

The Two Kings Afterlife Saga

When a remote mountain community is suddenly beset by a rash of grisly murders, the Special Tactics and Rescue Squad--a paramilitary unit--is dispatched to investigate

Lego sets, Star Trek and junk food in my pyjamas, This used to be how I would spend my safe and lazy days off. Now, what am I doing with my time...? High-speed chases, running from Hellhounds, fighting witches, opening boxes that threaten the entire Vampire race, and stabbing bitches with my shoes. But hey, at least I get to wear a pretty dress on my date. Now all I can hope for is that it isn't one where people end up shooting at us again. That would be nice. And all this was because I fell in love with a Vampire King... A Vampire King, who claimed me. I should have felt it coming. I should have been prepared for saying goodbye. But then why would I when I had no reason not to trust him. When I had no reason to doubt his words. But now I was left only doubting my own. For surely Lucius would come for me? Surely, he would realise his mistakes. Because we both knew that mistakes in Hell could be deadly and well, for this Queen of Sins it could mean only one thing, My King was going to War and this time... He was Fighting his Past.

From the realms of the Afterlife Saga comes a new spin on this gothic world...When a bunch of misfit orphans all find themselves on a bus heading towards a new life, one called Afterlife, it wasn't quite what they had in mind. But even fate can play games and five teens will soon find themselves asking even more questions than ever before. Questions about an uncertain future in this new world and the very first one on the top of that long list...What does the King of Heaven and Hell have in store for them? This is a continuation of the Afterlife Saga, suitable for young adults but a must read for all Afterlife fans!

After crossing the bridge into the afterlife, a place called Here where the time is always Now, Riley's existence continues in much the same way as when she was alive until she is given the job of Soul Catcher and, together with her teacher Bodhi, returns to earth for her first assignment, a ghost called the Radiant Boy who has been haunting an English castle for centuries and resisted all previous attempts to get him across the bridge.

As Keira and Draven reunite, it is but a bittersweet moment, as it is time they must put their loyalty on the line in the ultimate test of trust in order to seek the truth. But making it through the gates of Hell and back in one piece isn't something they can expect or take lightly. As for one of our destined lovers, a fight for the other's survival is something they will have to face alone. Will Draven release Hell on Earth for the sake of the woman he loves or let her go? Is one love strong enough to live through the end of the world or in fact, powerful enough to save it?

Being faced with an uncertain future is nothing new for Ari, not when you lived each day under the control of a demonic cult. But now Ari lives with a new enemy and one she can no longer run from...her past. But soon she will discover that even her past can cling to their future and hold it captive in the form of a curse. So, with a murderer lurking in the shadows of their past and an Angel on the hunt, a killer is not the only thing out there for Vincent to find. For many lives are at stake but only one of those has the power to break an immortal curse and now Ari must decide, will she run from it and chance giving up her future or will she run straight into The Arms of a cursed... Angel King. 'If there is one thing the past has taught us, it is that we can be immortalised in the things we create.' Vincent Draven.

Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? In *How Big Is Your God?* Paul Coutinho, SJ, challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God—a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to people in various world religions—from Hindu friends to Buddhist teachers to St. Ignatius of Loyola—who have shaped his spiritual life and made possible his deep, personal relationship with God.

Introduces the world of Roshar through the experiences of a war-weary royal compelled by visions, a highborn youth condemned to military slavery, and a woman who is desperate to save her impoverished house.

I knew the moment my soul burned. I knew the moment the Wraith of Fire had touched me. And now... Was it really so hard for the Heavens to produce some white light? But no, not even just a warm glow at the end of some graffitied tunnel and as for Pearly Gates, well they wouldn't be opening for me any time soon! Because I wasn't where I was supposed to be. And I could forget all my jokes about falling into Wonderland and Oz and seeing any of those fuzzy fellas from Narnia, because no amount of wishing that my life was a fairy tale would make it so. Not when I was caught in this nightmare world. One where I was to be terrorised by its ruler for an eternity. A tyrant King that wanted a new game to play. One I had no chance of winning. Not when it was my heart, that was on the line.

Keira soon finds herself becoming a pawn in a game she could never hope to win, and now the King on the board is a Vampire on a mission. With the only man able to stop him miles away from the mountain prison in which she is kept, she must now choose which path to take in order to survive. With enemies at all sides closing in quick, she must tread carefully, or she might find the man to save her isn't the White Knight she loves... but the Dark King she loathes. Time with the Vampire King is dangerous, and Keira soon learns that it is more than just the power of her mind she needs to keep locked but also the power of her heart... And Lucius might just hold the key to both.

didn't intend for it to happen this way. But then again, I never did. No, it was what others had intended for me that was the problem and this had all started yet again with a witch and a double cross. We had made it to the portal, only a trip back to Lucius' Kingdom wasn't on the cards. Because now we were to face a new enemy, one with a handsome face, a killer smile and a land full of Dragons! Now we had once again been pushed down the rabbit hole, and this was as far from Wonderland as you can get! For we were not in Kansas Hell anymore. No, this was the Elemental Realm of Fae and here, there was one ruler who knew I was coming. In fact... He was counting on it.

Don't miss *Evermore*, the first book in Alyson Noël's #1 New York Times bestselling *The Immortals* series. Enter an enchanting new world where true love never dies. . . After a horrible accident claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever Bloom can see people's auras, hear their thoughts, and know someone's entire life story by touching them. Going out of her way to avoid human contact and suppress her abilities, she has been branded a freak at her new high school—but everything changes when she meets Damen Auguste. Damen is gorgeous, exotic and wealthy. He's the only one who can silence the noise and random energy in her head—wielding a magic so intense, it's as though he can peer straight into her soul. As Ever is drawn deeper into his enticing world of secrets and mystery, she's left with more questions than answers. And she has no idea just who he really is—or what he is. The only thing she knows to be true is that she's falling deeply and helplessly in love with him.

Afterlife, just a place for an unhappy King to call home or soon to become a beacon of hope when a new waitress falls at his feet? The Gothic nightclub is about to welcome a new guest and this time it is one he can't control. As for Dominic Draven, the King of all Supernatural life, handling just one little Mortal named Keira, should be no problem for him...right?Wrong! As she is his Chosen One and not meant to be ruled by a domineering, overbearing, arrogant boss who is determined to keep her at arm's length. But instead, she is meant to achieve the impossible and crack the hard shell of an immortal King that is only now learning what it truly

means to fall in love. This is the story of Afterlife, only from the eyes of its King. As you will finally follow Keira's journey all over again, only through Dominic Draven's point of view, giving it a whole new and exciting twist on the start of this epic saga. This is book one, in the new King of Kings saga, with book two to follow shortly after.

The plan had sounded simple, step into Hell and save a Tree. That was all I had needed to do. However, that plan was becoming more complicated by the minute and that list was growing eternally bigger. Like, killing demonic Queens. Removing Claiming Hexes. Outrunning hungry beasts. And mainly, trying not to piss off Vampire boyfriends any more than being constantly kidnapped down in Hell is likely to do. And now fate had chosen me to be its blood queen. Only one fuelled by... The Roots of Rage.

The vibrant, sprawling saga of Empress Maria Theresa—one of the most renowned women rulers in history—and three of her extraordinary daughters, including Marie Antoinette, the doomed queen of France. Out of the thrilling and tempestuous eighteenth century comes the sweeping family saga of beautiful Maria Theresa, a sovereign of uncommon strength and vision, the only woman ever to inherit and rule the vast Habsburg Empire in her own name, and three of her remarkable daughters: lovely, talented Maria Christina, governor-general of the Austrian Netherlands; spirited Maria Carolina, the resolute queen of Naples; and the youngest, Marie Antoinette, the glamorous, tragic queen of France, and perhaps the most famous princess in history. Unfolding against an irresistible backdrop of brilliant courts from Vienna to Versailles, embracing the exotic lure of Naples and Sicily, this epic history of Maria Theresa and her daughters is a tour de force of desire, adventure, ambition, treachery, sorrow, and glory. Each of these women's lives was packed with passion and heart-stopping suspense. Maria Theresa inherited her father's thrones at the age of twenty-three and was immediately attacked on all sides by foreign powers confident that a woman would be too weak to defend herself. Maria Christina, a gifted artist who alone among her sisters succeeded in marrying for love, would face the same dangers that destroyed the monarchy in France. Resourceful Maria Carolina would usher in the golden age of Naples only to face the deadly whirlwind of Napoleon. And, finally, Marie Antoinette, the doomed queen whose stylish excesses and captivating notoriety have masked the truth about her husband and herself for two hundred and fifty years. Vividly written and deeply researched, *In the Shadow of the Empress* is the riveting story of four exceptional women who changed the course of history.

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Warning this is a two-part book with the second part coming out the end of April 2018. This is book 11 in the Afterlife saga. The end of days might be over for our newlyweds, but the dark nights are closing in and what lies waiting in the shadows is what even nightmares are afraid of. Because the King of Hell is back and now he has a new bride to keep hidden from the world below... a world that shows no mercy, right along with one of their rulers. Could it really be that Draven is keeping secrets from Keira and if so, how is she ever to reach him when he is hiding in plain sight? A Demon King has finally returned home, and this time... There isn't an Angel in sight.

As Keira still finds Persian sands beneath her feet, she is yet to discover the true meaning of what it is to be The Chosen One to the King of Kings. For now that Arsaces has her, he simply plans on keeping her... No matter what the cost. Even if that means fighting the prophecy and stealing her from the only world she has ever known... A world that is about to end.

From the incomparable Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award winner, a powerful and revealing autobiography about race, sexuality, art, and healing It's easy to be yourself when who and what you are is in vogue. But growing up Black and gay in America has never been easy. Before Billy Porter was slaying red carpets and giving an iconic Emmy-winning performance in the celebrated TV show *Pose*; before he was the groundbreaking Tony and Grammy Award-winning star of Broadway's *Kinky Boots*; and before he was an acclaimed recording artist, actor, playwright, director, and all-around legend, Porter was a young boy in Pittsburgh who was seen as different, who didn't fit in. At five years old, Porter was sent to therapy to "fix" his effeminacy. He was endlessly bullied at school, sexually abused by his stepfather, and criticized at his church. Porter came of age in a world where simply being himself was a constant struggle. Billy Porter's *Unprotected* is the life story of a singular artist and survivor in his own words. It is the story of a boy whose talent and courage opened doors for him, but only a crack. It is the story of a teenager discovering himself, learning his voice and his craft amidst deep trauma. And it is the story of a young man whose unbreakable determination led him through countless hard times to where he is now; a proud icon who refuses to back down or hide. Porter is a multitalented, multifaceted treasure at the top of his game, and *Unprotected* is a resonant, inspirational story of trauma and healing, shot through with his singular voice.

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It all started with a plane ride. Just a simple plane ride home... that's what they said. One that wasn't supposed to end with me flying the damn thing! But then going home wasn't supposed to be a bad thing either... well, that was if going home didn't also mean trying to hide my new, secret boyfriend. Someone who just so happened to be my father's old enemy. Should be easy right? Well, Lucius had other ideas, ones that included sneaking into my room, reading my diary, feeling me up and getting my panties in a twist about pretty much everything... literally. So, throw in an ancient vendetta, a curse, a witch, an old flame and a hot Vampire King trying to get in your pants at your father's table, and what you had was a recipe for only one thing... A world of hurt and a Map of Sorrows.

It had to be said, that I didn't much care for the Devil. Especially when he tried to use me to control the Beast. But then this was his

mistake. As such, I had been granted early release and as for the Beast... he was not happy. So now Hell had a problem. A big one. One named Abaddon, who was currently tearing Hell apart trying to find me. Which meant I now had a choice to make. Let the Beast destroy all the realms or find myself a date. Because now the fate of the world rested upon my shoulders. Relied on me to find the one mortal vessel strong enough to contain the Beast, by merging their souls as one. There was just one problem with this. I had made a Beast fall in love with me. And now... Now, I just hoped I had the same luck with Adam... The man I just fell madly in love with.

Royal Flush.... Prince Adalard Ha'darra's mission is simple—stay out of trouble while on Earth. His plans to enjoy his time with a few pleasurable distractions change when his transport is sabotaged, forcing him to land miles from Paul Grove's remote ranch. When a stranger stops to give him a lift to his destination, he sees the colors of her aura and is stunned to discover his mate! Samara Lee-Stephens has lived with the Lee-Stephens curse her entire life. Determined to break it, she focuses on earning enough money to one day leave her family's reputation behind. She is furious when her stupid brothers drag her into their messed up lives—by losing her in a poker game! As if her life wasn't complicated enough, she soon finds herself fascinated by the Grove ranch's newest client who claims to be an alien prince! Adalard and Samara discover that time may change them, but not their enemies. Can Adalard and Samara survive the challenges that threaten to tear them apart, or will their enemies succeed despite the precautions and sacrifices they've taken? **If you love romance in the style of Nalini Singh, Christine Feehan, J.R. Ward, Ilona Andrews, Patricia Briggs, Dianne Duvall, Grace Goodwin, and Laurell K. Hamilton and you're a fan of out-of-this world space adventures like Starman, Star Trek, Star Wars, Stargate, and all the exciting SciFi Romance movies out there, be sure to read internationally acclaimed, NYT and USAT Bestselling Author S.E. Smith's book series! Adventure and hot romance all in one place! Over TWO MILLION books sold! Tags: multicultural, royalty, alien romance, sci-fi romance, scifi romance, scifi alien romance, science fiction romance, fantasy romance, urban fantasy romance, paranormal romance, psychic romance, paranormal contemporary, telepathy, space travel, strong female, strong male, human female, alien male, destiny, alien contact, aliens among us, alien mate, fated mate, telepathic mates, mental connection, mind, mental link, first love, instalove, destined love, trauma, warrior, military, magic, adventure, power, escape, suspense, toxic family, found family, loving family, steamy, NC-17, unforeseen, angst, action, award, thriller, crime, mechanic, twin

A stunningly ambitious and entertaining novel that gives us a counter-factual history of the modern world, from the author of the international bestseller HHHH. Binet's best book yet: the work of a major writer just hitting his stride. A delightful counterfactual novel. ***** - Daily Telegraph c.1000AD: Erik the Red's daughter heads south from Greenland 1492: Columbus does not discover America 1531: the Incas invade Europe Freydis is the leader of a band of Viking warriors who get as far as Panama. Nobody knows what became of them... Five hundred years later, Christopher Columbus is sailing for the Americas, dreaming of gold and conquest. Even when captured by Incas, his faith in his superiority and his mission is unshaken. Thirty years after that, Atahualpa, the last Inca emperor, arrives in Europe. What does he find? The Spanish Inquisition, the Reformation, capitalism, the miracle of the printing press, endless warmongering between the ruling monarchies, and constant threat from the Turks. But most of all, downtrodden populations ready for revolution. Fortunately, he has a recent guidebook to acquiring power - Machiavelli's The Prince. It turns out he is very good at it. So, the stage is set for a Europe ruled by Incas and, when the Aztecs arrive on the scene, for a great war that will change history forever. Civilisations is a wildly entertaining counterfactual story about the modern world, colonisation, empire-building and the eternal human quest for domination. It is an electrifying novel by one of Europe's most exciting writers. 'What if the 1492 'discovery' of America...alerted the Incas to the existence of a land to the east that might be ripe for conquest?' Literary Review

Louis VII and His World examines a lesser-known yet significant Capetian monarch and his role in the twelfth century. The essays focus upon the king's leadership, administration and his connection to the events of the age.

Draven has finally found his Electus. The one chosen by the Gods to be his soulmate and Queen. But after so many threats made against her life, the King of Kings has had no choice but to break her heart in order to save it. Now all he can hope for is once the threat has been eliminated, he will be free to claim what is rightfully his to take. Question is, will Keira ever forgive him? This is the story of Afterlife only from the eyes of its King. As you will finally learn Keira's journey all over again, only through Dominic Draven's point of view, giving a whole new and exciting twist on the start of this epic saga.

With Keira finding death on her door, she is suddenly plunged into a world of the unknown and has to face it alone... Or does she? Soon this new life is filled with heartache, with shadowed followers and cryptic messages that only promises to lead her deeper into the world of the supernatural like never before. For Keira, even taking a breath without the other half of her soul is painful. So when given the choice to either accept what life the fates have decided she live, or to force that life behind her and accept the dangerous journey ahead, the answer is easy... She will fight to save the man she loves. But this fight includes Heaven and Hell in search of the truth, a truth that will either set her heart free or be destroyed on the other side. Are the fates really to be trusted?

With nearly 2 million books in print, this Little Apple series is H-O-T, hot. The SECRET is out -- DROON is the series that kids, parents, and teachers are talking about! There's no place like home! Eric and his friends have finally restored the Rainbow Stairs, but that was the easy part. Now Gethwing is loose in the Upper World, and the Moon Dragon is causing big trouble. Eric, Julie, and Neal have to protect their town, but they're up against mysterious creatures, strangely-behaving parents, and powerful magic. Can the kids stop Gethwing before he destroys the Upper World -- for good? Time. Truth. Life. 'There is weakness in all when lies are told but the strength in each is what we must behold.' Can our Chosen One find her way back from the deception and chaos that surrounds her, or is this the life of a trapped girl, broken and lost forever? A worldwide search might be on the cards but what if the girl they're looking for was never meant to be found? These are the questions both sides face in a race against time, truth, and the life they are all trying to save. The battle against evil continues in the most unlikely of places, and emotions run wild in this next instalment of the

Afterlife saga. Will you take the plunge with our characters and delve deeper into the world of Afterlife, further than you've ever gone before?

The Sands of Time are filled with dangers and new enemies to face. But for Keira to stand tall in a world she does not know, she must first brave the differences in loving the man she calls Draven and the man she must now call her King. Join Keira as she is thrown into an ancient time and faces her biggest challenge yet... How to get a Demon King to fall for a human girl he is forbidden to love.

In this 'Forbidden Chapters' book you will find lost gems from the first three books in the Afterlife Saga. As a request from all you wonderful Afterlife fans, I have compiled them all together for you, creating Part 1 of the Forbidden Chapters, so that you might enjoy these add extras. So, if you can't get enough of Draven, Vincent and Lucius, along with some of your other favourite characters from these three books, then look no further for your next Afterlife fix. Includes, sneaky 'Afterlife' break ins, first dates with domineering bosses and Vampire Kings. Drunken dirty dancing, mountain top massacres, violent vampire lessons and even a sexy bath or two.

It's been seven years. Seven long years since that cold and cruel Vampire King, Lucius, broke her heart. Her naive little heart destroyed after one painful night, when she sneaked into his Gothic nightclub, Transfusion. Seven years ago, he humiliated her, casting her aside and telling her just what he thought about her little obsession with him. Then he saved her life. Well, now he is back and this time he is out for blood, and all she can hope for is that it isn't hers that's on the menu. Because she is just your typical, ordinary, everyday girl who works and lives in London. Even if she is trying to make it on her own without the safety of her family. However, growing up knowing of the supernatural world and being human definitely has its draw backs. Especially when a certain Vampire King has her in mind for a date, and his dominant and forceful ways are sending her re-ignited obsession with him into overdrive. But he does like her... doesn't he?

From fan-favorite Scarlett St. Clair, the bestselling author of the Hades & Persephone series, comes a new epic fantasy filled with danger, darkness, and insatiable romance. Their union is his revenge. Isolde de Lara considers her wedding day to be her death day. To end a years-long war, she is to marry vampire king Adrian Aleksandr Vasiliev, and kill him. But her assassination attempt is thwarted, and Adrian threatens that if Isolde tries kill him again, he will raise her as the undead. Faced with the possibility of becoming the thing she hates most, Isolde seeks other ways to defy him and survive the brutal vampire court. Except it isn't the court she fears most—it's Adrian. Despite their undeniable chemistry, she wonders why the king—fierce, savage, merciless—chose her as consort. The answer will shatter her world.

Zelie Adebola remembers when the soil of Or sha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zelie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope.

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The definitive guide to the life of the first woman to play a major role in Greek political history, this is the first modern biography of Olympias. Presenting a critical assessment of a fascinating and wholly misunderstood figure, Elizabeth Carney penetrates myth, fiction and sexual politics and conducts a close examination of Olympias through historical and literary sources, and brings her to life as she places the figure in the context of her own ancient, brutal political world. Individual examinations look at: the role of Greek religion in Olympias' life literary and artistic traditions about Olympias found throughout the later ancient periods varying representations of Olympias found in the major ancient sources. An absolutely compelling read for students, scholars, and anyone with an interest in Greek, Classical, or women's history.

An off-the-beaten-path tour of the city's hidden highlights, and the stories behind them. London is full of curiosities. Who knew that beneath the Albert Memorial lies a chamber resembling a church crypt? Or that there are catacombs under Camden? Who would expect to find a lighthouse in East London, sphinxes in South London, dummy houses in West London, or a huge bust of film director Alfred Hitchcock in North London? How many of those who walk past Cleopatra's Needle pause to consider why a 3,000-year-old Egyptian monument stands beside the Thames? How many know that what was once London's smallest police station can be seen in Trafalgar Square? Or that pineapples are used in the architectural design of so many buildings? Or why there are memorials to the Mayflower and Pilgrim Fathers in Rotherhithe? Learn more about the capital of curiosities in this delightful guide for lovers of history, trivia, and travel.

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Warning: This book is amazingly addictive, with its dark mystery, haunting horror, seductive twists and one sexy dark lord that has the reader drooling every time the name Draven appears on the page!

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