

The Pleasure Slave

After rescuing beautiful slave Elin Vale from his enemy's clutches, ruthless, invincible winged warrior Thane is unprepared for his need to protect this woman who awakens a fierce desire within him.

'Ik was stomverbaasd dat ik nog nooit van dit boek had gehoord. Voor mij is het even belangrijk als het dagboek van Anne Frank.' - Steve McQueen Solomon Northup, in 1808 als vrij man geboren in New York, wordt in 1841 ontvoerd en in het Zuiden verkocht als slaaf. Twaalf jaar lang werkt hij op plantages in Louisiana, vaak onder de meest wrede omstandigheden, altijd in de hoop zijn vrijheid terug te winnen. In 1853 komt Northup eindelijk vrij. In datzelfde jaar verschijnt 12 jaar slaaf, zijn eigen aangrijpende relaas van zijn gevangenschap in een van de donkerste periodes uit de Amerikaanse geschiedenis. Het boek slaat direct in als een bom en opent vele Amerikanen de ogen voor de onmenselijkheid van het slavernijsysteem. 12 Years a Slave is verfilmd door de Britse filmmaker Steve McQueen en werd geproduceerd door onder anderen Brad Pitt. De film won de Golden Globe voor Beste Film en is genomineerd voor negen Oscars, waaronder die voor Beste Film. Het boek verschijnt voor het eerst in Nederlandse vertaling. Met een voorwoord van Steve McQueen en een inleiding van Bianca Stigter

Vivian Gornick duikt steeds terug in dezelfde boeken. Als onzekere jonge vrouw, als succesvolle schrijfster, op haar twintigste, vijfenveertigste, zestigste. Steeds vindt ze zichzelf in nieuwe personages, ziet ze de boeken met een verbaasde nieuwe blik. Hoe heeft ze het zo verkeerd kunnen onthouden? Gornick herleest Sons and Lovers van D.H. Lawrence en verliest haar sympathie voor de hoofdpersoon. De gevoelige Eddie in een roman van Elizabeth Bowen wordt een weerspiegeling van haar eigen eerste vriendje. Ze neemt een kat, voelt zich onbegrepen door de kat, en zoekt troost in Particularly Cats van Doris Lessing. In negen scherpe essays, half autobiografie, half literatuurkritiek, beschrijft Gornick haar steeds veranderende band met haar favoriete boeken. Gornick weet met haar precieze taalgebruik het ongrijpbaar tijdloze aan literatuur tastbaar te maken.

At long last, New York Times bestselling author Gena Showalter unveils the story of Paris, the darkest and most tormented Lord of the Underworld.... Possessed by the demon of Promiscuity, immortal warrior Paris is irresistibly seductive—but his potent allure comes at a terrible price. Every night he must bed someone new, or weaken and die. And the woman he craves above all others is the one woman he'd thought was forever beyond his reach...until now. Newly possessed by the demon of Wrath, Sienna Blackstone is racked by a ruthless need to punish those around her. Yet in Paris's arms, the vulnerable beauty finds soul-searing passion and incredible peace. Until a blood feud between ancient enemies heats up. Will the battle against gods, angels and creatures of the night bind them eternally—or tear them apart?

Aminata is nog klein als ze uit de Afrikaanse binnenlanden wordt weggevoerd en in de hel van een slavenschip belandt. Op een indigoplantage in Virginia ontdekken twee oudere slaven dat ze kan lezen en schrijven en kennis heeft van kruiden en het vroedvrouwschap. Ze wordt hun geheime leerling. Een joodse handelaar neemt haar over nadat ze haar kind verloren heeft. Jaren later ontvlucht ze hem tijdens een reis naar New York. In de achterbuurten helpt ze morsige liefjes van Britse officieren te bevallen. Ondertussen bouwt ze een netwerk op, waardoor ze als vrije vrouw naar Nova Scotia kan reizen. Uiteindelijk keert ze terug in Afrika, maar haar dorp kan ze niet bereiken. Haar lange reis eindigt in Londen, waar ze een belangrijke rol speelt bij de discussies rond de afschaffing van de slavernij. Lawrence Hill stamt zelf af van Amerikaanse slaven. Tijdens stamboomonderzoek ontdekt hij de opzienbarende rondreis van sommige slaven. En hij stuit op Het negerboek, een nauwkeurige opsomming van slaven die naar Nova Scotia vertrokken, hoe oud en fit ze zijn en hoe ze hun vrijheid kregen. Het inspireerde hem tot deze meeslepende roman, die met alle indrukwekkende details geen moment vaart verliest.

When Santa Fe antique dealer Julia Anderson was curiously drawn to purchase a battered jewelry box, she never expected it to contain her own personal love slave. Especially not tall, dark and sinfully handsome Tristan—a man hard to resist, and determined to fulfill her every desire. Though Tristan was a rogue of the battlefield and the boudoir, making love with Julia was like nothing he'd ever known. Yet revealing his true heart would break the centuries-old spell and separate them forever. And Tristan would do anything to go on loving Julia...even remain a slave through all eternity....

Reyes is a man possessed. Bound by the demon of pain, he is forbidden to know pleasure. Yet he craves a mortal woman, Danika Ford, more than breath and will do anything to claim her—even defy the gods. Danika is on the run. For months she's eluded the Lords of the Underworld, immortal warriors who won't rest until she and her family have been destroyed. But her dreams are haunted by Reyes, the warrior whose searing touch she can't forget. Yet a future together could mean death to all they both hold dear....

She has tempted many men...but never found her equal. Until now. Though she has lived for centuries, Anya, goddess of anarchy, has never known pleasure. Until Lucien, the incarnation of death—a warrior eternally doomed to take souls to the hereafter. He draws her like no other. And Anya will risk anything to have him. But when the merciless Lord of the Underworld is ordered by the gods to claim Anya herself, their uncontrollable attraction becomes an anguished pursuit. Now they must defeat the unconquerable forces that control them, before their thirst for one another demands a sacrifice of love beyond imagining....

Forced to his knees in agony whenever he speaks the truth, Gideon can recognize any lie—until he captures Scarlet, a demon-possessed immortal who claims to be his long-lost wife. He doesn't remember the beautiful female, much less wedding—or bedding—her. But he wants to...almost as much as he wants her. But Scarlet is keeper of Nightmares, too dangerous to roam free. A future with her might mean ultimate ruin. Especially as Gideon's enemies draw closer—and the truth threatens to destroy all he's come to love....

Keeper of the demon of Secrets, Amun can manipulate the darkest thoughts of anyone nearby. But when the immortal warrior is chained and isolated to protect those he loves, death is his only hope of release—until he meets Haidee, a fellow prisoner whose beauty and hidden vulnerability draw him into a reckless test of his loyalty.... Haidee is a demon-assassin, raised to despise Amun's kind. Yet how can she hate the man whose touch sets her aflame? But to save him, she must give herself body and soul...and face the wrath of a powerful adversary sworn to destroy her.

All her life, Ashlyn Darrow has been tormented by voices from the past. To end the nightmare, she has come to Budapest seeking help from men rumored to have supernatural abilities, not knowing she'll be swept into the arms of Maddox, their most dangerous member—a man trapped in a hell of his own. Neither can resist the instant hunger that calms their torments...and ignites an irresistible passion. But every heated touch and burning kiss will edge them closer to destruction—and a soul-shattering test of love....

Twenty-four-year-old barista Belle Jamison dreams of a better job and a decent love life. Until a crazy scientist spikes her mocha latte! Suddenly Belle can wield the four elements—earth, wind, fire and water—with only a thought. Coffee too hot? No problem. Hair in need of a blow-dry? Done. Gorgeous government agent Rome Masters has been sent to neutralize Belle. But he's not the only one after her. Together they must outrun the rogue agents on their trail and find a way to control her powers. There's just one problem: the sparks Belle and Rome

generate are even hotter than the ones flying from her eyes—and with her future on the line, now is the worst possible time to fall in love.... New York Times bestselling author Gena Showalter has enthralled thousands of readers with her Lords of the Underworld series. Discover a new side to the saga with this novella, *The Darkest Prison*. Once, Atlas, the Titan god of strength, was the Greek goddess Nike's slave. Now, he is her master. And soon these sworn enemies destined to destroy one another will be forced to risk everything for a chance at love.... "One of the premier authors of paranormal romance." - New York Times bestselling author Kresley Cole Discover how the Lords of the Underworld series began in *The Darkest Night*, and look for the latest installment of the series, *The Darkest Seduction*, available now.

Bound by the demon of Doubt, Sabin unintentionally destroys even the most confident of lovers. So the immortal warrior spends his time on the battlefield instead of the bedroom, victory his only concern... until he meets Gwendolyn the Timid. One taste of the beautiful redhead, and he craves more. Gwen, an immortal herself, always thought she'd fall for a kind human who wouldn't rouse her darker side. But when Sabin frees her from prison, battling their enemies for the claim to Pandora's box turns out to be nothing compared to the battle Sabin and Gwen will wage against love....

When the powerful Red Queen escapes her imprisonment, the immortal warrior Torin's iron will is tested by his desire for her, but giving in to temptation could mean her end.

Zinderend debuteert over de verboden liefde tussen twee jongens en de allesverwoestende invloed van de slavernij 'Uit De profeten spreekt een poëtisch, hartstochtelijk humanisme.' De Groene Amsterdammer Isaiah was van Samuel en Samuel was van Isaiah. Dat was altijd zo geweest, en zou ook altijd zo blijven. In elkaars aanwezigheid waren hun lichamen niet langer een lege huls en vonden ze een reden voor hun bestaan. Maar wanneer de plantage zich tegen hen keert, wordt hun liefde ineens gezien als een gevaar voor de harmonie onder hun lotgenoten. In deze hartverscheurende roman roept Robert Jones jr. de stem op van zowel de onderdrukten als de onderdrukkers, en legt zo de ziel van de slavernij bloot. De profeten is een verhaal over de pijn van de slavernij, maar ook over de hoop en de schoonheid van de liefde. De pers over De profeten: 'Met De profeten heeft Robert Jones jr. een roman geschreven die een waardige plaats verdient tussen de verhalen van Baldwin, Morrison, Colson Whitehead, Alice Walker, Ralph Ellison en vele andere schrijvers die de Amerikaanse literatuur veelstemmiger hebben gemaakt en de Amerikaanse geschiedenis veelzijdiger.' De Groene Amsterdammer 'Een poëtisch [...] slavernijepos, dat tegelijk een loflied op de tijdloze kracht van de liefde is; óók de liefde tussen twee zwarte mannen.' Het Parool 'Jones bewijst dat hij een buitengewone schrijver is, die poëzie haalt uit elk beeld en elke weerkaatsing van het licht.' The New York Times 'De profeten [...] roept het beste van Toni Morrison op, maar is tegelijkertijd een uniek en virtuoos werk.' The Guardian 'Een schitterend portret van black queerness en een somber verslag van slavernij in het vooroorlogse Zuiden, opgeschreven in Jones' lyrische maar indringende proza.' TIME Sixteen-year-old Aden Stone has had a hell of a week. He's been: Tortured by angry witches. Hypnotized by a vengeful fairy. Spied on by the most powerful vampire in existence. And, oh, yeah, killed—twice. His vampire girlfriend might have brought him back to life, but he's never felt more out of control. There's a darkness within him, something taking over...changing him. Worse, because he was meant to die, death now stalks him at every turn. Any day could be his last. Once upon a time, the three souls trapped inside his head could have helped him. He could have protected himself. But as the darkness grows stronger, the souls grow weaker—just like his girlfriend. The more vampire Aden becomes, the more human Victoria becomes, until everything they know and love is threatened. Life couldn't get any worse. Could it?

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Locked in an asylum for her refusal to let her parents dictate her afterlife choices, Ten Lockwood finds herself caught in a violent power struggle between the two leading Everlife realms that would do anything to claim her powerful soul.

Three djinn warriors. One power-hungry sorceress. The battle for good and evil has taken a whole new turn... From New York Times Bestselling Author Elisabeth Naughton, three stories of brotherhood, survival and unexpected love in a world filled with magic and betrayal. ~~Bundle Includes~~ Bound to Seduction – Book One Careful what you wish for... Sentenced as a pleasure slave, Djinn Prince Tariq of the Marid tribe has no choice but to travel into the human realm and corrupt souls by granting wishes to the women who possess the Firebrand opal, a gemstone of magical power. When Mira Dawson summons him and requests he teach her how to pleasure others instead of ordering him to pleasure her though, duty and fantasy soon become a temptation even Tariq can't deny. The only question left is...will the pleasure be worth the price? Because as Tariq has learned the hard way, nothing...not even fantasies...are free. Slave to Passion – Book Two Hope is a dangerous thing... Enslaved by his enemies and forced to fight in the pits of Jahannam for their depraved entertainment, Nasir, the once-proud Marid warrior and heir to the djinn throne, has become a killer. One celebrated and feared all at the same time. Even he doesn't remember who he used to be, nor does he care anymore, until hope enters his cell in the form of an alluring woman full of secrets and mystery who may just be the key to his salvation. Possessed by Desire – Book Three Even desire comes at a price... Imprisonment has taught Ashur, the youngest djinn prince, one thing: life as a pleasure slave has its rewards...if you play by the rules. For a shot at revenge against the brothers who abandoned him, Ashur is willing to serve his master, even if it means using passion to corrupt the souls she needs to fuel her immortality. His first assignment, however, turns out to be more than just a woman in need of a little pleasure. Claire is an angel, and angels have the ability to steal djinn powers. No matter how much Ashur wants to see his brothers suffer, there's no way he's tangling with a celestial being. Unless, of course, she tangles with him first...

Welkom in Dickens, Californië, een getto aan de zuidelijke rand van Los Angeles. Een armoedig plaatsje. Zo armoedig dat men het bestaan ervan uit schaamte verbergt - letterlijk, want de staat Californië besluit het getto niet langer op de kaart te zetten. Vlak voordat die beslissing wordt genomen, wordt de vader van de Afro-Amerikaanse ik-figuur, die de achternaam Me draagt, na een woordenwisseling met de politie doodgeschoten. De hoofdpersoon besluit zijn woede en frustratie in te zetten - niet om de moord op zijn vader te wreken, maar om het onrecht dat zijn woonplaats is aangedaan recht te zetten. Me krijgt een briljante ingeving: het 'resegregeren' van Dickens. Aanvankelijk is het een groot succes, maar het plan dreigt te mislukken als blanke leerlingen toegang eisen tot een gesegregeerde school. Me raakt verwickeld in een enorme rechtszaak: Me versus de Verenigde Staten van Amerika. De Verrader is een unieke mix van cynisme en optimisme, komedie en tragedie. Paul Beatty's roman is satire en aanklacht ineen. De eenentwintigste-eeuwse westerse maatschappij wordt hier subtiel en soms hilarisch blootgelegd in haar pijnlijkste, absurdste en meest racistische kanten. Paul Beatty (1962) werd in Los Angeles geboren en schrijft proza en poëzie. Hij is de eerste Amerikaan die de prestigieuze Britse Man Booker Prize in ontvangst mocht nemen, eind 2016. Hij woont in New York. 'De meest badass eerste honderd pagina's van een Amerikaanse roman die ik in tijden heb gelezen. Het onderstrepen van de goede stukken heb ik maar opgegeven, omdat mijn arm pijn begon te doen.' - The New York Times 'Hoe meer je van Beatty leest, hoe slimmer je wordt.' - The Guardian 'De Verrader is een van de belangrijkste Amerikaanse romans die er in de eenentwintigste eeuw

geschreven zijn.' - Los Angeles Times

Lucius Mettelus Carbo, once a legate on the rise in the Roman army, rescues a beautiful young prostitute, Varick, who immediately stirs him. However, Lucius doesn't believe anyone could want him, a man cursed by the gods with an ugly, twisted leg. He resists his attraction to the pleasure slave as they forge a tempestuous relationship, and Varick tries to convince Lucius that he desires his master despite the injury. Both men are fighting their fears as they strive toward a future together... a future in the shadow of the volcano Mount Vesuvius.

Before The Lords of the Underworld, there was Gena Showalter's Atlantis series. Discover the mythical world of immortals, magic and dark seduction in this novella, The Amazon's Curse. Zane, a fierce vampire warrior, has been enslaved by the Amazons. Nola, a lovely Amazon soldier, has been cursed with invisibility. Now, these two stubborn enemies must overcome the pasts that haunt them and embrace a love that can set them free.... "A world of myth, mayhem and love under the sea!" -New York Times bestselling author J.R. Ward on The Nymph King Look for the rest of Gena Showalter's Atlantis series: Heart of the Dragon, Jewel of Atlantis, The Nymph King and The Vampire's Bride, available now.

All Atlantis seeks the Jewel of Dunamis, which legend claims can overcome any enemy. Grayson James, human agent of the ultra-secret Otherworld Bureau of Investigation, has orders to keep it from the wrong hands—or destroy it. What he doesn't know is that Jewel is a woman, not a stone! But once he meets this precious gem, destroying her is the last thing on his mind.... Jewel, part goddess, part prophet, is a pawn in Atlantis's constant power struggles. She needs Gray's help to win freedom and uncover the secrets of her mysterious origins. Gray needs her wisdom to navigate monster-ridden Atlantis. But need blossoms into passionate love as they fight demons, dragons, vampires—and a prophecy that says the bond between them could destroy them both.

In 1860 wordt de negentienjarige Oluale Kossola vanuit West-Afrika naar de Verenigde Staten verscheept, op het laatste – dan al illegale – Amerikaanse slavenschip de Clotilda. Wanneer hij al ver in de tachtig is, wordt hij als de laatst bekende overlevende van de slavernij geïnterviewd door de beroemde schrijfster en antropologe Zora Neale Hurston. Gedurende een periode van maanden komen de schrijfster en de oude man elkaar nader, en vertrouwt hij haar steeds meer toe: zijn jeugdherinneringen, verhalen over zijn gevangenneming, de horror van de overtocht en het verdere verloop van zijn leven nadat de Amerikaanse burgeroorlog hem zijn vrijheid teruggaf. Hurston tekende zijn verhaal in 1931 op met het gevoelige oor en de empathie die haar tot een van de belangrijkste Amerikaanse schrijvers van de twintigste eeuw maakten, maar vond geen uitgever voor dit werk. Toen het in 2017 alsnog verscheen, werd het herkend als een uniek historisch document. In deze Nederlandse uitgave wordt naast de vertaling ook het oorspronkelijke Engels afgedrukt, zodat de stem van Kossola, zorgvuldig fonetisch vastgelegd door Hurston, de Nederlandse lezer in volle glorie bereikt.

Gena Showalter is one of the rising stars of paranormal romance. Now, three of her most popular stories have been gathered together in one great collection: The Stone Prince, The Pleasure Slave and Heart of the Dragon. "Lots of danger and sexy passion give lucky readers a spicy taste of adventure and romance." -- Romantic Times BOOKclub on Heart of the Dragon

New York Times bestselling author Gena Showalter is back with a breathtaking Lords of the Underworld tale about a warrior trapped by darkness and the woman determined to save him. Having endured weeks of torture in the bowels of hell, Kane wants nothing to do with his beautiful rescuer, Josephina Aisling. The half-Fae female threatens to awaken the demon of Disaster inside him—a beast he's determined to kill, no matter the price. Josephina is hunted by a brutal enemy—her royal family—and Kane is her only source of protection. He's also the only male to ever set her aflame, and even he succumbs to the heat. But as they navigate the treacherous world of the Fae, they are forced to make a choice: live apart...or die together.

A sex slave in the kingdom of Delfina with no memory of his past, Nicolai the Vampire, desperate for freedom and revenge, must call to mortal Jane Parker, the key to unlocking his memory, through her dreams and draw her into his magical realm. Original. 69,000 first printing. There's something about the new guy at Crossroads High... Most sixteen-year-olds have friends. Aden Stone has four human souls living inside him: One can time travel. One can raise the dead. One can possess another human. One can tell the future. Everyone thinks he's crazy, which is why he's spent his entire life shuffled between mental institutions and juvie. All of that is about to change, however. For months Aden has been having visions of a beautiful girl—a girl who carries centuries-old secrets. A girl who will either save him or destroy him. Together they'll enter a dark world of intrigue and danger...but not everyone will come out alive.

[Siren Everlasting Classic ManLove: Alternative Contemporary Fantasy Paranormal Romance, MM, vampires, HEA] Blair Callaghan hates vampires, he hates werewolves, and he definitely doesn't trust the dragons. But there is one dragon Blair doesn't mind too much. When his father returns after days missing, a vampire, Blair knows he has no choice. He must trust one of the dragons he despises. One of the dragons who has been looking at him with an interested eye lately. When Vanko is called over by his mate after hours, he can't be more excited. Finally. It's about to happen. His mate is realizing the truth and wants him. Not quite. Blair needs something, a huge favor. For Vanko to not kill his father and get him the help he needs. Vanko is duty bound to kill any dangerous vampire he comes across, and newly turned vampires are not always the most stable, and who turned him? And what will they do to Vanko's mate if he doesn't take care of this quickly? Marcy Jacks is a Siren-exclusive author.

New York Times bestselling author Gena Showalter has enthralled thousands of readers with her Lords of the Underworld series. Enter this darkly sensual world, where the line between good and evil blurs and true love is put to the ultimate test, in the series prequel novella, The Darkest Fire. He is the guardian of hell, more monster than man. She is the goddess of oppression, more angel than woman. Together they will enter the flames to battle a dangerous horde of demon lords—and discover a passion unlike any other.... Don't miss this sizzling prequel to Gena Showalter's breathtaking paranormal series The Lords of the Underworld! Though they carry an eternal curse, the Lords of the Underworld are irresistibly seductive—and unimaginably powerful.... "Showalter at her finest." -New York Times bestselling author Karen Marie Moning on The Darkest Night Discover The Darkest Night, the first novel in the Lords of the Underworld series. And look for the latest book in the series, The Darkest Seduction, available now.

From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Gena Showalter comes a new story in her Lords of the Underworld series... For centuries, Galen the Treacherous has been the most hated immortal in the Underworld. With good reason! This bad boy of bad boys has lied, stolen, cheated and killed with abandon. Possessed by the demons of Jealousy and False Hope, he has always lived for a single purpose: destroy everything. Then he met her. Former demon turned human femme fatale — Legion Honey -- sought to kill Galen, but ended up parting with her virginity instead. Afraid of their sizzling connection, she ran away...and ended up trapped in hell, tortured and abused in the worst of ways. Now she's free, and a shell of herself, afraid of her own shadow. Galen's hunger for Legion has only grown. Now the warrior

with nothing to lose must help her rekindle the fire that once burned inside her. But as desires blaze white-hot, will Legion run again? Or will the unlikely pair succumb to love at long last? **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.**

The Original Heartbreakers Dames, u bent gewaarschuwd... Want de nieuwe hartenbrekers in Strawberry Valley zijn niet te houden! Deel 4 Omdat ze als tiener werd gepest, denkt Dorothea liever niet te veel aan het verleden. Behalve aan Daniel Porter, de allerknapste jongen van haar school, op wie ze eigenlijk altijd verliefd is gebleven. Nu de sexy bad boy haar hotelletje gebruikt voor zijn vele avontuurtjes, zou ze hem er eigenlijk uit moeten schoppen... maar elke broeierige blik die hij haar toewerpt, doet haar ernaar verlangen zélf op zijn kamerdeur te kloppen!

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