

Vampires, Werewolves, and Witches, Oh My!



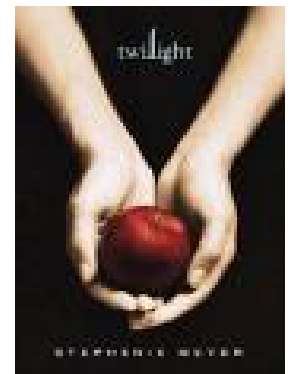
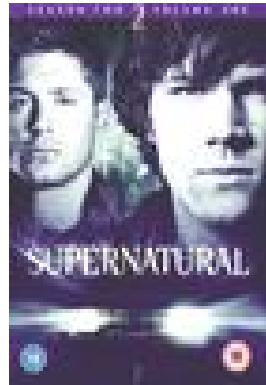
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Do you (or your patrons!) have a thing for the paranormal? These hot reads are found everywhere in your collection. We'll talk about how the paranormal is invading your stacks in all genres, from romance to mystery, horror to mainstream fiction.

Urban Fantasy is everywhere



Overview of Genre

What is Urban Fantasy?

Fantasy is fantasy that features either magical creatures (shapeshifters, vampires, elves, fairies and such) or magical elements (witchcraft, sorcerers, ghosts) and takes place in contemporary settings, usually modern day inner cities.

Urban Fantasy is a subset of the traditional Fantasy genre. It began splintering off into its own Genre in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Characteristics of UF books

- Good vs. Evil
- Magical Items
- Mythical Creatures
- Paranormal Powers
- Quest for a relic or holy item
- Recognizable, real world settings
- May include Time Travel
- Set in the real world but not entirely
- Sense of escapism
- Strong characters (both male and female)
- Can feature action, suspense, romance, mystery and more
- Lean towards series that tell a continuing story.

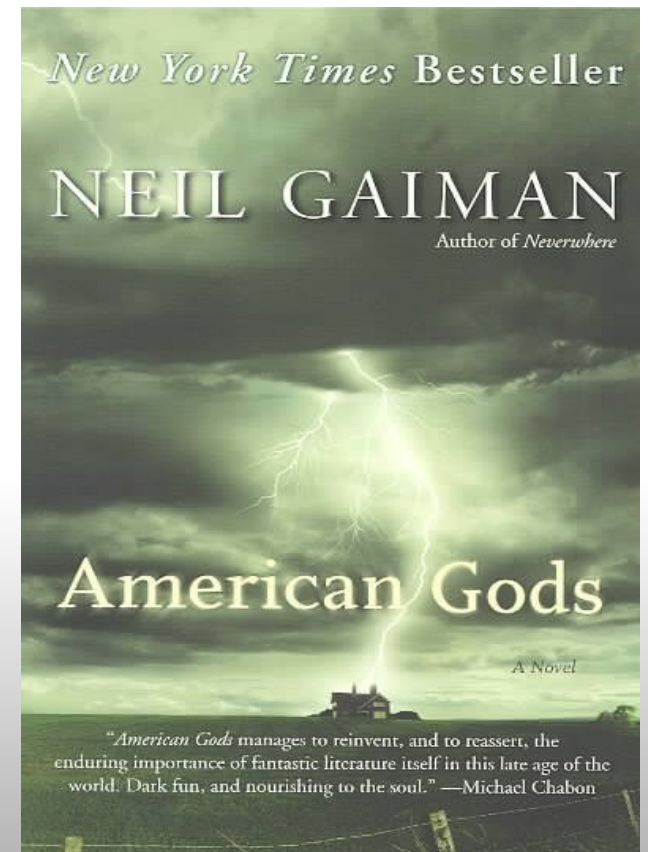
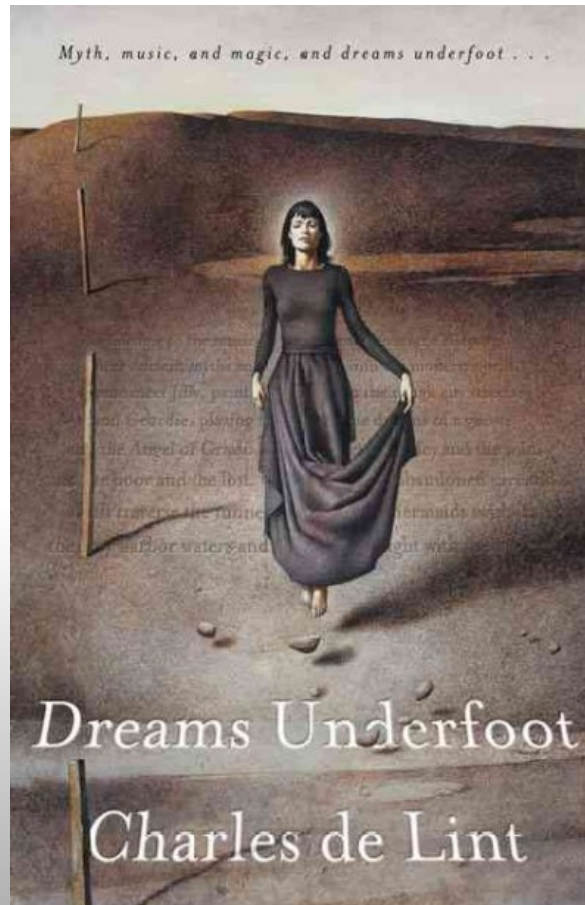
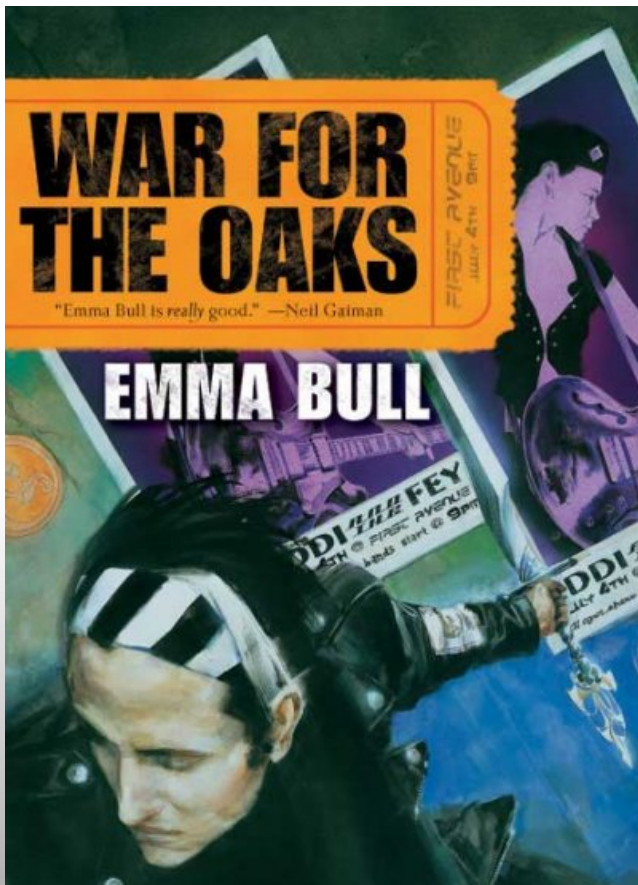


Foundation Authors

Emma Bull

Charles de Lint

Neil Gaiman



Is it really selling?

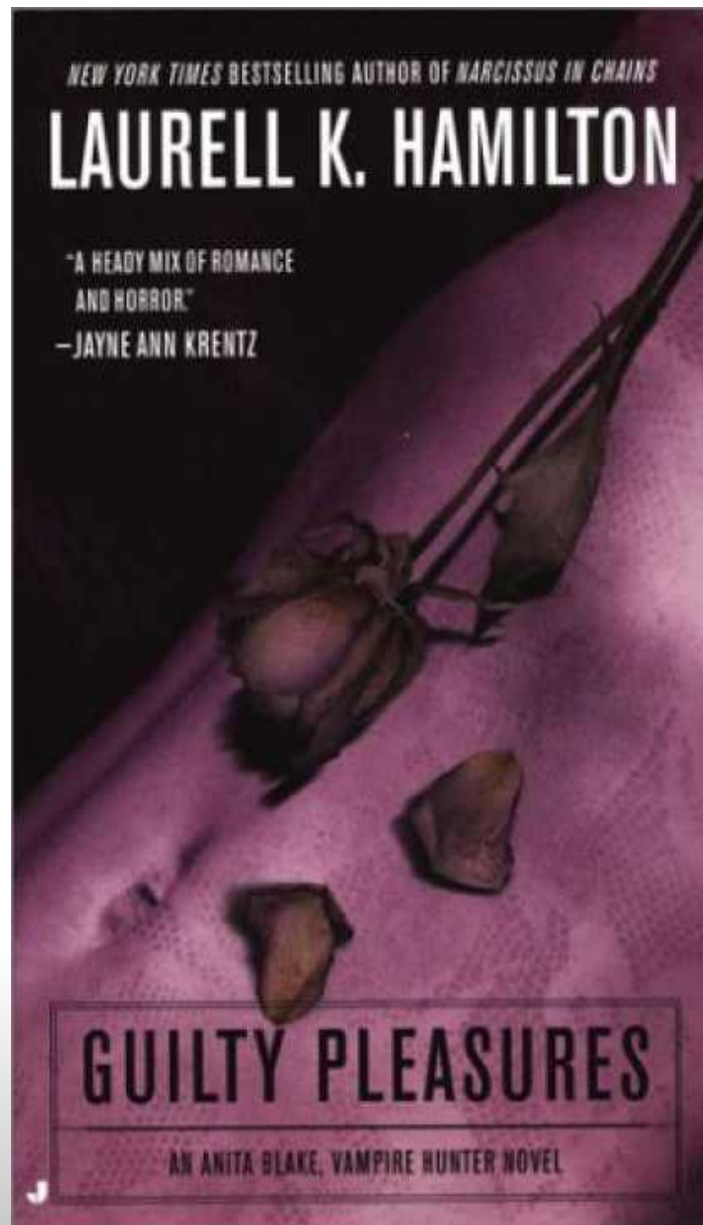
Yes -

2004: 1 urban fantasy title in the Top 20.

2005: 4 urban fantasy titles.

2006: 5 urban fantasy titles.

2007: 7 urban fantasy titles.

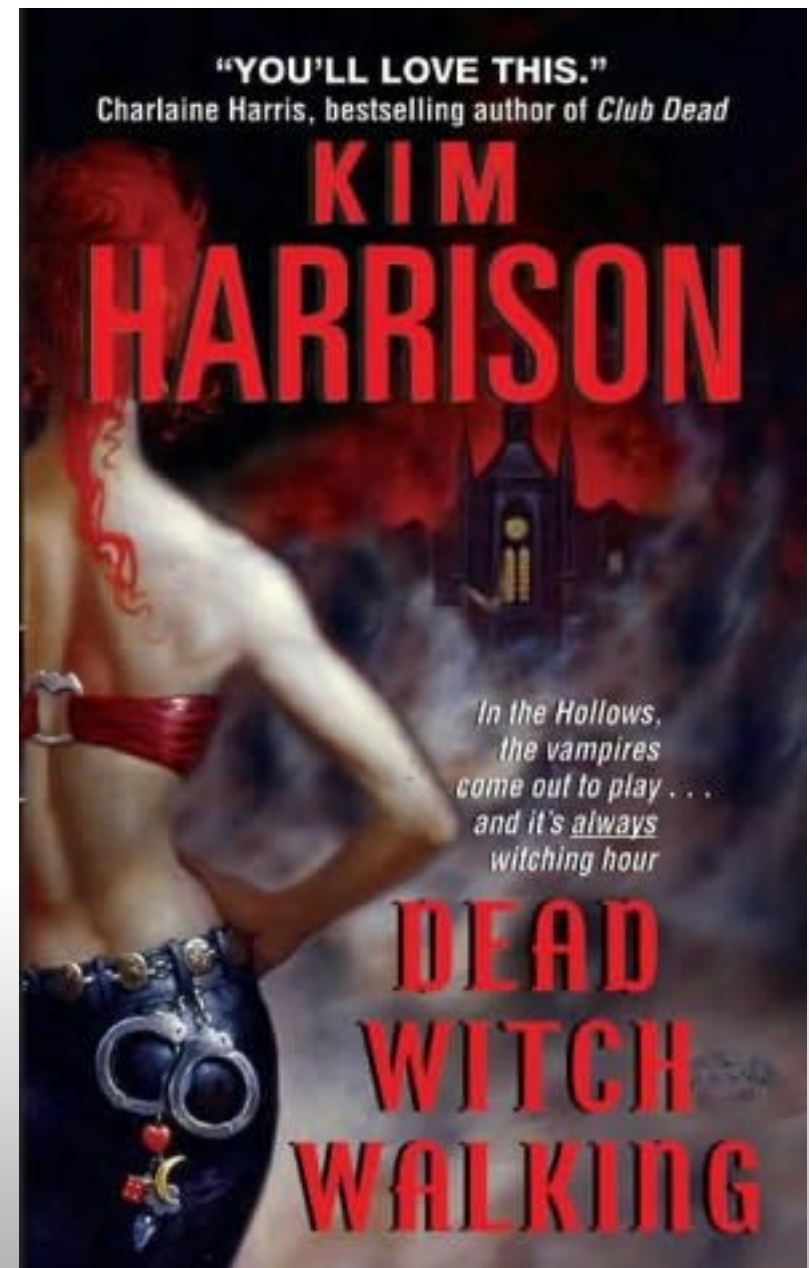


Laurell K. Hamilton's Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter series.

Sixteen titles currently out. Skin Trade, #17 is due out in June 2009.

The Hollows by Kim Harrison.

Book Seven " White Witch,
Black Curse was released in
Feb. 2009.



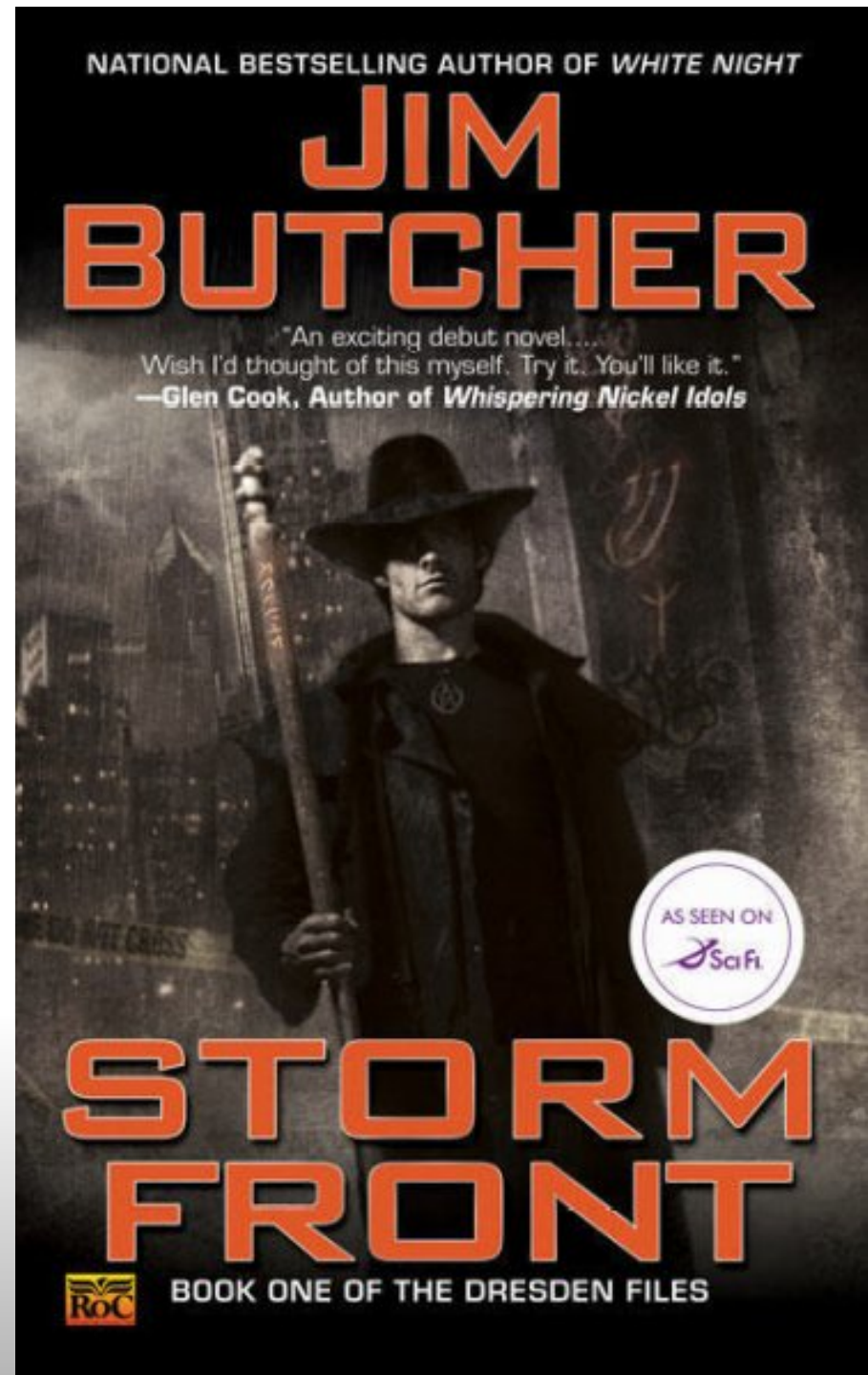


Fever Series
Karen Marie Moning

Darkfever
Bloodfever
Faefever
Dreamfever (9/2009)
Shadowfever (coming soon)

Jim Butcher Dresden Files

Currently there are 11
titles in this series



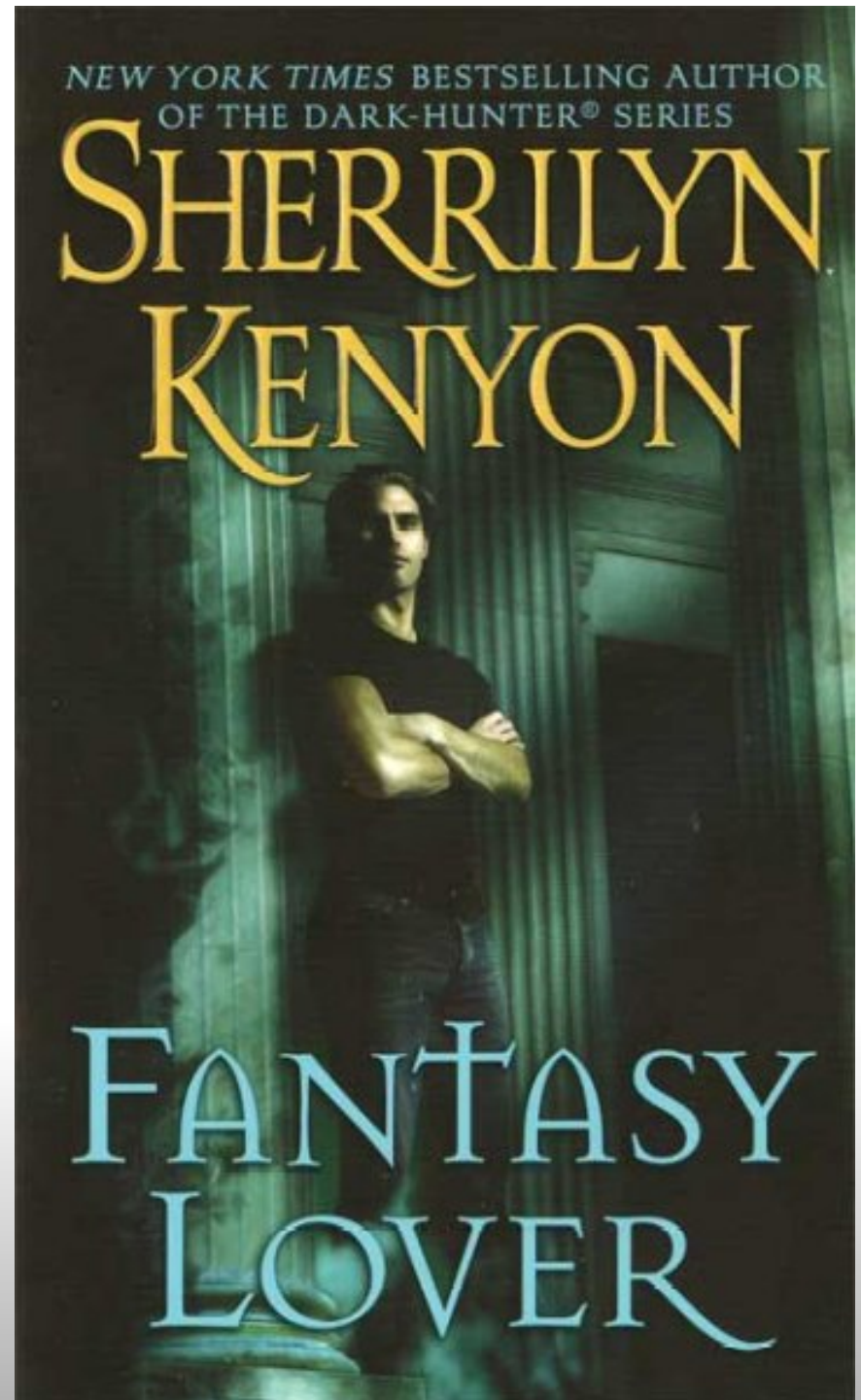


Patricia Briggs - Mercy
Thompson

Three titles are out with a fourth
due in 2010

Dark-Hunter Series
by
Sherrilyn Kenyon.

Also writes the interconnected
series: The
Dream Hunters. Together there
are 20 books with another due
out in August 2009





C.E. MURPHY

"A swift pace, a good mystery,
a likable protagonist, magic,
danger—URBAN SHAMAN
has them in spades."
—Jim Butcher, author of the
bestselling series The Dresden Files

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BOOK ONE: THE WALKER PAPERS

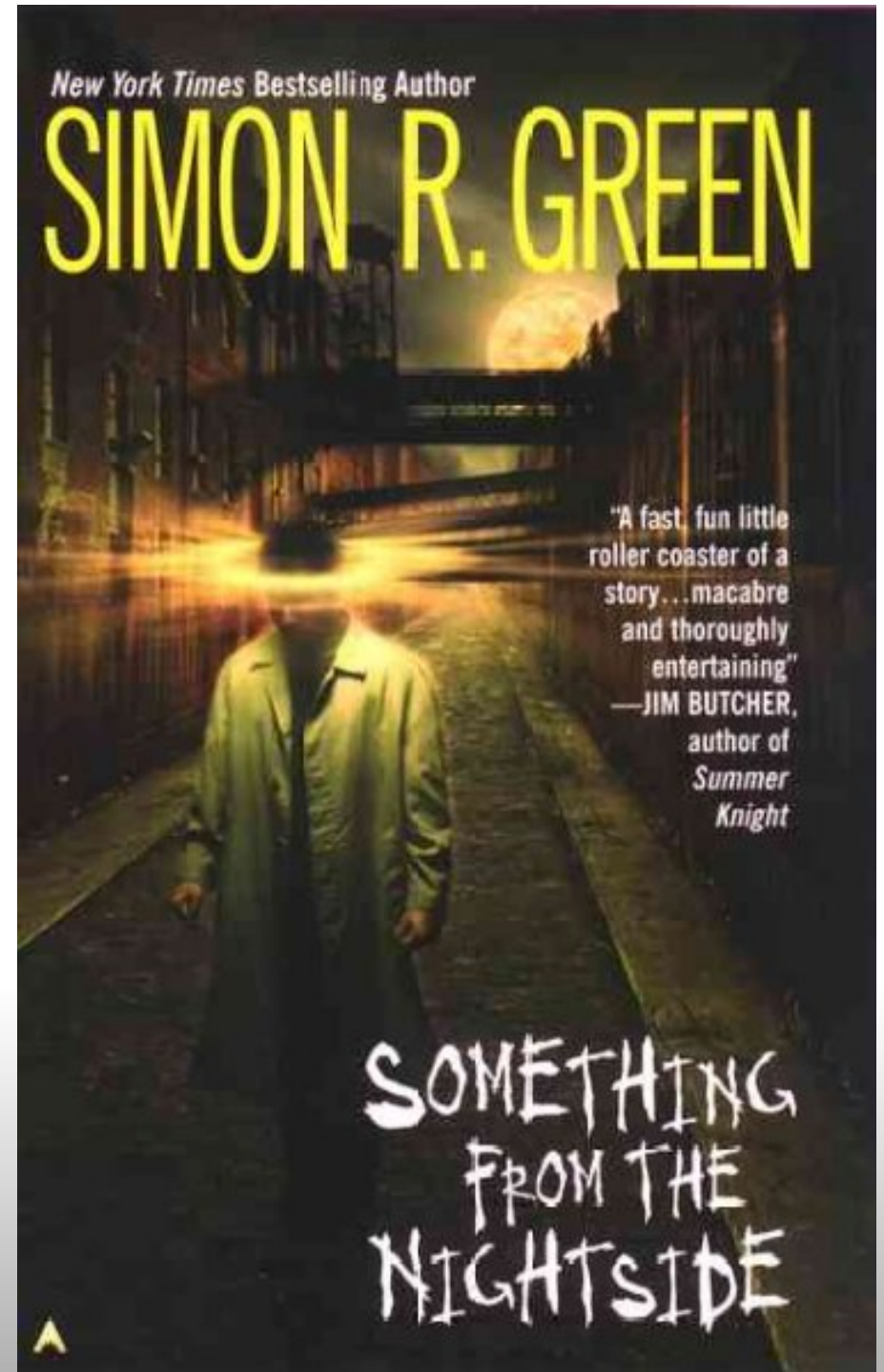
Walker Papers
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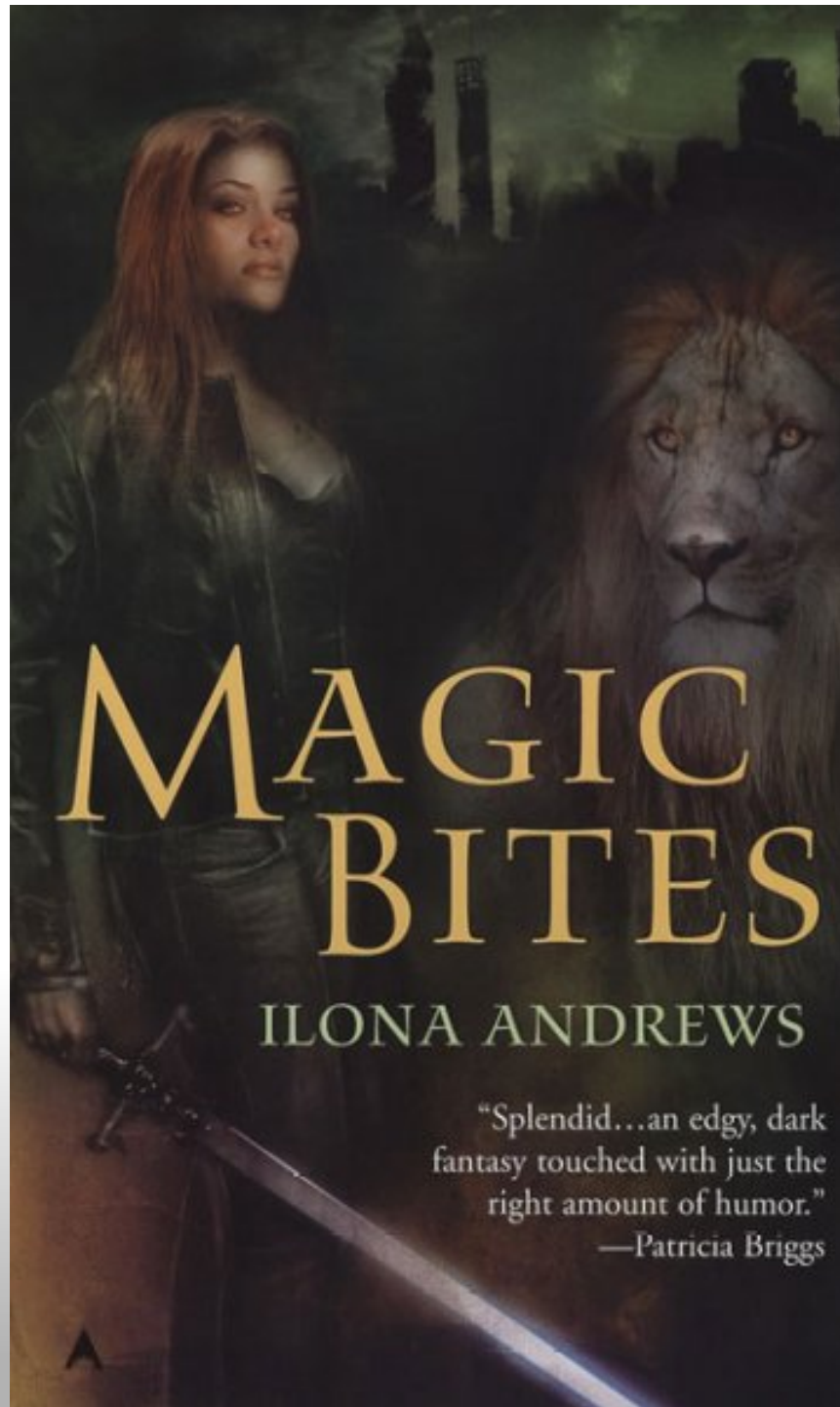
Three titles in this series
with a fourth due in 2009.

Also writes the Negotiator
series which has three
books.

Simon Green Nightside Series

10 books in this series.



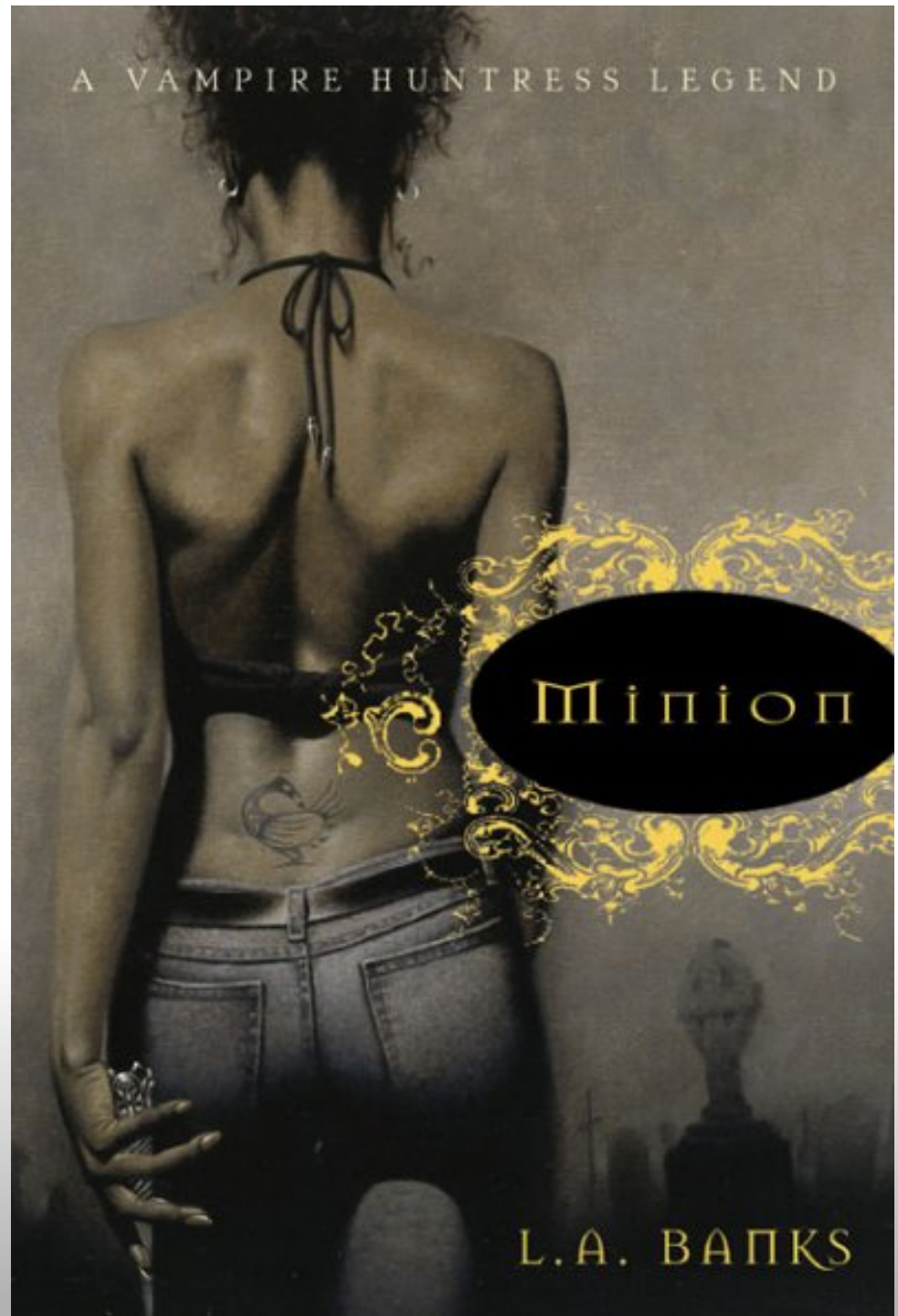


Kate Daniels Fantasies - Ilona Andrews

Three books with a fourth
due out in 2009

LA Banks - Vampire Huntress

Twelve books in total



This is only the tip of the iceberg

Other authors to check out:

Armstrong, Kelley (shapeshifters, Witches)

Caine, Rachel (Weather Wardens)

Fforde, Jasper (Book time travel)

Frost, Jeanine (Vampires)

Galenorn, Yasmine (Witches)

Howard, Chris (Merfolk)

Huff, Tanya (Vampires)

Kittredge, Caitlin (Shapeshifters, Witches)

Richardson, Kat (Ghosts, Undead)

Thurman, Rob (Fey, Undead)

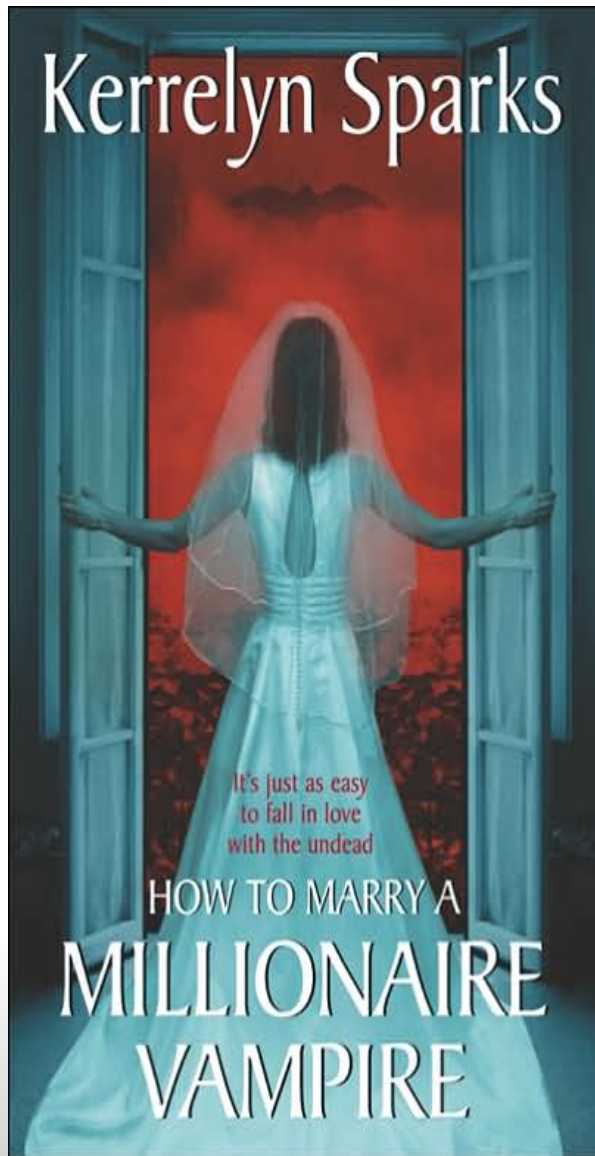
Vaughn, Carrie (Shapeshifters, Vampires)

Vincent, Rachel (Shapeshifters)

The Softer Side - Paranormal Romance & Chick Lit

Love Bites

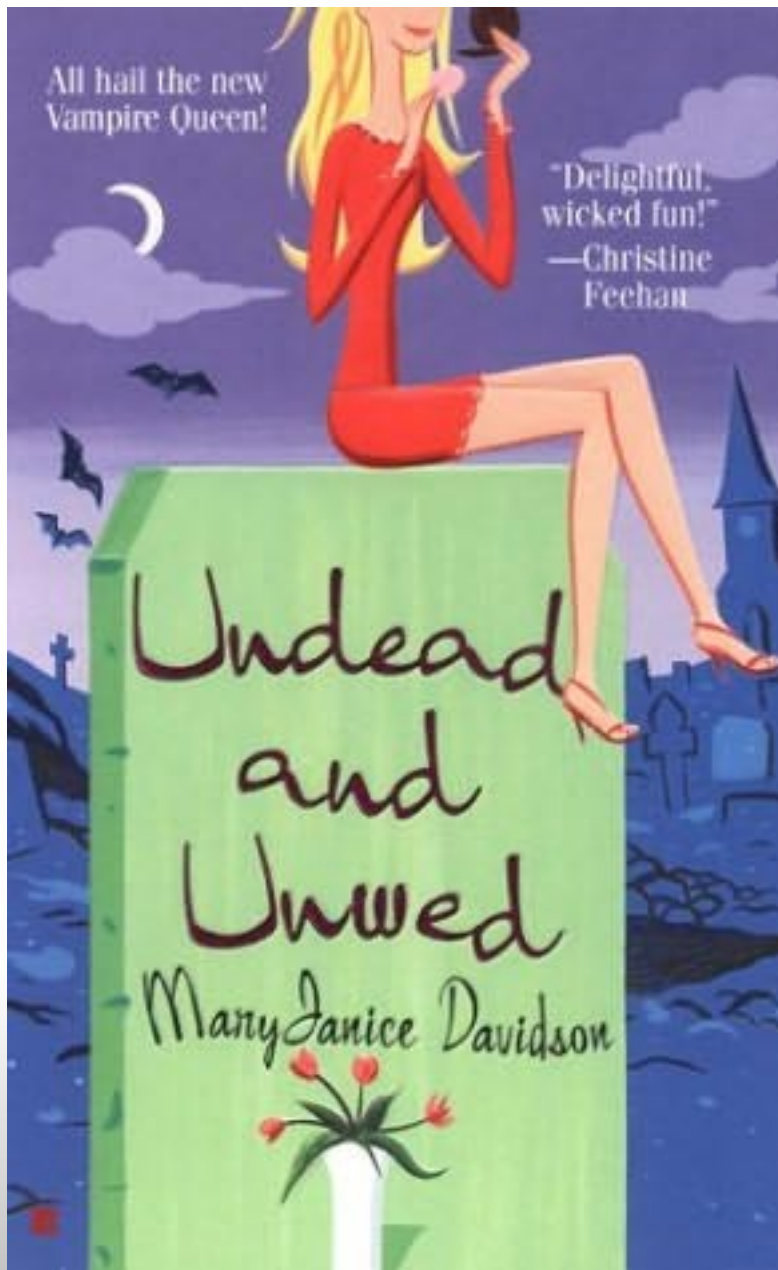




How to Marry a
Millionaire Vampire
by Kerrelyn Sparks
Love at Stake Series

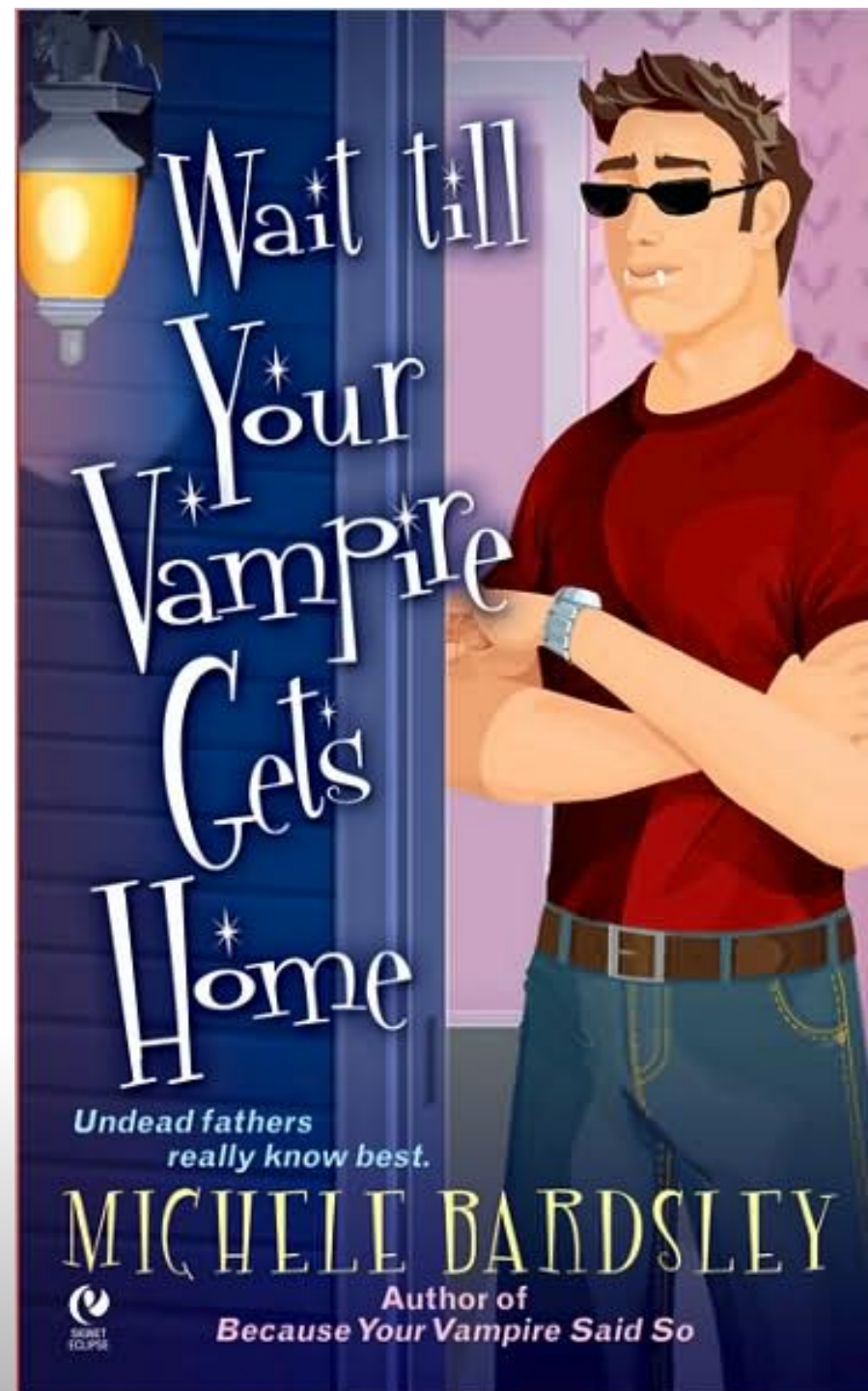
The Vampire Shrink
by Lynda Hilburn
Kismet Knight, Vampire
Psychologist Series





Undead and Unwed
by MaryJanice Davidson
Undead Series
"Queen Betsy"

Wait till Your Vampire
Gets Home
by Michele Bardsley
Broken Heart Vampire
Series



"A spicy comedy of
manners with fangs."

—Christopher Moore,
author of *A Dirty Job*



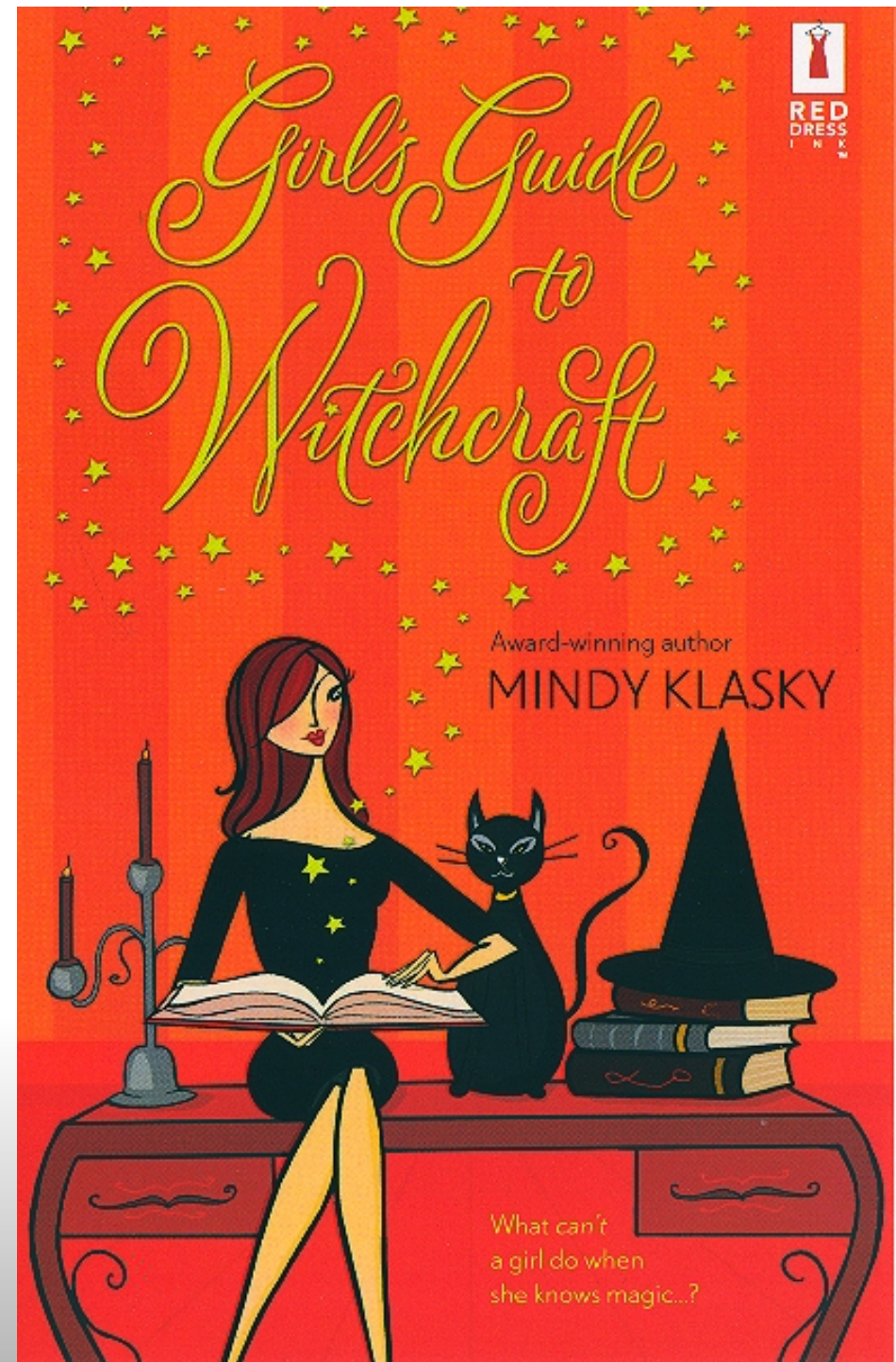
Happy Hour *at* Casa Dracula

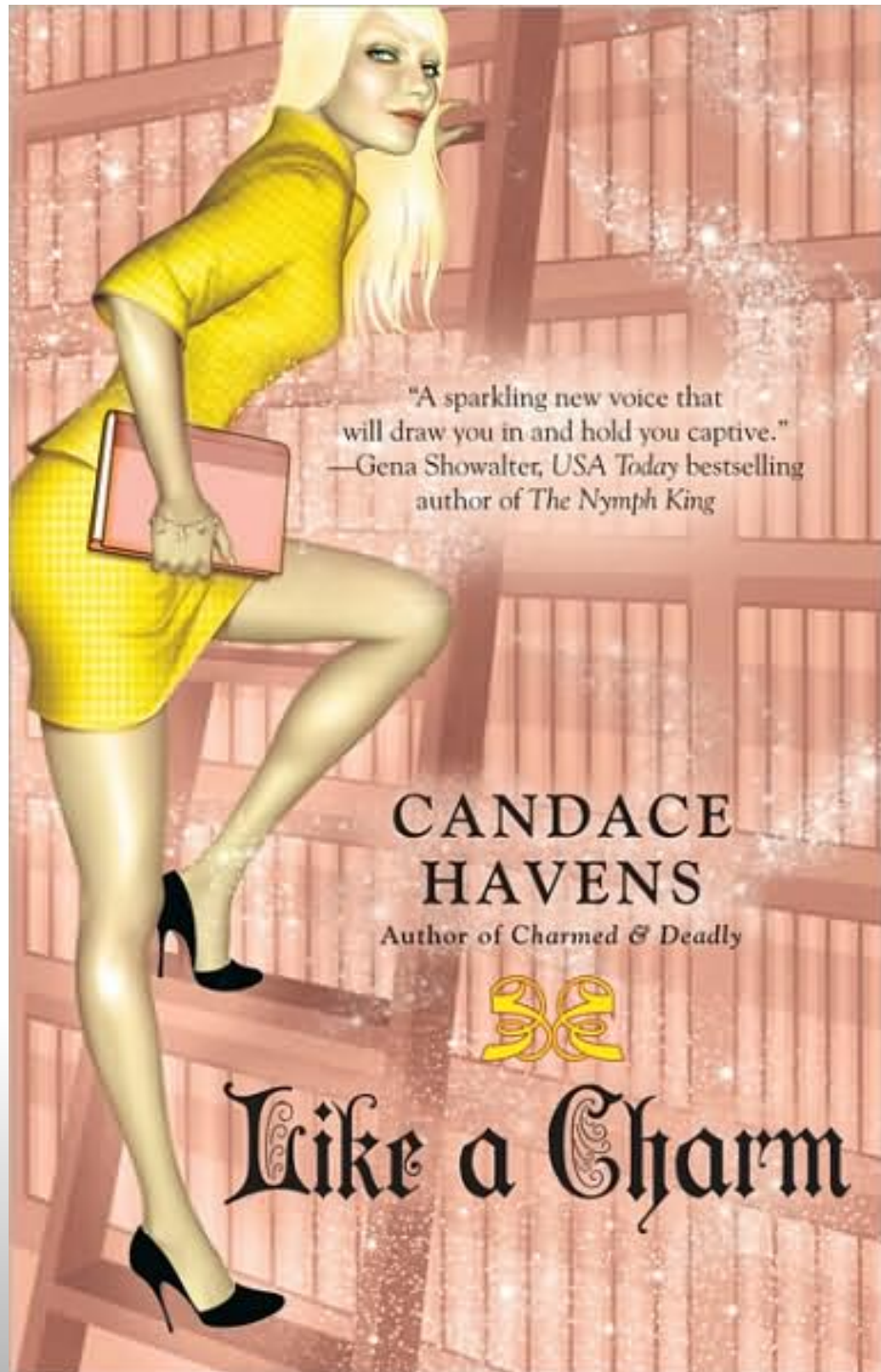
Vampires. Margaritas. Mayhem.
What's a girl to do when she's hidden
away at the home of sophisticated
vampires and her ex-boyfriend wants to
drive a stake through her heart?

Marta Acosta

Happy Hour at
Casa Dracula
by Marta Acosta
Casa Dracula Series

Girl's Guide to Witchcraft
by Mindy Klasky
Jane Madison Series

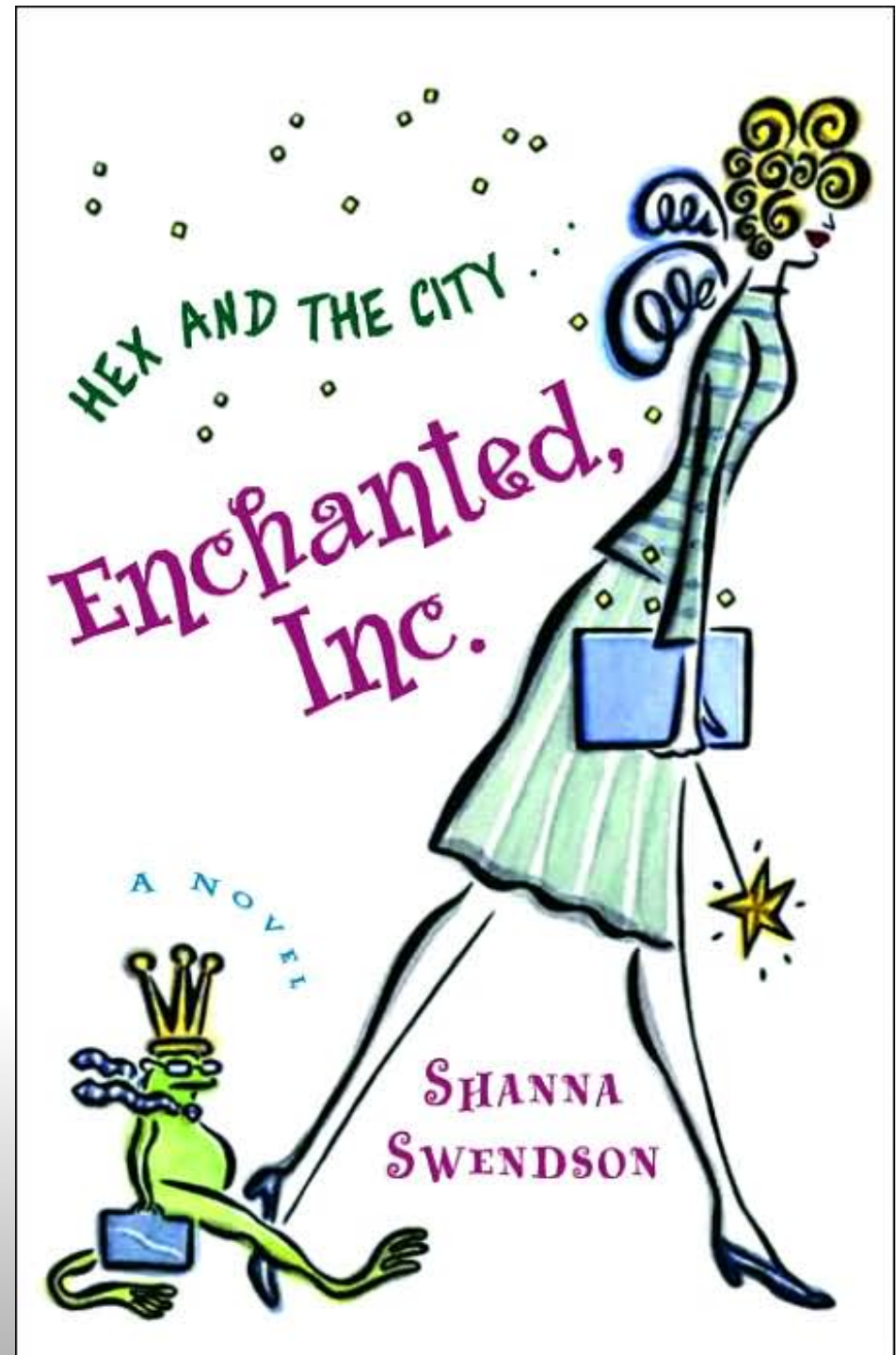


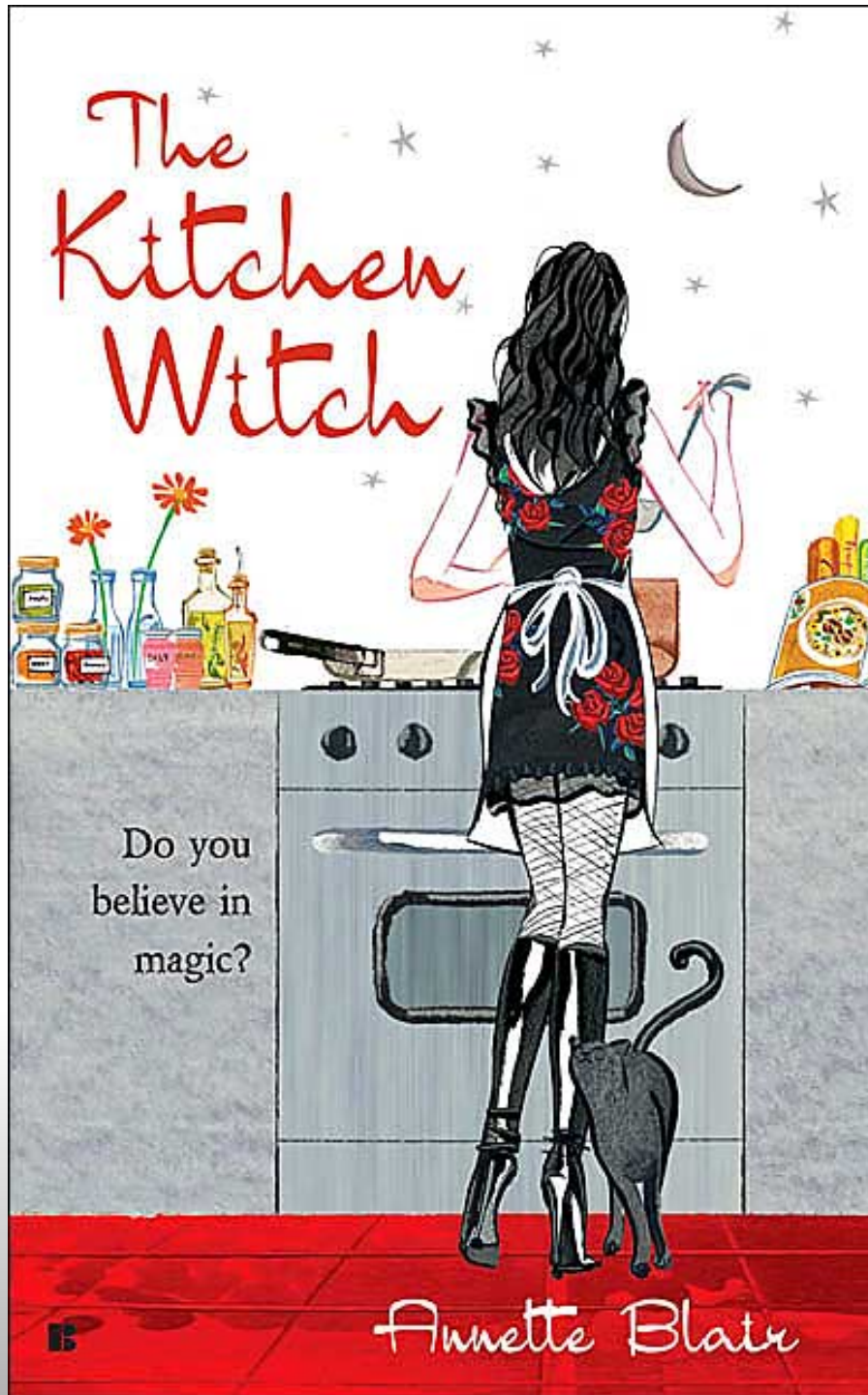


Like a Charm by Candace Havens

Also by Candace Havens:
Bronwyn the Witch Series
Caruthers Sisters Series

Enchanted, Inc
by Shanna Swendson
Enchanted, Inc. Series

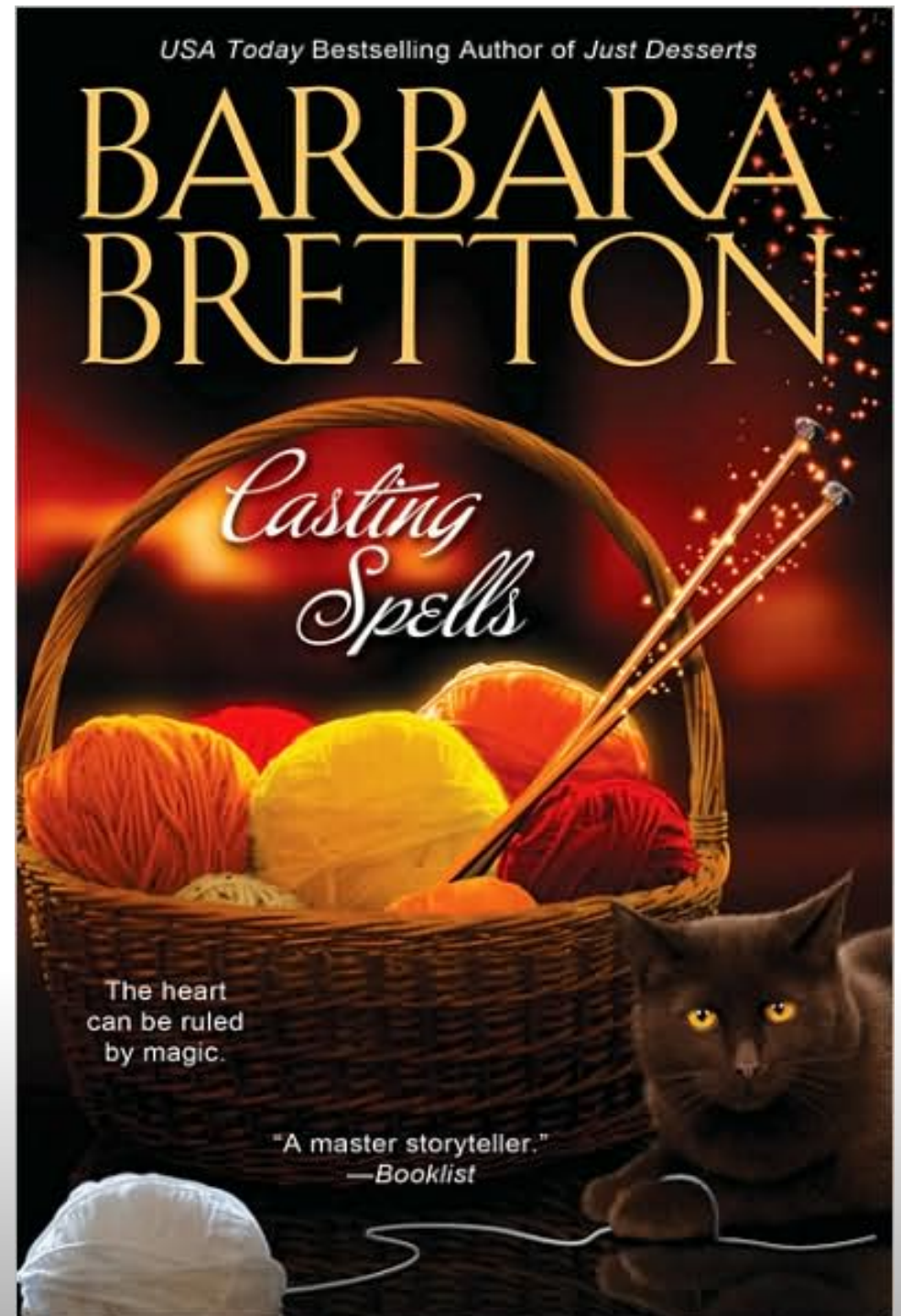




The Kitchen Witch
by Annette Blair
Accidental Witch Trilogy

Casting Spells by Barbara Bretton

The sequel, "Laced with Magic" is due August 2009



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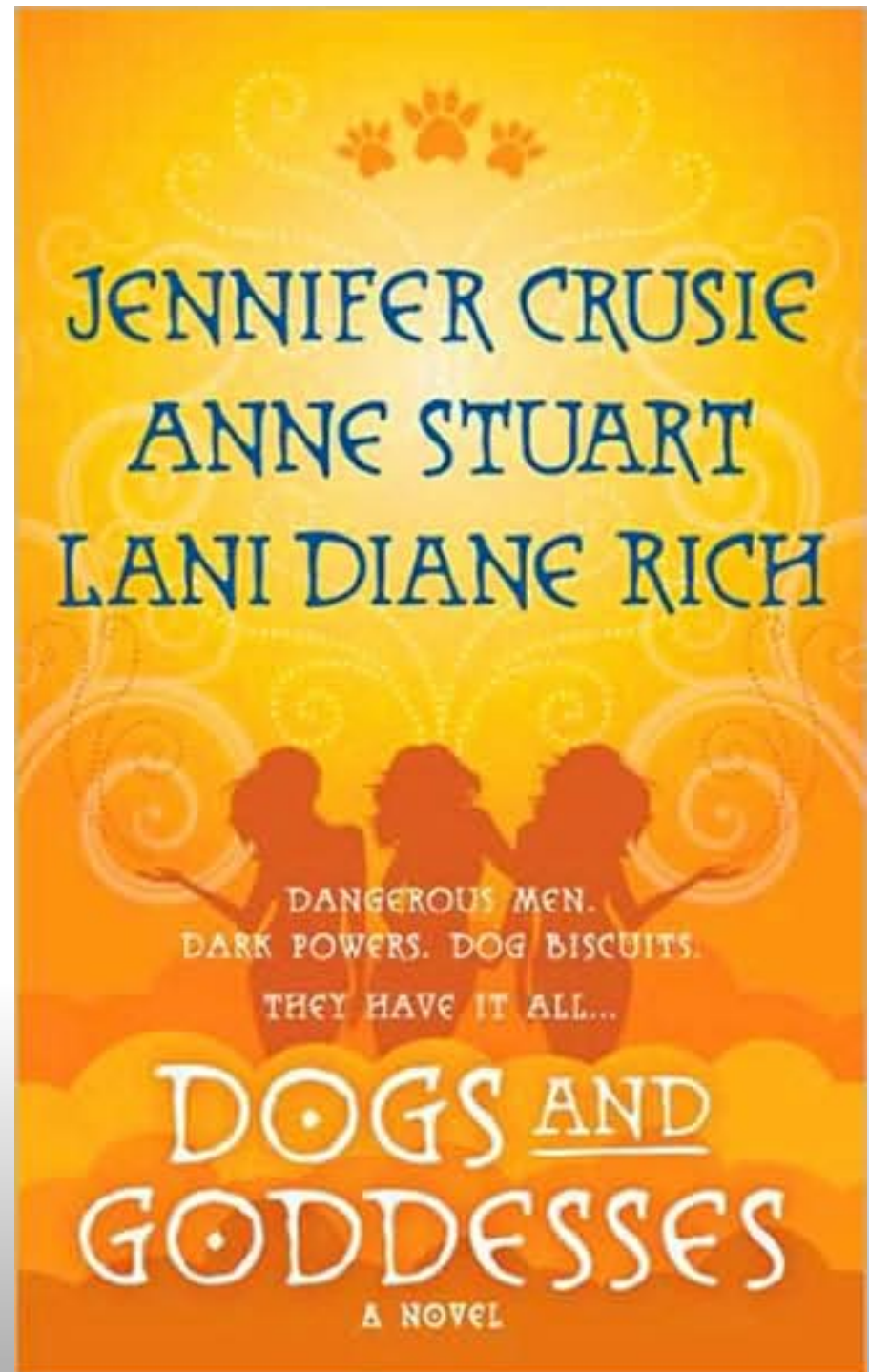
Includes a three-chapter excerpt from *White Lies*

Second Sight by Amanda Quick Arcane Society

The Arcane Society Novels are published under Amanda Quick and Jayne Ann Krentz.

Dogs and Goddesses
by Jennifer Crusie,
Anne Stuart
& Lani Diane Rich

Crusie & Stuart also wrote The
Unfortunate Miss Fortunes with
Eileen Dreyer



Just for Fun: Paranormal Librarians

Out of Time by Lynn Abbey

Don't Talk Back to Your Vampire by Michele Bardsley

Witch Way to Murder by Shirly Damsgaard

Jacob by Jacqueline Frank

Nice Girls Don't Have Fangs by Molly Harper

The Girl's Guide to Witchcraft by Mindy Klasky

Running Hot by Jayne Ann Krentz

Out of the Night by Robin T. Popp

Key of Knowledge by Nora Roberts

Horror + Comedy = ???



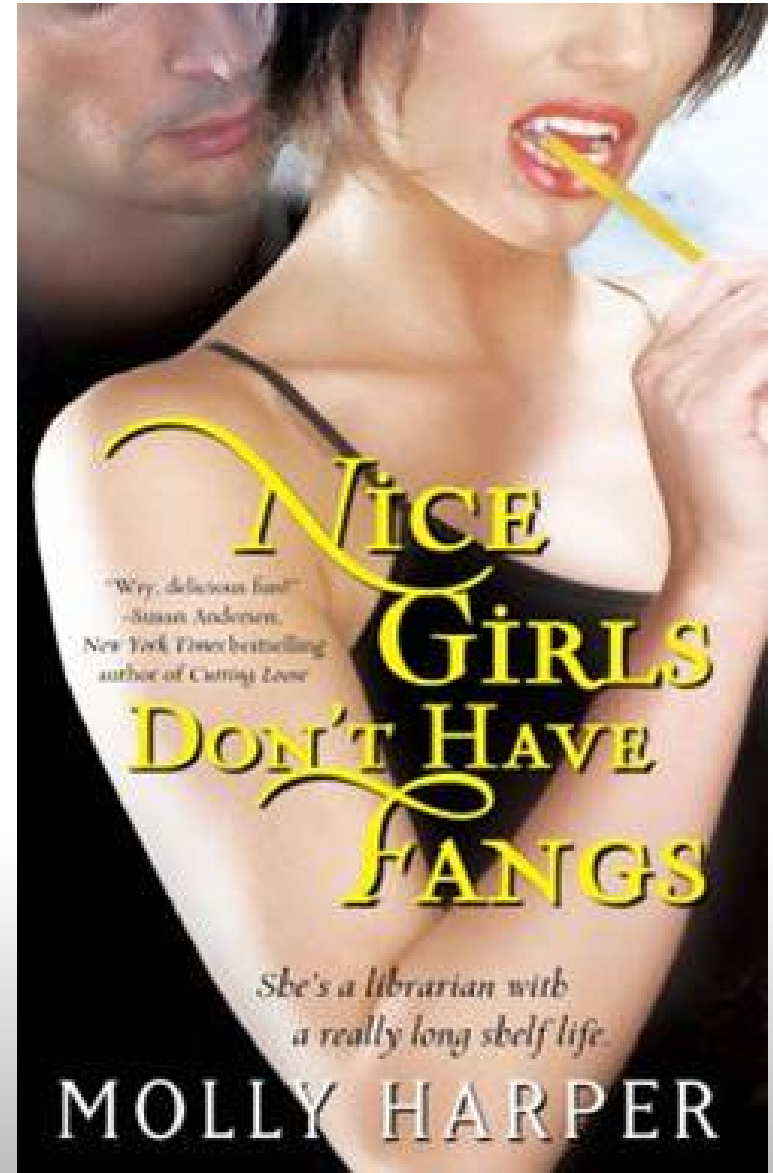
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Nice Girls Don't Have Fangs
by Molly Harper

"She's a librarian with a really
long shelf life..."



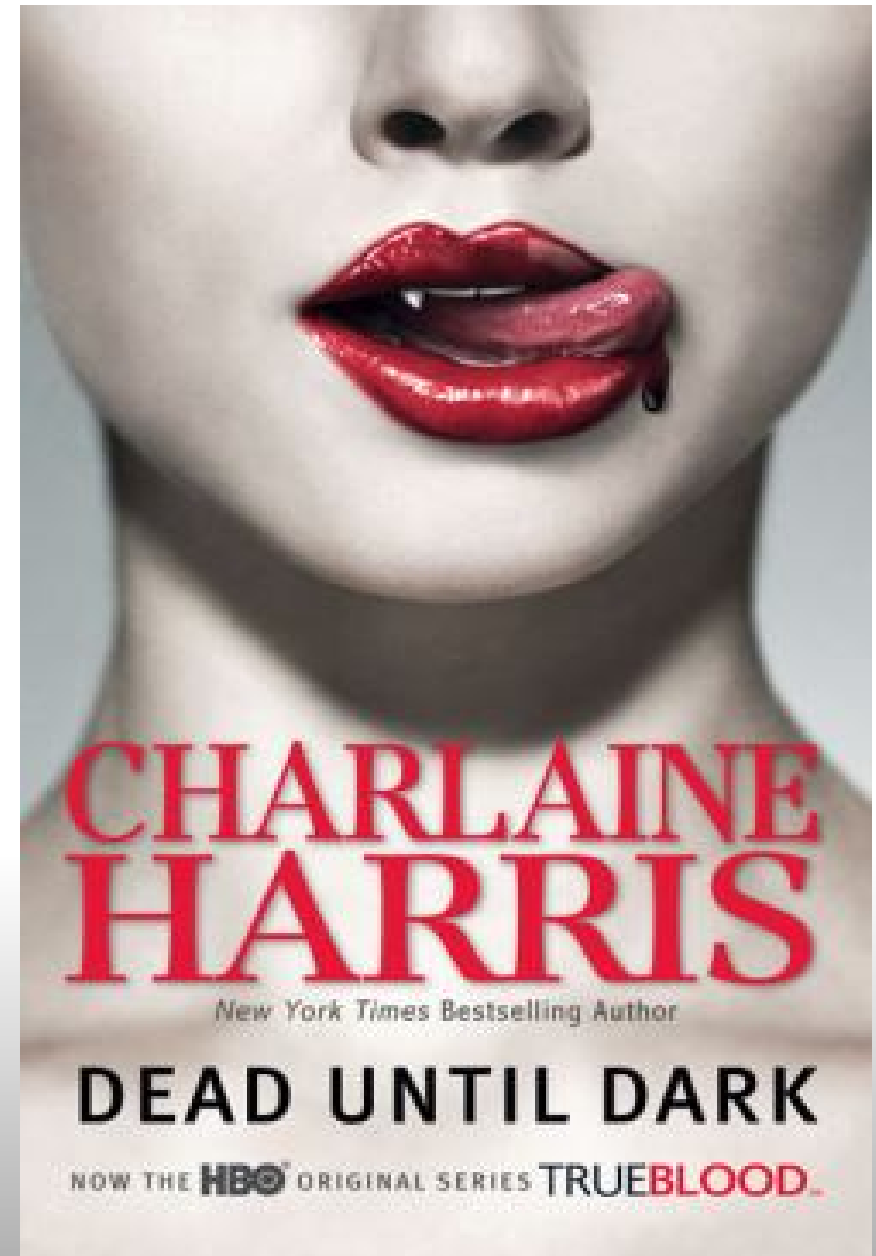
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Dead Until Dark

by Charlaine Harris

Sookie Stackhouse Series

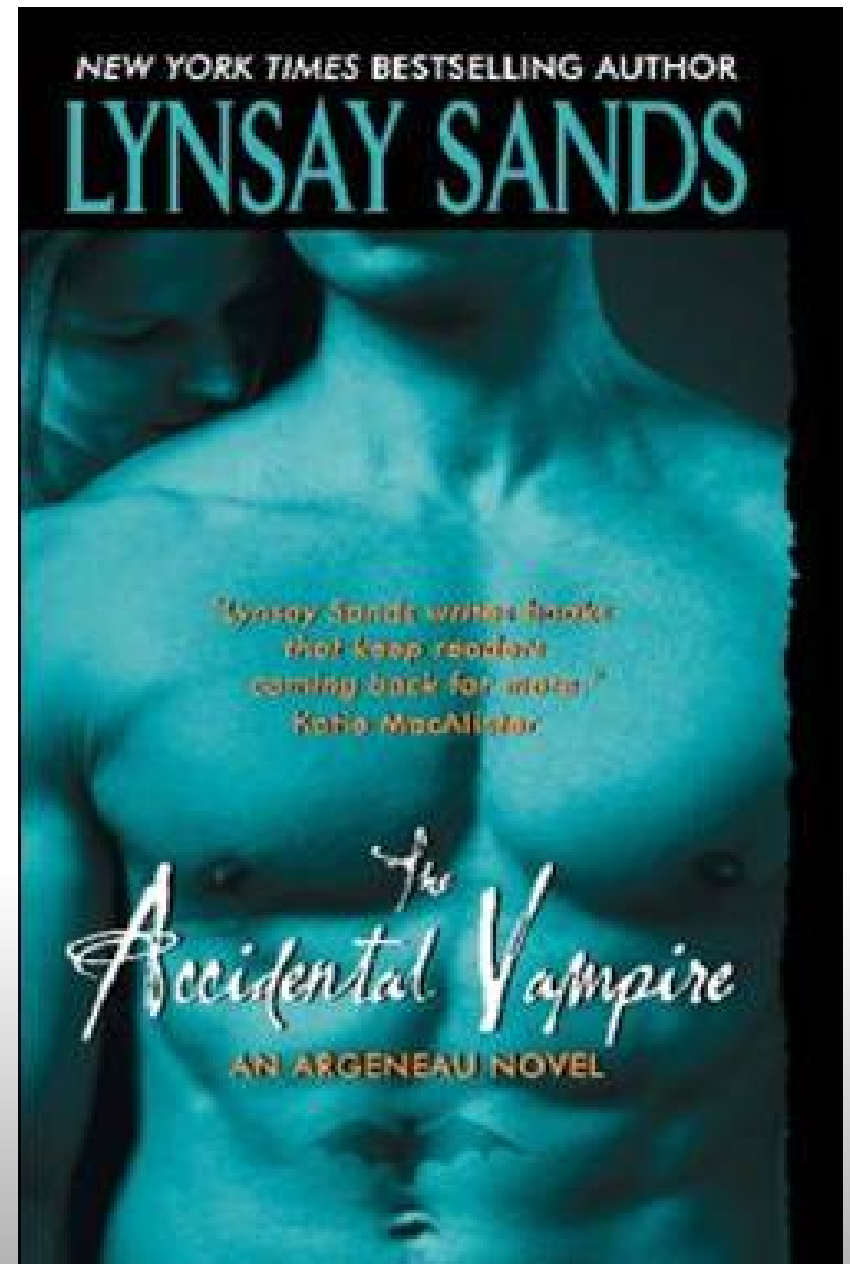
- Dead Until Dark
- Living Dead in Dallas
- Club Dead
- Dead to the World
- Dead as a Doornail
- Definitely Dead
- All Together Dead
- From Dead to Worse
- Dead and Gone (May '09)



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The Accidental Vampire
by Lindsay Sands

Argeneau Series -- Not Typical
of the Series

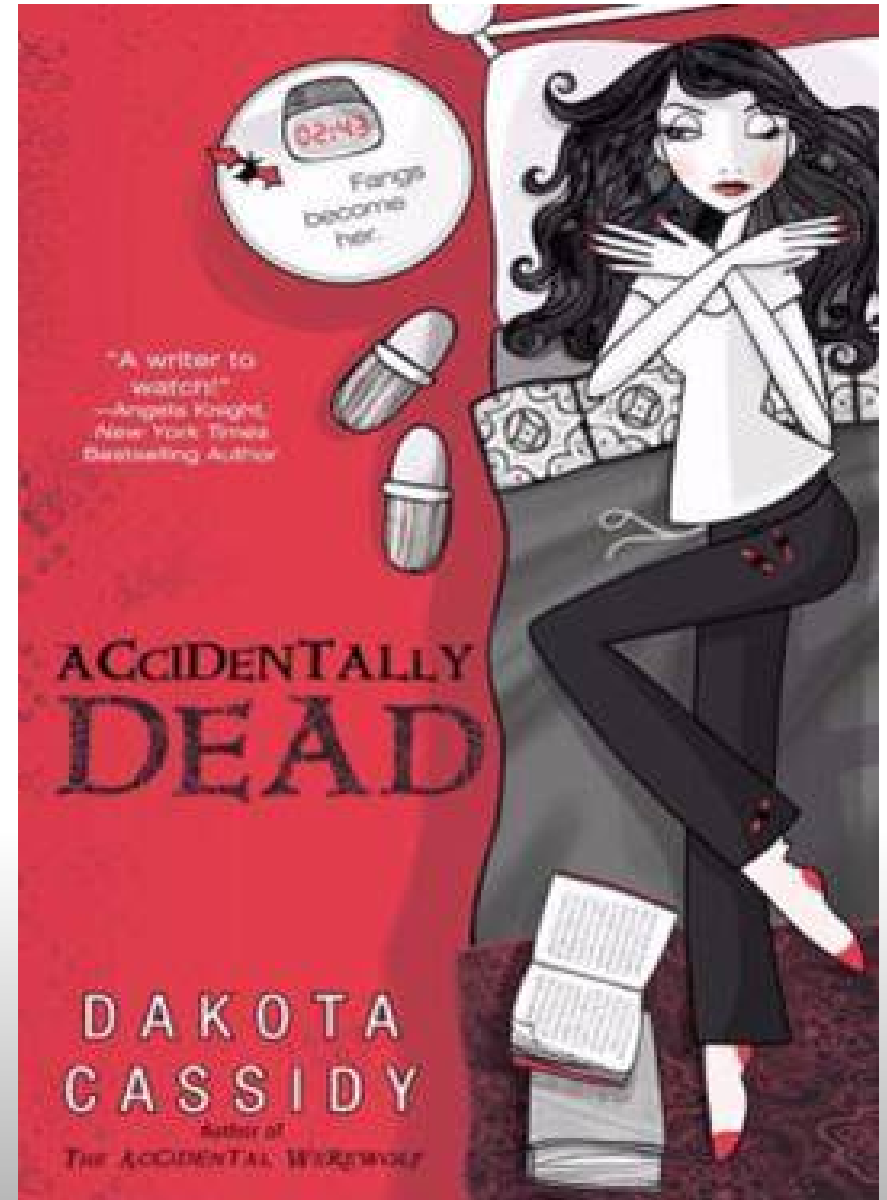


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Accidentally Dead
by Dakota Cassidy

Accidental Series

- The Accidental Werewolf
- Accidentally Dead
- The Accidental Human



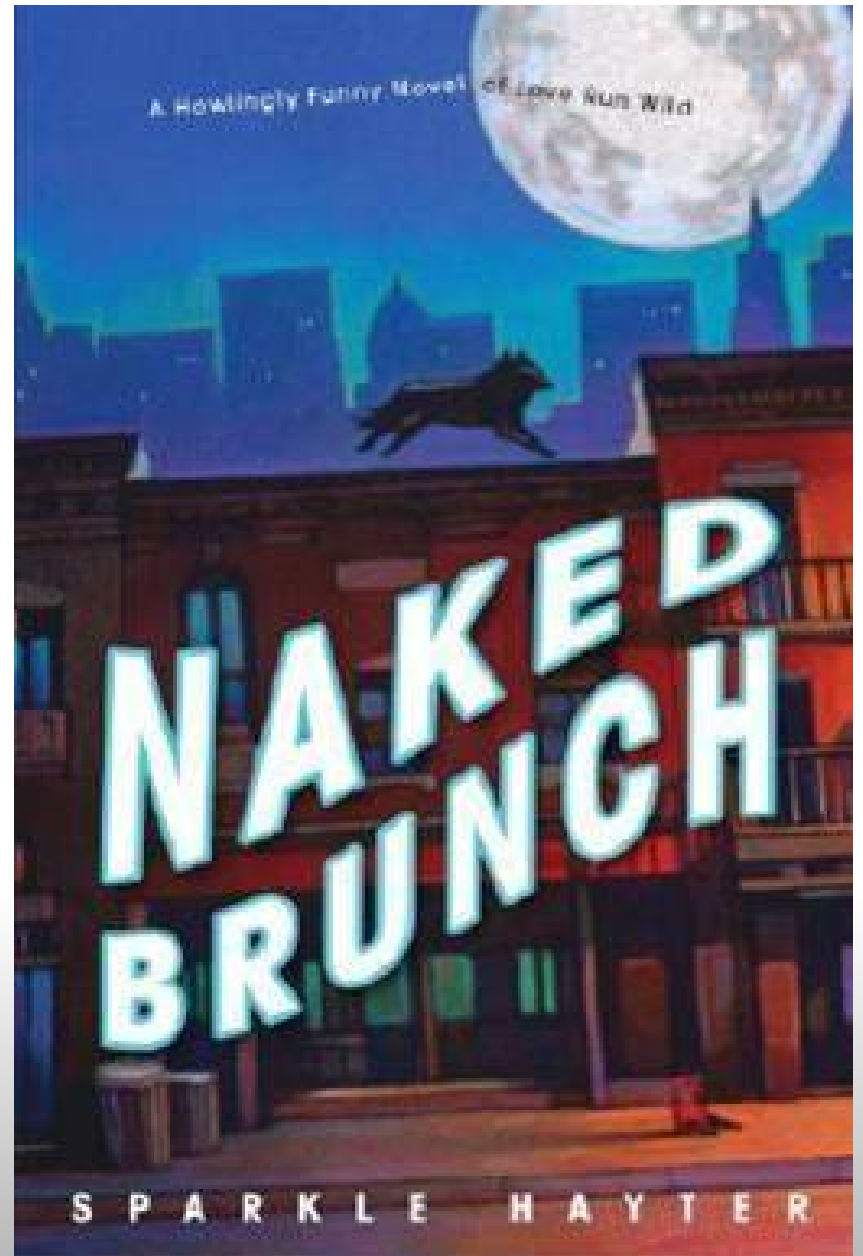
I Laughed So Hard I Screamed...

ghostgirl
by Tonya Hurley



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Naked Brunch
by Sparkle Hayter

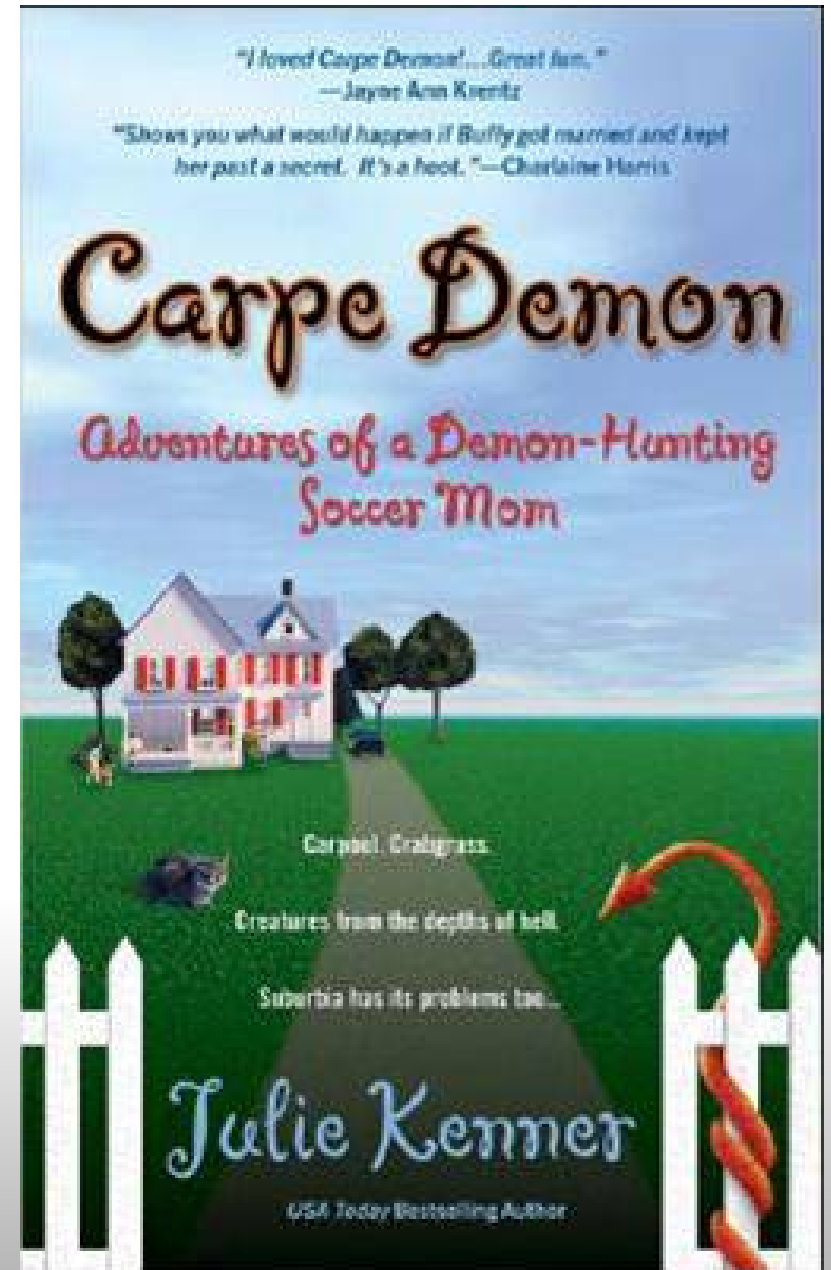


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Carpe Demon by Julie Kenner

Demon Hunting Soccer Mom Series

- Carpe Demon
- California Demon
- Demons are Forever
- Deja Demon

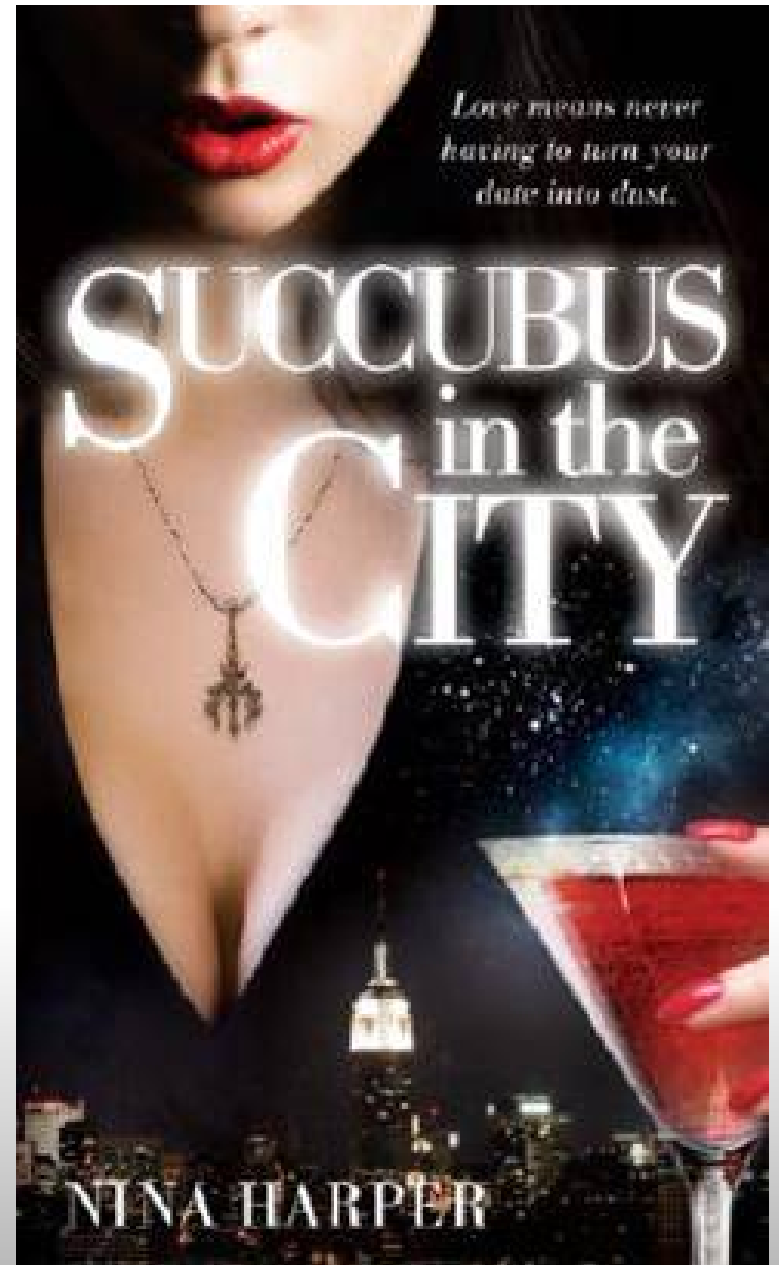


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Succubus in the City
by Nina Harper

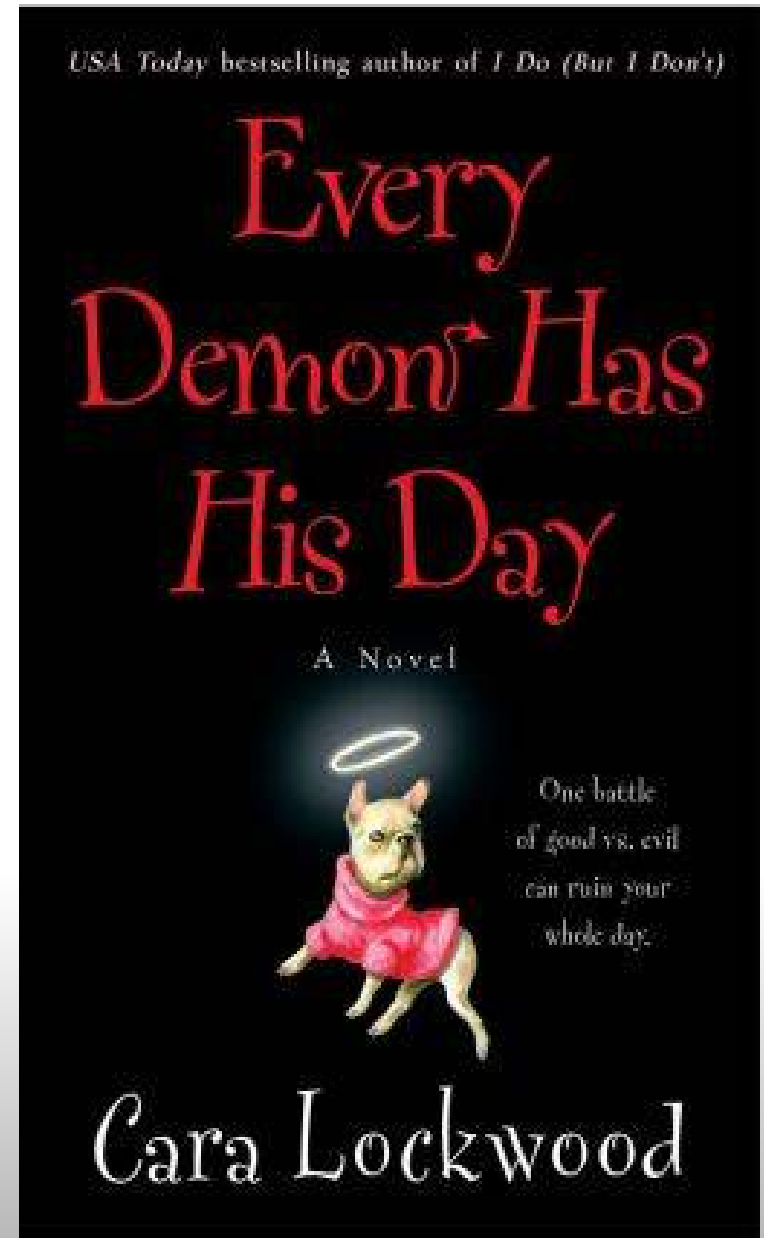
Succubus Series

- Succubus in the City
- Succubus Takes Manhattan



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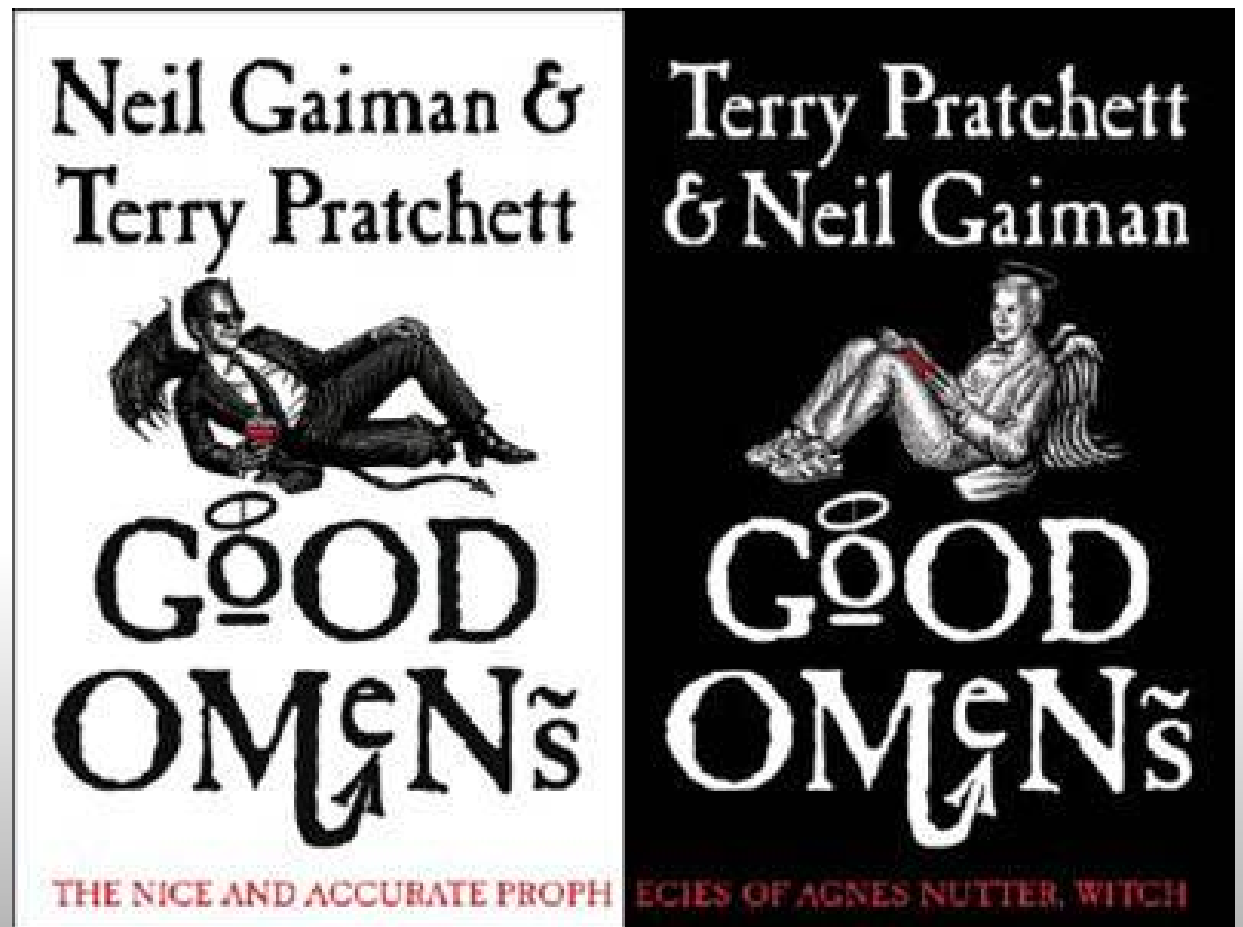
Every Demon Has His Day
by Cara Lockwood



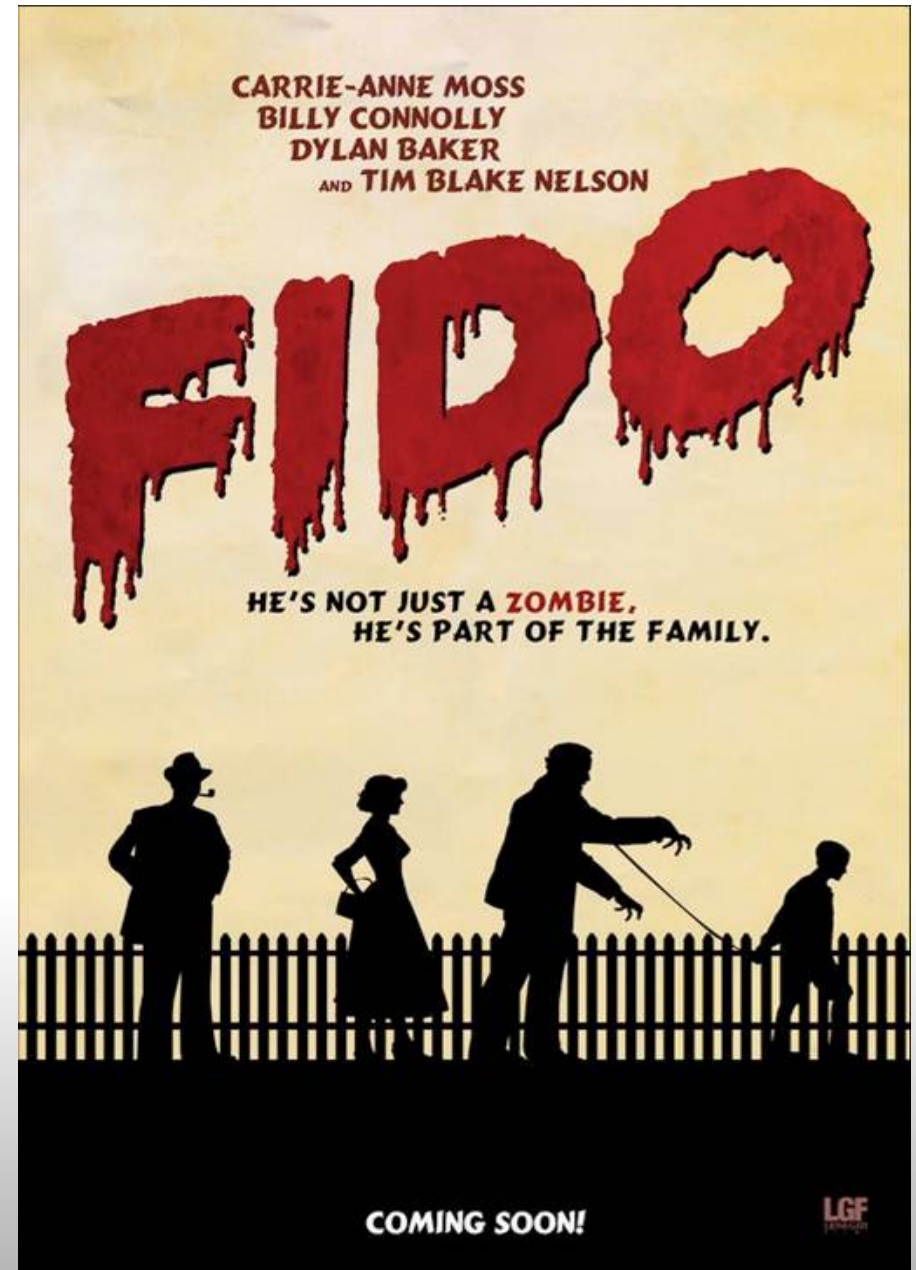
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Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch

by Neil Gaiman &
Terry Pratchett

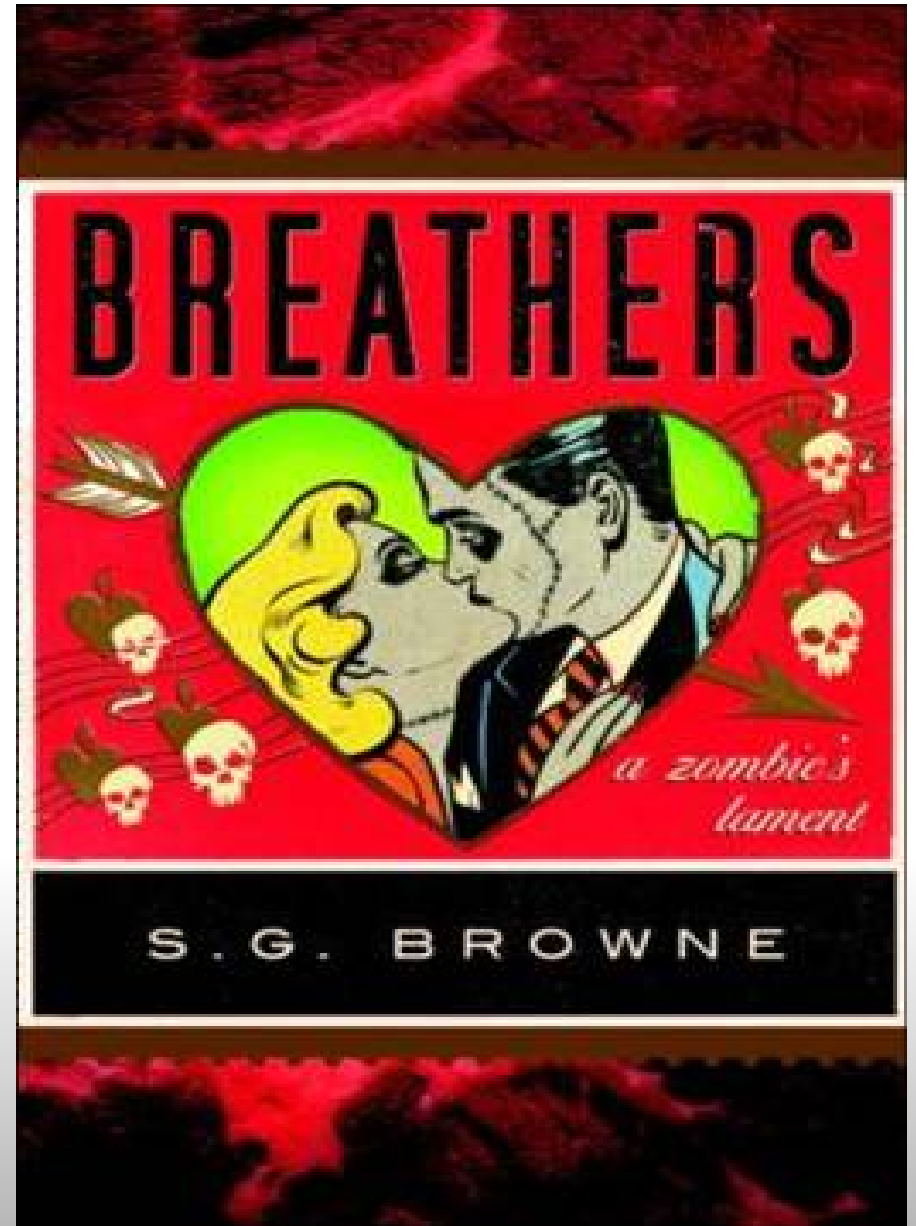


Let's Hear it for the ZOMBIES!



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Breathers: A Zombie's Lament
by S.G. Browne

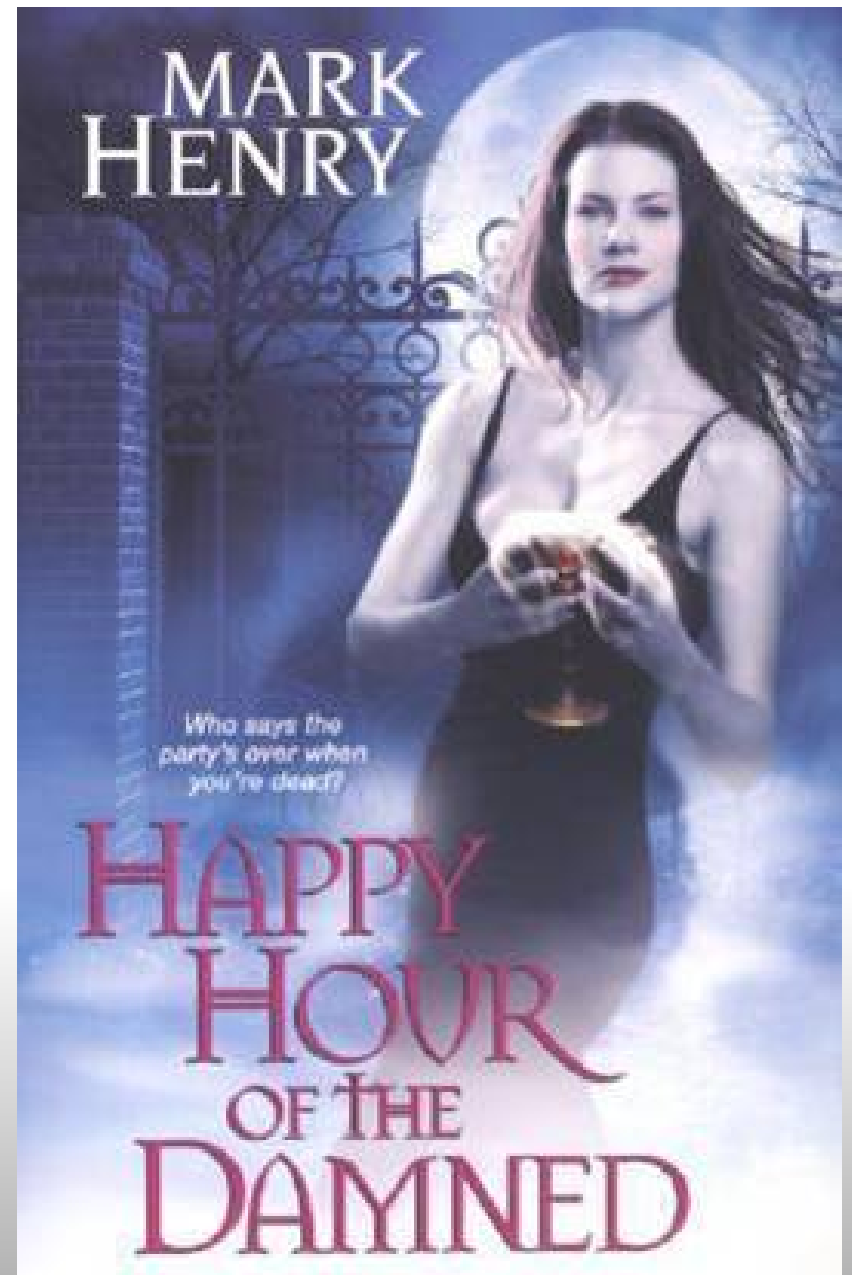


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Happy Hour of the Damned
by Mark Henry

Undead in Seattle

- Happy Hour of the Damned
- Road Trip of the Living Dead



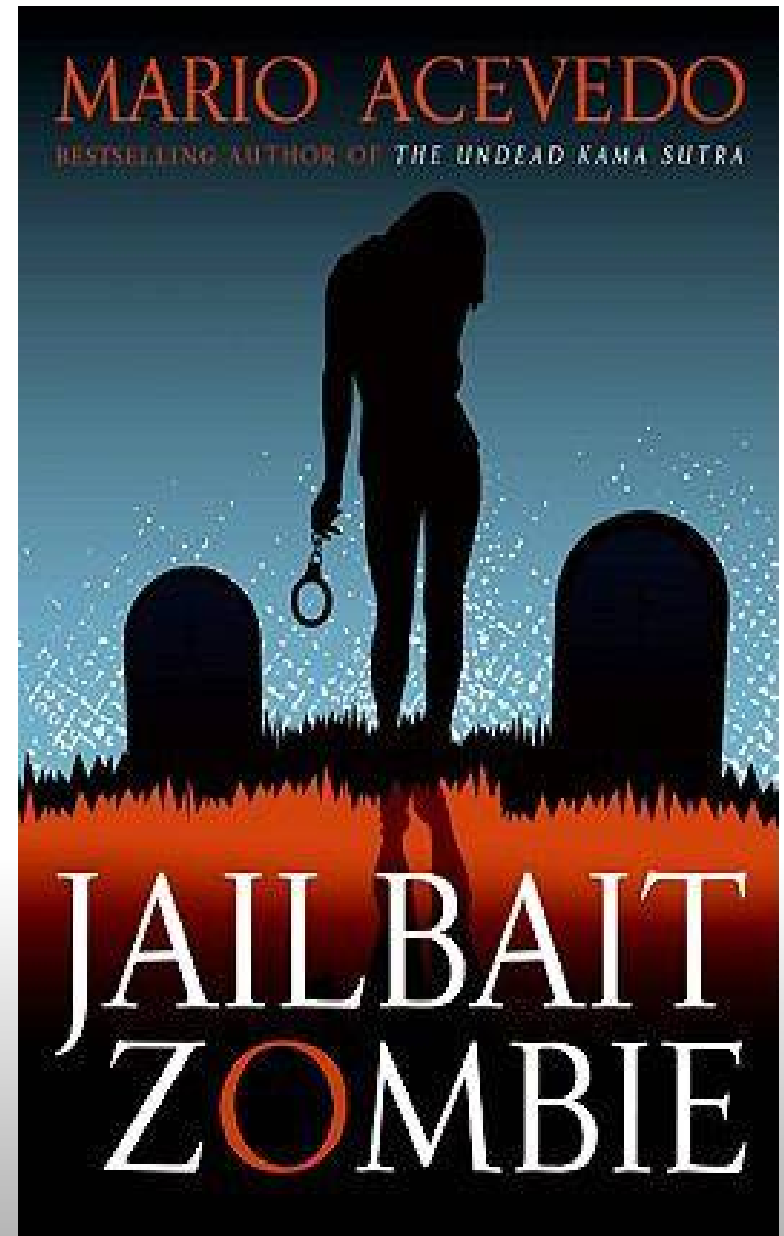
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Jailbait Zombie

by Mario Acevedo

Felix Gomez Series

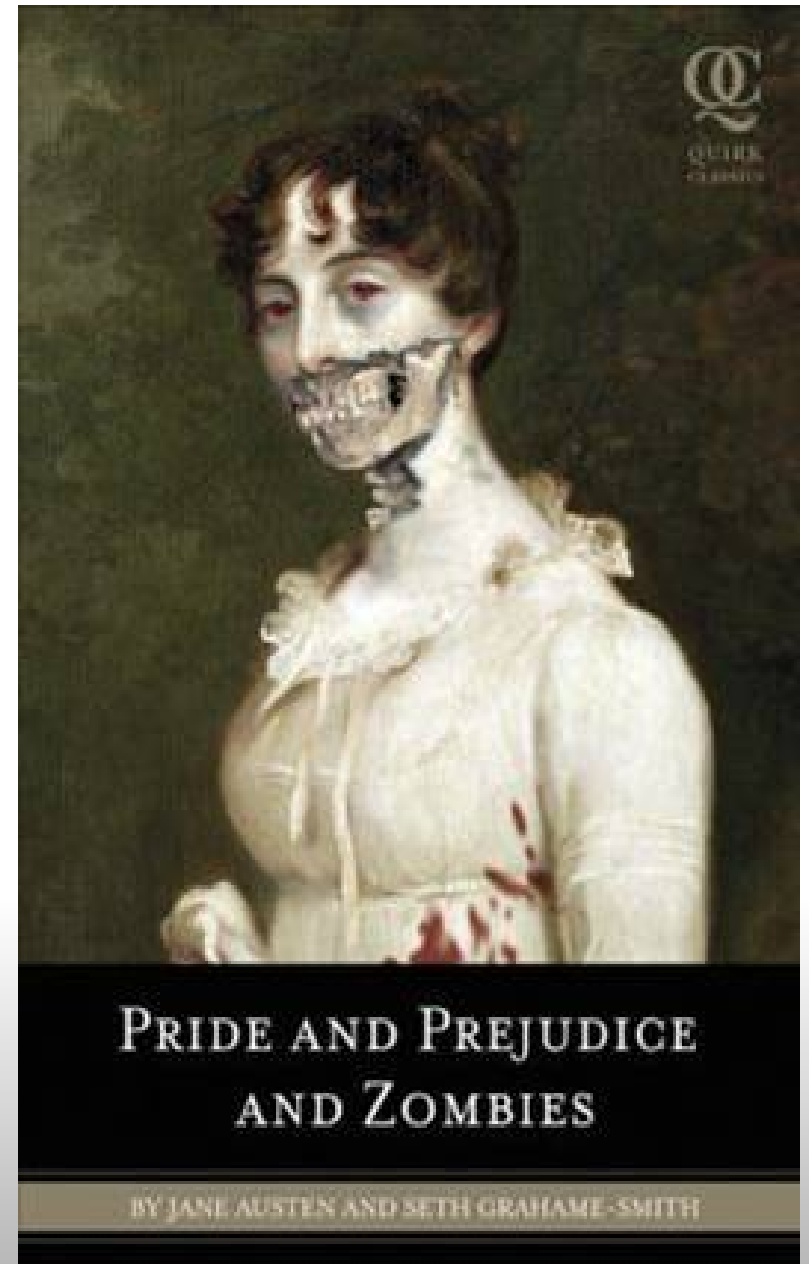
- The Nymphos of Rocky Flats
- X-Rated Blood Suckers
- The Undead Karma Sutra
- Jailbait Zombie



For the Literary Minded

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies

by Jane Austen and
Seth Grahame-Smith



Additional Resources

Professional Books

Fluent in Fantasy. Diana Trixier Herald. Libraries Unlimited. 2007

Read On...Fantasy Fiction: Reading Lists for Every Taste. Neil Hollands. Libraries Unlimited. 2007

Websites/Journals of interest

Locus Magazine

<http://www.locusmag.com/>

The Internet Speculative Fiction Database

www.isfd.org

Websites and more

www.bittenbybooks.com

http://community.livejournal.com/fangs_fur_fey

www.darquereviews.blogspot.com

www.lovevampires.com

www.paranormalromancecwriters.com

www.reluctantadults.blogspot.com

www.sububanvampire.blogspot.com

www.urbanfantasyland.com

www.fantasyliterature.net

www.urbanfantasyreader.braveblog.com

In addition, many authors have their own websites with background information, excerpts and more.