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We put an end to the war with the Dark Faction, but still humanity's problems are far from over. More than half of the game's promised tong of safety has elapsed, and yet humankind is no closer to forming a unified front. We've just begun building one of the twelve planetary shield generators necessary to give Earth complete protection, but we don't have enough construction materials, players or time. Should we ask the parallel magocratic world for help? After all, an invasion from outer space would hurt them just as bad. The mages, though, have plenty of problems of their own. What options does Gnat even have here? All he can truly count on are his own strength and his personal Relict faction. Should we put all our eggs in one basket and look for help in deep space? Might technology from ancient, long vanished races allow humanity to grow strong enough to turn back the onslaught before it's too late?

Gavin Stevens, the wise and forbearing student of crime and the folk ways of Yoknapatawpha County, Mississippi, plays the major role in these six stories of violence. In each, Stevens' sharp insights and ingenious detection uncover the underlying motives.

In Earth's battle-ridden future, humans have evolved. Those with extraordinary skills rise to power and fame. Those without live in poverty. Sixteen-year-old Willow Kent believed she was normal. But when a genetically-advanced military officer shows up in her village and questions her identity, long-buried secrets begin to emerge. With remarkable skills and a shocking genetic code the Core and its enemies will do anything to obtain, Willow suddenly finds the freedom she craves slipping through her fingers. Greed, corruption, and genetic tampering threaten every aspect of her existence as she's thrust, unwilling, into the sophisticated culture of the elite Core city. To ensure peace, she must leave the past

behind, marry a man she's never met, and submit to the authority of a relentless officer with a hidden agenda of his own. Her life has become a dangerous game. How much will she sacrifice in order to win?

The Corsican Empire has all but crushed Earth's resistance. Dallas has been nuked. The new fleet destroyed. Earth's future as a free planet has never looked more hopeless. But a daring young starship captain steals an advanced warship and audaciously takes the fight to the enemy in a desperate plan to strike at the heart of the empire. Liberation and glory, or death and defeat, await him and his ragtag crew. The Terran Gambit is the first novel of The Pax Humana Saga, which follows young Captain Jacob Mercer from the ashes of Dallas to the captain's chair of Earth's most advanced warship. Political intrigue, fleet battles, government conspiracies, deadly secrets, and a brilliant enemy admiral await him as he fights against all odds to take down an empire.

Sean Virgil is a complete loser. He's unemployed, overweight and practically penniless. The only escape from his morose life is the solace he finds while playing video games. When he moves out of the real world and in to the virtual world, he can be handsome and powerful, a hero or a villain; anyone else other than the loser that he really is. When real life sucks and the virtual world is the only escape, the lines can become blurred on what reality is. Can a video game change the concepts of reality and fiction? Can the actions that take place within a game effect the real world? Can a penniless, game-addicted loser change the real world for the better? Nothing is what it seems and questions will be answered. In this fast-paced, science fiction, drama, you will walk away wondering what's real and what's fiction. A video game can cause complete strangers lives to intertwine and unlikely heroes to emerge. 1.5 MILLION COPIES SOLD OF THE #1 BESTSELLING SERIES! Don't miss this New York Times bestselling "impossible to put down"

(Buzzfeed) novel with deadly stakes, thrilling twists, and juicy secrets -- perfect for fans of One of Us is Lying and Knives Out. Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why -- or even who Tobias Hawthorne is. To receive her inheritance, Avery must move into sprawling, secret passage-filled Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man's touch -- and his love of puzzles, riddles, and codes. Unfortunately for Avery, Hawthorne House is also occupied by the family that Tobias Hawthorne just dispossessed. This includes the four Hawthorne grandsons: dangerous, magnetic, brilliant boys who grew up with every expectation that one day, they would inherit billions. Their apparent Grayson Hawthorne is convinced that Avery must be a conwoman, and he's determined to take her down. His brother, Jameson, views her as their grandfather's last hurrah: a twisted riddle, a puzzle to be solved. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege with danger around every turn, Avery will have to play the game herself just to survive. **Avery's story continues in The Hawthorne Legacy and The Final Gambit

From the bestselling author of The Queen's Gambit, a dramatic science fiction odyssey in which a billionaire ventures into outer space to save Earth. The year is 2063. Earth's energy resources are dangerously close to being depleted, a new world superpower has upset America's global dominance, and the threat of a new Ice Age looms large. Fortunately, there is one man brave enough—and perhaps foolish enough—to venture beyond the planet to find the mineral resources that will secure the country's future: Ben Belson. One of the richest men in the world, Belson is haunted by personal demons and wanted for his unlawful space travel, but he will stop at nothing to fulfill his crucial mission—and

discover a future greater than he could ever have imagined.

The sequel to *The Hustler* sees former champion "Fast" Eddie Felson return to the thrilling world of competitive pool—from the bestselling author of *The Queen's Gambit*. The basis for the famed Martin Scorsese film. "Tevis writes about pool with power and poetry and tension.... Grabs the reader and doesn't let go. You don't have to appreciate pool to like this book, to appreciate its sense of living on the edge." —Washington Post Twenty years have passed since "Fast" Eddie Felson conquered the underground pool circuit. During that time he married and ran his own pool hall, but having left that all behind he's now badly in need of money, and pool is all he knows. On the beautiful aquamarine waters of the Florida Keys, he ropes his former rival Minnesota Fats into a series of exhibition matches in the hopes of picking up a cable TV deal. But playing the old master, a terrible feeling nags at him that he's sat on his talent and that the best part of him is now gone. And when he vows to get back in the game—seriously, this time—he finds a challenging road ahead, and the only thing standing in his way is himself.

"SF writing of a rare quality" lifts this collection of stories from the renowned author of *The Hustler* and *The Man Who Fell to Earth* (Time Out). The author of the competitive pool thriller *The Hustler* and the groundbreaking sci-fi novel *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, Walter Tevis was also a master of the short story. His work was published in *Playboy*, *Redbook*, *Cosmopolitan*, and many other magazines. This anthology collects some of his best short work. Full of wit, surprise, dark humor, and deep emotion, these stories pack a punch—and are ideal for fans of his longer work or those looking for an introduction to one of America's most iconic sci-fi writers. "The poetic imprints of a fine writer's trail." —The Times (London)

Louisiana, 2065. A lot has changed in the 43rd year of the Kurian Order. Possessed of an unnatural and legendary hunger, the bloodthirsty Reapers have come to Earth to establish a New Order built on the harvesting of enslaved human souls. They rule the planet. They thrive on the scent of fear. And if it is night, as sure as darkness, they will come. On this pitiless world, the indomitable spirit of mankind still breathes in Lieutenant David Valentine. Brought into the special forces of *The Wolves*—an elite guerilla force sworn to win back Earth—this is Valentine's first command in the Kurian Zone. Driven by the losses of his past and

the hope of a future, Valentine is in it to win. No matter how long it takes. No matter what doom of fate awaits him beyond his wildest nightmares. Fight. Kill. Survive. This is the way of *The Wolves*. "If *The Red Badge of Courage* had been written by H.P. Lovecraft."—Paul Witcover, author of *Waking Beauty* They said the meek would inherit the Earth. As far as Jarek can tell, though, they must've been speaking Dutch or something, because those "meek" aliens sure did make a bloody mess of things. Even so, he wasn't about to make a fuss over the raknoth apocalypse. Not until those red-eyed bastards stole his exosuit. You don't steal a man's exosuit... But when Jarek's quest for vengeance runs him up against an alien stronghold and a blonde arcanist who throws around grown men like telekinetic frisbees, he soon learns there's far worse than missing exosuits to worry about. And if he and his fiery new friend don't put a stop to it, they may just be looking at *Apocalypse Number Two*... Don your power armor, grab your copy, and join Jarek and Rachel for a rip-roaring sci-fi thrill-ride today! Warning: This book contains big hearts, BIGGER swords, and a whole metric crap-ton of high-octane badassery. Also, swears. And snark. LOTS of snark. Read at your own risk.

The remarkable novel upon which the stunning cult film was based. 'Beautiful ... The story of an extraterrestrial visitor from another planet is designed mainly to say something about life on this one' NEW YORK TIMES Thomas Jerome Newton is an extraterrestrial from the planet Anthea, which has been devastated by a series of nuclear wars, and whose inhabitants are twice as intelligent as human beings. When he lands on Earth - in Kentucky, disguised as a human - it's with the intention of saving his own people from extinction. Newton patents some very advanced Anthean technology, which he uses to amass a fortune. He begins to build a spaceship to help the last 300 Antheans migrate to Earth. Meanwhile, Nathan Bryce, a chemistry professor in Iowa, is intrigued by some of the new products Newton's company brings to the market, and already suspects Newton of being an alien. As Bryce and the FBI close in, Newton finds his own clarity and sense of purpose diminishing. Discover the book which inspired the classic film with David Bowie and the new Paramount+ series with Chiwetel Ejiofor!

The legendary novel from the bestselling author of *The Queen's Gambit* about an ambitious pool shark who discovers what it

takes to make the big time. The basis for the acclaimed film starring Paul Newman. To the strangers he plays in darkened pool halls, at first "Fast" Eddie Felson seems like a sloppy pool player with bright eyes and an extraordinary grin. But when real money is on the line, they see that Eddie is a hustler of the first order. But Eddie's got ambitions and wants to quit his two-bit hustling for the big time. And when he sets his sights on Minnesota Fats, the best pool player in the country, he knows this match will be a true test of his skill—and he knows he can win. But what Eddie doesn't know is that the game of pool isn't all about skill. It's about guts and stamina, and, above all, character.

At long last, an extraterrestrial civilization reached out and made the First Contact. However, no one on Earth took their communique for the genuine article. In a similar vein, very few people appreciated just how little time our new suzerains had promised to keep our planet safe. Regardless, the end of their message showed humankind how to access a mysterious game. The objective of this game is unclear. No one can say where its servers are located, and its inner workings are beyond comprehension. But the game slowly gained momentum, pulling in more and more players. Soon enough, it became impossible to ignore the fact that things that happened in the game had a direct impact on our reality. And not only ours...But as people figure out this mysterious game, the countdown timer ticks away. And no one can say exactly what will happen when Earth's safety is no longer guaranteed.

Returning to the Ozark Territories, freedom fighter David Valentine is shocked to find it overrun by vampiric Kurians under the command of the merciless Consul Solon. In a desperate gambit, Valentine leads a courageous group of soldiers on a mission to drive a spike into the gears of the Kurian Order. Valentine stakes life, honor, and the future of his home in a rebellion that sparks the greatest battle of his life.

Seize the Initiative Right from the Start! Are you bored with slow maneuvering in systems such as the the Italian game with d2-d3 and the anti-Berlin? Do you enjoy confrontation in the center and sharp, tactical play? Alex Fishbein shows how the *Scotch Gambit* can give you exciting yet sound positions where you aim at the enemy king. In the *Scotch Gambit*, White immediately strikes in the center and attacks the f7-pawn, provoking concessions from Black. An imbalance typically results, where White has attacking

chances on the kingside. The Scotch Gambit will help you develop a finer feeling for the initiative and improve your combinational vision. You will also better understand strategic concepts, such as weak squares of one color and pawn structure nuances. Fishbein, an experienced player and author, takes you into a modern grandmaster's research lab. Here, all ideas are scrutinized and prepared for use against an opponent who is similarly armed with the latest theory and technology. The most critical responses for Black receive special emphasis. Alex Fishbein is an American grandmaster. His peak world ranking was #150. He was competitive in each of his four U.S. Championship appearances, including in 2004 when he won the Bent Larsen prize for the most uncompromising chess. A lifelong 1.e4 player, Fishbein is known for interesting and creative play.

First contact ... Second chances... Nothing comes without a price. Despite NASA budget cuts threatening to put a sharp end to his career as an astronaut, British-born space shuttle pilot Jack Kildare knows without a doubt that his life will never be the same. Photographs snapped from the International Space Station reveal an alien spaceship in orbit around Europa, opening a terrifying new chapter opening in human history, and Jack finds himself in the center of a gigantic international effort to respond to the alien threat. But when he is dismissed from NASA over a trumped-up security gaffe, Jack and his close friend Oliver Meeks combine their skills in an attempt to generate an innovative new development: a spaceship drive based on their observations of the alien craft's technology. With the unknown threat driving international competition and the entire planet's spaceflight resources thrown into the fray, the focus of attention turns toward one single goal... a ship capable of traveling to Jupiter to confront the alien menace... the Spirit of Destiny. Amid unknown entities pushing to destroy the project from the inside out, and enemies baying for blood, Jack finds himself submerged in a world of secrets, sabotage attempts and cold-blooded murder. Can Jack decode the secrets surrounding the arrival of the alien spaceship in our solar system? Or will his dreams of the ultimate space adventure be taken into the ashes with the Spirit of Destiny? ABOUT FREEFALL Freefall is the first book of a fast-paced trilogy of technothrillers. It contains hard science fiction elements in the mold of *The Martian* and other science-based thrillers. You won't need a calculator to follow the story, but if you'd like to build a spaceship to the Spirit of Destiny's

specifications, it really will take you to Jupiter! (\$3 billion budget not included.) Book Two in the Earth's Last Gambit trilogy will be published soon.

An essential short story collection from the author of *THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH* and *THE QUEEN'S GAMBIT* - now a major Netflix drama *Containing: Far From Home* *The Other End of the Line* *The Big Bounce* *The Goldabrick* *The Ifth of Oofth* *The Scholar's Disciple* *Far From Home* *Close To Home* *Rent Control* *A Visit From Mother* *Daddy* *The Apotheosis of Myra* *Out of Luck* *Echo* *Sitting In Limbo* This is an essential collection from the author of *THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH*, *THE HUSTLER* and *THE COLOUR OF MONEY*.

The critically acclaimed author of *Polaris Rising* takes readers on an exciting journey with the start of her brand-new series about a female bounty hunter and the man who is her sworn enemy. "Jessie Mihalik is an author to watch." — Ilona Andrews, #1 New York Times bestselling author Octavia Zorola would do anything to keep her tiny, close-knit bounty hunting crew together—even if it means accepting a job from Torran Fletcher, a ruthless former general and her sworn enemy. When Torran offers her enough credits to not only keep her crew afloat but also hire someone to fix her ship, Tavi knows that she can't refuse—no matter how much she'd like to. With so much money on the line, Torran and his crew insist on joining the hunt. Tavi reluctantly agrees because while the handsome, stoic leader pushes all of her buttons—for both anger and desire—she's endured worse, and the massive bonus payment he's promised for a completed job is reason enough to shut up and deal. But when they uncover a deeper plot that threatens the delicate peace between humans and Valoffs, Tavi suspects that Torran has been using her as the impetus for a new war. With the fate of her crew balanced on a knife's edge, Tavi must decide where her loyalties lie—with the quiet Valoff who's been lying to her, or with the human leaders who left her squad to die on the battlefield. And this time, she's put her heart on the line.

The race is on to claim the area between the Ohio River and Tennessee. What's left of the resistance is hiding out in the tangle of central Kentucky hills-leaving the powerful, well-organized Kurian vampires the opportunity to fill the void. Major David Valentine knows a small group of fierce, freedom-loving allies who would be glad to settle the rich lands. But they're more than three hundred

miles away, with hostile aliens and vicious human slavers standing between. But even if by some miracle they make it, the Kurian Order isn't about to easily yield the blood-soaked Kentucky soil...

Reality Benders is a new series by Michael Atamanov written in a rather rare genre blend of LitRPG, global MMORPG strategy and space adventure creating a seamless picture which unfolds simultaneously in four worlds. One is the Earth with all its political problems and confrontations; the second one a virtual projection of our planet divided into a series of "nodes"; the third one the vast expanse of deep space teeming with civilizations so unlike our own; and finally, a parallel Earth where magic is mundane. Unbeknown to the majority of the Earth's inhabitants, humanity has been taking part in a game brought to our planet by a highly developed and powerful Geckho civilization. Participating in it can reap considerable rewards as the technologies learned can positively affect both science and everyday life, advancing them decades. Which is why the participant countries aren't in a hurry to share their discoveries, preferring to act on their own. The game's events affect the real world - which is why humanity's potential defeat might have some disastrous consequences for our planet. Gnat is a twenty-year-old gamer and university dropout expelled for organizing online gambling tournaments. He is then offered the choice of either being prosecuted or joining a "research institute studying the effects of virtual reality" as part of a group of fellow gamer dropouts. That's how Gnat finds himself in the Dome: a classified facility for the faction of players taking part in the reality-bending game. The story is told through Gnat's eyes as he gradually explores the virtual world and its rules, learning more about players, NPCs and various space races. He's about to embark on perilous travels through new uncharted lands, meeting our virtual neighbors and learning to find common ground with them; he's soon to cross swords with space pirates and take part in epic battles which put humanity's very existence at stake.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Engaging and fast-paced, this gripping coming-of-age novel of chess, feminism, and addiction speeds to a conclusion as elegant and satisfying as a mate in four. Now a highly acclaimed, award-winning Netflix series. Eight year-old orphan Beth Harmon is quiet, sullen, and by all appearances unremarkable. That is, until she plays her first game of chess. Her senses grow sharper, her thinking clearer, and for the first time in her life she feels herself fully in control. By the age of

sixteen, she's competing for the U.S. Open championship. But as Beth hones her skills on the professional circuit, the stakes get higher, her isolation grows more frightening, and the thought of escape becomes all the more tempting.

Netflix's most watched limited series to date! The thrilling novel of one young woman's journey through the worlds of chess and drug addiction. When eight-year-old Beth Harmon's parents are killed in an automobile accident, she's placed in an orphanage in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Plain and shy, Beth learns to play chess from the janitor in the basement and discovers she is a prodigy. Though penniless, she is desperate to learn more—and steals a chess magazine and enough money to enter a tournament. Beth also steals some of her foster mother's tranquilizers to which she is becoming addicted. At thirteen, Beth wins the chess tournament. By the age of sixteen she is competing in the US Open Championship and, like Fast Eddie in *The Hustler*, she hates to lose. By eighteen she is the US champion—and Russia awaits . . . Fast-paced and elegantly written, *The Queen's Gambit* is a thriller masquerading as a chess novel—one that's sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. "The Queen's Gambit is sheer entertainment. It is a book I reread every few years—for the pure pleasure and skill of it." —Michael Ondaatje, Man Booker Prize-winning author of *The English Patient*

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Now a major motion picture directed by Steven Spielberg. "Enchanting . . . Willy Wonka meets *The Matrix*."—USA Today • "As one adventure leads expertly to the next, time simply evaporates."—Entertainment Weekly A world at stake. A quest for the ultimate prize. Are you ready? In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the OASIS, a vast virtual world where most of humanity spends their days. When the eccentric creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a series of fiendish puzzles, based on his obsession with the pop culture of decades past. Whoever is first to solve them will inherit his vast fortune—and control of the OASIS itself. Then Wade cracks the first clue. Suddenly he's beset by rivals who'll kill to take this prize. The race is on—and the only way to survive is to win. **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY** Entertainment Weekly • San Francisco Chronicle • Village Voice • Chicago Sun-Times • iO9 • The AV Club "Delightful . . . the grown-up's Harry Potter."—HuffPost "An addictive read . . . part intergalactic scav-

enger hunt, part romance, and all heart."—CNN "A most excellent ride . . . Cline stuffs his novel with a cornucopia of pop culture, as if to wink to the reader."—Boston Globe "Ridiculously fun and large-hearted . . . Cline is that rare writer who can translate his own dorky enthusiasms into prose that's both hilarious and compassionate."—NPR "[A] fantastic page-turner . . . starts out like a simple bit of fun and winds up feeling like a rich and plausible picture of future friendships in a world not too distant from our own."—iO9

Once a century, the gods hold a contest to determine who will rule from the Jade Throne. Each god chooses a mortal champion, and the fate of heaven and earth depends on the winner. Once a world-renowned strategist and general, Yuu made one wrong move, and the Steel Prince paid for her mistake with his life. Now on the run, she relies on her wits to evade royal bounty hunters. But what if there is a way to bring back her dead prince? On a playing board full of heroes, warriors, assassins, and thieves can Yuu survive long enough to even learn the rules of the game, let alone master it? *Pawn's Gambit* is a stand alone story set in the award-winning *Mortal Techniques* universe. It's a wuxia adventure filled with heroes, gods, spirits, and magic.

Freedom is on the march as the rebellion against the Kurian Occupation of Earth takes the offensive. David Valentine's company of former Quislings is ready to join forces with a guerrilla army, but nothing could prepare them for the end of their journey...

A war has broken out in the Galaxy! The great spacefaring races are all entangled in the fight and, even at the very edge of the known Universe, humanity can hear the echoes of its distant bloody battles. Our suzerains and defenders the Geckho are also caught up in this all-encompassing conflict. Is that a good thing for humanity or not? The answer is up for debate. On the one hand, the Geckho will no longer take the trouble to defend a planet inhabited by people, which is worrying. But on the other, might humanity have the chance to make a name for themselves and take a more active role in interstellar politics? Gnat is with the Shimiru crew on the front lines. He's just changed class to Listener and his friends find themselves right in the thick of this grand interstellar war...

David Valentine is revered as a hero for his part in fighting to regain Earth's freedom. When a former Quisling traitor is badly wounded, he asks Valentine to find his wife, who has vanished in-

to the darkness of the Kurian Order. With the help of old friends and new allies, Valentine traces her to a mysterious, heavily guarded compound in Ohio. And what Valentine finds within will shake his sanity to its very core.

"If Hemingway had the passion for pool that he had for bullfighting, his hero might have been Eddie Felson" (Time). The novel that inspired the classic film starring Paul Newman and Jackie Gleason, *The Hustler* tells the story of Fast Eddie Felson, a young pool player who hustles suckers in small towns, looking for stake money so he can reach his goal: a marathon match in Chicago against Minnesota Fats. An exploration of guts, stamina, and character, and of the difference between winners and losers, this tense, gritty tale is "a wonderful hymn to the last true era when men of substance played pool with a vengeance" (Time Out).

Cruel. Heartless. Quarantined. The ruthless boys of Everlake Prep never saw lockdown coming. But the virus isn't their number one enemy. I am. And as if being confined to a boarding school for the elite wasn't bad enough, now I'm stuck in isolation with the boys who hate me most too. Saint, Kyan and Blake. The Night Keepers. Or so they call themselves. They've embodied the Native American legend which lives in this valley, taking on the role of the monsters who lurk in the forest. And though they act like beasts, they may also be the most tempting creatures I've ever seen. With the virus escalating and my dad's name splashed through the news, my entire world is falling apart. What he did has cast a dark shadow over me. And the Night Keepers want to make me pay for his crimes. Then things went from bad to worse when I touched the sacred rock. A rock which supposedly holds a curse to bind me as the Night Keepers' slave. And as crazy as it sounds, I decided to play along. Because there are things about me they don't know. Things my dad has hidden from me for years. All I can be sure of is that I have to find a way to escape this school. But until then, those savage boys are making my life a living hell. As the virus sweeps through the country and the world twists into something ugly and unknown, the kings of this school become true monarchs. Even the teachers bow to them now. And I'm kinda glad about that 'stay six feet away from one another' rule, because without it, I know they'd rip me apart. At least there's a silver lining. I'm cosying up to Coach Monroe. My hot as hell, brooding P.E. teacher who has a vendetta of his own against the Night Keepers. And with his help, I may succeed at doing more than escaping the

clutches of these heartless fiends. I might even destroy them along the way. My father taught me how to be strong. How to prepare for the end of the world. So this isn't going to be the end of my world, mark my words. But if I'm able to use my mind and body to bring these assholes to their knees, it might just be the end of theirs. This is a high school bully reverse harem series which means the main character will end up with multiple love interests. It may have triggers for some as it has off the charts angst, dark love-hate themes, scenes of intense bullying, sexual scenes and some violence (not aimed towards the main character) and is not for the faint of heart. Prepare to enrol at Everlake Prep. Bring your hand sanitiser, face masks and toilet paper to barter with, but don't expect to hold onto them for long. Because it's time to go into quarantine with the Night Keepers. And everything you own now belongs to them.

It's the end of the world as we know it...and Hade feels fine. Experimental biotechnology that can reanimate corpses, nations collapsing like dominoes, evil spirits running rampant, age-old prophecies fulfilled...is the Earth in her final days? And who-or what-is Hade, the spellbindingly evil maestro who has manipulated these events into changing the world forever? Ready to fight Hade and his evil army are a disparate group of people, thrown together into a battle not only for their lives, but for their very souls and the souls of all mankind. Clinging to long-lost scriptures which have been revealed to them by the ancient Indian known only as John, they will struggle against each other, battle to survive, and question everything they believe in-all the while knowing that good is no longer certain to overcome evil, and no one is safe from the coming storm. Hade has pulled all strings together for one last orchestrated performance in this apocalyptic suspense novel that will keep you turning the pages - in a well-lit room - long into the night.

In THE GAMBIT WITH PERFECTION, Cornelius Selendia continues his journey to Blackeye Cavern, Supreme Scientist Damosel Rhea makes progress on Project Silkscape, and the consequences of failure during the last Jubilee confront the Barão Strike Team. Captain Broden Barão, Striker Nero Silvana, and Strategist Verena Iglehart have been recalled to the Huelel Facility for a common-

wealth mission to the Vigna system. Will the Barão Strike Team succeed in the mission? Will Cornelius make it to the Cavern before the commonwealth's agents recapture him? Will Damy revive the prehistoric life vital to her survival in the commonwealth? As the season shifts from spring to summer on the Earth's surface, civilizations collide inside the planets Earth and Vigna, changing the world in unexpected ways.

Resurrected to dominate or die again Andric was much like anyone else, further along in his life than he wanted to be. Much further along, and waiting to finally become the main character of his own story. Fate had a funny joke for him, though. He died. Unexpectedly he was given the strangest of plot developments. He resurrected in what seemed to be a GACHA game Being given another chance on another world. One where he could redefine himself, starting with an unknown class of all things. Andric can only roll with it since there really isn't any other choice. It's time to start again and this time he'll have to get risky, take chances, and let luck play a part. Regardless if it's good or bad. First up for that new life motto is his class and he's definitely taking a risk. Unknowingly, he's given up on a typical RGP character development in favor of an unconventional class where his powers hinge on the luck of the draw. Disclaimer: This book contains copious amounts of sex, violence, cursing, and stats. There are strange cultures in a fantasy land that have very murky morals and do not adhere to any kind of human ideal of decency. This book also contains unconventional relationships and questionable moral choices.

Major David Valentine and his fugitive battalion are the remnants of an expeditionary force shattered in its long retreat from disaster in the Appalachians. And Valentine is losing allies fast. Some of the clans in the region have declared themselves in favor of the vampiric Kurians, throwing Kentucky into civil war. But instead of retaking the region, the Kurian overlords have ordered the extermination of every human living there...

An original LitRPG fantasy from one of the fathers of LitRPG. #1 bestseller in audiobooks. The unrelenting #1 LitRPG bestseller since 2012. Translated into English, German, Polish, Czech and Korean languages. Barliona is a brand-new virtual world which offers everyone the chance to start a new life as a valiant knight, a hero

or a beautiful princess. Many people have come here in search of a new identity. Still, for some users Barliona has become their biggest nightmare. They are convicts sentenced to serving their term in virtual reality with their sensory filters disabled. They can feel everything that happens to their character whether it's pleasure or pain, strain or fatigue. For them, the difference between the real and virtual worlds is so slim that some of the inmates lose all sense of reality. Daniel Mahan is one such convict, tried and sentenced for hacking the city sewage network. He's assigned the class of Shaman which can become his blessing or his curse. Will he fail - or will he rise to unthinkable heights, founding the greatest clan ever, winning the most amazing woman and going on the most incredible escapades? The seven books of the series tell the story of the Shaman's virtual adventures in Barliona: his ups and downs, his treacherous allies and trusty friends. Because there's no other path if you want to become a player capable of taking the Way of the Shaman.

The strange thing about THE END was that nobody expected it... The pessimists had been wrong. No atomic war. No nuclear destruction. No fall out. No radioactivity. Disarmament had brought universal peace and sanity. Co-existence had become a reality - not an idealist's dream. Then disaster struck. The desperate weather forecasts were the beginning. The ice was The End. Seas became frozen wastes. Rivers turned to glaciers overnight. The whole planet was in the grip of a cold so intense that millions perished in a few hours... millions more died within the week. Only the bravest and the hardest survived. Rugged men and courageous women, with the spirits of the earliest pioneers, urging them on to do the impossible. Was the big freeze just a cosmic accident - with man on the unlucky end? Had one of the big powers tried to master weather control, secretly, despite the disarmament talks... and failed disastrously. Perhaps it was the prelude to alien invasion?

As the Resistance attempts to overthrow their vampiric alien masters, elite Cat force member David Valentine embarks on a terrifying journey in search of a long-lost weapon that will guarantee their victory-and the end of the Kurian Order's domination of Earth.