

The Silver Metal Lover

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Sabella Tanith Lee 2020-07-28 Struggling to hide her true nature, Sabella, a vampire who has sworn off of drinking human blood, must keep her identity safe from a private investigator who is determined to expose her for what she is despite being enthralled by her charms.

The Silver Metal Lover Tanith Lee 2018-12-18 Tanith Lee is one of the most thought-provoking and imaginative authors of our time. In this unforgettably poignant novel, Lee has created a classic tale—a beautiful, tragic, sensual, and ultimately triumphant love story of the future. Love is made of more than mere flesh and blood. . . . For sixteen-year-old Jane, life is a mystery she despairs of ever mastering. She and her friends are the idle, pampered children of the privileged class, living in luxury on an Earth remade by natural disaster. Until Jane's life is changed forever by a chance encounter with a robot minstrel with auburn hair and silver skin, whose songs ignite in her a desperate and inexplicable passion. Jane is certain that Silver is more than just a machine built to please. And she will give up everything to prove it. So she escapes into the city's violent, decaying slums to embrace a love bordering on madness. Or is it something more? Has Jane glimpsed in Silver something no one else has dared to see—not even the robot or his creators? A love so perfect it must be destroyed, for no human could ever compete?

The Silver Metal Lover 1985

The Mad Scientist's Daughter Cassandra Rose Clarke 2016-11-08 "[A] science fiction fairy tale set in a collapsing future America about a girl and the android she falls in love with" -- provided by publisher.

The Book of the Beast Tanith Lee 1997-02-01 A haunted house and a ghostly woman are the instruments that release an ancient curse upon the forgotten city of Paradys. As a savage, unholy beast prowls the city's streets, a young student seeks to uncover the secrets that will lead to his salvation. Lee infuses this dark tale, the second volume in the series, with a dreamlike quality that hovers, like the world in *The Book of the Damned*, on the border of reality.

Red Queen Victoria Aveyard 2015-02-10 The #1 New York Times bestselling series! *Red Queen*, by #1 New York Times bestselling author Victoria Aveyard, is a sweeping tale of power, intrigue, and betrayal, perfect for fans of George R.R. Martin's *Game of Thrones* series. Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. Before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. As Mare is drawn further into the Silver world, she risks everything and uses her new position to help the

Scarlet Guard—a growing Red rebellion—even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. One wrong move can lead to her death, but in the dangerous game she plays, the only certainty is betrayal. Plus don't miss Realm Breaker! Irresistibly action-packed and full of lethal surprises, this stunning fantasy series from Victoria Aveyard, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Red Queen series, begins where hope is lost and asks: When the heroes have fallen, who will take up the sword?

Metallic Love Tanith Lee 2005-03-01 In her now-classic tale *The Silver Metal Lover*, award-winning author Tanith Lee told the spellbinding story of Jane and her forbidden love for a robot named Silver. In this stunning follow-up, the legend of their tragic romance lives on. But nothing is as it was—or as it seems. . . . As an orphan growing up in the slums, Loren read her clandestine copy of Jane's Story over and over, relishing every word. But Loren is no Jane. Savvy and street-smart, Loren could never be stirred by a man of metal, her passion never ignited by an almost-human—even one designed for pleasure. Still, when the META corporation does the unthinkable and brings back updated versions of robots past—Loren knows she must see Silver. And just like Jane, it is love at first sight. But Silver is now Verlis. If he was perfection before, he is now like a god. Yet he is more human than his creators think—or fear. While Loren doesn't quite trust him, she will follow her twice-born lover into a battle to control his own destiny—one that will reveal to her the most astonishing illusion of all.

Introduction to AI Robotics, second edition Robin R. Murphy 2019-10-01 A comprehensive survey of artificial intelligence algorithms and programming organization for robot systems, combining theoretical rigor and practical applications. This textbook offers a comprehensive survey of artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms and programming organization for robot systems. Readers who master the topics covered will be able to design and evaluate an artificially intelligent robot for applications involving sensing, acting, planning, and learning. A background in AI is not required; the book introduces key AI topics from all AI subdisciplines throughout the book and explains how they contribute to autonomous capabilities. This second edition is a major expansion and

reorganization of the first edition, reflecting the dramatic advances made in AI over the past fifteen years. An introductory overview provides a framework for thinking about AI for robotics, distinguishing between the fundamentally different design paradigms of automation and autonomy. The book then discusses the reactive functionality of sensing and acting in AI robotics; introduces the deliberative functions most often associated with intelligence and the capability of autonomous initiative; surveys multi-robot systems and (in a new chapter) human-robot interaction; and offers a “metaview” of how to design and evaluate autonomous systems and the ethical considerations in doing so. New material covers locomotion, simultaneous localization and mapping, human-robot interaction, machine learning, and ethics. Each chapter includes exercises, and many chapters provide case studies. Endnotes point to additional reading, highlight advanced topics, and offer robot trivia.

Days of Grass Tanith Lee 2013-06-24 The free humans lived underground, secretive, like rats. Above, the world was a fearsome place for them - the open sky a terror, the night so black, and the striding machines from space so laser-flame deadly. Esther dared the open; she saw the sky; she saw the Enemy. And she was taken - captive - to the vast alien empty city. Surrounded by marvels of a science not born on earth, Esther did not know what they wanted of her. There was mystery in the city, dread in the heavens, and magic in the handsome alien man who came to her.

Red as Blood, or Tales from the Sisters Grimmer Tanith Lee 2014-09-22 What if Snow White were the real villain and the "wicked queen" just a sadly maligned innocent? What if awakening Sleeping Beauty would be the mistake of a lifetime -- of several lifetimes? What if the famous folk tales were retold with an eye to more horrific possibilities? Only Tanith Lee -- "Goddess-Empress of the Hot Read" (Village Voice) could retell the world-famous tales of the Brothers Grimm (and others) as they might have been told by the Sisters Grimmer! This special edition, put together for the 30th anniversary of the original edition, adds a new Grimmer fairy tale written especially for this volume!

How Do I Feel? Rebekah Lipp 2021 A dictionary of emotions for children ;

with 60 definitions to help children identify and understand their emotions. Includes parent/teacher notes.

Hunting the Shadows: the Selected Stories of Tanith Lee Volume 2

Tanith Lee 2015-04-21 *Hunting the Shadows - Volume 2 of The Selected Stories of Tanith Lee* - presents 10 more dark visions of the "Princess Royal of Fantasy" (The Village Voice)! Included in this volume are such rare gems as "Antonius Bequeathed" and "The Persecution Machine" ("a death-defying mixture of prose poetry, genre trope reversals, and ominous wit, could be written by no one else!" - *Weird Tales*), plus eight more tales, all modern masterpieces.

Red Unicorn Tanith Lee 2016-04-28 The exciting sequel to *Black Unicorn* and *Gold Unicorn*! The young wanderer Tanaquil can mend anything that is broken - except her own heart. With the engagement of her beloved Honj to her sister, Empress Lizra, she returns home to her sorcerous mother - and her mother's new lover, the magician Worabex. Caught up in their combined magic, Tanaquil and her mischievous familiar - a literal pet peeve - find themselves in a parallel world where she meets Tanakil, a mirror-image princess with murder on her mind.

Saint Fire Tanith Lee 2003-07-29 Volpa, a servant girl in an alternate Italy, discovers she possesses a mysterious power over fire, an ability noticed by the Church leaders, who draft her into service as a secret weapon in their holy wars. Reprint.

Elephantasm Tanith Lee 2015-12-17 Sixteen-year-old Annie Ember lives in grinding poverty in the city...until one day in a mysterious shop she discovers a tiny and ancient ivory elephant. The subsequent murder of her sister's husband leaves Annie homeless, and she is found employment in a country house far away. Sir Hampton Smolte returned from India with a great fortune - and also a dark obsession with that conquered land. His mansion is fanciful and extraordinary, like a raja's palace set down in green English parkland. Annie becomes a scullery maid in this strange place full of stuffed animals, eccentric servants and the even more peculiar Smolte family. Soon she catches the eye of the handsome Rupert and gradually succumbs to his advances...till one night she learns in disgust and horror just what his lovemaking entails. Annie's helpless fury

then transforms this dream-house into a whirlwind of panic and the impossible...legging in all the avenging power of the jungle, and unlocking Hampton Smolte's darkest secrets.

The Book Thief Markus Zusak 2007-12-18 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. "The kind of book that can be life-changing." —The New York Times "Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank." —USA Today DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

Night's Master Tanith Lee 2009-09-01 The first book in a stunning arabesque, high-fantasy series *Tales from the Flat Earth* portrays an ancient world in mythic grandeur via connected tales. Azhrarn, Lord of the Demons and the Darkness, rules the Night. Within his demon heart lies a profound mystery which will change the very fabric of the Flat Earth forever.

Day by Night Tanith Lee 2013-06-24 The planet did not rotate. On one side eternal day, the sun shining down hotly from the centre of the heavens. On the opposite side eternal night, the stars glowing coldly in the black and airless sky. Yet the planet had been colonised. In ages past civilisation had dug into the rock of the darkside and had thrived. Aristocrats vied with aristocrats, and the poor, as ever, struggled to keep home and body together against the ever-encroaching cold surface. To keep the lower classes happy, Vitra, the storyteller, spun romantic sagas

on the popular network. She imagined a strange world on the sunside, inhabited by men and women enmeshed in crime and love, schemes and intrigues. Vitra believed she was making this up. But was she? Was there really another civilisation on the bright side and could it be that what she related was not fiction - but events which would inevitably send both worlds out of synch to mutual disaster?

Something Red Douglas Nicholas 2013-06-18 "During the thirteenth century, in northwest England, in one of the coldest winters in living memory, a formidable middle-aged Irishwoman and her little troupe are trying to drive their three wagons across the Pennines before the heavy snows set in. Molly, her powerful and enigmatic lover Jack, her fey granddaughter Nemain, and the young apprentice Hob soon find that something terrible prowls the woods through which they must make their way. As they travel from refuge to refuge, it becomes apparent that the evil must be faced, and it is then that Hob learns how much more there is to his adopted family than he had ever imagined"--

Sex Madonna 1992-01

Tanith Lee A to Z Tanith Lee 2018-12-09 Tanith Lee was one of the most influential and admired writers of the 20th Century. Since her first novel in 1971, right up to her death in 2015, her works resonated with generations of readers. She left behind an incredible legacy: a body of work which embraces every facet of the fantastic. From vampires to ghosts, fairies to robots, science fiction to fantasy and horror and back again: no-one could write like Tanith Lee! Telos Publishing is proud to present this special collection of 26 key works from Tanith's vast short story archive.

Personally selected by her husband, the artist John Kaiine, these stories will touch your heart. They will caress your soul before ripping it from your body ... they will change the way you look at the world. 'A beautiful writer ... spot-on, with moments of wry humour amid her smooth, elegant prose; she gives the impression of days-of-yore and a faraway world, and tackles her creation's weird eroticisms, without ever being tempted into going over the top.' The Guardian 'Quite astonishing: unrelentingly skilful, unputdownable ... Accept no substitutes.' John Clute 'One of the most intelligent and powerful writers in fantasy.' Publishers Weekly

Lighthousekeeping Jeanette Winterson 2011-02-04 Motherless and anchorless, red-headed Silver is taken in by the timeless Mr. Pew, keeper of the Cape Wrath lighthouse, located at the isolated northwestern tip of Scotland. Pew teaches her to "man the light" but more importantly he tells her ancient tales of longing and rootlessness, of ties that bind and of the slippages that occur throughout every life, not least those of the local inhabitants. One local, Babel Dark, a nineteenth-century clergyman who loved one woman but married another, opens like a map that Silver must follow. Caught in her own particular darknesses, she embarks on an Ulyssean sift through the stories we tell ourselves, stories of love and loss, of passion and regret, stories of unending journeys that move through places and times, and the bleak finality of the shores of betrayal. A story of mutability, of talking birds and stolen books, of Darwin and Stevenson and of the Jekyll and Hyde in all of us, *Lighthousekeeping* is a way in to the rooms of our own that we secretly inhabit and the lighthouses we strive towards. Jeanette Winterson is one of the most extraordinary and original writers of her generation and this shows her at her lyrical best. *Fair Chances* Christina Butrum 2015-05-28 After many obstacles and heartache, Amelia and Zach find hope. With their recent engagement and their anticipation of the arrival of their little one, they look forward to their bright and promise-filled future together - as a family. Amelia occupies her spare time by helping by helping her mother and her best friend, Bailey, plan for her baby shower and the wedding. Even though Amelia and Zach cannot agree on a date, Amelia has her heart set on marrying the man of her dreams. Just when they believe their life is perfect and cannot get better than it is, they face yet another heartache. But with Zach's plan, there's a fair chance everything will be okay.

Moon Chosen P. C. Cast 2016-10-18 The first book in an epic series. Five months on the bestseller list. Read the book that started the blockbuster bestselling series by #1 New York Times bestselling author P.C. Cast. #1 New York Times bestselling author P.C. Cast brings us *Moon Chosen*, a new epic fantasy set in a world where humans, their animal allies, and the earth itself has been drastically changed. A world filled with beauty and danger and cruelty... Mari is an Earth Walker, heir to the unique healing

powers of her Clan; but she has cast her duties aside, until she is chosen by a special animal ally, altering her destiny forever. When a deadly attack tears her world apart, Mari reveals the strength of her powers and the forbidden secret of her dual nature as she embarks on a mission to save her people. It is not until Nik, the son of the leader from a rival, dominating clan strays across her path, that Mari experiences something she has never felt before... Now, darkness is coming, and with it, a force, more terrible and destructive than the world has ever seen, leaving Mari to cast the shadows from the earth. By forming a tumultuous alliance with Nik, she must make herself ready. Ready to save her people. Ready to save herself and Nik. Ready to embrace her true destiny...and obliterate the forces that threaten to destroy them all.

Shih Tzu Coloring Book Paperland Publishing 2020-06-11 A Cute Adult Coloring Books for Shih Tzu Owner, Best Gift for Dog Lovers It's was made for Shih Tzu addicts, by Shih Tzu addicts or someone who just likes to relax coloring Shih Tzu in floral & mandala style with heartwarming quotes Makes the perfect gift for your friends who are pet lovers Details: Large size of 8.5 X 11 inches that can easily for coloring The book contains 10 funny coloring pages with copy for two chances to coloring Totally 42 pages (with blank pages in between designs for your free style drawing) Printed on high quality, bright white paper stock 90 gsm Soft paperback cover Scroll up and click "Buy Now" button to grab yours!

Space Is Just a Starry Night Tanith Lee 2013 The tales in *Space is Just a Starry Night* range across genres, as elegant as the field of stars spanning a clear dark sky. A lone survivor of plague receives a mysterious visitor; a prison planet tortures political prisoners by methodically manipulating their memories; a young woman uncovers the ghastly truth about the cryogenically preserved ancestor who's been thawed; a ship's officer struggles with his suspicions about a shy drab woman taking passage aboard a ship of sun-worshippers-Tanith Lee explores these and other scenarios in her ever intense sensual prose. Book jacket.

SEAL Together Suspense Sisters 2019-02-26 After twenty-five years of active duty, US Navy SEAL Commander Eric Lopez chafed at his forced medical retirement. Bored, he jumped at the opportunity to work for a

DHS Secret Division Command. The new National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility had just opened and was already embroiled in controversy. One group protesting the facility want it shut down due to safety concerns. An animal extremist group in the area is known for terrorist activities. And, a contingency of foreign scientists and journalists will be visiting the facility and the cyber security chatter is that someone there will be threatening the facility. With his background in biology, Eric is the perfect choice to go in to assess the situation as part of the foreign delegation, never expecting to fall for a beautiful veterinarian working there. Dr. Lydia Hughes, a veterinarian at the facility, takes a chance on love again with a man she thinks is a journalist. But, just her luck, she ends up in the hands of kidnappers who have mistaken her for a lead scientist. Eric pulls together a team and they race to find Lydia before the kidnappers discover they have the wrong person and dispose of her. Saving her life is his mission. Falling for the beautiful doctor became the unexpected reward. Scenes in the book are similar to what you would find in an "R" rated movie. Intended for readers 18+.

The Book of the Damned Tanith Lee 2016-02-02 The award-winning author of *The Birthgrave* invites you to Paradys, an alternate Paris, with three tales of dark magic, eroticism, and gothic fantasy. Three novellas from Tanith Lee—World Fantasy Award winner, Nebula finalist, and the first woman to win the British Fantasy Award for best novel—cast shadows on the history of the City of Light. *Stained with Crimson*: In the nineteenth century, poet Andre St Jean comes into possession of a ruby scarab ring, only to discover it belongs to the pale-skinned, ebony-eyed Antonina von Aaron, the most beautiful woman in Paradys. Preying upon Andre, she taps into his deepest, darkest desires, drawing him into her vampiric world of gender shapeshifting and bloody nightmares . . . *Malice in Saffron*: In the Middle Ages, young Jehanine has had her innocence torn from her by her brutal stepfather. Fleeing to Paradys, she seeks sympathy from her stepbrother, Pierre, who accuses her of lying and casts her out into the inhospitable streets. Finding refuge in a nunnery, Jehanine tries to live in God's grace. But when dusk falls, she transforms into her male alter ego, Jehan. Prowling the alleyways with a gang of Devil-worshippers,

he stalks the city's denizens, unknowingly sowing the seeds for the fall of Paradys . . . Empire of Azure: In the early twentieth century, writer Anna Sanjeanne receives a cryptic note from a mysterious man: "In a week or less, I shall be dead." On the predicted date, Anna follows the stranger's trail. A chain of clues—a shattered window, a hanging corpse, a leather-bound diary, and a portrait of an unknown woman—soon lead the young journalist toward a sinister and ancient force . . . Told with lush fantastical prose and an acute aesthetic sense, *The Book of the Damned* ventures into a morbid and disquieting parallel world, exploring the recesses of identity, gender, and sexual transgression that lie within.

The Giving Tree Shel Silverstein 2014-02-18 As *The Giving Tree* turns fifty, this timeless classic is available for the first time ever in ebook format. This digital edition allows young readers and lifelong fans to continue the legacy and love of a classic that will now reach an even wider audience. "Once there was a tree...and she loved a little boy." So begins a story of unforgettable perception, beautifully written and illustrated by the gifted and versatile Shel Silverstein. This moving parable for all ages offers a touching interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave. This is a tender story, touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein's incomparable career as a bestselling children's book author and illustrator began with *Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back*. He is also the creator of picture books including *A Giraffe and a Half*, *Who Wants a Cheap Rhinoceros?*, *The Missing Piece*, *The Missing Piece Meets the Big O*, and the perennial favorite *The Giving Tree*, and of classic poetry collections such as *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, *A Light in the Attic*, *Falling Up*, *Every Thing On It*, *Don't Bump the Glump!*, and *Runny Babbit*. And don't miss the other Shel Silverstein ebooks, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and *A Light in the Attic!*

Wolf Tower Tanith Lee 2008-08-11 When a stranger is captured by the Guards of the House and Garden where she has worked all her life as a

slave, sixteen-year-old Claidi helps him escape and sets out with him to journey to his home city through the dangerous Waste.

Black Unicorn Tanith Lee 2011-10-19 Nobody knew where it had come from, or what it wanted. Not even Jaive, the sorceress, could fathom the mystery of the fabled beast. But Tanaquil, Jaive's completely unmagical daughter, understood it at once. She knew why the unicorn was there: It had come for her. It needed her. Tanaquil was amazed because she was the girl with no talent for magic. She could only fiddle with broken bits of machinery and make them work again. What could she do for a unicorn? Grades 7-12, Tanaquil may be the daughter of a sorceress, but she can't do any magic--or so she thinks--and she finds life in her mother's castle very dull and lonely. Her one skill, that of mending things, leads her to piece together a pile of old bones found in the desert and unknowingly bring back to life a black unicorn that needs Tanaquil to help it return to its own, more perfect world. In the process of doing this, Tanaquil finds a sister, and discovers what her own powers really are. The plot of *The Black Unicorn* is in no way as simple as this description. It is complex and twisting, and while readers may not be sure where they're going, they'll never be bored. Lee's lush and highly visual style and her down-to-earth sense of humor are a constant entertainment. Her imagination is boundless, whether in recreating the life of desert nomads or describing a castle full of magical devices all gone slightly awry. The static cover illustration, with rearing unicorn and silver-gowned heroine, does not begin to convey the special flavor of this stylish, humorous fantasy. --Ruth S. Vose, San Francisco Public Library (School and Library Journal)

Sword and Citadel Gene Wolfe 2000 Recently voted the greatest fantasy of all time, after *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*, Gene Wolfe's *The Book of the New Sun* is an extraordinary epic, set a million years in the future, on an Earth transformed in mysterious and wondrous ways, in a time when our present culture is no longer even a memory. Severian, the central character, is a torturer, exiled from his guild after falling in love with one of his victims, and journeying to the distant city of Thrax, armed with his ancient executioner's sword, *Terminus Est*. This edition contains the second two volumes of this four volume novel, *The Sword of the Lictor*

and The Citadel of the Autarch.

The Forever War Joe Haldeman 1975 "Del Rey book." Battling the Taurans in space was one problem as Private William Mandella worked his way up the ranks to major. In spanning the stars, he aged only months while Earth aged centuries.

Lover's Eyes: Eye Miniatures from the Skier Collection 2021-06

Don't Bite the Sun Tanith Lee 2013-05-20 It's jang to be wild and sexy and reckless and teen-age. It's jang to do daredevil tricks and even get killed a few times...you could always come alive again. It's jang to change your body, to switch your sex, to do anything you want to keep up with the crowd. But there comes a time when you begin to think about serious things, to want to do something valid. And that's when you find out there are rules beyond the rules and that the world is something else than all they'd taught you.

One for Me and One to Share Gregory Elgstrand 2012 Illustrated with over thirty-six colour reproductions, the essays and interviews in One For Me and Once To Share: Artists' Multiples and Editions addresses artists' multiples as a new means of reproduction, circulations, and reception.

Synners Pat Cadigan 2012-10-01 In Synners, the line between technology and humanity is hopelessly slim. To be a Synner is to join the online hardcore, an outlaw band of hackers, simulation pirates, and reality synthesizers hooked on artificial reality and virtual space. Now you can change yourself to suit the machines - all it costs you is your freedom, and your humanity. Synners shows us a world perilously close to our own. A constant stream of new technology spawns new crime before it hits the

streets, and the human mind and the external landscape have fused to the point where any encounter with "reality" is incidental. Equal parts thrill-ride and cautionary tale, this classic novel by the Queen of Cyberpunk offers us a terrifying glimpse into the future of our race. Winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award for best novel, 1992

The Silver Metal Lover Tanith Lee 1999-12-01 Jane, a sixteen-year-old of the future, falls in love with Silver, an experimental robot so man-like that its manufacturer must recall it

Cog Greg van Eekhout 2019-10-01 Five robots. One unforgettable journey. Their programming will never be the same. Wall-E meets The Wild Robot in this middle grade instant classic about five robots on a mission to rescue their inventor from the corporation that controls them all. Cog looks like a normal twelve-year-old boy. But his name is short for "cognitive development," and he was built to learn. But after an accident leaves him damaged, Cog wakes up in an unknown lab—and Gina, the scientist who created and cared for him, is nowhere to be found. Surrounded by scientists who want to study him and remove his brain, Cog recruits four robot accomplices for a mission to find her. Cog, ADA, Proto, Trashbot, and Car's journey will likely involve much cognitive development in the form of mistakes, but Cog is willing to risk everything to find his way back to Gina. In this charming stand-alone adventure, Greg van Eekhout breathes life and wisdom into an unforgettable character and crafts a story sure to earn its place among beloved classics like Katherine Applegate's The One and Only Ivan.

Dark Lover (Wal-Mart Edition) J. R. Ward 2007-10-01