

Three Crooked Kings

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The King's Witch Tracy Borman 2018-07-03 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 finds 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...

Half a King Joe Abercrombie 2015-01-29 'Grabbed me and refused to let go'
George R.R. Martin

Fairy Tale Stephen King 2022-09-06 Legendary storyteller Stephen King goes into the deepest well of his imagination in this spellbinding novel about a seventeen-year-old boy who inherits the keys to a parallel world where good and evil are at war, and the stakes could not be higher - for their world or ours. Charlie Reade looks like a regular high school kid, great at baseball and football, a decent student. But he carries a heavy load. His mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident when he was ten, and grief drove his dad to drink. Charlie learned how to take care of himself - and his dad. Then, when Charlie is seventeen, he meets a dog named Radar and her aging master, Howard Bowditch, a recluse in a big house at the top of a big hill, with a locked shed in the backyard. Sometimes strange sounds emerge from it. Charlie starts doing jobs for Mr. Bowditch and loses his heart to Radar. Then, when Bowditch dies, he

leaves Charlie a cassette tape telling a story no one would believe. What Bowditch knows, and has kept secret all his long life, is that inside the shed is a portal to another world. King's storytelling in *Fairy Tale* soars. This is a magnificent and terrifying tale about another world than ours, in which good is pitted against overwhelming evil, and a heroic boy - and his dog - must lead the battle.

The Early Kings of Norway Thomas Carlyle 1875

The Way of Kings Brandon Sanderson 2014-03-04 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.

Three Crooked Kings Matthew Condon 2013 *Three Crooked Kings* is the shocking true story of Queensland and how a society was shaped by almost half a century of corruption. At its core is Terence Murray Lewis, deposed and jailed former police commissioner. From his entry into the force in 1949, Lewis rose through the ranks, becoming part of the so-called Rat Pack with detectives Glendon Patrick Hallahan and Tony Murphy under the guiding influence of Commissioner Frank Bischof. The next four decades make for a searing tale of cops and killings, bagmen and blackmail, and sin and sleaze that exposes a police underworld which operated from Queensland and into New South Wales. This gripping book exposes the final pieces of the puzzle, unearths new evidence on cold cases, and explores the pivotal role that whistleblower Shirley Brifman, prostitute and brothel owner, played until her sudden death. Based on extensive and unprecedented access to Terry Lewis and his personal papers, as well as hundreds of interviews with key players and conspirators, *Three Crooked Kings* is the first of two explosive books. Awarded journalist and novelist Matthew Condon has crafted the definitive account of an era that changed a state and is still reverberating to this day.

The Inquisitor's Tale Adam Gidwitz 2018-03-20 A Newbery Honor Book Winner of the Sydney Taylor Book Award An exciting and hilarious medieval adventure from the bestselling author of *A Tale Dark and Grimm*. Beautifully illustrated throughout by Hatem Aly! ★ A New York Times Bestseller ★ A New York Times Editor's Choice ★ A New York Times Notable Children's Book ★ A People Magazine Kid Pick ★ A Washington Post Best Children's Book ★ A Wall Street Journal Best Children's Book ★ An Entertainment Weekly Best Middle Grade Book ★ A Booklist Best Book ★ A Horn Book Fanfare Best Book ★ A Kirkus Reviews Best Book ★ A Publishers Weekly Best Book ★ A School Library Journal Best Book ★ An ALA Notable Children's Book "A profound and ambitious tour de force. Gidwitz is a masterful storyteller." –Matt de la Peña, Newbery Medalist and New York Times bestselling author "What Gidwitz accomplishes here is staggering." –New York Times Book Review Includes a detailed historical note and bibliography 1242. On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children. Their adventures take them on a chase through France: they are taken captive by knights, sit alongside a king, and save the

land from a farting dragon. On the run to escape prejudice and persecution and save precious and holy texts from being burned, their quest drives them forward to a final showdown at Mont Saint-Michel, where all will come to question if these children can perform the miracles of saints. Join William, an oblate on a mission from his monastery; Jacob, a Jewish boy who has fled his burning village; and Jeanne, a peasant girl who hides her prophetic visions. They are accompanied by Jeanne's loyal greyhound, Gwenforte . . . recently brought back from the dead. Told in multiple voices, in a style reminiscent of *The Canterbury Tales*, our narrator collects their stories and the saga of these three unlikely allies begins to come together. Beloved bestselling author Adam Gidwitz makes his long awaited return with his first new world since his hilarious and critically acclaimed Grimm series. Featuring manuscript illuminations throughout by illustrator Hatem Aly and filled with Adam's trademark style and humor, *The Inquisitor's Tale* is bold storytelling that's richly researched and adventure-packed. "It's no surprise that Gidwitz's latest book has been likened to *The Canterbury Tales*, considering its central story is told by multiple storytellers. As each narrator fills in what happens next in the story of the three children and their potentially holy dog, their tales get not only more fantastical but also more puzzling and addictive. However, the gradual intricacy of the story that is not Gidwitz's big accomplishment. Rather it is the complex themes (xenophobia, zealotry, censorship etc.) he is able to bring up while still maintaining a light tone, thus giving readers a chance to come to conclusions themselves. (Also, there is a farting dragon.)"—Entertainment Weekly, "Best MG Books of 2016 "Puckish, learned, serendipitous . . . Sparkling medieval adventure." —Wall Street Journal ★ "Gidwitz strikes literary gold with this mirthful and compulsively readable adventure story. . . . A masterpiece of storytelling that is addictive and engrossing." —Kirkus, starred review ★ "A well-researched and rambunctiously entertaining story that has as much to say about the present as it does the past." —Publishers Weekly, starred review ★ "Gidwitz proves himself a nimble storyteller as he weaves history, excitement, and multiple narrative threads into a taut, inspired adventure." —Booklist, starred review ★ "Scatological humor, serious matter, colloquial present-day language, the ideal of diversity and mutual understanding—this has it all." —The Horn Book, starred review ★ "I have never read a book like this. It's weird, and unfamiliar, and religious, and irreligious, and more fun than it has any right to be. . . . Gidwitz is on fire here, making medieval history feel fresh and current." —School Library Journal, starred review

The Ballad of the White Horse G. K. Chesterton 2015-04-20 The Ballad of the White Horse is a poem by G. K. Chesterton about the idealized exploits of the Saxon King Alfred the Great. Written in ballad form, the work is usually considered one of the last great traditional epic poems ever written in the English language. The poem narrates how Alfred was able to defeat the invading Danes at the Battle of Ethandun under the auspices of God working through the agency of the Virgin Mary. In addition to being a narration of Alfred's military and political accomplishments, it is also considered a Catholic allegory. Chesterton incorporates a significant amount of philosophy into the

basic structure of the story. Aeterna Press

A Night at the Pink Poodle Matthew Condon 2011-09-28 Glitz and glamour, greed and sleaze, fall and redemption. It's all happening on the Gold Coast. Icarus is a penthouse salesman on the Gold Coast. In his early thirties and at the top of his profession, he revels in the trappings of his success: the luxury apartment at Parthenon Place overlooking the endless rolling surf, the red Mustang convertible, the gorgeous beautician girlfriend. His life couldn't be more perfect – or could it? This is the story of the rise and fall and redemption of a modern-day Icarus, and is the final word on that strangely unsettling and gloriously tacky place we call the Gold Coast. Matt Condon's reputation as one of our most original and talented writers was set once and for all with the publication of this novel.

Lethal Empress Eva Chance 2021-10-02 Bury the hatchet... in your enemy's heart. I've reclaimed my throne, and Wylder Noble has demanded his. But war still rages all through Paradise Bend. It turns out this war involves powers from far beyond our little county. Powers determined to bring the fighting to an end, even if that means painting the streets with blood on both sides. We have seven days to take down my psychotic stalker and his soldiers before all our lives are forfeit. The dangerous men who've won my heart and I have never faced a challenge quite like this. Most would say we're not up to it. But the Nobles are far from noble when it comes to tackling a threat, and Mercy Katz is no kitten. There's nothing more lethal than a creature with claws backed into a corner. We'll bring our home the peace it deserves by whatever means necessary... or die trying. *Lethal Empress is the fourth and final book in a new gritty contemporary romance series from bestselling author Eva Chase (writing as Eva Chance) and Harlow King. No major triggers, but be prepared for domineering men who make their own rules, a rebellious heroine who's not afraid to get her hands dirty, and an enemies-to-lovers romance where the girl gets all the guys. It's going to be a wild, bloody ride!*

The Most Dangerous Detective Steve Bishop 2012 *The Most Dangerous Detective* is a sensational expose of crime, sexual intrigue, corruption and Machiavellian politics by former Fleet Street investigative reporter Steve Bishop. With a foreword by former Queensland Premier Mike Ahern, this true story contains the key elements of a whodunnit and a thriller, with complex plots to disentangle, clues to analyse and false leads which lead to tension as the hunt closes in on the villain who time and again escapes his pursuers. The devious and cunning political plotting could stand alone as a tale of intrigue as Premiers of different eras select crooked police officers as commissioners, supposedly independent inquiries produce the results desired by government and the leading anti-corruption campaigner has his parliamentary career killed off. Come on a journey through three states and the Northern Territory; three gruesome murders in the scorched, red heart of the outback; a miscarriage of justice in the prim and proper city of Adelaide; the creation of a luxury brothel empire in Sydney in the swinging sixties; and there's even a side trip to genteel Eastbourne, in England, to meet a serial lady-killer. But you'll be spending most of your time

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in sub-tropical Brisbane with its verandah wooden houses on quarter-acre blocks, palms and poincianas, hilltop views and shady valleys, its broad convoluted river and its laid back lifestyle. The result of a quarter of a century's research and interviews with political leaders, senior police and barristers, *The Most Dangerous Detective* also charts the awakening of Australians from the naive innocence of the late 50s through to the cynicism of the 80s. Did Glen Patrick Hallahan, who became famous as the ace detective who solved the Sundown Murders and won the George Medal for bravery send an innocent man to the gallows? Did he execute Jack 'Bingo' Cooper who kept his eyes down when talking but kept his ears open and may have learned too much? Did he murder his mistress, the brothel queen who had once lied at a Royal Commission in order to protect him and his colleagues? *The Most Dangerous Detective* provides the evidence to help answer these questions but this is also a multi-layered story in which two state premiers, three judges and a crime reporter who rose to be an editor are shown to have made decisions or reached conclusions which were at least perverse. The book calls for a posthumous pardon in one murder case and for another murder case to be re-opened. Holding the stage through this story of murders, organised crime, perjury, planted evidence, invented confessions, protection from on high, a major heroin importation, a bank robbery, political corruption, protection rackets and other appalling behaviour is the man who struck fear into even a federal political leader, Glen Patrick Hallahan, the most dangerous detective. Meet memorable characters, such as: Shirley Brifman, who wore the cast-offs from 12 brothers and sisters growing up in country Queensland before becoming Sydney's richest madame; Col Bennett, a 43-year-old bespectacled barrister who's prepared to fight with his fists as well as with eloquence; John Milligan, a slightly effeminate former judge's associate with the IQ of a genius who gets his kicks by becoming a criminal; Gunther Bahnmann, double Iron Cross winner and crocodile wrestler, who becomes a successful author from a prison cell. Author Steve Bishop was a senior reporter and feature writer for Queensland's Sunday Sun from 1982 to 1989 and finished his career as principal media advisor to Premier Peter Beattie from 1998 to 2007. A journalist since 1965, he gained a master's degree in journalism in 1998 with research which included an 85,000-word thesis on why and how the media had failed to expose endemic corruption in Queensland in the 30 years between 1957 and 1987. Further information: www.stevebishop.net

Kings Rising C. S. Pacat 2016-02-02 The stunning conclusion of worldwide phenomenon—from the boldly original author of *Captive Prince* and *Prince's Gambit*. His identity now revealed, Damen must face his master Prince Laurent as Damianos of Akielos, the man Laurent has sworn to kill. On the brink of a momentous battle, the future of both their countries hangs in the balance. In the south, Kastor's forces are massing. In the north, the Regent's armies are mobilising for war. Damen's only hope of reclaiming his throne is to fight together with Laurent against their usurpers. Forced into an uneasy alliance the two princes journey deep into Akielos, where they face their most dangerous opposition yet. But even if the fragile trust they have built survives the revelation of Damen's identity—can it stand against the Regent's final, deadly

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play for the throne?

The King of Attolia Megan Whalen Turner 2006-01-24 By scheming and theft, the Thief of Eddis has become King of Attolia. Eugenides wanted the queen, not the crown, but he finds himself trapped in a web of his own making. Attolia's barons seethe with resentment, the Mede emperor is returning to the attack, and the king is surrounded by the subtle and dangerous intrigue of the Attolian court. When a naive young guard expresses his contempt for the king in no uncertain terms, he is dragged by Eugenides into the center of the political maelstrom. Like the king, he cannot escape the difficulties he makes for himself. Poor Costis knows he is the victim of the king's caprice, but he discovers a reluctant sympathy for Eugenides as he watches the newly crowned king struggle against his fate. Fans of the Newbery Honor Book *The Thief and The Queen of Attolia* will recognize Megan Whalen Turner's signature plot twists and turns in the third exquisitely crafted tale about Eugenides.

The King of Ireland's Son Padraic Colum 1921

Little Fish Are Sweet Matthew Condon 2016-10-31 *Little Fish Are Sweet* takes the reader behind the scenes of Matthew's Condon's epic six-year, three-book journey, as he fights intimidation and legal threats while relentlessly pursuing the truth. Investigating the web of cold murder cases and pedophile scandals of the past, Condon discovers that police corruption is only one part of a much bigger and more disturbing story. What is revealed in *Little Fish are Sweet* will make your blood boil.

Tool KL Savage 2022-03-08 Being the VP of the Ruthless Kings has made me jaded and scarred, a savage bloodthirsty beast. Grit, pain, blood, the three constants in my life. Love? I wouldn't burden anyone with loving me. I'm a hard man to love. Until she walks through the garage doors, looking perfect in her little blue dress and high heels. She's neat and clean and too damn good for me, but I'm determined to get her filthy. Then Reaper reminds me of the debt I owe him, and the fine is costly—stay away from the woman whose voice is a song. Because her father is the sheriff of Vegas, and he fucking hates us. Come to find out, the sheriff is a bit crooked, which unlocks a whole new set of rules in my playbook. And I have the right tools to break all of them. Do I go against my Prez again for my little sparrow? Or do I let her fly away?

The Shi King, the Old "Poetry Classic" of the Chinese Jing Shi 1891

King of Scars Leigh Bardugo 2019-01-29 A 2020 LOCUS AWARD FINALIST! See the Grishaverse come to life on screen with *Shadow and Bone*, now a Netflix original series. Enter the Grishaverse with the instant #1 New York Times bestseller *King of Scars* by Leigh Bardugo, the first book in the *King of Scars Duology*. "[Bardugo] touches on religion, class, family, love – all organically, all effortlessly, all cloaked in the weight of a post-war reckoning with the cost (literal and figurative) of surviving the events that shape both people and nations." –NPR "The story exists at an intersection of past and future selves,

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and in the dawning understanding that what you most fear may be what you most need." –Washington Post Face your demons...or feed them. The dashing young king, Nikolai Lantsov, has always had a gift for the impossible. No one knows what he endured in his country's bloody civil war—and he intends to keep it that way. Now, as enemies gather at his weakened borders, Nikolai must find a way to refill Ravka's coffers, forge new alliances, and stop a rising threat to the once-great Grisha Army. Yet with every day a dark magic within him grows stronger, threatening to destroy all he has built. With the help of a young monk and a legendary Grisha general, Nikolai will journey to the places in Ravka where the deepest magic survives to vanquish the terrible legacy inside him. He will risk everything to save his country and himself. But some secrets aren't meant to stay buried—and some wounds aren't meant to heal. An Imprint Book Read all the books in the Grishaverse! The Shadow and Bone Trilogy (previously published as The Grisha Trilogy) Shadow and Bone Siege and Storm Ruin and Rising The Six of Crows Duology Six of Crows Crooked Kingdom The King of Scars Duology King of Scars The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic The Severed Moon: A Year-Long Journal of Magic Praise for the Grishaverse "A master of fantasy." –The Huffington Post "Utterly, extremely bewitching." –The Guardian "This is what fantasy is for." –The New York Times Book Review "[A] world that feels real enough to have its own passport stamp." –NPR "The darker it gets for the good guys, the better." –Entertainment Weekly "Sultry, sweeping and picturesque. . . . Impossible to put down." –USA Today "There's a level of emotional and historical sophistication within Bardugo's original epic fantasy that sets it apart." –Vanity Fair "Unlike anything I've ever read." –Veronica Roth, bestselling author of Divergent "Bardugo crafts a first-rate adventure, a poignant romance, and an intriguing mystery!" –Rick Riordan, bestselling author of the Percy Jackson series

The Dead Zone Stephen King 2016-01-01 Set in the fictional town of Castle Rock, Maine A #1 New York Times bestseller about a man who wakes up from a five-year coma able to see people's futures and the terrible fate awaiting mankind—a "compulsive page-turner" (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution). Johnny Smith awakens from a five-year coma after his car accident and discovers that he can see people's futures and pasts when he touches them. Many consider his talent a gift; Johnny feels cursed. His fiancée married another man during his coma and people clamor for him to solve their problems. When Johnny has a disturbing vision after he shakes the hand of an ambitious and amoral politician, he must decide if he should take drastic action to change the future. With "powerful tension that holds the reader to the story like a pin to a magnet" (The Houston Post), The Dead Zone is a "faultlessly paced...continuously engrossing" (Los Angeles Times) novel of second sight.

Kings of Quarantine Susanne Valenti 2020-05-05 Cruel. Heartless. Quarantined. The ruthless boys of Everlake Prep never saw lockdown coming. But the virus isn't their number one enemy. I am. And as if being confined to a boarding school for the elite wasn't bad enough, now I'm stuck in isolation with the boys who hate me most too. Saint, Kyan and Blake. The Night Keepers. Or so they call themselves. They've embodied the Native American legend which lives in

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this valley, taking on the role of the monsters who lurk in the forest. And though they act like beasts, they may also be the most tempting creatures I've ever seen. With the virus escalating and my dad's name splashed through the news, my entire world is falling apart. What he did has cast a dark shadow over me. And the Night Keepers want to make me pay for his crimes. Then things went from bad to worse when I touched the sacred rock. A rock which supposedly holds a curse to bind me as the Night Keepers' slave. And as crazy as it sounds, I decided to play along. Because there are things about me they don't know. Things my dad has hidden from me for years. All I can be sure of is that I have to find a way to escape this school. But until then, those savage boys are making my life a living hell. As the virus sweeps through the country and the world twists into something ugly and unknown, the kings of this school become true monarchs. Even the teachers bow to them now. And I'm kinda glad about that 'stay six feet away from one another' rule, because without it, I know they'd rip me apart. At least there's a silver lining. I'm cosyng up to Coach Monroe. My hot as hell, brooding P.E. teacher who has a vendetta of his own against the Night Keepers. And with his help, I may succeed at doing more than escaping the clutches of these heartless fiends. I might even destroy them along the way. My father taught me how to be strong. How to prepare for the end of the world. So this isn't going to be the end of my world, mark my words. But if I'm able to use my mind and body to bring these assholes to their knees, it might just be the end of theirs. This is a high school bully reverse harem series which means the main character will end up with multiple love interests. It may have triggers for some as it has off the charts angst, dark love-hate themes, scenes of intense bullying, sexual scenes and some violence (not aimed towards the main character) and is not for the faint of heart. Prepare to enrol at Everlake Prep. Bring your hand sanitiser, face masks and toilet paper to barter with, but don't expect to hold onto them for long. Because it's time to go into quarantine with the Night Keepers. And everything you own now belongs to them.

Three Crooked Kings Matthew Steven Condon 2013 'It was the genius of the system . . . From day to day you didn't know who was on the take or not. You didn't know who you could trust.' Three Crooked Kings is the shocking true story of Queensland and how a society was shaped by almost half a century of corruption. At its core is Terence Murray Lewis, deposed and jailed former police commissioner. From his entry into the force in 1949, Lewis rose through the ranks, becoming part of the so-called Rat Pack with detectives Glendon Patrick Hallahan and Tony Murphy under the guiding influence of Commissioner Frank Bischof. The next four decades make for a searing tale of cops and killings, bagmen and blackmail, and sin and sleaze that exposes a police underworld which operated from Queensland and into New South Wales. This gripping book exposes the final pieces of the puzzle, unearths new evidence on cold cases, and explores the pivotal role that whistleblower Shirley Brifman, prostitute and brothel owner, played until her sudden death. Based on extensive and unprecedented access to Terry Lewis and his personal papers, as well as hundreds of interviews with key players and conspirators, Three Crooked Kings is the first of two explosive books. Awarded journalist and novelist Matthew Condon has crafted the definitive account of an era that changed a state and is

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still reverberating to this day.

Where Do We Go from Here? Kimberly L. Watkins 1955 As the characters go through their daily journeys, each one finds themselves often pondering the question: Where do we go from here? Some will realize the answer to that question, while others will be left to figure out which way to turn next. Interwoven in this novel are issues and lessons related to friendship, love, death, family secrets, betrayal, heartbreak and pure bliss. Set in the suburbs of Maryland and the Washington Metropolitan area, you'll take a ride through the characters' lives that will touch your heart and leave you wanting more.

The Pillow Fight Matthew Condon 2011-09-28 A brilliant, shocking story of domestic violence, with a twist. The gripping story of Luke, an easy-going deep-sea diver who likes to please everyone, and the strong-willed, beautiful Charlotte with whom he falls in love. On their wedding night she picks a fight with Luke in their hotel room and he ends up with a black eye that lasts well into their honeymoon. The novel unfolds with flashbacks to that night, when Luke finds himself questioning whether he's just ruined his life, and forwards again to their honeymoon, where Charlotte's moods veer wildly from loving to livid. When this novel was first published, Carmel Bird described it as 'The chilling calibration of a violent marriage told with wistful compassion and an erotic charge.'

The Kings of Cool Don Winslow 2012-06-19 A high-energy prequel to *Savages* shares the formative stories of Ben, Chon and O in Southern California from the 1960s to the recent past, describing how while battling a cabal of drug dealers and corrupt cops, the trio discovers that their futures are inextricably linked with their parents' histories. 75,000 first printing.

The King Of The South Blake Karrington 2021-05-05 "Urban Southern Love Story" In this suspenseful urban love story we are introduced to King, a southern born and bred hustler, who is determined to take the drug empire handed to him by his father into the legitimate world of the music industry. Little does he know that when the streets birth you, trying to leave can be deadly. Then enters into his life the beautiful classy Queen that every King needs. Sloan is a beautiful, college educated, hard working neo soul singer. She has always tried to do the right thing, but when something from her past comes back to haunt her, could it destroy the love she and King are building? Hang on, while Blake Karrington shows you what has made him the King of southern street tales!

The Wicked King Holly Black 2019-01-08 The enchanting and bloodthirsty sequel to the New York Times bestselling novel *The Cruel Prince*. You must be strong enough to strike and strike and strike again without tiring. The first lesson is to make yourself strong. After the jaw-dropping revelation that Oak is the heir to Faerie, Jude must keep her brother safe. To do so, she has bound the wicked king, Cardan, to her, and made herself the power behind the throne. Navigating the constantly shifting political alliances of Faerie would be difficult enough if Cardan were easy to control. But he does everything in his

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power to humiliate and undermine her even as his fascination with her remains undiminished. When it becomes all too clear that someone close to Jude means to betray her, threatening her own life and the lives of everyone she loves, Jude must uncover the traitor and fight her own complicated feelings for Cardan to maintain control as a mortal in a Faerie world.

The Moon Dragon (The Secrets of Droon #26) Tony Abbott 2016-02-23 A hidden door. A magical staircase. Discover the world of Droon! 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?

King's Cage Victoria Aveyard 2019-03-05 The #1 New York Times bestselling series! In this breathless third installment to Victoria Aveyard's #1 New York Times bestselling Red Queen series, rebellion is rising and allegiances will be tested on every side. Mare Barrow is a prisoner, powerless without her lightning, tormented by her lethal mistakes. She lives at the mercy of a boy she once loved, a boy made of lies and betrayal. Now a king, Maven Calore continues weaving his dead mother's web in an attempt to maintain control over his country—and his prisoner. As Mare bears the weight of Silent Stone in the palace, her once-ragtag band of newbloods and Reds continue organizing, training, and expanding. They prepare for war, no longer able to linger in the shadows. And Cal, the exiled prince with his own claim on Mare's heart, will stop at nothing to bring her back. When blood turns on blood, and ability on ability, there may be no one left to put out the fire—leaving Norta as Mare knows it to burn all the way down. Perfect for fans of George R.R. Martin's Game of Thrones series, King's Cage is the third high-stakes installment in the #1 New York Times bestselling Red Queen series. And don't miss War Storm, the thrilling final book in the bestselling Red Queen series!

Jacks and Jokers Matthew Condon 2014-04-01 Continuing on from the bestselling *Three Crooked Kings*, *Jacks and Jokers* opens in 1976. Terry Lewis, exiled in western Queensland, is soon to be controversially appointed Police Commissioner. As for the other two original *Crooked Kings*, Tony Murphy is set to ruthlessly take control of the workings of 'The Joke', while Glen Hallahan, retired from the force, begins to show a keen interest in the emerging illicit drug trade. Meanwhile, ex-cop and 'Bagman' Jack Herbert collects the payments and efficiently takes police graft to a whole new level. The Joke heralds an era of hard drugs, illegal gambling and prostitution, and leaves in its wake a string of unsolved murders and a trail of dirty money. With the highest levels of police and government turning a blind eye, the careers of honest police officers and the lives of innocent civilians are threatened and often lost as corruption escalates out of control. Revealing more incredible facts and previously untold stories, award-winning journalist and novelist Matthew Condon once again exposes the shocking behaviour outside the law by the law. *Jacks and*

Jokers is the gripping second instalment of the rise – and spectacular fall – of one man, an entire state and generations of corruption.

Ruthless Empire Rina Kent 2021-08-30 She's off limits. He has none. There's a girl. Beautiful. Popular. Fake. And my obsession. My fall. Probably my damnation. Did that stop me? Do I care? No and no. There's a line between right and wrong. Moral and immoral. And then there's her. I cross every limit with blood-coated fingers. She says she hates me. I say I hate her too as I trap her, own her. Make her all mine. Ruthless Empire is part of Royal Elite Series but could be read on its own. For better understanding of the world, you might want to read the previous books first. This is a mature new adult and contains situations that some readers might find offensive.

Snitch Jimmy Thomson 2010 A fast and furious journey into the underbelly of Kings Cross, this is also a true account of the man who was in the thick of the scams and rorts, the power struggles and gang wars, betting rings and match fixing, illegal gambling and the rise of the Ibrahim empire.

All Fall Down Matthew Condon 2015-10-01 Continuing on from the bestselling true crime stories Three Crooked Kings and Jacks and Jokers, All Fall Down follows Terry Lewis as he becomes police commissioner and the era of corruption at the highest levels of the police and government goes on. As the Queensland police become more connected with their corrupt colleagues in Sydney, the era of heavy drugs and crime also begins. Tony Murphy and Glen Hallahan, two of the original "crooked kings," become more enmeshed with "The Joke" which is run by bagman Jack Herbert. All Fall Down introduces new characters, more extraordinary behavior outside the law by the law, and along the way it charts the meteoric rise of police commissioner Terry Lewis. But with the arrival of the Fitzgerald Inquiry in the late 1980s, many will fall—and it's not always the people who should. Once again award-winning journalist and novelist Matthew Condon has drawn from unprecedented access to Terry Lewis, as well as hundreds of interviews with key players and conspirators to craft the definitive account of the rise—and spectacular fall—of one man, an entire state, and over a generation of corruption.

The King Never Smiles Paul M. Handley 2006-01-01 Thailand's Bhumibol Adulyadej, the only king ever born in the United States, came to the throne of his country in 1946 and is now the world's longest-serving monarch. This book tells the unexpected story of his life and 60-year rule: how a Western-raised boy came to be seen by his people as a living Buddha; and how a king widely seen as beneficent and apolitical could in fact be so deeply political, autocratic, and even brutal. Paul Handley provides an extensively researched, factual account of the king's youth and personal development, ascent to the throne, skilful political maneuverings, and attempt to shape Thailand as a Buddhist kingdom. Blasting apart the widely accepted image of the king as egalitarian and virtuous, Handley convincingly portrays an anti-democratic monarch who, together with allies in big business and the corrupt Thai military, has protected a centuries-old, barely-modified feudal dynasty. When at nineteen

Bhumibol assumed the throne after the still-unsolved shooting of his brother, the Thai monarchy had been stripped of power and prestige. Over the ensuing decades, Bhumibol became the paramount political actor in the kingdom, crushing critics while attaining high status among his people. The book details this process and depicts Thailand's unique constitutional monarch in the full light of the facts.

Before I Sleep Ray Whitrod 2015-01-01 In the early 1970s, Queensland was a haven for crooks from both sides of the law. It was into this hothouse that Ray Whitrod was controversially appointed as police commissioner in 1970. Just six years later he resigned from the head role of the Queensland Police Force, no longer willing to tolerate the interference of the Bjelke-Petersen government. It was a decision that the Fitzgerald Inquiry would later vindicate. Ray Whitrod rose through the ranks from police cadets in Adelaide to command not only the Queensland police but the Commonwealth and Papua New Guinea forces as well. In wartime, he had trained and flown as a navigator with the RAF in Europe and the Middle East. After the war, he helped to found ASIO, operating both in the field and from behind a desk. At once a personal memoir and a rare insider's view of the Force, this reissue of *Before I Sleep* has an introduction by Matthew Condon, author of *Three Crooked Kings* and *Jacks and Jokers*.

Operation Jungle John Shobbrook 2021-08-03 A gripping blend of memoir, true crime and corruption in the tropics. In the late 1970s, criminal mastermind John Milligan and his associates conspired to import heroin into Far North Queensland via a remote mountain-top airdrop. In a story that is stranger than fiction, it took them three trips through dense jungle to locate the heroin, but they only recovered one of the two packages. When narcotics agent John Shobbrook took on the investigation of this audacious crime, codenamed &'Operation Jungle', his career was on the rise within the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. What he discovered unwittingly set in motion a chain of events that not only destroyed his own career, but led to the disbanding of the Narcotics Bureau. *Operation Jungle* is a gripping true story about the high cost of truth and the far-reaching tentacles of greed and corruption that cross state borders and legal jurisdictions.

King Coal Upton Sinclair 1917 Much like *The Jungle*, *King Coal* is a novel about the abismal working conditions of coal miners. It is loosely based on the 1914 Colorado coal strikes. It is typical of his critical novels by being told from the perspective of the little guy and a struggling union. *King Coal* offers plenty for historians of early labor unions or those who just enjoy a story about the underdog.

All Fall Down Matthew Condon 2015-09-23 The gripping finale to *Three Crooked Kings* and *Jacks and Jokers* brings to a close Matthew Condon's best-selling true-crime trilogy. In 1983, the soon-to-be-knighted Police Commissioner Terry Lewis continues to turn a blind eye to the operation of *The Joke*, a highly organised system of graft payments from illegal gambling, prostitution and illicit drugs. As the tentacles of this fraudulent vice network spread, the fabric holding

together the police, judiciary and political system starts to unravel. All Fall Down offers an unprecedented insight into the Fitzgerald Inquiry and Lewis's subsequent years in prison, and explores the real story behind the dramatic exit of Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen. Drawing from interviews with key players who have, until now, been afraid to speak publicly, All Fall Down celebrates the bravery of those unsung heroes who risked everything to expose the truth. This epic trilogy provides the definitive account of an unforgettable period in Queensland's history. The devastating consequences of those decades of corruption still reverberate today. 'For a long time in the Queensland police force, speaking out achieved nothing but hardship, loneliness and fear. Those involved in misconduct were not punished. Those who reported it were.'

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The Book of Kings James Thackara 2000-03 In this electrifying grand-scale novel set on the eve of the Nazi invasion of Europe, the idyllic student life of four friends in Paris gives way to the frenzy of war.

The Night Dragon Matthew Condon 2019-03-04 &'He takes you in the middle of the night, like an angel, and you're gone for good.' - Witness at Vincent O'Dempsey's committal hearing. In 2017, Vincent O'Dempsey was sentenced to life in prison for the brutal murders of Barbara McCulkin and her two young daughters. It took over 40 years to bring him to justice. Feared for decades by criminals and police alike, O'Dempsey associated with convicted underworld figures and has been linked to a string of haunting cold cases, including the deadly Whiskey au Go Go nightclub firebombing that killed 15 innocent people. Award-winning investigative journalist Matthew Condon has interviewed dozens of ex-cons, police and witnesses to put together a compelling picture of the calculating killer who spent his life evading the law before he was finally brought to justice.

The Pillars of the Earth Ken Follett 2010-06-29 #1 New York Times Bestseller Oprah's Book Club Selection The "extraordinary . . . monumental masterpiece" (Booklist) that changed the course of Ken Follett's already phenomenal career—and begins where its prequel, *The Evening and the Morning*, ended. "Follett risks all and comes out a clear winner," extolled Publishers Weekly on the release of *The Pillars of the Earth*. A departure for the bestselling thriller writer, the historical epic stunned readers and critics alike with its ambitious scope and gripping humanity. Today, it stands as a testament to Follett's unassailable command of the written word and to his universal appeal. *The Pillars of the Earth* tells the story of Philip, prior of Kingsbridge, a devout and resourceful monk driven to build the greatest Gothic cathedral the world has known . . . of Tom, the mason who becomes his architect—a man divided in his soul . . . of the beautiful, elusive Lady Aliena, haunted by a secret shame . . . and of a struggle between good and evil that will turn church against state and brother against brother. A spellbinding epic tale of ambition, anarchy, and absolute power set against the sprawling medieval canvas of twelfth-century England, this is Ken Follett's historical masterpiece.

