

Double Down

Murder isn't supposed to be in the cards for blackjack dealer Maddie Larsson. Busted takes on a new meaning when her favorite customer, a former Poker World Tour champion, is murdered. His family claims—loudly and often—Maddie is the gold-digging murderer. She better prove she's on the level before the real killer cashes in her chips. If the victim's body had been dumped five hundred yards up the road, Franklin County Sheriff's Detective JC Dimitrak wouldn't have been assigned to the Tom Tom Casino murder case. Instead, he's hunting for suspects and evidence while dealing with a nemesis from the past and trying to preserve his own future. He better play his hand correctly and find the killer before an innocent woman takes the ultimate hit.

Veteran thief Nolan tangles with a skyjacker and vigilante in two full-length novels from Grandmaster Max Allan Collins (*Road to Perdition*), collected in one volume for the first time ever. *It Takes a Thief to Take a Thief*. In the aftermath of a bloody heist, Nolan and Jon find themselves flying home to count their ill-gotten gains -- but a skyjacker taking the same flight has other plans. Meanwhile, in Des Moines, someone is offing members of the Mob-connected DiPreta family and the Mob thinks maybe Nolan can make it stop. Maybe he can -- for a six-figure fee. Originally published as two separate novels (and unavailable in bookstores for 40 years!), *DOUBLE DOWN* finds Nolan and Jon pursuing the American dream in their inimitable criminal fashion. Flying high off his recent return after more than three decades in *SKIM DEEP*, Nolan is one of MWA Grand Master Max Allan Collins' most unforgettable characters, and *DOUBLE DOWN* is Nolan at his hard-boiled, larcenous best.

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"America's best storyteller." —The New York Times Book Review From Edgar Award-winning author Ross Thomas comes *Briarpatch*, a thrilling mystery of one man's personal mission to find justice for his family. Now, the basis for the USA Network television series executive produced by Sam Esmail, creator of *Mr. Robot*. A long-distance call from his small Texas hometown on his birthday gives Benjamin Dill the news that his sister Felicity—born on the same day exactly ten years apart—has died in a car bomb explosion. She was a homicide detective who had perhaps made one enemy too many over the course of her career. Unwilling to let local law enforcement handle the investigation, Dill arrives in town that night to begin his dogged search for his sister's killer. What he finds is no surprise to him as he begins to unravel town secrets, because Benjamin Dill is never

surprised at what awful things people will do. Featuring an Introduction by New York Times bestselling author Lawrence Sanders Edgar Award Winner for Best Novel

My father talked about Atlantic City the way some women talk about their ex-boyfriends. No good. Avoid at all costs. Soul-sucking even without the demons. Never mind that we lived across the country where, by day we worked as mountain guides, and at night he trained me to use my magic-not that I was allowed to showcase it. That was a hard no. So I hid my powers the way he hid his bourbon-until his murder. With nothing to lose, I hightail it to-you guessed it-Atlantic City, where I make a deal with a group of monster hunters, including Saxon, a hot hybrid that ignites a helluva lot more than celestial fire. If I survive the takedown of an all-powerful demon, they'll help me investigate my father's murder. So what's a girl to do when the chips are down?Be the Wild Card they never saw coming.Double Down on Demons is the first book in Pandora's Pride, an urban fantasy series featuring a heroine with a tongue as sharp as her blade, magical adventures, and havoc-wreaking demons. Completed urban fantasy series by Annabel Chase include: Spellslingers Academy of Magic (10-book series)Demonspawn Academy (3 books)Magic Bullet (4 books)

In Game Change, John Heilemann and Mark Halperin, two of the country's leading political reporters, use their unrivaled access to pull back the curtain on the Obama, Clinton, McCain, and Palin campaigns. Based on hundreds of interviews with the people who lived the story, Game Change is a reportorial tour de force that reads like a fast-paced novel. Character-driven and dialogue-rich, replete with extravagantly detailed scenes, it's an intimate portrait of some of the most powerful and fascinating figures in American life—the occasionally shocking, often hilarious, ultimately definitive account of the campaign of a lifetime.

He's her kind of danger... Small-town-girl Cassidy Jones is a fast-driving, sharp-shooting, man-loving cop with a loud laugh. She's also really good at her job—a fact that is completely irrelevant to the good ol' boys at the station. So when a local mobster is murdered, and the Chief is forced to turn to Cassidy for help, she's excited to get the opportunity to prove herself. Sure, the only reason she's going undercover is because she's one of only two female cops on the force. Still, it beats the hell out of writing parking tickets. There's just one little problem: she's falling hard for Lorenzo, the mobster's dangerously sexy brother—and possible murder suspect. With everyone at the station assuming she'll fail, Cassidy cannot act on her attraction. But when Cassidy's instincts lead her to a shocking suspect, her reputation isn't the only thing at stake.

A young girl who loves Double Dutch is caught in the crossfire of the secrets she, her best friend, and the school bullies are keeping in this emotional middle grade novel. Delia loves Double Dutch more than just about anything, and she's really good at it—so good she and her teammates have a shot at winning the World Double Dutch Championships. Delia would die if she couldn't jump—but she's hiding something could keep her off the team next year. Delia's friend Randy has

a secret too, one that has him lonely and scared. And while Delia and Randy struggle to hide parts of themselves, their school is abuzz with rumors about what malicious mischief the terrible Tolliver twins—who just may have a hidden agenda of their own—are planning. Delia and Randy's secrets collide on what should be the happiest day of Delia's life, and the collision threatens to destroy their friendship. Why can't life be as easy for Delia as Double Dutch?

"An exquisitely crafted memoir" by two brothers who lost their parents, lost their inheritance—and almost lost their freedom (The Wall Street Journal). Frederick Barthelme and his brother Steven were both accomplished, respected writers with stable adult lives when they lost both of their parents in rapid succession. They had already lost their other brother, just a few years earlier. Suddenly they were on their own, emotionally unmoored—and unprepared for what would happen next. Their late father had been a prominent architect, and the brothers were left with a healthy inheritance. Over the following several years, they would lose close to a quarter million dollars in the gambling boats off the Mississippi coast. Then, in a bizarre twist, they were charged with violating state gambling laws, fingerprinted, and thrown into the surreal world of felony prosecution. For two years these widely publicized charges hung over their heads, shadowing their every step. Double Down is the wry, often heartbreaking story of how Frederick and Steven Barthelme got into this predicament. It is also a reflection on the allure of casinos and the pull and power of illusions that can destroy our lives if we aren't careful. "One of the best firsthand accounts ever written about organized gambling. Like Goodman Brown, taking a walk with a hooded stranger into the darkness of the New England woods, the Barthelme brothers suddenly find themselves inside the maw of the monster. The compulsion to control, to intuit the future, to be painted by magic, could not be better or more accurately described." —James Lee Burke "Beautifully evoking the gamblers' addiction, their mesmerizing account is best read as a novel Camus might have imagined, with the writer/protagonists as their own lost characters. A work of high art; enthusiastically recommended." —Library Journal

Lois Lane is starting a new life in Metropolis. An Army brat, Lois has lived all over--and seen all kinds of things. (Some of them defy explanation, like the near-disaster she witnessed in Kansas in the middle of one night.) But now her family is putting down roots in the big city, and Lois is determined to fit in. Stay quiet. Fly straight. As soon as she steps into her new high school, though, she can see it won't be that easy. A group known as the Warheads is making life miserable for another girl at school. They're messing with her mind, somehow, via the high-tech immersive videogame they all play. Not cool. Armed with her wit and her new snazzy job as a reporter, Lois has her sights set on solving this mystery. But sometimes it's all a bit much. Thank goodness for her maybe-more-than-a friend, a guy she knows only by his screenname, SmallvilleGuy . . . SJWS ALWAYS DOUBLE DOWN is a much-needed guide to understanding, anticipating, and surviving SJW attacks from the perspective of a man who has survived them himself. It is a vital guide to protecting one's livelihood and one's organizations from the societal cancer that has destroyed so many individuals and institutions.

In Vegas, there was one man who was off limits. One man... and I fell for him. I knew there were risks. Still, I played the game. When Dario Capece called, I answered. When

he beckoned, I came. When he broke all my rules, I looked the other way. I knew there were risks. I just never realized they included death.

Tricia and Antoinette Clarke—best friends, Power Twins, and Boss Ladies—show you how to take your work and life to the Next Level. “Aspiring Boss Ladies in any field should pay attention.”—Gabrielle Union-Wade, actress, activist, and New York Times bestselling author of *We’re Going to Need More Wine* As African American women who have climbed their way to the highest ranks of the media world, Tricia and Antoinette have learned that to win when the deck is stacked against you, you need to ditch the old Status Quo rules. Whether you’re starting your career, wondering why you’re not further along, or looking to pivot, you’ve got to double down on yourself, and you’ve got to cultivate a tribe of people who will double down on you, too. Now, they share their wisdom with the next generation of Boss Ladies looking to up their game. If you’re tired of getting second-class rewards for first-class work and you’re ready to be respected for who you are, *Double Down* will give you the tools and tactics to go all in on your dreams. Among the lessons you’ll learn: • Don’t emulate, originate: Identify your unique superpowers to start from a place of strength. • Don’t stay in place, move into white space: To stand out, use your superpowers to do something no one else does. • Don’t just compete, play the long game: Work backward from where you want to end up—aim high, go far. • Don’t inherit your tribe, build it: Actively cultivate a crew of people who will push you to go after your most audacious goals (and set new ones). Packed with strategies and solutions, as well as stories of other badass Boss Ladies including Ayesha Curry, Carly Cushnie, Anne Wojcicki, and many others, this remixed rulebook will help you see the power in yourself—and double down on it. After losing lives on a mission gone wrong, Maji Rios feels anything but ready for a covert operation to protect volatile Spanish pop star Erlea from the paparazzi and death threats. Celeste, in-house physician for the hotel hosting Erlea’s show, has had enough of putting on a pretty face for the public to protect celebrities. That mistake cost her a thriving sports medicine practice and her trust in herself. When an unlikely friendship with Erlea turns deeper, she has a choice to make—run or double down on love. Somewhere on her climb to fame, Erlea’s reputation as the wild child of Europe’s pop scene overtook her love for creating music. Can she reclaim her personal and artistic integrity with the help of the two women working to keep her life from imploding? Lois Lane is the new girl at East Metropolis High, and her instinct to ask questions brings her and her online friend, Smallville Guy, into conflict with some bullying video gamers called the Warheads, who are being used in a dangerous virtual reality experiment.

Hacker Leotrim Nicolosi and Deputy Marshal Rich Cody may have escaped a vengeful crime boss by the skin of their teeth, but they're not out of danger yet. With the mob's tentacles embedded in everything from local law enforcement to federal agencies, the guys are running low on allies. Rich has one ace up his sleeve—the men who had his back in warzones during his time in the Marines. When he sends out a distress call, the cavalry comes running. Heavily armed, highly trained, and fully provisioned, they hunker down in a buddy's missile silo, ready to make a stand against whatever the Grimaldi family sends after Rich and Leo. Leo isn't so sure about the Marines, though. He trusts Rich, but something isn't right, and he's not a gambling man when his life is on the line. The Marines aren't so sure they trust him, either, and Rich suddenly finds

himself in a standoff between the men he's bled with and the man he's quickly falling for. Now they're running out of time to either find the turncoat among them or get on the same side. Because the Grimaldi family is coming, and this time they're bringing out the big guns. Doubling Down is the sequel to Double or Nothing, and is the conclusion to the Double Trouble duology.

They were weapons in someone else's war. Now they're just want to live in peace... Cyborgs Kit and Luke are determined to carve out a place for themselves in a galaxy that still sees them as corporate-owned killers. They're not mindless machines, they're men with dreams and desires of their own. Their greatest desire is to claim a blue-skinned beauty with a mysterious past and a heart big enough for two. Born of two worlds and belonging to neither... She's looking for a place to call home. There were easier places for a freighter pilot to make a living, but the Drift offered Zura the one thing she needed most- a chance to start over. That's not all she finds in the far reaches of space. Two sexy-as-sin cyborgs want to bring her into their orbit, and they'll do everything to tempt her into saying yes... When a dead man's secret sends her new life into a tailspin, Zura will have to fight to protect her family, even if it costs her everything...including her future with Luke and Kit.

What makes a person liberal or conservative? Why does the Democratic Party scare off so many possible supporters? When does our "injustice trigger" get pulled, and how can fairness overcome our human need to look for a zero-sum outcome to our political battles? Tapping into a pop culture zeitgeist linking Bugs Bunny, Taylor Swift, and John Belushi; through popular science and the human brain; to our political predilections, arguments, and distrusts, Daniel Meegan suggests that fairness and equality are key elements missing in today's society. Having crossed the border to take up residency in Canada, Meegan, an American citizen, has seen first-hand how people enjoy as rights what Americans view as privileges. Fascinated with this tension, he suggests that American liberals are just missing the point. If progressives want to win the vote, they need to change strategy completely and champion government benefits for everyone, not just those of lower income. If everyone has access to inexpensive quality health care, open and extensive parental leave, and free postsecondary education, then everyone will be happier and society will be fair. The Left will also overcome an argument of the Right that successfully, though incongruously, appeals to the middle- and upper-middle classes: that policies that help the economically disadvantaged are inherently bad for others. Making society fair and equal, Meegan argues, would strengthen the moral and political position of the Democratic Party and place it in a position to revive American civic life. Fairness, he writes, should be selfishly enjoyed by everyone.

Double Down is how the author is personally doubling down to become a millionaire in 90 days. It helps show how when you break down the concept using millionaire math, it is not as difficult as it once seemed to be.

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Halloween approaches and he comes up with an idea to make a movie. "The pressure's really piling up on Greg Heffley. His mom thinks video games are turning his brain to mush, so she wants her son to put down the controller and explore his creative side. As if that's not scary enough, Halloween's just around the corner and the frights are coming at Greg from every angle. When Greg discovers a bag of gummy worms, it sparks an idea. Can he get his mom off his back by making a movie ... And will he become rich and famous in the process? Or will doubling down on this plan just double Greg's troubles?"

Only available on Google Play until January 24th! Grayson and Remington Mann—fraternal twins, the CEOs of Black Diamond Records, and Dominants in the BDSM lifestyle who enjoy sharing the same woman. Abigail Turner—the Mann brothers' personal secretary and an innocent woman who's off limits . . . or is she? Gray and Remi have been craving the woman they see every day at the office, but their strict policy of not dating employees puts a huge crimp in things. That is, until they discover Abigail has a naughty little secret. Now, there's nothing holding the men back as they set out to show her how they can both love her and she can love them in return. Come meet the Doms of The Covenant and the submissives who bring them to their knees. ***The Doms of The Covenant series is a spinoff of Samantha A. Cole's popular Trident Security series. Book 1 - Double Down & Dirty Book 2 - Entertaining Distraction Book 3 - Hammered & Nailed (Coming soon!)

Lois Lane has settled in to her new school. She has friends, for maybe the first time in her life. She has a job that challenges her. And her friendship is growing with SmallvilleGuy, her online maybe more than a friend. But when her friend Maddy's twin c

#1 New York Times-Bestselling Author: Three suspenseful novellas starring hot heroes—includes Upside Down, Countdown, and Takedown! The menfolk are stepping out of the pages of #1 New York Times bestselling author Fern Michaels' beloved Sisterhood series and into the spotlight... After years of standing by their women, the Sisterhood's significant others have also become loyal friends. And now Jack Emery, Nikki's husband, has enlisted Ted, Joe, Jay, Bert, Dennis, and Abner to form a top-secret organization known as BOLO Consultants. Jack has two missions in mind. The first: offering some behind-the-scenes help to Nikki's law firm as they take on the all-powerful Andover Pharmaceuticals. Andover's anti-leukemia drug causes terrible side effects in young patients, but a class-action suit seems doomed to fail. BOLO Consultants have a prescription to cure that. Meanwhile, Virginia's lieutenant governor has a sideline as a slum landlord, and his impoverished tenants are suffering. Tyler Sandford believes his status puts him above the law. But when the Sisterhood and their allies decide to get involved, no one is beyond the reach of true justice... "The storyline is like a grand roller-coaster ride, with dips and sharp curves... Michaels has outdone herself."—RT Book Reviews on Gotcha! "Delectable... Revenge that's creatively swift and sweet, Michaels-style."

—Publishers Weekly on Hokus Pokus

Sometimes it only takes a minute. A connection of eyes across a room, a quickened heartbeat, and everything changes. I was a cocktail waitress with a fondness for partying and meaningless sex. He owned half of Vegas, with the reputation to match. I should have turned away. Instead, I stepped closer. Then, the lies started. Rumors spread. Stalking commenced. And someone died. None of it stopped me from falling in love.

Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*: "Those hungry for political news will read *Double Down* for the scooplets and insidery glimpses it serves up about the two campaigns, and the clues it offers about the positioning already going on among Republicans and Democrats for 2016 ... The book testifies to its authors' energetic legwork and insider access... creating a novelistic narrative that provides a you-are-there immediacy... They succeed in taking readers interested in the backstabbing and backstage maneuvering of the 2012 campaign behind the curtains, providing a tactile... sense of what it looked like from the inside." In their runaway bestseller *Game Change*, Mark Halperin and John Heilemann captured the full drama of Barack Obama's improbable, dazzling victory over the Clintons, John McCain, and Sarah Palin. With the same masterly reporting, unparalleled access, and narrative skill, *Double Down* picks up the story in the Oval Office, where the president is beset by crises both inherited and unforeseen—facing defiance from his political foes, disenchantment from the voters, disdain from the nation's powerful money machers, and dysfunction within the West Wing. As 2012 looms, leaders of the Republican Party, salivating over Obama's political fragility, see a chance to wrest back control of the White House—and the country. So how did the Republicans screw it up? How did Obama survive the onslaught of super PACs and defy the predictions of a one-term presidency? *Double Down* follows the gaudy carnival of GOP contenders—ambitious and flawed, famous and infamous, charismatic and cartoonish—as Mitt Romney, the straitlaced, can-do, gaffe-prone multimillionaire from Massachusetts, scraped and scratched his way to the nomination. *Double Down* exposes blunders, scuffles, and machinations far beyond the klieg lights of the campaign trail: Obama storming out of a White House meeting with his high command after accusing them of betrayal. Romney's mind-set as he made his controversial "47 percent" comments. The real reasons New Jersey governor Chris Christie was never going to be Mitt's running mate. The intervention held by the president's staff to rescue their boss from political self-destruction. The way the tense détente between Obama and Bill Clinton morphed into political gold. And the answer to one of the campaign's great mysteries—how did Clint Eastwood end up performing Dada dinner theater at the Republican convention? In *Double Down*, Mark Halperin and John Heilemann take the reader into back rooms and closed-door meetings, laying bare the secret history of the 2012 campaign for a panoramic account of an election that was as hard fought as it was lastingly consequential.

The men behind a squad of fierce female vigilantes form their own team in the first of this thrilling series from a #1 New York Times–bestselling author. Through public triumphs and private sorrows, the men in the Sisters' lives—husbands, friends, colleagues, and lovers—have offered invaluable aid and support. In the process, they've become an informal brotherhood of their own, able to relate to the unique challenges and rewards of life among the vigilantes. But after years of bit parts, the Sisterhood's significant others are itching to take center stage. Frustrated with the limits of the criminal justice system, Nikki's husband Jack Emery has recruited his friends Ted, Joe, Harry, Bert, Jay, and Abner. They have brand-new headquarters with state-of-the-art equipment, an unlimited bankroll, and a plaque on the door that reads BOLO Consultants. Their first case: toppling ruthless slum landlord Tyler Sandford—also lieutenant governor of Virginia. Sandford may have friends in very high places, but that's no match for BOLO—or the women who've got their backs...

The Status Quo tries to sell us a set of lies about what it takes to succeed in life. That we need to look a certain way, act a certain way. That we should settle for less, wait our turn, pay our dues. Not to bother chasing that opportunity, or dare to speak up and speak out. Antoinette and Tricia aren't buying it. Ever since they were young girls, Antoinette and Tricia pushed each other to be successful on their own terms. As African American women, they learned a thing or two about owning their confidence and going high when others go low. As identical twins, they learned the power of true connection, as well as the necessity to individuate. And they learned that to succeed in a world where the deck is stacked against you, you need to ditch the old Status Quo rules. You've got to bet on yourself, and you've got to cultivate a tribe of people who will bet on you. Today, as high-powered media executives, Antoinette and Tricia are ready to share their wisdom with the next generation of Boss Ladies looking to make their mark. They've helped hundreds of women identify their goals, cultivate their confidence, and double down on their superpowers. Now, they want to do the same for you. Packed with their best tips, tricks, and tactics, Double Down will inspire you to hustle harder, soar higher, and bank more.

It's the eleventh book in the bestselling Diary of a Wimpy Kid series! The pressure's really piling up on Greg Heffley. His mom thinks video games are turning his brain to mush, so she wants her son to put down the controller and explore his 'creative side'. As if that's not scary enough, Halloween's just around the corner and the frights are coming at Greg from every angle. When Greg discovers a bag of gummy worms, it sparks an idea. Can he get his mom off his back by making a movie . . . and will he become rich and famous in the process? Or will doubling down on this plan just double Greg's troubles? Praise for Jeff Kinney: 'The world has gone crazy for Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid' - The Sun 'Kinney is right up there with J K Rowling as one of the bestselling children's authors on the planet' - Independent 'Hilarious' - Telegraph

A gambling addict and daughter of New York's biggest bookie, Skye McNally

escapes to the Nevada desert to start a new life and gets a run of good luck when she meets a star quarterback who, hiding from the people invested in his career, teaches her that the only thing worth betting on is her heart. Original. ATAC Briefing for Agents Frank and Joe Hardy MISSION: Continue working undercover as part of teen movie star Justin Carraway's entourage to find out more about the unsolved murder of the celeb's least favorite paparazzo and other mysterious happenings. LOCATION: Atlantic City, NJ. POTENTIAL VICTIMS: One murder has already taken place. If the suspect isn't caught soon, anyone could be the killer's next victim. SUSPECTS: Everyone seems to go crazy when it comes to teen screen superstars - but now there really is a crazy person running around...and he or she may be closer than anyone thinks!

Another hit trilogy featuring Frank and Joe Hardy! #25: Double Trouble launches the next three-book arc storyline, featuring a teen celebrity being stalked, with a twin brother who adds some interesting complications into the mix.

- New York Times bestseller • The 100 most substantive solutions to reverse global warming, based on meticulous research by leading scientists and policymakers around the world “At this point in time, the Drawdown book is exactly what is needed; a credible, conservative solution-by-solution narrative that we can do it. Reading it is an effective inoculation against the widespread perception of doom that humanity cannot and will not solve the climate crisis. Reported by-effects include increased determination and a sense of grounded hope.” —Per Espen Stoknes, Author, What We Think About When We Try Not To Think About Global Warming “There’s been no real way for ordinary people to get an understanding of what they can do and what impact it can have. There remains no single, comprehensive, reliable compendium of carbon-reduction solutions across sectors. At least until now. . . . The public is hungry for this kind of practical wisdom.” —David Roberts, Vox “This is the ideal environmental sciences textbook—only it is too interesting and inspiring to be called a textbook.” —Peter Kareiva, Director of the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, UCLA In the face of widespread fear and apathy, an international coalition of researchers, professionals, and scientists have come together to offer a set of realistic and bold solutions to climate change. One hundred techniques and practices are described here—some are well known; some you may have never heard of. They range from clean energy to educating girls in lower-income countries to land use practices that pull carbon out of the air. The solutions exist, are economically viable, and communities throughout the world are currently enacting them with skill and determination. If deployed collectively on a global scale over the next thirty years, they represent a credible path forward, not just to slow the earth’s warming but to reach drawdown, that point in time when greenhouse gases in the atmosphere peak and begin to decline. These measures promise cascading benefits to human health, security, prosperity, and well-being—giving us every reason to see this planetary crisis as an opportunity to create a just and livable world.

In the witty, sizzling finale to award-winning author Nancy Herkness’s Wager of Hearts series, a haunted writer conquers his demons with the help of a feisty muse and a passion that doesn’t play by the book. Gavin Miller, the billionaire author of a bestselling thriller series, struggles with a grim secret: he hasn’t written a word in more than a year. Writer’s block is killing his spirit and jeopardizing his contracts with his publisher and his Hollywood producers. Prodded by his agent, Gavin reluctantly agrees to see Allie Nichols, a sassy physical therapist tasked with treating the novelist’s severe neck and shoulder pain—and maybe his writer’s block, too. The tempestuous Gavin and no-nonsense Allie soon find themselves entangled in a steamy affair that sparks Gavin’s creativity again. But their manipulative ex-lovers and

Gavin's lingering childhood scars threaten their happily ever after. Can Gavin and Allie find their way to love when the stakes are high and the obstacles are overwhelming?

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