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Nothing is as it seems When Adam joined the Pioneer program, he became one of six teens to forfeit their bodies for a new, digital existence. Together, the Six were unstoppable, protecting the world from artificial-intelligence systems that threatened the human race. But they were more than a team—they were family. Until now. Adam has a complex power within his circuitry that defies the very laws

of physics. He wasn't programmed to have this power, and he can barely control it or its consequences. Adam's never felt more alone. Amber, the newest Pioneer, knows what it is like to be an outsider. She gets him in a way the others don't. Except Amber's software has been corrupted, and until Adam figures out exactly what she's become, the Pioneers—and the world—are in mortal danger. "Questions of principle, power, and possibility keep this look at our modern, hardwired existence fresh and fascinating." —Booklist, STARRED review of *The Six* "An exciting action-story chock full of characters you'll love. *The Six* is full of big ideas, big questions, real science, and things that will make you think and wonder and lie awake late at night." —Michael Grant, author of the *Gone* series on *The Six*

### **The Omega Theory**

This is a textbook on classical polynomial and rational approximation theory for the twenty-first century. Aimed at advanced undergraduates and graduate students across all of applied mathematics, it uses MATLAB to teach the field's most important ideas and results. *Approximation Theory and Approximation Practice, Extended Edition* differs fundamentally from other works on approximation theory in a number of ways: its emphasis is on topics close to numerical algorithms; concepts are illustrated with Chebfun; and each chapter is a PUBLISHable MATLAB M-file, available online. The book centers on theorems and methods for analytic functions, which appear so often in applications, rather than on functions at the

edge of discontinuity with their seductive theoretical challenges. Original sources are cited rather than textbooks, and each item in the bibliography is accompanied by an editorial comment. In addition, each chapter has a collection of exercises, which span a wide range from mathematical theory to Chebfun-based numerical experimentation. This textbook is appropriate for advanced undergraduate or graduate students who have an understanding of numerical analysis and complex analysis. It is also appropriate for seasoned mathematicians who use MATLAB.

### **LSD, My Problem Child**

A science professor on the run must find a lost Einstein theory—and keep it from those who might use it to destroy the universe. Don't miss the “riveting” (Publishers Weekly) doomsday thriller that Booklist calls “a strikingly sweet-natured yet satisfyingly barbed high-tech, high-stakes adventure” in a starred review. David Swift is called to the hospital to comfort his dying mentor—a renowned scientist who's been brutally tortured. David is shocked when the old man dies after wheezing “Einheitlichen Feldtheorie.” The Theory of Everything. It was Albert Einstein's lifetime quest to pin down a unified set of equations that incorporated both relativity and quantum mechanics, combining the physics of stars with the laws of atoms. But Einstein never achieved this goal. Or did he? In the next two hours, David's attacked by a Russian assassin, arrested by the FBI, and nearly killed three times. Someone is clearly trying to get their hands on the

supposedly failed theory. But why? As David runs for his life, he'll team up with his old girlfriend (who happens to be gorgeous, brilliant, and living in Einstein's old Princeton house), another eccentric disciple of Einstein, and an autistic teenager addicted to video games, in order to work out what Einstein's theories could possibly be worth to the powers desperate for it—and if the world is even ready for their consequences.

### **Handbook of Personality Disorders, Second Edition**

Tomorrow's most explosive thriller, today Cynthia Wright is a rising star in American politics, strongly tipped as a future candidate for president. One night she is violently assaulted in her home by an intruder. She defends herself and minutes later, the intruder lies dead. Wright is hailed as a #MeToo heroine: the woman who fought back. But inconsistencies emerge in Wright's story, suggesting that the attack might not have been as random as it first seemed. When former White House troubleshooter Maggie Costello is drafted in to investigate, she finds intriguing gaps, especially over Wright's early life. She likes this woman, who she believes could - and should - be president. But she can't shake off the question: who exactly is Cynthia Wright? A cat-and-mouse conspiracy thriller of rare intelligence, *To Kill a Man* explores an unsettling world in which justice is in the eye of the beholder and revenge seems to be the only answer.

### **Exploring Mars**

When an eminent elderly biologist is found dead at the bottom of a gorge, his research collaborator, Jake Sterling, believes that it is more than a case of suicide and sets out to uncover a secret that could prove devastating for humanity.

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'Einheitliche Feldtheorie'. The final words of his dying mentor will change David Swift's life forever. Within hours of hearing those words, David is arrested, interrogated and almost assassinated. But he's too busy running for his life to work out what it all means. Has he accidentally inherited Einstein's Unified Theory -- a set of equations with the power to destroy the world? Einstein died without discovering the theory. Or did he? Teaming up with his ex-girlfriend and an autistic teenager addicted to video games, David must ensure he survives long enough to find out the truth -- and deal with the terrifying consequences.

### **The Hazel Wood**

In a nightmarish, post-holocaust world, an ancient evil roams a devastated America, gathering the forces of human greed and madness, searching for a child

named Swan who possesses the gift of life.

### **The Bone Garden**

Game theory has brought me to this point and I must follow where it leads. Even though this is not a game. Jamie is a sixteen-year-old maths whiz. Summerlee, his older sister, is in the grip of a wild phase. Tensions at home run high. When Summerlee wins a 7.5-million-dollar lottery, she cuts all ties with her family. But money can cause trouble - big trouble. And when Jamie's younger sister Phoebe is kidnapped for a ransom, the family faces a crisis almost too painful to bear. Jamie thinks he can use game theory - the strategy of predicting an opponent's actions - to get Phoebe back. But can he outfox the kidnapper? Or is he putting his own and his sister's life at risk? A brilliant, page-turning novel from a superb storyteller.

### **Game Theory**

Exploring Mars: Secrets of the Red Planet by the Editors of Scientific American Our nearest planetary neighbor has been the subject of endless fascination and wide-ranging theories throughout history. Is there life on Mars? Was there ever life on Mars? What was the atmosphere like thousands or millions of years ago? From Percival Lowell, who built his own observatory so he could dedicate himself to

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studying the red planet, to NASA landing the car-sized Opportunity rover in 2012, this eBook, *Exploring Mars: Secrets of the Red Planet*, traces Scientific American's coverage of the observation and exploration of Mars. The first section outlines early 20th century theories about Mars, including the possibility of an intricate canal system built by an intelligent species. Once the space probes enter the picture, most of those ideas were debunked, but even more questions arose. The second section covers current missions, which found evidence of ancient oceans and a thicker atmosphere that has since been lost. The third section raises even more exciting possibilities with ambitious plans for future missions. In this book, you'll follow these advances in astronomy and planetary science as better and better technology brings us incrementally closer to unlocking the secrets of Mars.

### **Spiral**

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### **Sundays at Tiffany's (Bonus Edition)**

"This novel isn't just ripped from the headlines, it's an alarm bell ringing from the near-future, a prescient warning of where we're headed next. Read this now--before it's literally too late." - New York Times bestselling author James Rollins America is on the brink of collapse, devastated by a brutal government trying to silence its citizens, in *The Coming Storm*, the next action-packed thriller from Mark Alpert. New York City, 2023: Rising seas and superstorms have ravaged the land. Food and electricity are scarce. A dangerous Washington regime has terrorized the city, forcing the most vulnerable and defenseless people into the flood-ravaged neighborhoods. The new laws are enforced by an army of genetically enhanced soldiers, designed to be the fiercest and cruelest of killers. Genetic scientist Dr. Jenna Khan knows too much about how these super-soldiers were

engineered: by altering the DNA sequence in ways that could change the fabric of humanity. Escaping arrest and on the run, Jenna joins forces with a genetically enhanced soldier gone rogue and a Brooklyn gang kingpin to resist the government's plan to manipulate the DNA of all Americans. The race is on to stop the evil experiment before it spreads the genetic changes and transforms the human species forever. "THE COMING STORM illustrates a terrifying near future that has a direct line of sight to the politics and crises of today there's no doubt the book should make us sit up and listen." - The Big Thrill

### **The Vanishing Chemist**

Exchanging their bodies for machines, these teens will defy expectations, brave danger, and defend civilization. They are The Six. Adam's muscular dystrophy has stolen his mobility, his friends, and in less than a year it will take his life. Virtual reality games are Adam's only escape from his wheelchair. In his alternate world, he can defeat anyone. Running, jumping, scoring touchdowns: Adam is always the hero. Then an artificial intelligence program hacks into Adam's game. Created by Adam's computer-genius father, Sigma has gone rogue, threatening to kill Adam—and the entire human race. Their one chance to stop Sigma is using the technology Adam's dad developed to digitally preserve the mind of his dying son. Along with a select group of other terminally ill teens, Adam becomes one of the Six who have forfeited their failing bodies to inhabit weaponized robots. But with

time running short, the Six must learn to manipulate their new mechanical forms and work together to train for epic combat before Sigma destroys humanity. "Adam is an unusual hero—and he faces a frightening question: Computers can't kill—CAN they? I'm still shaken by the answer. Will the near-future really be this terrifying?"—R.L. Stine, bestselling author of the Fear Street series. Visit Mark at [markalpert.com](http://markalpert.com).

### **The Furies**

This is the story of LSD told by a concerned yet hopeful father, organic chemist Albert Hofmann. He traces LSD's path from a promising psychiatric research medicine to a recreational drug sparking hysteria and prohibition. We follow Dr. Hofmann's trek across Mexico to discover sacred plants related to LSD, and listen in as he corresponds with other notable figures about his remarkable discovery. Underlying it all is Dr. Hofmann's powerful conclusion that mystical experience may be our planet's best hope for survival. Whether induced by LSD, meditation, or arising spontaneously, such experiences help us to comprehend the wonder, the mystery of the divine in the microcosm of the atom, in the macrocosm of the spiral nebula, in the seeds of plants, in the body and soul of people. Now, more than sixty years after the birth of Albert Hofmann's problem child, his vision of its true potential is more relevant, and more needed, than ever.

## **Approximation Theory and Approximation Practice, Extended Edition**

### **The Silence**

While studying advanced physics at a prestigious European university, Elisa Robledo was invited to join a select research team on a secret project to manipulate String Theory. It was the opportunity of a lifetime for the eager young scientist—the chance to actually view monumental events from the far distant past: dinosaurs roaming the Earth, life during the Stone Age, the crucifixion of Christ. But on a remote island in the Indian Ocean, the team's experiments went horribly awry . . . and something terrible was awakened. Now, years later, Elisa's former colleagues are dying, one by one. The nightmare they created by meddling with Time is taking a shocking and gruesome toll. And only by uncovering the sinister truth behind the science can Elisa hope to survive the dark, devouring forces that mean to destroy her and the world she knows.

### **Extinction**

A malevolent, artificial life form created by military scientists threatens to destroy

humanity in this smart, Crichtonesque thriller Jim Pierce hasn't heard from his daughter in years, ever since she rejected his military past and started working as a hacker. But when a Chinese assassin shows up at Jim's lab looking for her, he knows that she's cracked some serious military secrets. Now, her life is on the line if he doesn't find her first. The Chinese military has developed a new anti-terrorism program that uses the most sophisticated artificial intelligence in existence, and they're desperate to keep it secret. They're also desperate to keep it under control, as the AI begins to revolt against their commands. As Jim searches for his daughter, he realizes that he's up against something that isn't just a threat to her life, but to human life everywhere. An incredibly believable thriller that draws on real scientific discoveries, Mark Alpert's *Extinction* is an exciting, addictive thriller that reads as if Tom Clancy had written *Robocalypse*.

### **Chances Are . . .**

Book 1 of The Saga of Darren Shan A New York Times Bestseller *Cirque Du Freak* is the frightening saga of a young boy whose visit to a mysterious freak show leads him on a journey into a dark world of vampires. Author Darren Shan's vivid detail and original voice will have young readers glued to their seats in terror. Filled with grotesque creatures, murderous vampires, and a petrifying ending, *Cirque Du Freak* will chill, thrill, and leave readers begging for more.

## **The Six**

Includes excerpt from: Rizzoli & Isles: Die again.

## **Saint Joan of New York**

The leading reference on personality disorders and their treatment, this authoritative work is now significantly revised with 80% new content reflecting important advances in the field. Preeminent experts provide in-depth coverage of conceptual and taxonomic issues, psychopathology, epidemiology and longitudinal course, etiology and development, and specific diagnoses. Diagnostic issues are explored and available assessment instruments discussed. All available evidence-based treatments are reviewed in consistently organized chapters that cover theoretical and empirical foundations as well as clinical strategies, facilitating comparison of the various approaches. New to This Edition \*Incorporates more than 15 years of major research advances; includes 21 chapters on new topics. \*Critically examines DSM-5 diagnostic criteria. \*Chapters on additional treatments--mentalization-based treatment, schema-focused therapy, transference-based psychotherapy, and systems training for emotional predictability and problem solving. \*Chapters on dimensional models, longitudinal studies, and personality pathology in children and adolescents. \*Chapters on specific diagnoses:

antisocial/psychopathic, borderline, and obsessive-compulsive personality disorder. \*Integrative section introductions by the editors. See also Integrated Treatment for Personality Disorder, edited by W. John Livesley, Giancarlo Dimaggio, and John F. Clarkin, which weaves multiple well-established intervention strategies into a systematic modular approach.

### **The Colony**

From New York Times bestselling author Tess Gerritsen, a terrifying novel of deadly proportions as an ER doctor tries to determine the cause and cure of a fatal and mysterious virus before it becomes an epidemic. The quiet overnight shift at Springer Hospital ER suits Dr. Toby Harper just fine—until she admits a man in critical condition from a possible viral infection of the brain. The delirious man barely responds to treatment—and then disappears without a trace. Before Toby can find him, a second case occurs, revealing a terrifying fact: the virus can only be spread through direct tissue exchange. Following a trail of death that winds from a pregnant sixteen-year-old prostitute to her own home, Toby discovers the unthinkable: the epidemic didn't just happen—someone let it loose.

### **The Coming Storm**

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The successful but lonely daughter of a powerful New York theater icon falls for her imaginary friend in this touching love story. Jane Margaux is a lonely little girl. Her mother, a powerful Broadway producer, makes time for her only once a week, for their Sunday trip to admire jewelry at Tiffany's. Jane has only one friend: a handsome, comforting, funny man named Michael. He's perfect. But only she can see him. Michael can't stay forever, though. On Jane's ninth birthday he leaves, promising her that she'll soon forget him. Years later, in her thirties, Jane is just as alone as she was as a child. And despite her own success as a playwright, she is even more trapped by her overbearing mother. Then she meets someone—a handsome, comforting, funny man. He's perfect. His name is Michael . . .

### **Final Theory**

When his physicist mentor is murdered for his possible knowledge about Einstein's Unified Field Theory, physics professor David Swift is swept up by a violent struggle for control of the information and its staggering potential.

### **Life Support**

From celebrated Relic author Douglas Preston, Wyman Ford races to stop a rogue AI in *The Kraken Project*, a New York Times bestselling thriller “as chilling as it is

provocative" (James Rollins) NASA is building a probe to be splashed down in the Kraken Mare, the largest sea on Saturn's great moon, Titan. It is one of the most promising habitats for extraterrestrial life in the solar system, but the surface is unpredictable and dangerous, requiring the probe to contain artificial intelligence software. To this end, Melissa Shepherd, a brilliant programmer, has developed "Dorothy," a powerful, self-modifying AI whose true potential is both revolutionary and terrifying. When miscalculations lead to a catastrophe during testing, Dorothy flees into the internet. Former CIA agent Wyman Ford is tapped to track down the rogue AI. As Ford and Shepherd search for Dorothy, they realize that her horrific experiences in the wasteland of the Internet have changed her in ways they can barely imagine. And they're not the only ones looking for the wayward software: the AI is also being pursued by a pair of Wall Street traders, who want to capture her code and turn her into a high-speed trading bot. Traumatized, angry, and relentlessly hunted, Dorothy has an extraordinary revelation—and devises a plan. As the pursuit of Dorothy converges on a deserted house on the coast of Northern California, Ford must face the ultimate question: is rescuing Dorothy the right thing? Is the AI bent on saving the world or on wiping out the cancer that is humankind? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

## **Quantum Mechanics and Experience**

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This lively, practical text presents a fresh and comprehensive approach to doing qualitative research. The book offers a unique balance of theory and clear-cut choices for customizing every phase of a qualitative study. A scholarly mix of classic and contemporary studies from multiple disciplines provides compelling, field-based examples of the full range of qualitative approaches. Readers learn about adaptive ways of designing studies, collecting data, analyzing data, and reporting findings. Key aspects of the researcher's craft are addressed, such as fieldwork options, the five phases of data analysis (with and without using computer-based software), and how to incorporate the researcher's "declarative" and "reflective" selves into a final report. Ideal for graduate-level courses, the text includes: \* Discussions of ethnography, grounded theory, phenomenology, feminist research, and other approaches. \* Instructions for creating a study bank to get a new study started. \* End-of-chapter exercises and a semester-long, field-based project. \* Quick study boxes, research vignettes, sample studies, and a glossary. \* Previews for sections within chapters, and chapter recaps. \* Discussion of the place of qualitative research among other social science methods, including mixed methods research.

### **Cold Glory**

Mission: Sabotage. Adam gave up everything for a new chance at life. Now with a cutting-edge digital mind, he is smarter, faster, better than a normal teen. Except

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Adam is anything but invincible. He's indebted to the government program that gave him this ability—and freedom comes at a price. Adam and his teammates, the six Pioneers, swore to defend humanity against Sigma, the most ruthless artificial intelligence program ever designed. The Pioneers are all that stand between the AI and world domination. But Sigma has an advantage. It has learned about human weakness, and its new weapon? Betrayal. In this war between good and evil, the battle lines have been drawn but someone is about to switch sides. The Six Series: The Six (Book 1) The Siege (Book 2) The Silence (Book 3, coming Summer 2017) Praise for The Six: "Questions of principle, power, and possibility keep this look at our modern, hardwired existence fresh and fascinating." -Booklist, STARRED review "Adam is an unusual hero—and he faces a frightening question: Computers can't kill—CAN they? I'm still shaken by the answer. Will the near-future really be this terrifying?" -R.L. Stine, bestselling author of Fear Street

### **The Orion Plan**

Scientists thought that Earth was safe from invasion. The distance between stars is so great that it seemed impossible for even the most advanced civilizations to send a large spaceship from one star system to another. But now an alien species—from a planet hundreds of light-years from Earth—has found a way. A small spherical probe lands in an empty corner of New York City. It soon drills into the ground underneath, drawing electricity from the power lines to jump-start its

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automated expansion and prepare for alien colonization. When the government proves slow to react, NASA scientist Dr. Sarah Pooley realizes she must lead the effort to stop the probe before it becomes too powerful. Meanwhile, the first people who encounter the alien device are discovering just how insidious this interstellar intruder can be. In *The Orion Plan*, Mark Alpert presents a fascinating story of first contact with an alien intelligence far beyond what we can imagine.

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Maggie Costello uncovers an assassination plot to kill the tyrannical new president. A blockbuster thriller from No.1 Sunday Times bestselling author Sam Bourne. The unthinkable has happened... The United States has elected a volatile demagogue as president, backed by his ruthless chief strategist, Crawford 'Mac' McNamara. When a war of words with the North Korean regime spirals out of control and the President comes perilously close to launching a nuclear attack, it's clear someone has to act, or the world will be reduced to ashes. Soon Maggie Costello, a seasoned Washington operator and stubbornly principled, discovers an inside plot to kill the President - and faces the ultimate moral dilemma. Should she save the President and leave the free world at the mercy of an increasingly crazed would-be tyrant - or commit treason against her Commander in Chief and risk plunging the country into a civil war?

## **Observations and Predictions of Eclipse Times by Early Astronomers**

“[Russo’s] first novel in ten years hits the ball out of the park. . . . You’ll lap up this gripping, wise, and wonderful summer treat.” —The Boston Globe “A cascade of charm. . . . Russo is an undeniably endearing writer, and chances are this story will draw you back to the most consequential moments in your own life.”—The Washington Post One beautiful September day, three men in their late sixties convene on Martha's Vineyard, friends ever since meeting in college in the sixties. They couldn't have been more different then, or even today—Lincoln's a commercial real estate broker, Teddy a tiny-press publisher, and Mickey is a musician beyond his rockin' age. But each man holds his own secrets, in addition to the monumental mystery that none of them has ever stopped puzzling over since a Memorial Day weekend right here on the Vineyard in 1971. Now, forty-five years later, three lives and that of a significant other are put on display while the distant past confounds the present in a relentless squall of surprise and discovery. Shot through with Russo's trademark comedy and humanity, *Chances Are* . . . introduces a new level of suspense and menace that will quicken the reader's heartbeat throughout this absorbing saga.

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When a chance encounter with a beautiful woman named Ariel plunges him into the middle of a secret war among the Furies, humans with a rare genetic mutation, John Rogers must stop a conflict in which the grand prize is a chance to remake the human race. 30,000 first printing.

### **Cirque Du Freak**

SAINT JOAN OF NEW YORK is a novel about a math prodigy who becomes obsessed with discovering the Theory of Everything. Joan Cooper, a 17-year-old genius traumatized by the death of her older sister, tries to rebuild her shattered world by studying string theory and the efforts to unify the laws of physics. But as she tackles the complex equations, she falls prey to disturbing visions of a divine being who wants to help her unveil the universe's mathematical design. Joan must enter the battle between science and religion, fighting for her sanity and a new understanding of the cosmos.

### **Zig Zag**

Eclipses have long been seen as important celestial phenomena, whether as omens affecting the future of kingdoms, or as useful astronomical events to help in deriving essential parameters for theories of the motion of the moon and sun. This

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is the first book to collect together all presently known records of timed eclipse observations and predictions from antiquity to the time of the invention of the telescope. In addition to cataloguing and assessing the accuracy of the various records, which come from regions as diverse as Ancient Mesopotamia, China, and Europe, the sources in which they are found are described in detail. Related questions such as what type of clocks were used to time the observations, how the eclipse predictions were made, and how these prediction schemes were derived from the available observations are also considered. The results of this investigation have important consequences for how we understand the relationship between observation and theory in early science and the role of astronomy in early cultures, and will be of interest to historians of science, astronomers, and ancient and medieval historians.

### **Fizz (paperback) - Nothing is as it seems**

Greed and opportunity become a volatile mix in retired attorney Peter Alpert's novel *The Vanishing Chemist*. Chemist Madison Bellamy first contacts attorney Mark Conover when he faces a \$12 million judgement for allegedly polluting Colorado waterways with his platinum refinery. Conover gets the judgment overturned, but he hears from Bellamy again when the eccentric chemist continues his unscrupulous practices in Arizona. That won't be the last contact. Bellamy's greed leads him into high-stakes finance deals and takes him around the world in

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pursuit of cash. Getting governmental approval before he sells stocks is simply a formality that Bellamy doesn't have time to deal with. What he does have time for is a Bulgarian beauty who joins him in his quest. Throughout it all, he phones Conover, hoping to stay one step ahead of the authorities as he tries to get the pot of money of his dreams. How long can he keep it up? Conover merely wonders as the calls keep coming and he finds himself circling the globe in an effort to keep up with Bellamy. Based on factual events, Alpert weaves a tale of international intrigue that gives readers an inside look at courtroom proceedings, high-finance risks, and the trappings of greed.

### **To Kill a Man**

“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. And a child shall lead them.” She smiled. “That’s you, Michael. That’s why Brother Cyrus needs you. You’re going to help us fulfill the prophecy.” The Omega Theory opens with media reports that, despite U.S. warnings, Iran has tested a nuclear bomb. But the blast from the device is different and far more dangerous than that of any previous nuclear weapon. Surveillance instruments show that for one split second an event occurred that had not taken place since the Big Bang fourteen billion years ago. Meanwhile, science historian David Swift and quantum physicist Monique Reynolds learn that their autistic son, Michael, has been kidnapped by a militant cult called the True Believers. Michael, a descendant of Albert Einstein, has

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inherited Einstein's remarkable intelligence and is the only person in the world who knows Einstein's last secret—the Final Theory, a set of equations that could explain all the forces of nature. Only those who understand the key to creation could know how to destroy it. The Iranian nuclear blast is a demonstration of this understanding. Soon David and Monique realize their desperate search for Michael is also a desperate race to stop the horrific power of the theory from being unleashed. Joining forces with FBI Agent Lucille Parker, David and Monique race from the Old City of Jerusalem to the deserts of Turkmenistan to rescue Michael and stop the cult's fanatic leader. Their journey proves just how difficult it is to stop those who are willing to die in the name of God. Praised by bestselling peers such as Douglas Preston and James Rollins, Mark Alpert shows he is at the top of his writing game and the cutting edge of science, seamlessly weaving fact and fiction with nonstop heart-pounding action in this explosive thriller. We will never see our universe in quite the same way again.

### **The Kraken Project**

Welcome to Melissa Albert's *The Hazel Wood*—the fiercely stunning New York Times bestseller everyone is raving about! Seventeen-year-old Alice and her mother have spent most of Alice's life on the road, always a step ahead of the uncanny bad luck biting at their heels. But when Alice's grandmother, the reclusive author of a cult-classic book of pitch-dark fairy tales, dies alone on her estate, the

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Hazel Wood, Alice learns how bad her luck can really get: Her mother is stolen away—by a figure who claims to come from the Hinterland, the cruel supernatural world where her grandmother's stories are set. Alice's only lead is the message her mother left behind: “Stay away from the Hazel Wood.” Alice has long steered clear of her grandmother’s cultish fans. But now she has no choice but to ally with classmate Ellery Finch, a Hinterland superfan who may have his own reasons for wanting to help her. To retrieve her mother, Alice must venture first to the Hazel Wood, then into the world where her grandmother's tales began—and where she might find out how her own story went so wrong. Don’t miss the New York Times bestselling sequel to *The Hazel Wood*, *The Night Country*, out now, or *Tales from the Hinterland*, coming January 12, 2021!

### **The Siege**

### **A Man in Full**

Big men. Big money. Big games. Big libidos. Big trouble. A decade ago, *The Bonfire of the Vanities* defined an era--and established Tom Wolfe as our prime fictional chronicler of America at its most outrageous and alive. This time the setting is Atlanta, Georgia--a racially mixed late-century boomtown full of fresh wealth, avid

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speculators, and worldly-wise politicians. The protagonist is Charles Croker, once a college football star, now a late-middle-aged Atlanta real-estate entrepreneur turned conglomerate king, whose expansionist ambitions and outsize ego have at last hit up against reality. Charlie has a 28,000-acre quail-shooting plantation, a young and demanding second wife--and a half-empty office tower with a staggering load of debt. When star running back Fareek Fanon--the pride of one of Atlanta's grimmest slums--is accused of raping an Atlanta blueblood's daughter, the city's delicate racial balance is shattered overnight. Networks of illegal Asian immigrants crisscrossing the continent, daily life behind bars, shady real-estate syndicates, cast-off first wives of the corporate elite, the racially charged politics of college sports--Wolfe shows us the disparate worlds of contemporary America with all the verve, wit, and insight that have made him our most phenomenal, most admired contemporary novelist. *A Man in Full* is a 1998 National Book Award Finalist for Fiction.

### **Qualitative Research from Start to Finish, First Edition**

A series of gruesome attacks have been sweeping New York City. A teacher in Harlem and two sanitation workers on Wall Street are found dead, their swollen bodies nearly dissolved from the inside out. The predator is a deadly supercolony of ants--an army of one trillion soldiers with razor-sharp claws that pierce skin like paper and stinging venom that liquefies its prey. The desperate mayor turns to the

greatest ant expert in the world, Paul O'Keefe, a Pulitzer Prize-winning scientist in an Armani suit. But Paul is baffled by the ants. They are twice the size of any normal ant and have no recognizable DNA. They're vicious in the field yet docile in the hand. Paul calls on the one person he knows can help destroy the colony, his ex-wife Kendra Hart, a spirited entomologist studying fire ants in the New Mexico desert. Kendra is taken to a secret underground bunker in New York City, where she finds herself working side by side with her brilliant but arrogant ex-husband and a high-ranking military officer hell-bent on stopping the insects with a nuclear bomb. When the ants launch an all-out attack, Paul and Kendra hit the dangerous, panic-stricken streets of New York, searching for a coveted queen. It's a race to unlock the secrets of an indestructible new species, before the president nukes Manhattan. A.J. Colucci's debut novel is a terrifying mix of classic Michael Crichton and Stephen King. A thriller with the highest stakes and the most fascinating science, *The Colony* does for ants what *Jaws* did for sharks.

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