

Blue Christmas Balls A Laugh Out Loud Comedy Novella

When a rare mental disorder begins to consume his small-town neighbors, a young psychiatrist digs up the past for clues to the epidemic's bone-chilling source in this brilliant supernatural horror debut, written in the bestselling tradition of Peter Straub. Convinced that evil spirits have overtaken his daughter, a desperate father introduces her to Nat Thayer, a young psychiatrist in their sleepy blue-blooded Massachusetts college town. Thayer quickly diagnoses the girl with Cotard Delusion, an obscure condition sometimes described as "walking corpse syndrome." But Thayer soon realizes his patient—and many of the local families—are actually being targeted by a malignant force resurrected from the town's wicked history. Thayer must discover the source of the spreading plague...before there is no one left to save.

Gifted and driven, Penn State linebacker Landon Steele made a name for himself in the world of college football. The only thing that stood between him and the NFL was his last few collegiate games. Then a heroic, game-saving play ended in one major injury. Landon's dreams and future were gone. All that remained was a nightmare. Four years later, Landon's injury has healed, but his life is still fractured. He gropes to fill the football void. Nothing

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can replace the challenge and excitement of an NFL career. God could have prevented this injury. He should have. Landon doesn't have a play book for life after football. Now he faces one crucial choice. Will this former Lion awaken to God's best for him? After the death of her fiancé, workaholic Carole Sinclair vowed never to fall in love again. She can't face another loss of someone she loves. Firefighter Derek Langston was interested in Carole years ago, but his best friend asked her out first. Derek has stayed friends and supported her while she grieves. Two years have passed, and impatient for his life to move forward, he proclaims his feelings. Their friendship becomes much more complicated than either bargained for. After a glimpse into her past, present and future, Carole must choose between remaining stuck in old memories or claiming the future she longs for. Can a treasured friendship grow into a lasting love?

On the Great Atlantic Railway is Kenneth's Koch's inspired collection of 32 years of work. Koch, David Lehman said in *The American Poetry Review*, is "a masterly innovator . . . who has used his extravagant powers of wit and invention to enlarge the sphere of the poetic . . . he has stretched our ideas of what it is possible to do in poetry."

The maid who saved Christmas Chambermaid Grace Ellis loves Christmas, but after losing her beloved grandmother, she'll be spending this festive

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season working. So when her boss, Finlay "Scrooge" Armstrong, offers her a magical Christmas in Scotland, it's a welcome distraction from her grief. Widower Finlay is haunted by the ghosts of Christmas past, but snowbound in his castle, Grace starts to melt his frozen heart. He never thought he'd find love again, but finding Grace is his very own Christmas miracle...! *Maids Under the Mistletoe Promoted: from maids to Christmas brides!* Collected essays from the writer for the *The Village Voice*.

A reporter for the "Washington Post" chronicles her personal odyssey from unwed motherhood and prison to success in the male--and white--dominated world of journalism

In *The Left Brain Speaks, but the Right Brain Laughs*, physicist Ransom Stephens explains the interesting and often amusing tale of how the human brain works. Using understandable metaphors and easy to follow language, Stephens gives readers of any scientific level an introduction to neuroscience and shows them how things like creativity, skill, and even perception of self can grow and change by utilizing the body's most important muscle. Fans of Bill Nye and Neil deGrasse Tyson will love Stephens' down to earth attitude and those interested in science will appreciate his thoughtful explanations of scientific terms. *The Left Brain Speaks, but the Right Brain Laughs* is the perfect gift

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for anyone who wants to know what's going on inside their head and how they can use that knowledge to make themselves the best humans they can be.

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Montana Mavericks: The Great Family Roundup by Brenda Harlen Rancher Luke Stockton has been estranged from his family for a decade, and now that he's been welcomed home, local baker Eva Rose Armstrong warms his heart with her home-baked goods—but is he worthy of her love?

CHRISTMASTIME COURTSHIP Matchmaking Mamas by Marie Ferrarella The Matchmaking Mamas are at it again, and this time they've arranged for Miranda Steele to get a speeding ticket from none other than Colin Kirby, a brooding motorcycle cop. He's determined to maintain his loner status, but can he resist Miranda's sunny charm and Christmas cheer? **SLEIGH BELLS IN CRIMSON** Crimson, Colorado by Michelle Major Lucy is determined to get her life on track, and the town of Crimson, along with rough-around-the-edges rancher Caden Sharpe, soon become an important part of that. Her feisty spirit might be just what Caden needs to heal his emotional wounds. But when her past comes back to haunt them both, will their love be strong enough to weather the storm?

In a matter of seconds her entire world shifted... An early morning call shatters Caryn Becker's world. Unable to cope with her brother's news that he is gay, Caryn rejects him and disappears into her own turbulent life as a young widow and single mom. But when David is attacked and nearly killed, Caryn is forced to make hard choices about family, faith, and

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her own future; choices that take her to the very edge of grace. "This sophomore effort deals sensitively and gracefully with a difficult subject for many Christians, exploring a woman's response to her brother's disclosure of his sexual orientation honestly while never shirking from the issue of justice and forgiveness." - Library Journal, starred review

"Powerful and hauntingly beautiful right from the beginning, THE EDGE OF GRACE is another well crafted novel by an insightful, masterful author." - FreshFiction.com

"A beautifully written book, The Edge of Grace is a powerful story of the true meaning of grace and love. A brilliant mix of dark and light, laughs and gravity, The Edge of Grace is a must read." —Jenny B. Jones, award-winning author of Save the Date and A Charmed Life series

"Christa Allan's new book, The Edge of Grace, is an excellent book for folks who love and are loved by their chosen family. Christa's painful honesty is a crucial part of the story. In the end, the love of family wins out, just as we believe in PFLAG, and she expertly shows that sometimes family goes beyond those we were given to those we choose. And what a happy family we can be if we accept our family members for who God made them to be!" - Randy Trahan, Board of Directors, PFLAG New Orleans

"Christa Allan takes her character on an emotional journey to a new understanding of acceptance and the joy that comes from forgiveness." —Sandra Robbins, author

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all—her own royal wedding? CHRISTMAS IN THE BOSS'S CASTLE Maids Under the Mistletoe by Scarlet Wilson Chambermaid Grace Ellis loves Christmas, but she's spending this season working. So when her boss, Finlay "Scrooge" Armstrong, offers her a magical Christmas in Scotland, she can't resist! Snowbound in his castle, Grace starts to melt the ice around widower Finlay's heart. He never thought he'd love again, but could Grace be his Christmas miracle? HER FESTIVE DOORSTEP BABY by Kate Hardy When baby Hope is left on Amy Howes's doorstep on Christmas Eve, enigmatic but gorgeous neighbor Dr. Josh Farnham is there to lend her a helping hand. Although they both have demons to fight, Josh and Amy forge a bond as unexpected as it is heart-stopping. This little Hope could change their lives forever! HOLIDAY WITH THE MYSTERY ITALIAN by Ellie Darkins When paralyzed tycoon Mauro Evans stars in a charity dating show, he can't resist the challenge of picking prickly Amber Harris to take on holiday! Amber's determined to ignore his attraction, but Mauro's bravery threatens to tear down her defenses and give her a new Christmas dream—ringing in the New Year with wedding bells!

Shadow Motel gives an account of the last few days in the life of an unwanted girl. Laughing Underwater is a diary written by Jennifer who discovers wonder and death all too soon. Kisses recounts a woman's thoughts as she approaches forty and meditates on past loves and the loss of her mother.

Oppenheimer's Atomic Bride occurs in the months before the creation of the atomic bomb. Oppenheimer is visited by a destructive and creative 'spirit' as a femme fatale out of a detective novel. An American Pope, The Perfumed Monster, Johnny Visits the Ranch and My Life Among the Cannibals round out the number of stories to eight . . .

On 12 October 2002, the beautiful island of Bali was hit by a

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deadly terrorist attack. It claimed the lives of 202 people and left 240 others severely injured. Nicole McLean had been in Bali for just six hours when she was caught in one of the explosions. That night she lost her arm and was left fighting for her life. This is Nicole's extraordinary journey. Shown through her eyes, and through the eyes of friends and family who watched helplessly while the horror unfolded before them, this is a gripping personal account of what happened that fateful night and Nicole's difficult yet incredible journey towards recovery. Ten years on, the scars from Bali have not faded. But while those left behind will never be forgotten, this book is a testament to the resilience and strength of spirit in those that survived. It is a story about hope, second chances and never giving up.

A follow-up to *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Laughter Is the Best Medicine*. *Chicken Soup for the Soul* shares the funniest stories from its library of more than 250 books, all gathered in this new collection of 101 humorous tales.

This hilarious book invites you to sit down and share dinner with the Morans, a family of ten children, and after dinner to share in the family's pranks and crises. You will walk the streets of Carmel, Indiana, a quiet, small town, visit its shops, and meet its neighborly people. Along the way, you will learn what it was like growing up in a large family in a small town during the 1950s and 1960s. Whimsical and, at times, knee-slapping tales guide you through childhood, teen years, early adulthood, and beyond. You get a peek at family dynamics and the struggles of an insecure boy's first encounters with romance. You also learn what it was like to be a journalist, a government economist, a parent, and a golf fanatic. The stories are warm, touching, and always funny. The people you meet, mostly based on the author's siblings, are friendly and fun-loving. The situations, based on real events and family lore, will keep you laughing. The author helps you see

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life through humor's prism.

In *My Daughter Died Laughing* you will learn about the life of 14 year old Ashley Long and about her tragic accidental death due to helium inhalation. This memoir is written by Lori Earp, Ashley's mother. Lori shares her family's tragedy and takes you on their grieving journey. By writing this memoir Lori hopes to raise awareness about the hidden dangers of inhaling helium.

Fans of *Beautiful Creatures* will fall head over heels for *Glass Heart* by Amy Garvey, with its blend of breathless suspense, passionate romance, and magic. In *Cold Kiss*, Wren Darby learned she had powers strong enough to bring her dead boyfriend back to life. She thought she had to keep these powers a secret from everyone, until she met Gabriel, a mind reader who instantly learned her deepest secret. In the sequel, *Glass Heart*, Wren is torn between her love for Gabriel and the rush of exploring her powers. When Gabriel warns Wren that her powers are getting out of control, Wren begins spending more time with Bay and Fiona, whose magic is wild, exhilarating—and dangerous. And by the time Wren realizes Gabriel was right, she may already have lost him.

One Christmas Eve is a beautiful modern-day love story about three couples (in different stages of their lives) finding love in God's timing. It's romantic, yet every chapter glorifies God Almighty! Amanda Matthews and Nicholas Lone Horn, now in their thirties gave up on finding love, but God had other

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plans for their future. Two of the characters go through different trials, such as losing a spouse, then finding love again after two decades. There are action packed events that evolve as these beautiful love stories unfold. Set in a quaint suburb outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Local small business owners have a very friendly relationship helping one another because of their love for the Lord. One Christmas Eve is a blessing for people of all ages. He doesn't remember his past, but could she have a future with him? Angie Lopez, a widowed mom, works hard at Singleton's Jewelers. Sam Singleton, her often-irritating boss, hardly does anything besides work. He doesn't spend time with friends and family, even around the holidays. That's why Angie's the one who winds up taking care of him when a head injury leaves him with amnesia. As Sam attempts to remember who he is, he learns about the luxurious but empty life he leads...and he's not impressed. Meanwhile, Angie sees a new side of him as he shares Christmas traditions with her, her son Pepe, and her extended family. Angie shares touching, emotional moments with Sam. But if he gets his memories back, what will happen to her heart? This heartwarming holiday romance includes a free Hallmark original recipe for Arroz Con Pollo (Chicken and Rice.)"

Relates the life story of the accomplished deaf actor, director, playwright, and lecturer and tells how he

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triumphed over obstacles to pursue his dream of acting.

In New Beginnings Jubilee, Book Seven of #1 best-selling Amazon Romance writer Trinity Blacio's futuristic Running in Fear series, we find our powerful groups of supernatural lovers in a new world and a new beginning: now all they need is for their enemies to drop dead and leave them alone. Jaycee LeBlathe, Suzanne Hazelfield and Lissa Elam have no idea how to be the first ladies, to be queens, let alone rule over anyone. All they know how to do is survive, until now. Nikola, Dominic, Remi and Dane have decided it is time for their female companions to live again, to love and to know what a family unit is all about. Their people have now been brought over, settling into new homes on a new planet, while everyone waits for the word that the war on Earth is over. Are their mates truly safe now? Or will this New Beginning Jubilee be put on hold? Follow a squad through France during WWII as they endure battles, hardships, form lasting friendships and find romance

For Brian Duncan, his only wish is to provide the most special Christmas ever for Janey Sullivan, the charming eight-year-old girl left in his care. For Janey Sullivan, her only wish is to find the most perfect gift for her newfound guardian. As the holiday season nears, their delicate balance is threatened over an issue of trust. With the help of the residents

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of Linden Corners and the spinning, knowing sails of the town's landmark windmill--Brian and Janey will learn that the best gifts are not those found beneath their glittering tree but those found deep in their hearts.

The widow maker of the seas, the SS Fortune, hunts and destroys all that come in its path. With destruction in its wake, it sets its sights on Captain Thorne's SS Daring. Haunted by the secret she keeps, Alena fears this could be the end of everything—and everyone—she loves. (This is the conclusion to *The Daring*)

There are so many things that we do not have control over, things that we would not ever choose: cancer, losing a spouse, tragic accidents. But we can choose how we will handle these things. Joy is a choice that anyone can make but not everyone knows how. Facing cancer, becoming a widow, losing the future as the author saw it made her recognize that she had to choose a way to deal with the present.

Bonnie's newfound happiness in a world beyond the sky is threatened by the cruel Grandbag, and although she is offered help by the ancient, elusive lord and lady of the hill, she alone must meet the challenge in the end.

From the writer of the Netflix sensation, *A Christmas Prince*, and *Christmas Camp*, the movie and novel, comes a heartwarming new Christmas story, *Finding Christmas*, showing how sometimes the detour in your journey is the path to true love. With all the glittering decorations, twinkling lights, snow angels, gingerbread

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men and mistletoe, Christmas is Emmie's first love. This year, she can't wait to share her favorite Christmas traditions with her boyfriend, Grant. She thinks he's "the one." So when Grant's hectic work schedule has him more "Bah Humbug" than "Ho, Ho, Ho," Emmie creates a holiday-themed scavenger hunt to help him find his Christmas spirit. At the end of the journey, Grant will arrive at the charming town of Christmas Point where she's planned a romantic weekend filled with holiday activities. But Emmie's plan backfires when a mix-up has the wrong guy following her clues! Sam, a best-selling mystery writer, thinks Emmie's clever Christmas riddles are from his agent, who is trying to help him get over his epic writer's block. When he arrives at Christmas Point and finds the stunned Emmie, he immediately feels she's someone special, but she can't see beyond the fact that the wrong guy has shown up. Inspired by the small, charming town, Sam decides to stay and convinces Emmie to join him in a little holiday fun while she waits for Grant. When Grant finally shows up, Emmie is disappointed to discover he's not enjoying the activities she planned and can't help wonder if he's really the one for her. She also can't get Sam out of her mind and all the great times they had together. With Christmas coming fast, Emmie will need the magic of the season to help steer her in the direction of true love...

Luzi gets intimate with her crystal dragon as it clears every room in the house of her soul. Only her truth is spared. The ego builds on belief systems that are not truths, but the humanity of it joins in the Unity of all she is. At their first meeting, Luzi crouches under the clarity

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of the dragon while it declares, "I Am your BEST FRIEND, well, your ONLY FRIEND, because here is truly only you and I and nowhere to hide! The rest is insignificant, a smear of beingness ... Well, mostly. I'm your I Am, or you are my expression as Luzi Cane." A dear friend needs Luzi's help, family moves from Hong Kong to Ireland, and they make preparations for the son, Li, to enter this world. Luzi connects to a future self, a conscious Built, not a Grown nor a Mech, who tells about an almost unbelievable future. Julia turns two years old and touches everyone and everything around her, and the family pets continue to play their role in the local community. When Li appears in the world, everyone around him must admit, at least to themselves, that their view of life and the world must be totally rewritten.

There are books that help you laugh or cry and books that inspire or motivate you. There are authors who share the challenges of their lives and those that share the triumphs. For Pete's Sake does it all. . In this deeply moving memoir of trust and courage, acclaimed singer/songwriter Pamela Chappell poignantly writes of her newlywed husband Pete's heart transplant and its frightening aftermath. For Pete's Sake dramatically depicts one caretaker's harrowing journey with all of its bumps and its beauty. Chappell's dedication to both her husband and her faith will engage, heal, uplift and inspire."

This collection draws together some of the most important writings on television in theoretical, historical, empirical and political terms.

The first step to letting go of the past is forgiving it...

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Every day of her life Julia Rich lives with the memory of a horrible accident she caused long ago. In the years since, she has tried to hide her guilt in the quiet routine of teaching at a small South Carolina college, avoiding close relationships with family and would-be friends. But one day a phone call from Carmen, a niece she has never met, disrupts her carefully controlled world.

Carmen is a study in contrasts—comical yet wise, sunny yet contemplative, soft yet assertive. As she sets about gently drawing Julia from her self-imposed solitude into a place of hope, she also seeks her own peace for past mistakes. Together, the two women embark on a journey that takes Julia far from the familiar comfort of home and gives Carmen the courage to open her heart. Together, their sightseeing trip turns into a discovery of truth, grace, redemption, and, finally, love...

They've grown up together, laughed together and loved together. But there's one secret that hasn't been shared... Taking a Chance on Love is a captivating saga of friendship and a nostalgic look back at the Liverpool of yesteryear, from much-loved writer Joan Jonker. Perfect for fans of Dilly Court and Katie Flynn. 'Another wonderfully warm novel with characters you'd like to know' - Coventry Evening Telegraph Ginny Porter and Joan Flynn were born within days of each other in adjoining houses in a narrow street of two-up two-downs in Liverpool. They've been friends since they were toddlers and now they've become young ladies and left school. Joan finds work at Dunlop's tyre factory, while Ginny's dream comes true when she is taken on as a counter assistant at Woolworths. But things don't work

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out as she had expected, and she carries around a dark secret... What readers are saying about Taking a Chance on Love: 'Yet again Joan was right about needing a half box of Kleenex!! Not just for the crying but for the laughing... I love all her books and her characters are so real and the stories totally enthralling' 'Whether in laughter, or sadness, this book had me crying all the way through. There's something about Joan Jonker's style that really appeals to me, maybe it's the way this book will appeal to everyone, or just the way the characters are so beautifully brought to life... Whichever, this book carries on the Joan tradition of writing that draws you in gently, until you can't put the book down, but have to know what happens next'

Sam and George are childhood friends, sharing a deep loyalty that is cemented when George, the older by three years, saves Sam from drowning. When George decides to enlist during Vietnam, and Sam's first sexual experiences lead to a pregnancy, the stress and pressures are too much for Sam's mind to process. He breaks and has his first experience of a psychiatric hospital. As he faces the stigma of mental illness, his girlfriend Delores is ostracized after having an abortion. The two run away to join a commune. When the consequences of their choices unfold, Sam faces the frailty of relationships, the danger of misplaced emotion, and a complete loss of control. Returning home again, Sam begins a long journey to regain a sense of what is real, what is true and what is his responsibility.

Stop...in the name of love What kind of motorcycle cop gives a speeding ticket around Christmas? One as by the book as Colin Kirby. But when he stops pediatric oncology nurse Miranda Steele, little does he know that she's about to zoom

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straight into his heart. Or that the Matchmaking Mamas have the unlucky-in-love pair straight in their sights... After a childhood tragedy, bright-as-sunshine Miranda's used to making the best of any situation. So she knows the handsome policeman represents an opportunity: he needs to visit her sick kids at the hospital. But Miranda quickly realizes the closed-off Colin is in need of her help just as much as any of those she volunteers for. And she's determined to work her way into his heart this holiday season.

One man. Three women. Twelve days to achieve Yuletide sexual glory! Christmas is coming and Matt Bunion is on a mission. Somehow, he's made the huge mistake of remaining a virgin well into his twenties - a grievous error he fully intends to rectify before the Queen's speech starts. But it's not going to be easy... What with strange requests to molest living room furniture, painfully inserted action figures, and an extremely festive lady of the night, Matt will be lucky to reach Boxing Day with his pride and manhood still intact. From the best-selling author of LOVE... FROM BOTH SIDES comes the laugh-out-loud story of one man's quest to make this Christmas go with a bang.

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, authorizing the U.S. military to ban anyone from certain areas of the country, with primary focus on the West Coast. Eventually the order was used to imprison 120,000 people of Japanese descent in incarceration camps such as the Rohwer Relocation Center in remote Desha County, Arkansas. This time of fear and prejudice (the U.S. government formally apologized for the relocations in 1982) and the Arkansas Delta are the setting for Camp Nine. The novel's narrator, Chess Morton, lives in tiny Rook Arkansas. Her days are quiet and secluded until the appearance of a "relocation" center built for what was, in effect, the imprisonment of thousands of Japanese

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Americans. Chess's life becomes intertwined with those of two young interneees and an American soldier mysteriously connected to her mother's past. As Chess watches the struggles and triumphs of these strangers and sees her mother seek justice for the people who briefly and involuntarily came to call the Arkansas Delta their home, she discovers surprising and disturbing truths about her family's painful past.

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