

## The Traitors Club Jeb

Welcome to a new America that is built on blood, sweat, and gears... In steam age America, men, monsters, machines, and magic battle for the same scrap of earth and sky. In this chaos, bounty hunter Cedar Hunt rides, cursed by lycanthropy and carrying the guilt of his brother's death. Then he's offered hope that his brother may yet survive. All he has to do is find the Holder: a powerful device created by mad devisers-and now in the hands of an ancient Strange who was banished to walk this Earth. In a land shaped by magic, steam, and iron, where the only things a man can count on are his guns, gears, and grit, Cedar will have to depend on all three if he's going to save his brother and reclaim his soul once and for all... In a world of rising tensions between Russia and the United States, the Middle East and Europe, Sunnis and Shiites, Islamism and liberalism, Turkey is at the epicentre. And at the heart of Turkey is its right-wing populist president, Recep Tayyip Erdo?an. Since 2002, Erdo?an has consolidated his hold on domestic politics while using military and diplomatic means to solidify Turkey as a regional power. His crackdown has been brutal and consistent - scores of journalists arrested, academics officially banned from leaving the country, university deans fired and many of the highest-ranking military officers arrested. In some senses, the nefarious and failed 2016 coup has given Erdo?an the licence to make good on his repeated promise to bring order and stability under a 'strongman'. Here, leading Turkish expert Soner Cagaptay will look at Erdo?an's roots in Turkish history, what he believes in and how he has cemented his rule, as well as what this means for the world. The book will also unpick the 'threats' Erdogan has worked to combat - from the liberal Turks to the Gulen movement, from

coup plotters to Kurdish nationalists - all of which have culminated in the crisis of modern Turkey.

“A poignant, unapologetically southern, laugh out loud look at what it means to truly be seen and loved.” – Kait Nolan A sexy military pilot is about to meet his match in an unpredictable physics professor! Kaci Boudreaux is every Southern mama’s nightmare, including her own. This former Miss Grits would rather tromp around in boots shooting off potato guns—and her mouth—than dress pretty and play nice with the boys. Especially her chauvinistic fellow professors, her ex-husband, and those military cargo pilots she accidentally started a war with. Lance Wheeler is every Southern belle’s dream, except his ex-fiancé’s. After being left at the altar, he’d love to take his C-130 and fly far, far away. But since his bird technically belongs to Uncle Sam (as does he), a distraction in the form of a feisty fireball of a physics professor will do while he’s waiting for his next deployment with the Air Force. He’s into her for the fun. She’s into him for the challenge. But when their secrets start slipping out, their hearts will be on the line. She needs roots. He wants to see the world. What will they do about needing each other?

Starvation, filth, and killing poverty were the vile realities of his childhood until Liam McGregor escaped London's Whitechapel hell for good. His success in the real world had only begun to erase his nightmare when his heart discovered the beautiful Lady Millicent. He would do anything for this woman he was swiftly learning to love, except the one thing she asked of him. He would go anywhere she wished him to, except the one place she begged him to go. Because no one could be so lucky to escape Whitechapel twice and live to tell about it. In a kingdom of merciless tyrants, Jebel Rum's family is honored as royalty because his father

is the executioner. But Rashed Rum is near retirement. And when he goes, there will be a contest to determine his successor. It is a contest that thin, puny Jebel has no chance of winning. Humiliated and ashamed, Jebel sets out on a quest to the faraway home of a legendary fire god to beg for inhuman powers so that he can become the most lethal of men. He must take with him a slave, named Tel Hesani, to be sacrificed to the god. It will be a dark and brutal journey filled with lynch mobs, suicide cults, terrible monsters, and worse, monstrous men. But to Jebel, the risk is worth it. To retrieve his honor . . . To wield unimaginable power . . . To become . . . The thin executioner Inspired by the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, international bestselling master of horror Darren Shan takes readers on a thrilling, fast-paced journey into a nightmarish world where compassion and kindness are the greatest crimes of all.

A self-made man set on revenge, and a beautiful heiress-stunned by the magnetism that neither wants to acknowledge-attempt to bridge the gulf between tradesman and nobility. Without ruining each other. Wealthy importer Blake Edison will stop at nothing to destroy the Duke of Somerset-the man who should have saved Edison's mother from starving in the streets and didn't. But can he fulfill his diabolical mission without losing Willow? That is, without losing Lady Willow Gilchrist, the gifted beauty whose father is forcing her to become the Duke's daughter-in-law? This story of desire in both mind and heart is set against the backdrop of a dynamic new clothing industry in Victorian England. Lady Willow Gilchrist is prepared to endure the upturned noses of the ton in order to pursue her passion for designing fashions for the explosive new business the handsomely intrepid Blake Edison has launched. She would willingly lose her place in Society if only she could take her place at his side. But will he let

her?

From USA Today bestselling author, A.M. Hargrove, comes *Resurrection*, Book 2, in *The Guardians of Vesturon Series*. Rayn Yarrister, the first-born son and Leader of The Guardians, has been imprisoned on Vesturon for breaking their most sacred of covenants. He is suddenly jolted by Maddie's telepathic pleas for help, as her life hangs in the balance. Can he alert The Guardians in time to save his soulmate? Or will he face his trial alone and broken without his one true love? In *Resurrection*, The Guardians of Vesturon face their biggest challenges as Earth is threatened by an invading species from a distant planet intent on destroying it for its resources. As protectors of the universe, The Guardians have been assembled to defend not only Earth, but other vulnerable worlds as well. Not only that, an unknown entity is intent on discrediting the Yarrister family. Will they uncover this plot in time to save themselves from ruin? Will The Guardians succeed in stopping the Xanthians, or will Earth be invaded and ravaged by this marauding species? *Resurrection*, the continuation of *Survival* is a young adult/new adult clean romance, the second book in A.M. Hargrove's the *Guardians of Vesturon Series*. It's a blend of fantasy, sci-fi, and paranormal fiction, featuring suspense, surprising plot twists, and a mix of amazing characters that will keep you turning the pages. If you like raw emotion, unusual settings, and adventure, then start reading this series today.\*Author's Note: This is the second edition of this novel. It was first published in 2012.

"What sort of combination of hypocrite and paradox is John Kerry?" asks this heated critique of the Democratic presidential candidate's Vietnam-era military service and antiwar activism. O'Neill, a lawyer and swift boat veteran, and Corsi, an expert on

Vietnam antiwar movements, show how Kerry misrepresented his wartime exploits and is therefore incompetent to serve as commander in chief. Buttressed by interviews with Navy veterans who patrolled Vietnam's waters, some along with Kerry, readers will discover how he exaggerated minor injuries, self-inflicted others, wrote fictitious diary entries and filed "phony" reports of his heroism under fire—all in a calculated quest to secure career-enhancing combat medals.

With an introduction by Greg Palast, author of bestseller *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*, *Progressive Hollywood* features Rampell's interviews and interactions with Hollywood luminaries such as producers Jerry Bruckheimer and Robert Greenwald; actors Jack Nicholson, Rob Reiner, Mike Farrell, Ed Asner, Martin Sheen, David Clennon, Gore Vidal and Dennis Hopper; directors Michael Moore, Spike Lee, Oliver Stone and Lionel Chetwynd; blacklisted screenwriters Bernie Gordon (who initiated the 1999 protests against Elia Kazan's lifetime achievement Oscar), Bobby Lees (who injected dialectical materialism into Abbott and Costello comedies) and Norma Barzman (author of 2003's *The Red and the Blacklist*).

Summary of *Destiny and Power: by Jon Meacham* | Includes Analysis Preview: *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush* by Jon Meacham is a biography of George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, who served from 1988 to 1992. The author argues that as president and as a politician, Bush used prudence and compromise to an extent that would seem out of place in

today's era of highly partisan US politics. George H.W. Bush had a varied career before winning the presidency: he was a Navy pilot, oilman, congressman, ambassador to the UN, envoy to China, head of the Republican Party, and later director of the CIA. In the executive branch, he first served as vice president of the United States under Ronald Reagan for eight years before beginning his own presidency... PLEASE NOTE: This is a summary and analysis of the book and NOT the original book. Inside this Instaread Summary & Analysis of Destiny and Power: • Summary of book • Introduction to the Important People in the book • Analysis of the Themes and Author's Style

Dan Wynn wanted to explore space more than life itself, but a tragic accident left him too injured for NASA's space program. Second chances don't come along every day, so when an old friend offered him one, he grabbed on with both hands. The next thing Dan knew, he was on the moon, piloting humanity's first starship while fighting his way through one peril after another. Little did Dan know that simple offer was anything but, and would lead him to the stars far beyond our own. The risks are great. But if life knocked you down, what would you gamble to have one more shot at your dreams? Excerpt: "Dan - ad astra!" Dan heard the order. Ad astra. To the stars. It was a toast the two of them had shared back in college, when they first stepped onto the roads which would lead them into space. It had been John's idea to use the toast as a code word now. Dan didn't even take a deep breath before executing the order. He'd practiced this

with Majel enough times in the simulator - not the part about having a gunman in the bridge, but if that order was ever given, it would be a true crisis. He checked the screen again. Visual range in only fifteen seconds. No time for anything else. He rapidly initiated the program, said a quick prayer, and pressed the Enter button on his keyboard. Immediately, the ship began to shudder. This book is a heavily revised second edition of the original volume. The story length has been increased by about 60%, adding enormously more background to the characters and deepening of the personality of the world and crew. If you've already read the first edition, you won't need to read this version to catch up - but fans of the series are sure to enjoy this expanded and improved "Author's Preferred Edition"!

After centuries alone, can a vampire king trust the woman who's woken his heart? Jordan MacDougal, laird and vampire King, walks a thin line of civility between protecting his clan, and handling the conflict from the local shifter pack. When some of his people disappear, and the wolves accuse his newest, intriguing vampire of being evil, Jordan discovers that the traitor in his midst may be closer than he dared believe. A newly turned vampire, Dalia Jensen wakes to an unusual and frightening new world, with no memory of the past year of her life. Accused of working with the Master Vampire who held her prisoner, her inability to remember the truth leaves her reeling under allegations of vicious past actions. Uncertain of her culpability, she's unable to trust her own instincts as the reigning Vampire King turns her world upside down. When

the wolves call for her trial, demanding her life for those killed and tortured, Jordan and Dalia must work together to find the truth, and save the love blooming between them. Praise for Amber Kallyn "Ms. Kallyn takes the paranormal world and adds a dangerous twist of dragons, fires, and a mysterious past to make this an intense read..." ~ Coffee Time Romance "if it is at all possible for a dragon to become stronger or more alpha in general then Ms Kallyn has managed it..." ~ The Romance Studio "intense and incendiary..." ~ Whipped Cream Reviews Miss watching Moonlight? Love The Vampire Diaries? Hungerstorm will take you on a thrilling ride of love and justice. And if you like your paranormal romance HOT, HOT, HOT, check out Amber Kallyn's 5 STAR Reviewed erotic romances ~ Dragos Series, Book 1: Burned What happens when a dragon falls in love with a fireman? Someone's bound to get... burned. ~ Red's Wolf An incendiary short story series. Who said Red's afraid of the big bad wolf? In this sensual Civil War romance from Heather Graham, the scars of battle are healed by a searing desire that crosses enemy lines. Callie Michaelson knows all too well the costs of war. Her husband gave his life on the battlefield, fighting for the North. Now Callie's only defense is to hunker down and hope the war blazes right on past her Maryland farm. But when a dashing Confederate soldier falls on her land, Callie is inexplicably roused to help this desperate, surprisingly vulnerable, and heartbreakingly desirable man. After suffering the sting of defeat, Colonel Daniel Cameron wants nothing more than to heal his wounds and rejoin his retreating cavalry unit. But the look

in the silver-gray eyes of the stunningly beautiful Yankee widow tells him to stay—at least for one night of passion. In Callie's bed, Daniel forgets all about the horrors he has seen. He also forgets that he is too deep in Union territory to trust any woman. And soon enough Daniel discovers that wounds of the flesh are nothing compared to wounds of the heart. Includes a special message from the editor, as well as excerpts from these Loveswept titles: *Flirting with Disaster*, *Taking Shots*, and *Long Simmering Spring*.

Presents an assessment of the House of Representatives elected in 2010, including the influence of eighty-seven freshmen, many of whom had never held public office, and the actions of more senior members from both parties.

"This book is very tough." - President Donald Trump  
The Bush Crime Family smashes through the layers of lies and secrecy that have surrounded and protected our country's most successful political dynasty for nearly two centuries. New York Times bestselling author Roger Stone lashes out with a blistering indictment, exposing the true history and monumental hypocrisy of the Bushes. In Stone's usual "go for the jugular" style, this is a no-holds-barred history of the Bush family, comprised of smug, entitled autocrats who both use and hide behind their famous name. They got a long-overdue taste of defeat and public humiliation when Jeb's 2016 presidential bid went down in flames. Besides detailing the vast litany of Jeb's misdeeds — including receiving a \$4 million taxpayer bailout when his father was vice president as well as his startlingly-

close alignment with supposed “enemy” Hillary Clinton — Stone travels back to Bush patriarchs Samuel and Prescott, right on through to presidents George H. W. and George W. Bush to weave an epic story of privilege, greed, corruption, drug profiteering, assassination, and lies. A new preface to this paperback edition features explosive information, including the family’s Machiavellian plan to propel Jeb’s son George Prescott Bush forward as the family’s next political contender. The Bush Crime Family will have readers asking, “Why aren’t these people in prison?”

Through a series of adventures, a poor but doughty Scottish crusader known as Sir Kenneth proves his honor and discovers his destiny in Sir Walter Scott’s tale of chivalry, violence, virtue, romance, and deceit.

A family confronts its dark past in this saga of murder, revenge, and redemption by the New York Times–bestselling author of *Rich Man, Poor Man*. In Irwin Shaw’s celebrated novel *Rich Man, Poor Man*, the Jordache clan was divided and scattered by the forces of American culture and capitalism after World War II. In this potent sequel, the family reunites after a terrible act of violence. Wesley never really knew his father, Tom, the black sheep of the Jordache family. Driven by his sorrow and a need for justice, Wesley uncovers surprising truths about his estranged family’s complicated past. Focused, forceful, and deeply moving, *Beggarman, Thief* is a stunning novel by a true American literary master. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Irwin Shaw including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author’s estate.

A portrait of the American abolitionist offers insight into his enigmatic personality, covering such topics as his friendships with African-American contemporaries, his twenty children by two wives, and his willingness to resort to extremist methods. In the acclaimed historian's debut novel, a lady-in-waiting in the court of King James is caught up in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. England, 1603. Nursing Queen Elizabeth through her last days, court healer Frances Gorges dreams of her parents' country estate, where she first learned to use the medicinal secrets of flowers and herbs. Frances is happy to stay at home when King James of Scotland succeeds to the throne of England. His court may be shockingly decadent, but his intolerant Puritanism sees witchcraft in many of the old customs—punishable by death. When her ambitious uncle sends Frances back to the royal palace as a nanny to the princess, she is a ready target for the twisted scheming of the Privy Seal, Lord Cecil. As a dark campaign to destroy both King and Parliament gains momentum, Frances is surrounded by danger. She finding happiness only with the King's precocious daughter, and with Tom Wintour, the one courtier she feels she can trust. But even he has secrets to hide...

James Patterson's bestselling Maximum Ride series is back . . . and Max and her flock are ready for their most daring rescue mission yet. Someone -- or something -- is decimating ships and sea life off Hawaii's coast, and Max and her flock find themselves sucked into the Navy's top-secret investigation of the catastrophe. Their objective: Rescue Max's activist mom from a wicked subterranean enemy. The hitch: They must

dive deep into dark waters, where gruesome evil dwells . . . and for high-flying Maximum Ride, could there be anything more terrifying than being trapped in the great abyss? With high-flying thrills, this soaring adventure takes Maximum Ride and the Flock into terrifying new territory -- fans, hold your breath!

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • Dispatches from the 2016 election that provide an eerily prescient take on our democracy's uncertain future, by the country's most perceptive and fearless political journalist. In twenty-five pieces from Rolling Stone—plus two original essays—Matt Taibbi tells the story of Western civilization's very own train wreck, from its tragicomic beginnings to its apocalyptic conclusion. Years before the clown car of candidates was fully loaded, Taibbi grasped the essential themes of the story: the power of spectacle over substance, or even truth; the absence of a shared reality; the nihilistic rebellion of the white working class; the death of the political establishment; and the emergence of a new, explicit form of white nationalism that would destroy what was left of the Kingian dream of a successful pluralistic society. Taibbi captures, with dead-on, real-time analysis, the failures of the right and the left, from the thwarted Bernie Sanders insurgency to the flawed and aimless Hillary Clinton campaign; the rise of the “dangerously bright” alt-right with its wall-loving identity politics and its rapturous view of the “Racial Holy War” to come; and the giant fail of a flailing, reactive political media that fed a ravenous news cycle not with reporting on political ideology, but with undigested propaganda served straight from the campaign

bubble. At the center of it all stands Donald J. Trump, leading a historic revolt against his own party, “bloviating and farting his way” through the campaign, “saying outrageous things, acting like Hitler one minute and Andrew Dice Clay the next.” For Taibbi, the stunning rise of Trump marks the apotheosis of the new postfactual movement. Taibbi frames the reporting with original essays that explore the seismic shift in how we perceive our national institutions, the democratic process, and the future of the country. *Insane Clown President* is not just a postmortem on the collapse and failure of American democracy. It offers the riveting, surreal, unique, and essential experience of seeing the future in hindsight. “Scathing . . . What keeps the pages turning in this so freshly familiar story line is the vivid observation and original turns of phrase.”—San Francisco Chronicle

Bulletin of the Garden Club of America  
Ransomed Jewels  
Montlake Romance  
Mildred Harned is a young widow living with her three small daughters in the upstate New York town of Sparrowbush. The threadbare old community is also home to a forbidding maximum security prison named for the surrounding village. When a vacationing Manhattan trial lawyer stops at the widow Harned's remote Texaco station for gas—and a sandwich, he soon comes to suspect that Mildred's prison guard husband has been murdered by the local Correctional Officers' union because of his liberal views, and Mildred herself might be at risk. Furthermore, attorney Jack Stetson has taken a shine to the attractive activist. He'd like to know her better, and he figures it

can't do any harm to linger a day or two in the dreary little village. But Jack's layover in quaintly named Sparrowbush soon becomes a nightmare!

Dominant Skin Walker, Monroe StoneCrow's mate, Eden, has been injured in an attack on the Estate. Not only does Eden not have any memory of Monroe or their children, but she believes she is in a relationship with another and is asking that the man be brought to the Estate. For the good of his Angel, Monroe will comply with doctor's orders to acquiesce to Eden's wishes; however, watching another male soothe his mate just might prove to be the one thing Monroe is unequipped to handle, especially while his Estate is still reeling. After receiving a call that one of his females has been marked by the enemy Megalya, Monroe orders Walker Sentry, Delain, to take Harlow EnemyHunter from the Estate and claim her. Harlow belongs to another Walker though and opting to keep Commander Remy McCabe's claim on her a secret could be the worst mistake Harlow's ever made. Now, her only hope is that Remy will return to the Estate and find her in time.

Shipping heiress Kate McShane refuses to marry for anything other than true love. Her secure world crashes when her father mysteriously dies. His business partner isn't just the prime suspect--he's pressuring Kate to marry him. Kate's only option is to flee New York until the murderer can be arrested. Taking an assumed name, she boards a westbound train. Texas Ranger Seth Morgan pursues his best friend's killer to New York, but the trail goes cold. Weary from his vow of revenge, he hands in his star and

takes another one as sheriff for a small railroad town in the Idaho Territory. Kate's anonymity is jeopardized when the handsome Sheriff Morgan thinks she's a criminal on the run. The man irritates and excites her. He's totally unsuitable. So why does the thought of leaving him and the charming mountainside town of Hope break her heart? "My favorite historical novel . . . a superb re-creation of the Battle of Gettysburg, but its real importance is its insight into what the war was about, and what it meant."—James M. McPherson In the four most bloody and courageous days of our nation's history, two armies fought for two conflicting dreams. One dreamed of freedom, the other of a way of life. Far more than rifles and bullets were carried into battle. There were memories. There were promises. There was love. And far more than men fell on those Pennsylvania fields. Bright futures, untested innocence, and pristine beauty were also the casualties of war. Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece is unique, sweeping, unforgettable—the dramatic story of the battleground for America's destiny. Characters based on James Patterson's international bestsellers *When the Wind Blows* and *The Lake House* are re-invented in *Maximum Ride* and are launched on the ultimate action-packed adventure full of humor and suspense. Fourteen-year-old *Maximum Ride*, better known as Max, knows what it's like to soar above the world. She and all the members of the "Flock"—Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel—are just like ordinary kids—only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come true to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time—like when

Angel, the youngest member of the "Flock," is kidnapped and taken back to the "School" where she and the others were genetically engineered by sinister scientists. Her friends brave a journey to Death Valley, CA, to save Angel, but soon enough, they find themselves in yet another nightmare--this one involving fighting off the half-human, half-wolf "Erasers" in New York City. Whether in the treetops of Central Park or in the bowels of the Manhattan subway system, Max and her adopted family take the ride of their lives. Along the way Max discovers from her old friend and father-figure Jeb--now her betrayed and greatest enemy--that her purpose is save the world--but can she? With her husband's dying words, "My marchioness has it," the Marchioness of Huntingdon is thrown into a nightmare of intrigue and danger. But even those who are holding her brother ransom can't force her to do the impossible--hand over a necklace she doesn't have. Major Samuel Bennett believes the newly widowed Lady Claire Huntingdon is a traitor. He intends to get the necklace he's convinced she has, before sending her to the gallows. But when he meets the captivating widow, he discovers that nothing is as it seems. Claire knows she can't trust anyone, but she isn't given a choice when Major Bennett arrives, demanding she give him the necklace. And it isn't until she's forced to put her life in his hands that she realizes it isn't only her life she's in danger of losing--but her heart as well.

The bestselling first instalment of the Carbo of Rome adventures, perfect for fans of Wallace Breem's *Eagle in the Snow* After twenty-five long years serving in the

Roman Legions, Carbo returns to Rome to retire in peace. Life has moved on in the time he's been at the front, and he finds himself friendless and homeless. But when he comes across Rufa, a childhood friend he swore an oath to protect, he must fight to rescue her from an evil priestess, liberate her from slavery and save Rome from total annihilation. Luckily, the Watchmen of Rome have his back... but will they be able to save their city and the Republic itself? Watchmen of Rome is a thrilling historical adventure, perfect for fans of Ben Kane, Gordon Doherty and Simon Scarrow. Carbo of Rome Watchmen of Rome Bandits of Rome

A stunning new young adult adventure set in the kingdoms of the Remnant, by the author of the New York Times-bestselling Remnant Chronicles and the Jenna Fox Chronicles. A formidable outlaw family that claims to be the first among nations. A son destined to lead, thrust suddenly into power. Three fierce young women of the Rahtan, the queen's premier guard. A legendary street thief leading a mission, determined to prove herself. A dark secret that is a threat to the entire continent. When outlaw leader meets reformed thief, a cat-and-mouse game of false moves ensues, bringing them intimately together in a battle that may cost them their lives—and their hearts. The Remnant Chronicles The Beauty of Darkness The Heart of Betrayal The Kiss of Deception Praise for Dance of

Thieves: "Pearson is a gifted storyteller and spinner of eminently satisfying romances and fantasy. Fans will thrill at these newest protagonists, especially the women warriors, who are equal partners in the play for power." —Publishers Weekly "This novel has it all—romance, conflict, danger, and humor. A must-have for all fantasy YA shelves." — School Library Journal

Red Sparrow is now a major motion picture starring Jennifer Lawrence and Joel Edgerton! The thrilling sequel to Red Sparrow—CIA insider Jason Matthews's compulsively readable New York Times bestseller and Edgar Award winner—featuring Russian spy Dominika Egorova and CIA agent Nate Nash "shimmers with authenticity. The villains are richly drawn...the scenes of them on the job are beyond chilling" (The New York Times Book Review). Captain Dominika Egorova of the Russian Intelligence Service despises the oligarchs, crooks, and thugs of Putin's Russia—but what no one knows is that she is also working for the CIA. Her "sparrow" training in the art of sexual espionage further complicates the mortal risks she must take, as does her love for her handler Nate Nash—a shared lust that is as dangerous as treason. As Dominika expertly dodges exposure, she deals with a murderously psychotic boss, survives an Iranian assassination attempt and attempts to rescue an arrested double agent—and thwart Putin's threatening flirtations. A grand, wildly entertaining ride

through the steel-trap mind of a CIA insider, Palace of Treason is a story “as suspenseful and cinematic as the best spy movies” (The Philadelphia Inquirer)—one that feels fresh and so possible, in fact, that it’s doubtful this novel can ever be published in Russia.

Amelia, daughter of the last independent King of Danhome, King Gbehanzin, is the apple of her father's eye, loved beyond measure by her mother, and overprotected by her siblings. She searches for her place within the palace amidst conspirators and traitors to the Kingdom. Just when Amelia begins to feel at home in her role as a Princess, a well-kept secret shatters the perfect life she knows. Someone else within the palace also knows and does everything to bring the secret to light. A struggle between good and evil ensues causing Amelia to leave all that she knows and loves. She must flee Danhome with her brother, to south-western Nigeria. In a faraway land, she finds the love of a new family and God. The well-kept secret thought to have been dead and buried, resurrects with the flash of a thread of gold beads. Amelia must fight for her life and what is left of her soul. Set during the French-Danhome war of the late 1890s in Benin Republic and early 1900s in Abeokuta and Lagos, South-Western Nigeria, Thread of Gold Beads is a delicate love story, and coming of age of a young girl. It clearly depicts the strength of the human spirit in the face of adversities.

