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"Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes

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would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt
Her future is already set, all she has to do is marry a complete stranger. Kinsley Felton has everything. Money, a loving family, and a modeling career. She graduates from Yale in just days, but unlike a typical college student she doesn't have to spend hours looking for a job when she graduates. Kinsley will inherit the multi-billion dollar gaming and hospitality company her great-grandfather started. The only problem is she has to do everything her family asks for in order to get that money. That includes marrying a man of her family's choosing. That's not a

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problem since Kinsley has been following her family's orders all her life. Until a phone call from her grandfather changes everything. Will she marry the man her family chooses or will she decide her own future?

Calista "I am the monster they created. I'm the whore they're ashamed of." When life tried to break me I grabbed that b*tch by the throat and squeezed. I thought I could overcome anything. I swore I could handle him, but after being forced to play at the Devil's playground I ended up craving his touch. One taste of his poison made my loyalties begin to

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waiver. Romero "I'm a living nightmare, I'm everything they fear." I've been called the Devil, deranged, and a savage. I lived by a code created by rebel souls. We were sinners and thieves that made no apologies for taking whatever the f*ck we wanted. Saving a girl in the woods was never part of my plans, but when I saw the crazy in her eyes I knew it was a match made in hell. Now secrets are piling up, the bodies are rotting, and time is running out to finish what I started. Forewarning, our story is more than a little f*cked up.

That smoking one-night stand with the sexy

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mountain man? Turns out it

Mina's Heart

Paladin

25 Cross-Stitch Patterns for Book Lovers

The Song Is You

Ranger

When ER doctor Kale Bryant accepts a new position down the street from Hope Masterson's coffee shop, he begins to question every wall he's built around his heart. He wants her in a way he hasn't wanted anyone. But taking her won't come without consequences. -- Adapted from back cover.

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Clever and quirky cross-stitch patterns that proudly show off your love for all things literary Inside Book Riot's Lit Stitch, you'll find a number of badass, bookish cross-stitch patterns. Some of these are for bookmarks, others are for wall decor, and still others can take on a whole host of finished outcomes. What they have in common is their literary bent—the patterns speak to all manner of literary-minded book lovers, who are happy to display their nerdier sides. And what better way than through your own cross-stitch art to hang on your wall, prop on your desk, or even gift to friends and family. And most, if not all, are

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beginner friendly and can be completed in a few hours—instant stitchification! So grab yourself some excellent embroidery floss, hoops, and needles, and pick out one or more of these great cross-stitch patterns for your next project.

Office gossip, jaw-droppingly gorgeous men, and romance in the air. What could possibly go wrong? My new boss should come with a warning label. He's hotheaded, demanding, and sexy as sin. A recipe for trouble when your current relationship is on the rocks. Determined to ignore my growing attraction to him, I keep my head down and attempt to focus on my

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work. Until one steamy moment in the elevator makes me reconsider everything I believe in. When long days start turning into late nights, rumors begin to spread about our sudden romantic relationship. Everyone loves to hear the latest office gossip but no one cares the rumors are true. Until they're at the center of them. Book 1 in the Rumors series by Award-winning Author, Rachael Brownell.

The Prince Prince Xalikian Kazharan has a dilemma on his hands. Now that the Kordolians have landed on Earth, he somehow has to convince an entire planet of Humans that his people mean them no harm. It's

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easier said than done, especially when one's race has a reputation for brutally conquering the Nine Galaxies. Perhaps this stubborn journalist called Sera Aquinas, who thinks she can just walk up to his front door and ask for an interview, might be able to help him. But first, he has to gain her trust, and that's not so easy when her presence drives him to distraction. The Journalist Sera Aquinas doesn't trust the charming amber-eyed Prince when he says he doesn't want to take over her planet. As a hardened journalist, she's seen her share of duplicity and corruption. But she has to admit that Xal is one fine looking alien, and a part

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of her is curious. It's absolutely far fetched, but what if he's telling the truth? And when it comes to Xal, why does her body keep betraying her when her head is telling her to get the hell out of there? Warning: this book contains swearing, violence, sensual sex scenes, silver aliens with fangs and a little dose of insta-lust. If you're sensitive to any of these things, you may want to think twice before reading it. It's definitely recommended for readers aged 18 and over. Dark Planet Falling is Book Two in the Dark Planet Warriors Series. It will probably make more sense if you've read Dark Planet Warriors first, although

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that's probably not absolutely essential.

Hyperspeed Dreams

Girl from Above

Stripped from You (Stripped Duet #1)

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Blindsided: A Best Friends to Lovers Standalone

"My name is #1001, and I am not ready to die." I'd only just begun to live. When Captain Caleb Shepperd is released from prison, all he wants to do is keep his head down and earn a living smuggling illegal cargo through the nine systems. So when a synth stows away on his ship, and brings with her a crap-ton of problems, including guilt-ridden secrets he thought he'd escaped, he'd prefer to toss

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her out the airlock. The problem is, she's priceless tech, and he's fresh out of credit. #1001 is not meant to exist. Created for a single purpose, she has one simple order: to kill. But not everything is as it seems. Buried deep inside, she remembers... Remembers when she was human. And she remembers what Shepperd did to her. She's not ready to die, but she is ready to kill. From the bestselling author of the Veil Series comes an action packed story of love, redemption, and revenge. Pippa DaCosta captures the grit and realism of her urban fantasy stories and injects it, along with some down-and-dirty passion, into the sci-fi genre. WARNING: Over 18+ only. Contains graphic adult content, including sex, drug use, violence, and a plethora of curse words. Not for the easily offended.

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She gave me her innocence. I gave her a baby. As a billionaire, I'm used to getting what I want. And that night I wanted her. It was only supposed to be a one night stand. No names, no numbers, only searing passion and lust. I took her virginity. Felt her sweet submission. I knew she was meant to be mine. To touch. To command. But she left before I woke the next morning. It's been a year and I find out that she has something that belongs to me. Lorelei, my daughter. I will do everything in my power to find her. Make her mine. And complete our family.

Dear Black Girls is a letter to all Black girls. Every day poet and educator Shanice Nicole is reminded of how special Black girls are and of how lucky she is to be one.

Illustrations by Kezna Dalz support the book's message that

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no two Black girls are the same but they are all special--that to be a Black girl is a true gift. In this celebratory poem, Kezna and Shanice remind young readers that despite differences, they all deserve to be loved just the way they are.

This is a teaser novella included in Dirty Obsession. Arlo Carini saved my life, only to destroy it. When I first met him, he was the wealthy, powerful, sexy stranger giving me and a dozen other art history students a tour of his mansion. But he soon became my everything. My savior. My lover. My obsession. He tried to warn me. Every chance he could, he tried to get me to run far, far away. But it only made my obsession grow stronger. Until I made the worst mistake I could. And ended up trapped forever.

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Darth Plagueis: Star Wars Legends

Follow Me Back

Strength

Accidental Daddy

Maybe Yes

She turned her back on her people and shifted her allegiance to the very Empire she was sent to betray. Now head spymaster, Lyre's loyalty lies with Sabine, the Empress she has loved since childhood. But when Sabine visits the secretive Cloud Vault, the floating citadel home that Lyre betrayed, Lyre's elaborate web of lies starts to untangle. Her very presence threatens Sabine's future, and Lyre will do whatever it takes to protect her lover...even if that means sacrificing

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herself. Empress Sabine Corvus has lived a life of service, pushing aside her own desires for the greater good. With the Empire teetering on the brink of war with the traitorous Syndicate, she cannot afford to show weakness. Although Lyre's spymaster skills are her greatest weapon, their bond is Sabine's Achilles' heel. Regardless of the price, she will not give Lyre up. One-click with confidence. This title is part of the Carina Press Romance Promise: all the romance you're looking for with an HEA/HFN. It's a promise! This book is approximately 83,000 words Carina Press acknowledges the editorial services of Deborah Nemeth

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author Heather Graham comes a new story in her Krewe of Hunters series... When you're looking for the victim of a mysterious murder in a theater, there is nothing like calling on a dead diva for help! Krewe members must find the victim if they're to discover the identity of a murderer at large, one more than willing to kill the performers when he doesn't like the show. It's Halloween at the Global Tower Theatre, a fantastic and historic theater owned by Adam Harrison and run by spouses of Krewe members. During a special performance, a strange actor makes an appearance in the middle of the show, warning of dire events if his murder is not solved before another holiday rolls around. Dakota McCoy and Brodie

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*McFadden dive into the mystery. Both have a special talent for dealing with ghosts, but this one is proving elusive. With the help of Brodie's diva mother and his ever-patient father - who were killed together when a stage chandelier fell upon them - Dakota and Brodie set out to solve the case. If they can't solve the murder quickly, there will be no Thanksgiving for the Krewe . . . **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.***

Lodan Vorkan has been called many things in his lifetime-perfectionist, control-freak, monster. As one

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of the Kordolian Military's infamous First Division, he's one of the most feared warriors in the Nine Galaxies. As a pilot, his skill is unmatched. He doesn't like the unpredictable, and humans are exactly that. One by one, he's seen his brothers fall to these confounding creatures. Even the most battle-hardened and ruthless of them have succumbed to the Mating Fever. Humans are trouble. Humans bring chaos. Always. When he encounters the strange human called Tasha, all his warning alarms go off. She isn't anything like the other humans. She's faster; stronger-artificially so. She has secrets; she tells lies. A trail of blood-scent lingers around her. She is not the kind of human he would imagine as his mate. But Lodan's

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control is about to be sorely tested-in more ways than one.

Su Yang is a powerful Dual Cultivator who was imprisoned after he offended the Heavenly Emperor. His crime? He committed adultery with the Moon God's wife, kidnapped the Dragon King's younger sister, seduced the Divine Goddess, and he even tasted the forbidden fruit that is the Heavenly Emperor's beloved daughter. Inside the prison, Su Yang meets a mysterious old man who offers him a chance to leave this place, but that method requires him to experience reincarnation. In his new life, Su Yang swears to reunite with his partners and hold them in his embrace once again, all the while finding

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new ones along the way. ----- Disclaimer: Dual Cultivation is a unique method of cultivation where a man and a woman cultivates together by having sex. ----- My other novels:

Cultivation Online/ Hero's Carnage

A Billionaire's Baby Romance

A Novel

The Duke's Daughters: Lady Be Reckless

Housekeeping

Nudes

Fiction. Women's Studies. Short Stories. Beginning with a story of an ex sex-worker drifting through a small rural town in the south, and ending with a young

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woman's wedding night, who learns from her new husband what it takes to kill a man, Nash writes across the complications of working class women, rendering their desires with visceral prose and psychologically dissecting the fundamental root that threads her work: craving and the conflicts within.

The Duke's five daughters have beauty, breeding, and impeccable reputations. Or at least, they did. Now that two have chosen to follow their hearts, can the others be far behind? Lady Olivia refuses to repeat her siblings' scandalous mistakes. Instead, she will marry the lord rejected by her sister and help with his good works.

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When he resists, Olivia forms another plan: win his lordship's admiration by helping his illegitimate best friend find a bride. How difficult can it be to transform the rakish Edward Wolcott into a gentleman? To ignore his virile good looks? To not kiss him in a moment of impulsive madness? Apparently, very difficult indeed. Edward Wolcott promised his ailing father he would marry well, and it appears Lady Olivia wishes to assist him. The sparkling firebrand intends to smooth his way through London's ballrooms, parlors, and eligible ladies, while all Edward's thoughts suddenly revolve around bedrooms . . . and Lady Olivia herself. Only a

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scoundrel would seduce the duke's most dutiful daughter. And only a truly reckless lady would risk everything to be in his arms . . .

"I need to tell you why I so afraid to fall in love with you again. Why from the moment I saw you in the restaurant I tried to deny any feelings I still had for you. Why I pushed you away, why I lied to you that day in the hospital... It all started during the summer break of 2005, exactly sixty days since the last time I had seen you..." He came and stole what she had desperately tried to hold onto: her heart. Charlie Mason thought she knew better until her insecurities overruled and she

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again believed he broke her. In a bid to finally find their happily ever after, Lex and Charlie find themselves on a journey of learning how to love again. They began a new future to move forward from a broken past, but life is never so easy. When you finally have the one thing you've always wanted, what do you do when that place of darkness finds its way back, shattering everything you fought so hard to have? This is the final story of Lex and Charlie, two souls that were brought back together in a twist of fate. An eternal love that has been through every storm, dragged into the dark abyss without a chance of climbing out, but through all the battles they find

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themselves in a place they call home, away from the darkness and away from the fear. With a glimmer of hope, they look directly into the light.

Pamela Gillilan was born in London in 1918, married in 1948 and moved to Cornwall in 1951. When she sat down to write her poem Come Away after the death of her husband David, she had written no poems for a quarter of a century. Then came a sequence of incredibly moving elegies. Other poems followed, and two years after starting to write again, she won the Cheltenham Festival poetry competition. Her first collection That Winter (Bloodaxe, 1986) was shortlisted

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for the Commonwealth Poetry Prize.

Into the Light

Out of Darkness

Jerusalem, Egypt, Palestine, Syria

Webnovel

Haunted Be the Holidays: A Krewe of Hunters Novella

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * This essential Star Wars Legends novel chronicles the tragedy of Darth Plagueis the Wise, and the origins of the saga's most enduring evil--the malevolent Sith master Palpatine.

"The best Star Wars publication to date . . . [James] Luceno takes Darth Plagueis down the dark path and never looks back."--Newsday Darth Plagueis: one of

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the most brilliant Sith Lords who ever lived. Possessing power is all he desires; losing it is the only thing he fears. As an apprentice, he embraces the ruthless ways of the Sith. When the time is right, he destroys his Master--and vows never to suffer the same fate. For like no other disciple of the dark side, Darth Plagueis learns to command the ultimate power . . . over life and death. Darth Sidious: Plagueis's chosen apprentice. Under the guidance of his Master, he secretly studies the ways of the Sith while publicly rising to power in the galactic government, first as Senator, then as Chancellor, and eventually as Emperor. Darth Plagueis and Darth Sidious, Master and acolyte, target the galaxy for domination--and the

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Jedi Order for annihilation. But can they defy the merciless Sith tradition? Or will the desire of one to rule supreme, and the dream of the other to live forever, sow the seeds of their destruction? "Luceno draws on his storytelling skill and prodigious knowledge of the [Star Wars] world . . . to craft a complex tale of ambition and desire."--Library Journal

After a miserable childhood, Lark has finally found the family he always wanted. There isn't much he won't do for his new liege, Max, including undertaking a secret and dangerous mission to save the most hated creatures in their society, the chades. He only wishes his partner wasn't a lethal, stoic ranger with a mouth he yearns to make smile.

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A fictionalized account based on the mysterious 1949 disappearance of actress Jean Spangler, whose demise had been linked to the Black Dahlia killings, is a darkly sensual tale that imagines what may have been her fate. By the Edgar Award-shortlisted author of *Die a Little*. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

Mina hadn't meant to stay in Vermont. She'd planned to collect her mother and move across the country so they could begin a new life. When Everett Burke asked her out, it shouldn't have turned into anything serious, but she fell hard. Everett had nursed a crush on Mina for years. When the strong, proud woman turned out to be a virgin--and emotionally vulnerable--he vowed to take things slowly. That

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included easing her into a D/s relationship slowly, not speaking frankly until he felt she was ready. When Mina discovers his deception and what Ever really wants from her, she breaks it off and flees to the other side of the country. Then one snowy morning, her car careens off the road. Rescued by the one man she dreaded seeing again, she found out she'd run for all the wrong reasons. Desperate, she submits a wish to Oasis. She wants to know one thing: Can they put the past behind them to build a future together?

Lit Stitch

Decadence

Warning Miracle

A Concise History of Vending in the U S A

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Twelve Years a Slave

Honour. Duty. Loyalty. Control. These are the principles Darius lives by - almost to the point of obsession. They had forged him into a noble knight but had also cost him the woman of his dreams and wrought a non-relenting hatred for his personal nemeses; the chades. When a tiny, redheaded, whirlwind of trouble descends upon him and his fellow knights in a flurry of questions and impossibilities, Darius finds himself struggling to reconcile his past values with his future desires. For Diana, the arrival of Max brings with it a portent; revolution. As a paladin of death, acceptance is at her core. So embracing the sarcastic powerhouse as her sworn liege is easy. But embracing a certain air paladin who is a pathological rule-

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follower? Well, that isn't so easy, despite the attraction they have shared for centuries. With Darius confronted by his demons and a bitter Warden bent on exacting revenge, will the two knights ever reach their happily ever after?

"It doesn't matter how many women touch this body, only one woman has ever touched this soul." Ryan Pierce doesn't come from much, doesn't ask for much, and doesn't expect much. And he's come to accept that, until, Alana Remington. Alana is the girl who struck the match that lit his world on fire. She's the girl who opened his eyes to more. Who made him believe that just because you have nothing, doesn't mean you are nothing. And he loves her fiercely for it. But, just because you come together, doesn't mean you stay together. One fateful

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decision rips Ryan and Alana apart and neither of them are ever the same again. For five years he's regretted that decision, but the deep-seated anger, shame, and resentment has kept him from reaching out. And over those five years, a series of moments have spun Ryan's world in a direction he never saw coming. A world ruled by endless nights, infinite women, and the name Jack the Stripper. A world, unbeknownst to him, that may just let two severed hearts collide.

Mason - Girlfriend? Hell no. I've f@cked countless women, model material usually! But I've never wanted a girlfriend. Until I met her - a maid who works at my father's hotel. Now I want to protect her. Now I want to make her mine. If only she'll let me.

Laura - Boyfriend? No way. Surviving cancer was hard. But

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living a full life after is even tougher than I thought. Especially when it comes to my love life. Opening up to a man and exposing myself... I don't know if I can. Then I met him-the dick with a perfect @ss. My boss's son. Could one night of passion hurt? I just won't let myself fall for him...

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5 Independently Published

Dear Black Girls

A Treason of Truths

Emerson & Ryder

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Hallow Be the Haunt: A Krewe of Hunter Novella

What happens when an almost thirty-year-

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old virgin agrees to let her Scottish footballer best friend give her some lessons in seduction? Lots of banter, awkwardness, jealousy, and heat.

Midfielder Maclay "Mac" Logan is a loud-mouthed, tattooed ginger content with focusing on football. But when an adorable, freckled seamstress comes barreling into his life, he finds Netflix-And-Bickering with her to be his new favorite pastime. Freya Cook is used to being the invisible woman with

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a needle and thread, offering cheeky punchlines as she helps dress London's finest. She's plus-sized in body and spirit, and other than her friendship with Mac, talking to the opposite sex is one skill she never mastered.

However, after one innocent game of Never Have I Ever, Mac offers to play Love Coach for Freya. What neither of them see coming are the feelings that develop when the clothes come off. Now they're both about to learn the biggest

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lesson of all: Don't fall in love with your best friend. Blindsided is a full length (97,000 words) contemporary rom-com standalone with a sports theme.

He thought getting a second chance at life was difficult, but resisting the spark he feels with her will test all of his strength. Vi Harris comes with baggage most men can't handle. A famous ex footballer for a father and four professional footballing brothers. Brothers she helped raise after their

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mother died. Dating isn't easy when the infamous Harris Brothers not only play defence on the pitch, but block most love interests from getting too close to their sister. Hayden Clarke isn't the guy you take home to meet your parents. He's brooding, troubled, and just survived the darkest days of his life. Which is why a distraction like Vi could cost him everything. When Vi's bright, cheeky smile and oversized dog crash into him without warning, he

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can't help but get wrapped up in her. Despite his better judgement, he enlists Vi to help him with a special assignment that's anything but romantic. Through it all, she doesn't see his flaws. She doesn't see him as broken. She sees him as the man he's been fighting his whole life to be. But what happens when her strength becomes his weakness? *This is the re-titled, re-covered, re-edited, and new bonus content version of the original book,

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*That One Moment.**

"A powerful debut...Gripping characterization, non-stop action, fascinating biological speculation, and a dash of romance. Don't miss it!"

—Linnea Sinclair Remember the name: Sara Creasy. With Song of Scarabaeus she takes her place alongside Ann Aguirre and Linnea Sinclair, staking her claim as one of the most exciting new writers currently rocketing across the science fiction universe.

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Seamlessly blending action, romance, intrigue, technology, and a tough, complex, and unforgettable heroine in the vein of Elizabeth Moon, Creasy boldly goes where few have traveled before. No wonder author Vonda N. McIntyre declares that "Sara Creasy is a new writer to watch, and Song of Scarabaeus is a novel to read and enjoy."

*Accidental Baby
Song of Scarabaeus*

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Dirty Beginning

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