and woman and a young boy. Could the child be him? Four days later, on December 20, Lucas is dropped off on the train platform of a bombed-out Polish village. Nothing is familiar,

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though his buddies assure him that this was his home town. All around him he finds death and destruction. He begins searching for his family. A young woman recognizes the people in his photograph, but his hope is short-lived when he finds out they were some of the first casualties of the war. As he leaves the village, he comes upon two children; a brother and a sister, both on the verge of starvation. He wants to help them, but he has nothing to give: not a blanket, nor a scrap of food. Once more, the woman finds him on the road and begs him to help the children. He gives in and bundles them up and takes them with him to the rail station where he manages to secure the last seat. On the train, he notices the little girl is carrying her own torn photograph. When he asks to see it, he realizes that it is the second half of his own picture. With a full heart, he recognizes the young boy in his photo as the little boy sitting across from him. In the second half of the photo he sees himself in his uniform holding hands with the young girl. The children are his family: his own brother and sister. One more face in the picture draws his attention. It is the girl who helped him in the village-she is his sister, killed along with his parents, but who has returned as an angel to make sure the little family was reunited and safe. The young man is able to spend the holidays with his family, his heart filled with hope that they will find a safe haven among the Allied armies.

Under the grand old hills. Author's ed

Look! The sky is getting cloudy. Does that mean light rain, a thunderstorm, or just an

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overcast day? Dylan hopes their soccer game won't be rained out. Bel the Weather Girl helps her friends read the clues in the sky. Will it rain on game day? Stay tuned, because every day is another weather day!

Weather Clues in the Sky

A teenage girl in Eastern Kentucky has been isolated since birth. She experiences abuse from her father as unquestionably the will of God. She obeys his rules in hopes of banishing her demons and finding redemption. But when she breaks a rule in order to teach herself to read the Bible, she discovers something more powerful than God's laws. A hidden letter written sixteen years prior by a woman named Allie to her lover, Jute, reveals both disturbing and electrifying secrets. She feels called to find Jute and deliver the letter to her, even if none of the maps in the Bible show the way to Nashville, Tennessee. Meanwhile, in Nashville, Jute has decided to let go of Allie's things. She asks her son, John, to take the boxes from the attic to the barn. To him, it's all junk. He was never told about Allie. But, when John discovers an old photograph tucked inside one of the notebooks, he is instantly drawn into the mystery of what happened to the girl. What he discovers is even more horrifying than the secrets his mother is hiding. He wants to forget it all, but he can't.

The Vanishing Sky

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"In 1845, Sammy, a Chinese American girl, and Annamae, an African American slave girl, disguise themselves as boys and travel on the Oregon Trail to California from Missouri"--

Winter Suns

Shot down on a mission, 19-year-old pilot Henry is alone in a treacherous land. Desperate to get back to his family and the girl he loves, he is forced to rely on the cunning of the French Resistance. But in his battle to survive the deadly journey across Nazi-occupied Europe, he must face a terrible choice: can he take a life to save his own? "A brilliantly paced, action-packed story with some breathtaking moments" - Primary Times

Under the Grand Old Hills

This romantic new book from bestselling author Lori Copeland portrays God's miraculous provision even when none seems possible. 1893—A man who goes only by the name of "Jones" isn't looking for trouble when he happens across Miss Trinity Franklin at the riverside. He is simply on his way to North Dakota to seek the advice of Tom Curtis, a former CN&W Railroad land purchaser. But when Jones spots a lady who is about to become the victim of a marauding band of thugs, he quickly follows

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his instincts. A handy barrel and a nearby river seem the perfect getaway solution how was he to know she couldn't swim? Thus begins an adventure beyond what either could have anticipated. After Jones again rescues Trinity—this time from the river—they find their destination is the same: a small town in North Dakota. A seemingly coincidental beginning comes to a delightful and charming ending when orchestrated by the One who can put the pieces of any lost and broken life together.

Under a Painted Sky

The Alpine Journal

The Twelve Kingdoms: The Mark of the Tala

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • TODAY SHOW BOOK CLUB PICK • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST AND ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader's Circle for author chats and more. From Nancy Horan, New York Times bestselling author of *Loving Frank*, comes her much-anticipated second novel, which tells the improbable love story of Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson and his

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tempestuous American wife, Fanny. At the age of thirty-five, Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne has left her philandering husband in San Francisco to set sail for Belgium—with her three children and nanny in tow—to study art. It is a chance for this adventurous woman to start over, to make a better life for all of them, and to pursue her own desires. Not long after her arrival, however, tragedy strikes, and Fanny and her children repair to a quiet artists' colony in France where she can recuperate. Emerging from a deep sorrow, she meets a lively Scot, Robert Louis Stevenson, ten years her junior, who falls instantly in love with the earthy, independent, and opinionated “belle Americaine.” Fanny does not immediately take to the slender young lawyer who longs to devote his life to writing—and who would eventually pen such classics as *Treasure Island* and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. In time, though, she succumbs to Stevenson's charms, and the two begin a fierce love affair—marked by intense joy and harrowing darkness—that spans the decades and the globe. The shared life of these two strong-willed individuals unfolds into an adventure as impassioned and unpredictable as any of Stevenson's own unforgettable tales. Praise for *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* “A richly imagined [novel] of love, laughter, pain and sacrifice . . . Under the Wide and Starry Sky is a dual portrait, with Louis and Fanny sharing the limelight in the best spirit of teamwork—a romantic partnership.” —USA Today “Powerful . . . flawless . . . a perfect example of what a man and a woman will do for love, and what they can accomplish when it's meant to be.” —Fort Worth Star-Telegram “Spectacular . . . an exhilarating epic about a free-spirited couple who traveled the world yet found home only in one another.” —Booklist

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(starred review) “ Horan ’ s prose is gorgeous enough to keep a reader transfixed, even if the story itself weren ’ t so compelling. I kept re-reading passages just to savor the exquisite wordplay. . . . Few writers are as masterful as she is at blending carefully researched history with the novelist ’ s art. ” —The Dallas Morning News “ A classic artistic bildungsroman and a retort to the genre, a novel that shows how love and marriage can simultaneously offer inspiration and encumbrance. ” —The New York Times Book Review “ Nancy Horan has done it again, capturing the entwined lives of Fanny Osbourne and Robert Louis Stevenson so uncannily, it reads like truth. ” —Sarah Blake, author of *The Postmistress* “ Horan has a distinct knack for evoking the rich, complicated lives of long-gone artists and the women who inspired them. ” —Entertainment Weekly From the Trade Paperback edition.

Of Water and Sky

Temple Bar

Night Sky

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Steven G. Smith showcases the picturesque

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Thames River basin, which extends from southern Massachusetts through Connecticut to the Long Island Sound. The river and its watershed help define the borders of a valley that is unique among its East Coast neighbors, considered to be the last place where dark night sky can be viewed between Washington, D.C. and the Boston metro area. Locals like to call the area the “ Quiet Corner ” or the “ Last Green Valley. ” In 1994, the U.S. Congress designated parts of the area as a Natural Heritage Corridor because it is one of the last remaining stretches of green in the area and boasts some of the largest unbroken forests in southern New England. This full-color documentary photo essay explores this Atlantic gem, through the faces of the people and the landscapes. An excellent gift and an educational resource, the book includes a foreword by noted outdoor writer Steve Grant.

A Stitch in Time

Winter Sky

Thorne Manor has always been haunted...and it has always haunted Bronwyn Dale. As a young girl, Bronwyn could pass through a time slip in her great-aunt's house, where she visited William Thorne, a boy her own age, born two centuries earlier. After a family tragedy, the house was shuttered and Bronwyn was convinced that

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William existed only in her imagination. Now, twenty years later Bronwyn inherits Thorne Manor. And when she returns, William is waiting. William Thorne is no longer the boy she remembers. He ' s a difficult and tempestuous man, his own life marred by tragedy and a scandal that had him retreating to self-imposed exile in his beloved moors. He ' s also none too pleased with Bronwyn for abandoning him all those years ago. As their friendship rekindles and sparks into something more, Bronwyn must also deal with ghosts in the present version of the house. Soon she realizes they are linked to William and the secret scandal that drove him back to Thorne Manor. To build a future, Bronwyn must confront the past.

Under a Black Sky

Find the Difference

"An epic memoir from a man whose life is defined by exploration and innovation, *The Sky Below* re-creates some of the most unforgettable adventures of our time. From dramatic, high-risk spacewalks to author Scott Parazynski's death-defying quest to summit Mount Everest--his body ravaged by a career in space--readers will experience the life of an elite athlete, physician, and explorer"--Amazon.com.

Seasons of Sorcery

Thirty years on from the events of "The Whole of the Moon" in the village of Ballinastrad in Western Ireland, Conor Doyle is still haunted by the ghosts from his past. Richard Morgan a retired movie director has bought and renovated Dunmadden Manor house on the outskirts of the village. Richard's son James and Conor's daughter Grainne are making plans for a Christmas wedding. However tensions are burning high in the area with the arrival of three individuals that will change forever the lives of Conor Doyle and Richard Morgan. Murder returns to Ballinastrad Under the Red Winter Sky.

Winter Sky

Crashing through the snow . . . Julia, the newly widowed Lady Leighton Kingswood, is hardly in the mood for the holidays. But thanks to the persistence of Julia's sister-in-law, Lady Laurentia Howard, she soon finds herself braving the dreadful weather to venture out to the Howard estate to celebrate Christmas. She's hoping for a peaceful interlude . . . until the coach crashes and the driver disappears, leaving her for dead. The horrid weather is making Willem Wakefield wish he were still in the East Indies. But he's on a diplomatic mission to deliver some important documents to Princess Charlotte, who'll be attending the Howard's Yuletide celebration. Except on

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the way there, he comes across an overturned carriage and finds a beautiful woman on the verge of freezing to death. Once he has her safely in his coach, he realizes his only option is to take her to the Howard estate with him. But it isn't long before he realizes that he'd like nothing more than to keep his Lady Frost all to himself. And for much longer than just the holidays . . . For the past five years Sharon Sobel has spent the hottest days of New England summers writing about the coldest days of English winters. She is the author of fifteen works of romance fiction, including novellas in the four Regency Yuletide Collections and two novels published by ImaJinn Books. Her short story "The Jilt" was selected for inclusion in *Second Chances*, published by Romance Writers of America, from which she received a Service Award in 2017. She earned a PhD in English Language and Literature from Brandeis University and is an English professor at a Connecticut college, where she co-chaired the Connecticut Writers' Conference for five years. An eighteenth century Connecticut farmhouse, where Sharon and her husband raised their three children, has provided inspiration for either the period or the setting for all of her books.

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

Under the Live Oaks

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Detective Casey Butler has noticed fewer and fewer residents coming in to the hidden town of Rockton, and no extensions being granted. Her boyfriend, Sheriff Eric Dalton, presumes it's the natural flux of things, but Casey's not so sure. It seems like something bigger is happening in the small town they call home. When an injured hiker stumbles from the woods, someone who seems to have come to the Yukon for a wilderness vacation but instead is now fighting for her life, it's all hands on deck. What - or who - attacked this woman, and why? With the woman unconscious, and no leads, Casey and Eric don't know where the threat is coming from. Plus, the residents of their deeply secretive town are uneasy with this stranger in their midst. Everyone in Rockton wants this mystery solved - and fast. In the latest riveting thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author Kelley Armstrong, the paranoia increases - along with the stakes - as the town of Rockton tries to solve the latest mystery at their door.

Fauna and Flora, Earth and Sky

"Necessary for all of humankind, *Under the Broken Sky* is a breathtaking work of literature."—Booklist, starred review A beautifully told middle-grade novel-in-verse about a Japanese orphan 's experience in occupied rural Manchuria during World War II. Twelve-year-old Natsu and her family live a quiet farm life in Manchuria, near the border of the Soviet Union. But the life they 've known begins to unravel when her father is recruited to the Japanese army, and Natsu and her little sister, Cricket, are

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left orphaned and destitute. In a desperate move to keep her sister alive, Natsu sells Cricket to a Russian family following the 1945 Soviet occupation. The journey to redemption for Natsu's broken family is rife with struggles, but Natsu is tenacious and will stop at nothing to get her little sister back. Literary and historically insightful, this is one of the great untold stories of WWII. Much like the Newbery Honor book *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai, Mariko Nagai's *Under the Broken Sky* is powerful, poignant, and ultimately hopeful. Christy Ottaviano Books

Christmas under a Cranberry Sky

Almost twelve-year-old Siria, who chases firetrucks in the middle of the night to ensure her fire fighter dad's safety, learns about bravery one winter as she tries to mend a broken friendship.

The Fate of the Tala

Queen Of The Unknown The tales tell of three sisters, daughters of the high king. The eldest, a valiant warrior-woman, heir to the kingdom. The youngest, the sweet beauty with her Prince Charming. No one says much about the middle princess, Andromeda. Andi, the other one. Andi doesn't mind being invisible. She enjoys the company of her horse more than court, and she has a way of blending into the

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shadows. Until the day she meets a strange man riding, who keeps company with wolves and ravens, who rules a land of shapeshifters and demons. A country she'd thought was no more than legend--until he claims her as its queen. In a moment everything changes: Her father, the wise king, becomes a warlord, suspicious and strategic. Whispers call her dead mother a traitor and a witch. Andi doesn't know if her own instincts can be trusted, as visions appear to her and her body begins to rebel. For Andi, the time to learn her true nature has come. . .

Count Frontenac and New France Under Louis XIV

This novella begins after the events of Song of Blood & Stone—it ' s both an extended epilogue AND a prequel, so it ' s advisable to read that novel first. For Jasminda ul-Sarifor, the war may be over, but her conflict is not. New, overwhelming duties leave her caught between two worlds but belonging to neither. She turns once more to Jack, hoping the bond that got them through the first battle is strong enough to weather a new storm. For Jack, Jasminda ' s struggles hit close to home. To help her find her way, he entrusts her with a tale from his past when, after another war, a young Jack Alliasen must also adjust to new responsibilities. But his take a lethal turn when prisoners of war start showing up dead on his watch. With the aid of a mysterious young man destined to change his life forever, Jack must save the lives of those under his protection before it's too late. As his story unfolds, will Jack ' s memories help Jasminda conquer her present trials?

Breath of Dust & Dawn

"[Fauna and Flora, Earth and Sky] is, in fact, the most intelligent, thoughtful, original, challenging, and highly entertaining work of nature writing since Barry Lopez's *Arctic Dreams*. . . . It is her broad scope of contemplation, combined with her fiercely beautiful and detailed renderings of passion, natural and human, that give Trudy Dittmar's first but fully mature book its remarkable originality and considerable power." --Robert Finch, *Los Angeles Times Book Review* "Honest self-scrutiny is irresistible, especially when told with a knack for diction of place, as this author demonstrates on every page. She is both of the landscape and an informed observer of it, willing to examine her conflicts between the experiences that play in her imagination and the scientific knowledge she's gleaned through training and reading." --*The Bloomsbury Review* "Trudy Dittmar is an elegant stylist and an acute observer. She's read everything there is to read about the physics of rainbows, the habits of the porcupine, the winter survival skills of the moose and the orbits of the planets, but even her learning is outdistanced by her patient powers of looking, smelling, hearing, touching and tasting. Her originality arises out of this patience. And, magically, she is able to read into and out of the rich, endangered natural world an Emersonian understanding of self. This is at once the most objective and subjective book I have ever read." --Edmund White, author of *A Boy's Own Story* "Dittmar writes about life with the precision of a scientist and the introspective lyricism of a poet, illuminating for us those parts of the world we barely remember to notice from

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the complex emotional lives of cows and pronghorns to the dazzling leaves of a silver maple to the teeming hidden pools of bright salamanders. Reading this book is like finding a geode in a stream bed--crack it open and it sparkles--Jo Ann Beard "Dittmar, who won a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer' Award in 2000 and whose writings have appeared in numerous publications . . . provides a fascinating look at natural and personal history in these ten essays on animals, plants, and other natural phenomena. . . . An excellent choice for both public and academic libraries." --Library Journal In essays with settings that range from the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming, to the mountain town of Leadville, Colorado, to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, Trudy Dittmar weaves personal experience with diverse threads of subject matter to create unexpected connections between human nature and nature at large. Life stories, elegantly combined with mindful observations of animals, plants, landscape and the skies, theories in natural science, environmental considerations, and touches of art criticism and popular culture, offer insights into the linked analogies of nature and soul. A glacial pond teeming with salamanders in arrested development is cause for reflection on the limits of a life that knows only bounty. The hot blue lights of celestial phenomena are a metaphor for fast, flashy men--he loves of a life--and a romantic career is interpreted. Watching a pronghorn buck battling for, and ultimately losing, his harem leads to a meditation on a kind of immortality. Fauna and Flora, Earth and Sky is testimony to the bearing and consequence of nature in one life, and to the richness of understanding it can bring to all human lives. Trudy Dittmar was born and raised in New Jersey farm country. In addition to

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