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*Undead and Underwater* Maryjanice Davidson 2013-03-05 New York Times bestselling author Maryjanice Davidson “continues to put her own unique spin on paranormal romance” (Fallen Angel Reviews), and in this all-new anthology, she’s three times as outrageous as ever before... Super, Girl! Meet Hailey Derry, human resources representative and round-the-clock superhero. Born with the ability to convert anything she eats into crime-fighting energy, Hailey is now faced with her toughest challenge: the sexy new hire who has a mad crush on her. But how does Hailey break the news that she’s more of a Wonder Woman than he can imagine? She'd better think of something fast, because letting this guy go would be a crime. Undead and Underwater Betsy, queen of the undead, and Fred, the dour could’ve-been-a-princess mermaid, reluctantly team up to help a mutual friend in trouble. After all, a friend in need is a friend who, well, can really test your patience—because Betsy and Fred aren’t exactly BFFs. What they do have in common is the source of the problem: a man. And what’s more troubling than love? Incomer As leader of the Pack, it’s Lara Wyndham’s job to usher her breed to safety after the cataclysmic Kardashian Riots of 2025—and fend off the advances of Jack Gardner, a sexy Packer with alpha urges and a knack for getting into trouble. No matter how bad Lara wants it, she doesn’t need it. Not that intoxicating scent of his, or his talented mouth, or that perfect ass. Then again... *Mermaid’s Song* Alida Van Gores 1989-07-01 Through the ages, the balance between good and evil is maintained by the Seadragons. But only two dragons remain, and unless the people of the underwater caverns can find a true Merramaid to act as a Between, evil will prevail in the watery realm.

*Rabbit, Run* John Updike 2006 John Updike’s Rabbit, Run is a classic story of dissatisfaction and restlessness. Harry ‘Rabbit’ Angstrom was a star basketball player in high school. Now twenty-six, his life seems full of traps, the biggest being his pregnant wife and two-year-old son. He sets out to escape, but it’s not clear if Rabbit is really following his heart or only chasing his tail. Powerfully written, Rabbit, Run gave American literature one of its most enduring characters.

*Hello Kitty Must Die* Angela S Choi 2010-04-01 On the outside, twenty-eight-year-old Fiona Yu appears to be just another Hello Kitty—an educated, well-mannered Asian American woman. Secretly, she feels torn between the traditional Chinese values of her family and the social mores of being an American girl. To escape the burden of carrying her family’s honor, Fiona decides to take her own virginity. In the process, she makes a surprising discovery that reunites her with a long-lost friend, Sean Killroy. Sean introduces her to a dark world of excitement, danger, cunning, and cruelty, pushing her to the limits of her own morality. But Fiona’s father throws her new life into disarray when he dupes her into an overnight trip that results in a hasty engagement to Don Koo, the spoiled son of a wealthy chef. Determined to thwart her parents’ plans to marry her off into Asian suburbia, Fiona seeks her freedom at any price. How far will she go to bury the Hello Kitty stereotype forever? Fiona’s journey of self-discovery is biting and clever as she embraces her true nature and creates her own version of the American Dream, eliminating—without fear or remorse—anyone who stands in her way.

**Vanishing England** Peter Hampson Ditchfield 1910

*Underwater Love* Maryjanice Davidson 2012 Presents a compilation of paranormal romance novels about a gorgeous but irritable mermaid who must decide between a marine biologist and a sea prince.

**Last Olympian, The (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 5)** Rick Riordan 2009-05-02 All year the half-bloods have been preparing for battle against the Titans, knowing the odds of victory are grim. Kronos’s army is stronger than ever, and with every god and half-blood he recruits, the evil Titan’s power only grows. While the Olympians struggle to contain the rampaging monster Typhon, Kronos begins his advance on New York City, where Mount Olympus stands virtually unguarded. Now it’s up to Percy Jackson and an army of young demigods to stop the Lord of Time.

*Cole and Sav* Cole Labrant 2018-10-09 Popular YouTubers Cole and Savannah LaBrant share their inspiring love story, highlighting the redemptive, surprising nature of God at work in our lives, and how He graciously steps in and turns our messes into something beautiful. Millions around the world followed the fairytale love story of viral YouTube stars Cole and Savannah LaBrant and watched as they said “I do.” Their subsequent YouTube channel, dedicated to family and faith, garners more than 100 million views each month. But now for the first time ever, Cole and Sav invite you beyond the highlight reel and into the beautiful and messy, funny and tender story of how God brought two unlikely people together in a surprising, unexpected way. With their signature charming and engaging style, Cole and Sav take you behind the camera and open up about past heartaches and mistakes; painful secrets and difficult expectations; the joys and challenges of raising their daughter, Everleigh; and the spiritual journey that changed their hearts—and relationship—forever.

*Wet Magic* Edith Nesbit 2018-05 When four siblings journey to the seashore for a holiday, one of them unwittingly summons the sister of a mermaid who is captured by a circus, and the children set out to save the imprisoned being. After a daring midnight rescue, the children’s reward is an incredible journey beneath the waves and into the hidden kingdom of the mermaids. But they soon find themselves in a race against time as they struggle to prevent a war and save their new underwater companions! Here is a triumphant tale by one of the finest storytellers to ever write for children, and a pioneer of fantasy literature for this age group.

*Undead and Uneasy* Maryjanice Davidson 2007 As Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor prepares for her marriage to her fianc, Vampire King Eric Sinclair, she finds herself dealing with complex wedding arrangements, unexpected house guests, and the sudden disappearance of her fianc and most of her friends and loved ones. 100,000 first printing.

**Dead Over Heels** Maryjanice Davidson 2008-03-04 Three all-new paranormal stories of lust, laughter, and love from the New York Times bestselling author, including an original novella featuring Undead queen Betsy Taylor. With her trademark “sassy dialogue, lusty lovemaking [and] irreverent humor\*\*” New York Times bestselling author Maryjanice Davidson delighted fans with her wickedly sexy and wildly funny anthology, *Dead and Loving It*-stories in which the worlds of the Wyndham Werewolves and Undead Queens collided. Now she returns to that sensual and irresistible after-dark realm of werewolves, vampires, and mermaids in three more original novellas—including an all-new Betsy Taylor novella.

Ulysses

*Undead and Unsure* Maryjanice Davidson 2013-08-06 Vampire queen Betsy Taylor is back—and there’s going to be hell to pay... After her recent trip to hell, Betsy isn’t exactly sorry she killed the devil, even though it’s put her sister Laura in a damnable position: forced to assume the role of Satan—she may not have the training, but she sure looks great in red—and in charge of billions of souls now that she’s moved up in the world. Or is that down? But Betsy’s in an odd new situation as well—that of being a monarch suddenly in charge of all things earthbound, like her husband, Sinclair, who has gone from relieved to ecstatic to downright reckless now that he can tolerate sunlight. As if that wasn’t enough, Betsy and Sinclair’s adopted little BabyJon is finally starting to walk. And if the increasingly unpredictable toddler is anything like his extended family, precisely where he’s headed is anyone’s guess.

**The Tail of Emily Windsnap** Liz Kessler 2010-05-11 A young girl learns she’s half mermaid and plunges into a scheme to reunite with her father in this entrancing, satisfying tale that beckons readers far below the waves. For as long as she can remember, twelve-year-old Emily Windsnap has lived on a boat. And, oddly enough, for just as long, her mother has seemed anxious to keep Emily away from the water. But when Mom finally agrees to let her take swimming lessons, Emily makes a startling discovery — about her own identity, the mysterious father she’s never met, and the thrilling possibilities and perils shimmering deep below the water’s surface. With a sure sense of suspense and richly imaginative details, first-time author Liz Kessler lures us into a glorious undersea world where mermaids study shipwrecks at school and Neptune rules with an iron trident — an enchanting fantasy about family secrets, loyal friendship, and the convention-defying power of love.

**Women’s Bathing and Swimming Costume in the United States** Claudia Brush Kidwell 1968

**Parentology** Dalton Conley 2014-03-18 An award-winning scientist offers his unorthodox approach to childrearing: “Parentology is brilliant, jaw-droppingly funny, and full of wisdom...bound to change your thinking about parenting and its conventions” (Amy Chua, author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*). If you’re like many parents, you might ask family and friends for advice when faced with important choices about how to raise your kids. You might turn to parenting books or simply rely on timeworn religious or cultural traditions. But when Dalton Conley, a dual-doctorate scientist and full-blown nerd, needed childrearing advice, he turned to scientific research to make the big decisions. In Parentology, Conley hilariously reports the results of those experiments, from bribing his kids to do math (since studies show conditional cash transfers improved educational and health outcomes for kids) to teaching them impulse control by giving them weird names (because evidence shows kids with unique names learn not to react when their peers tease them) to getting a vasectomy (because fewer kids in a family mean smarter kids). Conley encourages parents to draw on the latest data to rear children, if only because that level of engagement with kids will produce solid and happy ones. Ultimately these experiments are very loving, and the outcomes are redemptive—even when Conley’s sassy kids show him the limits of his profession. Parentology teaches you everything you need to know about the latest literature on parenting—with lessons that go down easy. You’ll be laughing and learning at the same time.

**The Royal Treatment** Maryjanice Davidson 2005-02-01 In a world nearly identical to ours, the North won the Civil War, Ben Affleck is the sexiest man alive, and Russia never sold Alaska to the U.S. Instead, Alaska is a rough, beautiful country ruled by a famously eccentric royal family, and urgently in need of a bride for the Crown Prince. But they have no idea what they’re in for when they offer the job to a feisty commoner. . . a girl who’s going to need. . . The Royal Treatment The Princess-To-Be Primer, Or, Things I’ve Learned Really Quick, As Compiled by Her Future Royal Highness--Yeah, Whatever--Christina. That’s me. 1. Telling jokes you picked up from the guys on the fishing boat doesn’t go over really well at a fancy ball. 2. Must learn to curtsy, stifle burps, and tell the difference between a salad fork and a fruit knife. 3. Must not keep thinking about Prince David’s amazing eyes, lips, hands, shoulders, uh. . . .wait, can I start over? 4. Becoming a princess is a lot harder than it looks. 5. Falling in love is a whole lot easier. . . In this dazzling, delightfully wacky tale from Maryjanice Davidson, a tough commoner and a royal prince are about to discover that who they truly are. . .and what they desperately desire. . .may both be closer than they ever dreamed. . .

**Bears Behaving Badly** Maryjanice Davidson 2020-03-31 We’re not dating, we’ve never been dating, we’re not going to hook up, no way, absolutely not...oh. Oops. My primary focus has always been taking care of were-babies in the interspecies foster care system. I am unapologetically a fierce mama bear shifter and I am completely united with my team behind protecting at-risk were-children. So I have no idea why the appealing scruffy bear shifter PI David Auberon keeps hanging around, asking for sweets, and being charming and flirty. I’ve certainly got no time for shy solitary bears who can’t ask for what they want. But what am I to do when a hideous bad guy shows up and I need to rescue a were-baby, except call on the skills of the handsome and growly PI? And if dodging enemies puts us in a tight spot...well, I’m not against tight spots. Praise for Maryjanice Davidson: “Slow-burn sexual tension and playful paranormal elements make this hilarious, sizzling romance perfect for fans of Kresley Cole’s Immortals After Dark series.”—Publishers Weekly STARRED REVIEW “Davidson is in peak form in this hilarious, sexy, and heartfelt paranormal romance” —Booklist STARRED REVIEW

*Hello, Gorgeoust!* Maryjanice Davidson 2007-05-01 They Want Her To Save The World. As if. One minute I’m out with my sorority sisters; the next there’s a terrible accident (beyond my friend Stacey’s outfit) and I’m waking up in some weird clinic transformed into a human cyborg—with a mission: to stop evil and stuff. Uh, hello? I’ve got a beauty salon to run. Granted, it is cool to run faster than a Ford Mustang when I need to, even if it’s totally hard on my shoes. But then I have to bring in another human cyborg on the run? One who happens to be male, totally gorgeous, smart, funny—and, um, his ‘enhancements’?—as if! “Davidson’s over-the-top humor and raunchily funny sex scenes will delight her fast-growing cadre of fans, while Janet Evanovich fans will also enjoy Davidson’s rough-talking heroine.” --Booklist

**Swimming Without a Net** Maryjanice Davidson 2007-11-27 As Fred the Mermaid tries to fit in with her own kind, she finds herself hooked on both Artur, the High Prince of the undersea realm, and Thomas, a hunky marine biologist. She’s also caught between two factions of merfolk: those happy with swimming under the radar—and those who want to bring their existence to the surface.

**Danger, Sweetheart** MaryJanice Davidson 2016-05-10 Blake Tarbell has a town to save. Rich, carefree, and used to the Vegas party lifestyle, Blake is thrown for a curve when his former cocktail-waitress mother pleads he go back to her roots to save the town she grew up in. Blake’s used to using money to solve his problems, but when he arrives in Sweetheart, North Dakota, this city boy has to trade in his high-priced shoes for a pair of cowboy boots...and he’s about to get a little help from the loveliest lady in town... Natalie Lane’s got no time for newbies. The prettiest gal to ever put on a pair of work gloves, there’s nothing she can’t do to keep a farm up and running. But when a handsome city-slicker rolls into town with nothing but bad farmer’s instincts and good intentions, Natalie’s heartstrings are pulled. She’s about to teach him a thing or two about how to survive in Sweetheart. And he’s about to teach her a thing or two about love...in Maryjanice Davidson’s *Danger, Sweetheart*.

*The Sea Lady* H.G. Wells 2018-04-05 Reproduction of the original: The Sea Lady by H.G. Wells

**Wolf at the Door** MaryJanice Davidson 2011-10-04 The howlingly good spin-off of the Undead series from the New York Times bestselling author. Rachel, a werewolf/accountant, is asked to keep one eye on Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor and the other peeled for a rogue werewolf who’s itching to start a war. But her attention is mostly on a sexy, mysterious stranger she wishes she could trust.

**The Suite Spot** Trish Doller 2022-03-08 Trish Doller’s The Suite Spot is a charming romance novel about taking a chance on a new life and a new love. Rachel Beck has hit a brick wall. She’s a single mom, still living at home and trying to keep a dying relationship alive. Aside from her daughter, the one bright light in Rachel’s life is her job as the night reservations manager at a luxury hotel in Miami Beach—until the night she is fired for something she didn’t do. On impulse, Rachel inquires about a management position at a brewery hotel on an island in Lake Erie called Kelleys Island. When she’s offered the job, Rachel packs up her daughter and makes the cross country move. What she finds on Kelleys Island is Mason, a handsome, moody man who knows everything about brewing beer and nothing about running a hotel. Especially one that’s barely more than foundation and studs. It’s not the job Rachel was looking for, but Mason offers her a chance to help build a hotel—and rebuild her own life—from the ground up.

*Sleeping With The Fishes* Maryjanice Davidson 2014-02-27 A marine biologist, Fred knows what’s in the water so chooses not to expose herself to those

toxins. She’s allergic to shellfish. The sea creatures she can communicate with won’t do her bidding. She doesn’t have long blonde hair or a perfect body. And she’s definitely not perky! Fred’s life is mostly spent trying to conceal her origins - and lately she’s been trying to figure out just why there are weird levels of toxins in the local seawater. Then two strangers come into her life. Her new colleague is a sexy - if over-curious - hunk with a mermaid fixation. The other claims he is Artur, the high prince of the black seas - and Fred’s rightful ruler!

**Undead and Unworthy** MaryJanice Davidson 2008 Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor discovers that it is not all marital bliss in the suburbs as her husband, Sinclair, takes up reading “The Book of the Dead,” and a pack of once-feral vampires decides to pay an unwelcome visit.

**The Line Tender** Kate Allen 2020-04-21 Funny, poignant, and deeply moving, *The Line Tender* is a story of nature’s enduring mystery and a girl determined to find meaning and connection within it. Wherever the sharks led, Lucy Everhart’s marine-biologist mother was sure to follow. In fact, she was on a boat far off the coast of Massachusetts, collecting shark data when she died suddenly. Lucy was seven. Since then Lucy and her father have kept their heads above water—thanks in large part to a few close friends and neighbors. But June of her twelfth summer brings more than the end of school and a heat wave to sleepy Rockport. On one steamy day, the tide brings a great white—and then another tragedy, cutting short a friendship everyone insists was “meaningful” but no one can tell Lucy what it all meant. To survive the fresh wave of grief, Lucy must grab the line that connects her depressed father, a stubborn fisherman, and a curious old widower to her mother’s unfinished research on the Great White’s return to Cape Cod. If Lucy can find a way to help this unlikely quartet follow the sharks her mother loved, she’ll finally be able to look beyond what she’s lost and toward what’s left to be discovered. [ ]“Confidently voiced.”—Kirkus Reviews, starred [ ]“Richly layered.”—Publishers Weekly, starred [ ]“A hopeful path forward.”—Booklist, starred [ ]“Life-affirming.”—BCCB, starred [ ]“Big-hearted.” —Bookpage, starred [ ]“Will appeal to just about everyone.” – SLC, starred [ ]“Exquisitely, beautifully real.”—Shelf Awareness, starred

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*Derik’s Bane* MaryJanice Davidson 2011-08-02 Werewolf Derik Gardner must save the world by destroying the reincarnation of history’s most wicked sorceress. Unfortunately, the beautiful but ditzzy Sara Gunn hasn’t a clue that she’s the epitome of pure evil. To make matters worse, Derik’s falling in love with her.

**Swimming Without a Net** Maryjanice Davidson 2007 While trying to fit in with her own kind, Fred, a mermaid who hates being out in open water, is torn between Artur, the High Prince of the merpeople, and Thomas, a gorgeous marine biologist who has the opportunity to explore where no “lander” has gone before. Original.

**A Wolf After My Own Heart** Maryjanice Davidson 2021-02-23 Things are hot and getting hotter... Escape into this delicious shifter romance from bestselling author Maryjanice Davidson. Oz Adway is a rare breed: an accountant who wants to get dirty. He’s a werewolf working for the Interspecies Placement Agency so it’s not long before he gets the opportunity to break out of his boring, safe office job. He volunteers to find runaway bear cub Sally Smalls, recently orphaned by a plane crash. Piece of cake, right? Unfortunately, Sally’s taken refuge with “ordinary” human Lila Kai. Lila has no idea what’s going on, but she’ll destroy anyone who tries to take the cub. Oz is not about to let a human jeopardize his daring career move, no matter how attractive he finds her. Lila knows something’s different about the sexy wizard who keeps popping up in the wrong place at the right time. She’s determined to figure out what, regardless of the escalating threats to her safety and Oz’s distracting hotness. She didn’t move into a cursed house and take in a werewolf just to run when things get complicated. Together, Oz and Lila will prevail! But only if they can keep their hands off each other... Put away your pocket protectors: This hilarious story includes a nerdy shifter accountant with a bad-boy side, a fiercely protective human heroine, and a baby bear cub who will make every reader sigh in cuteness. Fans of Shelly Laurenston and paranormal adventure won’t want to miss the newest installment in the BeWere My Heart series! “This hilarious, sizzling romance [is] perfect for fans of Kresley Cole’s Immortals After Dark series.”—Publishers Weekly for Bears Behaving Badly “Davidson is in fine form with the over-the-top humor and outrageous situations that have made her a bestseller.”—Booklist for Me, Myself, and Why

*Mysteria* Maryjanice Davidson 2006-07-05 Meet the women of Mysteria—and the creatures they fall for—in four stories of paranormal passion from four New York Times bestselling authors. Located in the picturesque mountains of Colorado, Mysteria is a place where the supernatural co-exists with the natural. It’s a town of bewitching seduction, dark magic, and sensual demons... In Maryjanice Davidson’s “Alone Wolf,” Charlene Houtenan is the voluptuous local realtor, who knows a hot property when she sees one. And when a new werewolf appears in town, she’s going to make a move he can’t resist... In P. C. Cast’s “Candy Cox and the Big Bad (Were) Wolf,” Candice Cox may be Mysteria High’s sexiest teacher, but after five husbands, she’s burnt out on romance. Until a former student—a drool-worthy werewolf—makes her howl at the moon... In Gena Showalter’s “The Witches of Mysteria and the Dead Who Love Them,” Genevieve Tawdry is a witch with a bad case of unrequited love for the owner of the local bar. But is his sudden change of heart the result of a love potion—or a literally breathtaking passion? In Susan Grant’s “Mortal in Mysteria,” Harmony Faithfull is the new minister in town. She’s having a crisis of faith—in herself—until she finds a buck-naked man in her garden, a former demon who unleashes the devil inside her...

**Jack Kemp** Morton Kondracke 2015-09-29 "THE PURPOSE OF POLITICS IS NOT TO DEFEAT YOUR OPPONENT AS MUCH AS IT IS TO PROVIDE SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP AND BETTER IDEAS THAN THE OPPOSITION." —JACK KEMP The late 1970s were miserable for America. It was the post-Vietnam, post-Watergate era, a time of high unemployment, ruinous inflation, gasoline lines, Communist advances, and bottomed-out U.S. morale. In the 1980s, it all turned around: “stagflation” ended and nearly two decades of prosperity ensued. The Soviet Union retreated, then collapsed. America again believed in itself. And around the world, democratic capitalism was deemed “the end of history.” Ronald Reagan’s policies sparked the American renaissance, but the Gipper’s leadership is only part of the story. The economic theory that underpinned America’s success was pioneered by a star professional quarterback turned self-taught intellectual and “bleeding-heart conservative”: Jack Kemp. Kemp’s role in a pivotal period in American history is at last illuminated in this first-ever biography, which also has lessons for the politics of today. Kemp was the congressional champion of supply-side economics—the idea that lowering taxes would foster growth. Even today, almost no one advocates a return to a top income tax rate of 70 percent. Kemp didn’t just challenge the Democratic establishment. He also encouraged his fellow Republicans to be growth (not austerity) minded, open their tent to minorities and blue-collar workers, battle poverty and discrimination, and once again become “the party of Lincoln.” Kemp approached politics the same way he played quarterback for the Buffalo Bills: with a refusal to accept defeat. Yet he also was incapable of personal attack, arguing always on the level of ideas. He regarded opponents as adversaries, not enemies, and often cooperated with them to get things done. Despite many ups and downs, including failed presidential and vice-presidential bids, he represented a positive, idealistic, compassionate Republicanism. Drawing on never-published papers and more than one hundred Kemp Oral History Project interviews, noted journalists Morton Kondracke and Fred Barnes trace Kemp’s life, from his childhood through his pro football career to his influential years as a congressman and cabinet secretary. As the American Dream seems to be waning and polarized politics stifles Washington, Kemp is a model for what politics ought to be. The Republican party and the nation are in desperate need of another Kemp.

**Wet Magic (Illustrations)** Edith Nesbit 2015-11-01 Example in this ebook CHAPTER ONE Sabrina Fair THAT going to the seaside was the very beginning of everything—only it seemed as though it were going to be a beginning without an end, like the roads on the Sussex downs which look like roads and then look like paths, and then turn into sheep tracks, and then are just grass and furze bushes and tottergrass and harebells and rabbits and chalk. The children had been counting the days to The Day. Bernard indeed had made a calendar on a piece of cardboard that had once been the bottom of the box in which his new white sandshoes came home. He marked the divisions of the weeks quite neatly in red ink, and the days were numbered in blue ink, and every day he crossed off one of those numbers with a piece of green chalk he happened to have left out of a penny box. Mavis had washed and ironed all the dolls’ clothes at least a fortnight before The Day. This was thoughtful and farsighted of her, of course, but it was a little trying to Kathleen, who was much younger and who would have preferred to go on playing with her dolls in their dirtier and more familiar state. “Well, if you do,” said Mavis, a little hot and cross from the ironing board, “I’ll never wash anything for you again, not even your face.” Kathleen somehow felt as if she could bear that. “But mayn’t I have just one of the dolls?” was, however, all she said, “just the teeniest, weeniest one? Let me have Lord Edward. His head’s half gone as it is, and I could dress him in a clean hanky and pretend it was kilts.” Mavis could not object to this, because, of course, whatever else she washed she didn’t wash hankies. So Lord Edward had his pale kilts, and the other dolls were put away in a row in Mavis’s corner drawer. It was after that that Mavis and Francis had long secret consultations—and when the younger ones asked questions they were told, “It’s secrets. You’ll know in good time.” This, of course, excited everyone very much indeed—and it was rather a comedown when the good time came, and the secret proved to be nothing more interesting than a large empty aquarium which the two elders had clubbed their money together to buy, for eight-and ninepence in the Old Kent Road. They staggered up the front garden path with it, very hot and tired. “But what are you going to do with it?” Kathleen asked, as they all stood around the nursery table looking at it. “Fill it with seawater,” Francis explained, “to put sea anemones in.” “Oh yes,” said Kathleen with enthusiasm, “and the crabs and starfish and prawns and the yellow periwinkles—and all the common objects of the seashore.” “We’ll stand it in the window,” Mavis added: ‘it’ll make the lodgings look so distinguished.” “And then perhaps some great scientific gentleman, like Darwin or Faraday, will see it as he goes by, and it will be such a joyous surprise to him to come face-to-face with our jellyfish; he’ll offer to teach Francis all about science for nothing—I see,” said Kathleen hopefully. “But how will you get it to the seaside?” Bernard asked, leaning his hands on the schoolroom table and breathing heavily into the aquarium, so that its shining sides became dim and misty. “It’s much too big to go in the boxes, you know.” “Then I’ll carry it,” said Francis, “it won’t be in the way at all—I carried it home today.” “We had to take the bus, you know,” said truthful Mavis, “and then I had to help you.” “I don’t believe they’ll let you take it at all,” said Bernard—if you know anything of grown-ups you will know that Bernard proved to be quite right. “Take an aquarium to the seaside—nonsense!” they said. And “What for?” not waiting for the answer. “They,” just at present, was Aunt Enid. To be continue in this ebook...

*Fish Out of Water* MaryJanice Davidson 2008 When the existence of the Undersea Folk is exposed to the public and a media feeding frenzy ensues, Fred the mermaid becomes their spokesperson and finds herself thinking about Thomas, the human marine biologist she had left behind. Original.

**Real Mermaids Don’t Wear Toe Rings** Helene Boudreau 2010-12-01 Freak of nature takes on a whole new meaning... If she hadn’t been so clueless, she might have seen it coming. But really, who expects to get into a relaxing bathtub after a stressful day of shopping for tankinis and come out with scales and a tail? Most. Embarrassing. Moment. Ever. Jade soon discovers she inherited her mermaid tendencies from her mom. But if Mom was a mermaid, how did she drop? Jade is determined to find out. So how does a plus-size, aqua-phobic mer-girl go about doing that exactly? And how will Jade ever be able to explain her secret to her best friend, Cori, and to her crush, Luke? This summer is about to get a lot more interesting... “Absolutely fresh and sweet, a quirky coming of age story.” -The YA-5

*Undead and Unwed* MaryJanice Davidson 2004-03-02 First Betsy Taylor loses her job, then she’s killed in a car accident. But what really bites is that she can’t seem to stay dead. And now her new friends have the ridiculous idea that Betsy is the prophesied vampire queen, and they want her help in overthrowing the most obnoxious power-hungry vampire in five centuries.

**The Time Traveler’s Wife** Audrey Niffenegger 2021-04-30 A most untraditional love story, this is the celebrated tale of Henry DeTamble, a dashing, adventuresome librarian who inadvertently travels through time, and Clare Abshire, an artist whose life takes a natural sequential course. Henry and Clare’s passionate affair endures across a sea of time and captures them in an impossibly romantic trap that tests the strength of fate and basks in the bonds of love. “Niffenegger’s inventive and poignant writing is well worth a trip” (Entertainment Weekly).

*The Talent Code* Daniel Coyle 2009-04-28 What is the secret of talent? How do we unlock it? This groundbreaking work provides readers with tools they can use to maximize potential in themselves and others. Whether you’re coaching soccer or teaching a child to play the piano, writing a novel or trying to improve your golf swing, this revolutionary book shows you how to grow talent by tapping into a newly discovered brain mechanism. Drawing on cutting-edge neurology and firsthand research gathered on journeys to nine of the world’s talent hotbeds—from the baseball fields of the Caribbean to a classical-music academy in upstate New York—Coyle identifies the three key elements that will allow you to develop your gifts and optimize your performance in sports, art, music, math, or just about anything. • Deep Practice Everyone knows that practice is a key to success. What everyone doesn’t know is that specific kinds of practice can increase skill up to ten times faster than conventional practice. • Ignition We all need a little motivation to get started. But what separates truly high achievers from the rest of the pack? A higher level of commitment—call it passion—born out of our deepest unconscious desires and triggered by certain primal cues. Understanding how these signals work can help you ignite passion and catalyze skill development. • Master Coaching What are the secrets of the world’s most effective teachers, trainers, and coaches? Discover the four virtues that enable these “talent whisperers” to fuel passion, inspire deep practice, and bring out the best in their students. These three elements work together within your brain to form myelin, a microscopic neural substance that adds vast amounts of speed and accuracy to your movements and thoughts. Scientists have discovered that myelin might just be the holy grail: the foundation of all forms of greatness, from Michelangelo’s to Michael Jordan’s. The good news about myelin is that it isn’t fixed at birth; to the contrary, it grows, and like anything that grows, it can be cultivated and nourished. Combining revelatory analysis with illuminating examples of regular people who have achieved greatness, this book will not only change the way you think about talent, but equip you to reach your own highest potential.

**Ingo** Helen Dunmore 2010-11-16 There is a legend in Cornwall of a man who fell in love with a mermaid, a man who swam down into the sea one night and met his Mer love. He was never seen again. Sapphire knows the legend well. Her father disappeared at sea, and now her brother, Conor, keeps vanishing by the shore, too. Sappyh also feels the inexorable lure of the ocean, a temptation that reveals the truth of the legend and opens a beautiful world beneath the waves: the enchanted, undersea realm known as Ingo. But there’s a dark and dangerous side to Ingo, and Sappyh must face its power or lose touch with everything—and everyone—the loves on land.