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A Game of Thrones Simon and Schuster

The Black Company Campaign Setting  
A Mythic Vistas Campaign Setting for the d20 System  
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In 1984, Glen Cook introduced the world to the Black Company. Readers followed the Company's service to the Lady, watched as they battled the Dominator, and traveled with them to find their origins in fabled Khatovar. Now, 20 years later, the world of the Black Company is finally yours to explore in this campaign setting for the popular d20 System. The Black Company Campaign Setting is suitable for games set in any era in the novels, during either the Books of the North or the Books of the South. Moreover, it is suitable for any style of play, from low-magic fantasy to epic excitement. Players can take part in the Lady's consolidation of the Empire in the north, become embroiled in the intrigues of Taglios, and even lead armies at the Tower of Charm. They might take the role of unsavory thieves in Oar, or face Kina in an epic showdown. Players can explore the time before the novels, or even pick up where the novels left off. The Black Company Campaign Setting has it all, promising new worlds of excitement for fans of the series both new and old. Characters take the role of powerful wizards, terrifying berserkers, or dastardly thieves, taking advantage of new skills and feats to achieve the heights of power as generals or as the terrible Taken. For campaigns set within the novels, this new sourcebook details everyone's favorite characters in the novels from Sleepy and Croaker, to the enigmatic Raven, and the terrifying Lady. With new classes, monsters, setting information, mass combat rules, and an all-new magic system, this book gives you everything you need to play from 1st to epic levels and beyond. Relive favorite moments of the novels, or tell your own stories, but watch out... 'cause the Black Company is looking for you!

*Information Technology Project Management, Revised* Macmillan  
Survive. At any cost. 10 concentration camps. 10 different places

where you are starved, tortured, and worked mercilessly. It's something no one could imagine surviving. But it is what Yanek Gruener has to face. As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner -- his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087. He is forced from one nightmarish concentration camp to another, as World War II rages all around him. He encounters evil he could have never imagined, but also sees surprising glimpses of hope amid the horror. He just barely escapes death, only to confront it again seconds later. Can Yanek make it through the terror without losing his hope, his will -- and, most of all, his sense of who he really is inside? Based on an astonishing true story.

*Esther* Lake Union Publishing

\*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER\* \*2018 GOOD READS CHOICE AWARD WINNER FOR BEST SCIENCE FICTION CATEGORY\* A super-powered collision of extraordinary minds and vengeful intentions—#1 New York Times bestselling author V. E. Schwab returns with the thrilling follow-up to *Vicious*. Magneto and Professor X. Superman and Lex Luthor. Victor Vale and Eli Ever. Sydney and Serena Clarke. Great partnerships, now soured on the vine. But Marcella Riggins needs no one. Flush from her brush with death, she's finally gained the control she's always sought—and will use her new-found power to bring the city of Merit to its knees. She'll do whatever it takes, collecting her own sidekicks, and leveraging the two most infamous EOs, Victor Vale and Eli Ever, against each other. With Marcella's rise, new enmities create opportunity--and the stage of Merit City will once again be set for a final, terrible reckoning. Entertainment Weekly's 27 Female Authors Who Rule Sci-Fi and Fantasy Right Now "Readers won't be able to put down this dark and riveting tale of power and revenge."—Kirkus Reviews, starred Praise for *Vicious* "Schwab's characters feel vital and real, never reduced to simple archetypes...In a genre that tends toward the flippant or pretentious, this is a rare superhero novel as epic and gripping as any classic comic. Schwab's tale of betrayal, self-hatred, and survival will resonate with superhero fans as well as readers who have never heard of Charles Xavier or Victor von

Doom."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "V. E. Schwab's *Vicious* is the superhero novel I've been waiting for: fresh, merciless, and yes, vicious. Wow."—Mira Grant, New York Times bestselling author of *Blackout Villians* #1 *Vicious* #2 *Vengeful* "Warm Up" (short story) At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Burn My Heart** Scholastic Inc.

In a grim world of perilous adventures you need to be well prepared or you will face certain death. This supplement is a complete inventory of everything an adventurer needs to equip himself to survive and also a few other choice items as well.

*Royal Beauty* BenBella Books

Hardened by battle, seasoned by war, four adventurers caught in the path of one of history's most enigmatic leaders. 1571. At the great naval battle of Lepanto the Ottoman Empire is finally defeated, and it seems that Europe is safe. But then Nicholas Ingoldsby is summoned to London by the Queen herself and sent on a diplomatic mission to Constantinople, the heart of the old enemy - and then onward, to a little-known but rising power called Muscovy, ruled by a deranged but cunning czar - Ivan the Terrible. The rise of Muscovy has also caught the attention of the Ottomans; and their allies, the wild Tatar horsemen of the Asiatic steppes, Russia's ancient enemy. Soon Nicholas and his fellow travellers are caught up in their most dangerous adventure yet, trapped in a doomed Muscovy with a vast army of Tatar tribesmen riding down upon them, vowed to burn the city to the ground and extinguish Russia for ever...

The End of Your Life Book Club Simon and Schuster

From New York Times bestselling author Meg Waite Clayton comes a riveting novel based on one of the most volatile and intoxicating real-life love affairs of the twentieth century. Key West, 1936. Headstrong, accomplished journalist Martha Gellhorn is confident with words but less so with men when she meets disheveled literary titan Ernest Hemingway in a dive bar. Their friendship--forged over writing, talk, and family dinners--flourishes into something undeniable in Madrid while they're covering the Spanish Civil War. Martha reveres him. The very married Hemingway is taken with Martha--her beauty, her ambition, and

her fearless spirit. And as Hemingway tells her, the most powerful love stories are always set against the fury of war. The risks are so much greater. They're made for each other. With their romance unfolding as they travel the globe, Martha establishes herself as one of the world's foremost war correspondents, and Hemingway begins the novel that will win him the Nobel Prize for Literature. *Beautiful Exiles* is a stirring story of lovers and rivals, of the breathless attraction to power and fame, and of one woman--ahead of her time--claiming her own identity from the wreckage of love.

#### How To Write A Good Advertisement: A Short Course In Copywriting Vintage

Before she was a Mammy, before she had Chisellers, and before they made her a Granny, Agnes Browne was Agnes Reddin, a young girl-or a Young Wan- growing up in the Jarro in Dublin. Brendan O'Carroll takes readers back to the heart of working-class Dublin, this time in the 1940s. Together with her soon to be lifelong best friend Marion Delany, young Agnes manages to survive the indignities and demands of Catholic school, the unwanted births of siblings, days spent in the factories and markets, and nights in the dance hall as rock-and-roll invades Dublin. But on the eve of her wedding night, the Jarro is alive with gossip--will Agnes be turned away at the altar? For the whole parish knows Agnes's not-so-well-kept secret. And with a mother falling further into dementia, and a younger sister turning to a life of crime, it's up to Agnes alone to keep her splintering family together, while trying to create one of her own. Filled with O'Carroll's trademark wicked wit and loving, larger-than-life characters, *The Young Wan* shows the hardscrabble beginnings of the ultimate Irish mother and family.

#### **A Gathering of Shadows** Penguin UK

Just beyond the Gilded Age, in the mist-covered streets of New York, the deadly Spanish influenza ripples through the city. But with so many victims in her close circle, young socialite Allene questions if the flu is really to blame. All appear to have been poisoned--and every death was accompanied by a mysterious note. Desperate for answers and dreading her own engagement to a wealthy gentleman, Allene returns to her passion for scientific discovery and recruits her long-lost friends, Jasper and Birdie, for help. The investigation brings her closer to Jasper, an apprentice medical examiner at Bellevue Hospital who still holds

her heart, and offers the delicate Birdie a last-ditch chance to find a safe haven before her fragile health fails. As more of their friends and family die, alliances shift, lives become entangled, and the three begin to suspect everyone--even each other. As they race to find the culprit, Allene, Birdie, and Jasper must once again trust each other, before one of them becomes the next victim.

#### *How Today's Greatest Leaders Use Brutal Honesty to Achieve Massive Success* Green Ronin Pub

*Mists of Akuma* is an eastern fantasy noir steampunk campaign setting for use with the newest edition of the world's most popular tabletop roleplaying game. Using new mechanics steeped in eastern lore, the book focuses on providing in-depth urban settings and a diverse array of character options to make truly unique parties of adventurers perfectly suited to survive the decay and desperation in Soburin. Bengoshi (governmental agents) empowered to deputize individuals in service of the Masuto Dynasty are attempting to hold the apocalypse at bay but intrigue and graft are as common and deadly as the corrupting fog, and the ancient threat's influence is spread all the further by the despair of Emperor Hitoshi's subjects. In the 340-page deluxe version of the *Mists of Akuma* rulebook, you'll find... An overview of the recent history of Soburin and basic information about the world including the dangerous *Mists of Akuma*, rules for traveling the prefectures, and what rigors maddened explorers must overcome to visit the apocalypse that has become of the other continents. Over 100 NPCs and monsters ranging from foreign generals to eastern dragons, powerful bengoshi and underlings from each of the 24 unique clans, and more than two dozen kami, oni, and tsukumogami! Cultural practices and traditions for Soburin inspired by and drawn from eastern lore. Gorgeous cover artwork by Claudio Pozas, interior scene illustrations by Indi Martin and Sara Shijo, and character illustrations by Jacob Blackmon and Nathanael Batchelor! A chapter each detailing three different cities: the capital of the Imperial Prefecture, Sanbaoshi, the advanced mechanical metropolis of Kyofu, and the traditionalist magic-steeped settlement of Nagabuki. Short stories with gorgeous half page illustrations at the start of each chapter to firmly posit the desperation and diversity inherent to adventuring in Soburin! Details on each of the two dozen clans of the prefectures, including the bengoshi that negotiate on the

behalf of each ruling family's lady or lord and how the Kengen Occupation affected each region of Soburin. 7 new character backgrounds and guidelines for adapting existing character backgrounds when playing in Soburin as well as new conditions, the Culture skill, and 6 maps for the continent and its settlements by cartographers Michael McCarthy, Mike Myler, and Tommi Salama! 19 different archetypes that provide exciting theme-appropriate character options for every class! 14 new races to breathe life into Soburin, making it an exotic and unique world that is eager to shrug off the shackles of western imperialism. 32 new character feats, over 10 pages of equipment that ranges from new armor and weapons to steampunk prostheses and vehicles, and 22 new Eastern-themed spells! And more. This anniversary edition includes *Revenge of the Pale Master*, a 25-page mystery adventure set in Soburin.

#### **Someone Named Eva** Green Ronin Pub

*Your Planar Adventures Begin Now!* The latest book in the critically acclaimed *Races of Renown* series fully details aasimar and tieflings, as well as half-fiends, half-celestials, and many of their cousin races. If you've been looking for an easy way to integrate planar elements into your campaign, look no further. *Aasimar & Tiefling* is your one stop shop for planar adventuring, and includes: Seven new planetouched races, including the jinx, nergaz, and silvan. A complete rules system for creating your own planetouched races. Full PC write-ups for cambions and nephilim. Dozens of ancestry feats, which allow planetouched characters to gain some of the spell-like, supernatural, and extraordinary abilities of full-blooded outsiders. A bevy of planar prestige classes (such as the Astral Reaver, Planomancer, Warrior Maiden of the Valkyrie, and Xen Chi Mystic) that includes Epic-level progressions. Dozens of new spells, including adaptation, magma burst, and Shara's scornful subjugation. New magic items, like the staff of chaos, planar chronometer, and chime of dismissal. Planar perils, a collection of new monsters like the chaos horror, fundamental gel, and organ thief. Bursting with new rules and options, *Aasimar & Tiefling* gives you all the tools needed to build and play planetouched characters and to take your campaign to the planes.

*Advanced Options for Players and Game Masters* Hachette UK  
A New York Times Bestselling Author A CBA Bestselling Author A Christy and RITA Award-winning Author When King Xerxes of

Persia issues a call for beautiful young women, Hadassah, a Jewish orphan living in Susa, is forcibly taken to the palace. After months of preparation, the girl known as Esther wins the king's heart and a queen's crown. Then she learns that an evil and ambitious man has won the king's permission to exterminate all Jews. Violating an ancient Persian law, she risks her life in order to save her people . . . and bind her husband's heart.

*The Beast of Gévaudan* Macmillan

A stunning, powerful debut novel set against the backdrop of the Cambodian War, perfect for fans of Chris Cleave and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie For seven-year-old Raami, the shattering end of childhood begins with the footsteps of her father returning home in the early dawn hours bringing details of the civil war that has overwhelmed the streets of Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital. Soon the family's world of carefully guarded royal privilege is swept up in the chaos of revolution and forced exodus. Over the next four years, as she endures the deaths of family members, starvation, and brutal forced labour, Raami clings to the only remaining vestige of childhood - the mythical legends and poems told to her by her father. In a climate of systematic violence where memory is sickness and justification for execution, Raami fights for her improbable survival. Displaying the author's extraordinary gift for language, *In the Shadow of the Banyan* is a testament to the transcendent power of narrative and a brilliantly wrought tale of human resilience. 'In the Shadow of the Banyan is one of the most extraordinary and beautiful acts of storytelling I have ever encountered' Chris Cleave, author of *The Other Hand* 'Ratner is a fearless writer, and the novel explores important themes such as power, the relationship between love and guilt, and class. Most remarkably, it depicts the lives of characters forced to live in extreme circumstances, and investigates how that changes them. To read *In the Shadow of the Banyan* is to be left with a profound sense of being witness to a tragedy of history' Guardian 'This is an extraordinary debut ... as beautiful as it is heartbreaking' Mail on Sunday

*Awakening* Cengage Learning

La Bete du Gevaudan was a real wolf-like monster living in the Auvergne from 1764 to 1767. She killed about one hundred people. Prowling Catholic pre-Revolutionary France, she spread terror among the aristocrats and peasants of the beautiful Auvergne countryside. Her story beats most mystery novels in

false trails, horror and atmosphere. The big difference is La Bete was real, not fiction, and leaves for ever the unanswered question, "What was she?" All efforts to stop her failed and she became infamous throughout France. The king - Louis XV - took a personal interest in her activities and how to destroy her. Many explanations - alien, prehistoric beast, mutant etc. - were put forward at the time and during the two centuries since but none have ever been widely accepted. A mass of evidence remains that La Bete did exist and was not just a legend. Compared with other monster mysteries she is unique, leaving graves, witnessed parish records, and archives of official documents, many of them included in this book, proving her real and guilty beyond doubt. Read Pourcher's book carefully and draw your own conclusions. Even if you arrive at a conventional solution to the mystery, doubts might linger as darkness falls. If twigs crack, don't whistle."

*Volume II* Tor Books

Discover exciting behind-the-scenes opportunities and challenges in technology today with Schwalbe's unique INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT MANAGEMENT, REVISED 7E. This one-of-a-kind book demonstrates the principles distinctive to managing information technology (IT) projects that extend well beyond standard project management requirements. No book offers more up-to-the minute insights and software tools for IT project management success, including updates that reflect the latest PMBOK Guide, 5th edition, the global standard for managing projects and earning certification. The book weaves today's theory with successful practices for an understandable, integrated presentation that focuses on the concepts, tools, and techniques that are most effective today. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT MANAGEMENT is the only book to apply all ten project management knowledge areas to IT projects. You master skills in project integration, scope, time, cost, quality, human resource, communications, risk, procurement, and stakeholder management as well as all five process groups--initiating, planning, executing, monitoring and controlling, and closing. Intriguing examples from familiar companies featured in today's news, a new Agile case, opportunities with MindView software, and a new chapter on project stakeholder management further ensure you are equipped to manage information technology projects with success. The REVISED Seventh Edition has updated

Appendix A for Microsoft Project 2013. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

*A Novel of Suspense* Penguin

Aimed at players and Dungeon Masters, this game supplement explores the heroes and wonders of Athas--a savage desert world abandoned by the gods and ruled by terrible sorcerer-kings. *Born to Be a Berliner* Fantasy Flight Pub Incorporated Naveen Sridhar has written a literary love story which is partial memoir, partial biography. Sridhar's connection with the subject of the story, his wife Renate, gives a unique..perspective about growing up in Germany during WW II and what life was like behind the Berlin Wall. Whilst most books focus on Allied soldiers and their families or the Holocaust, this book focuses on how the German people also suffered during the pivotal and haunting timewhat life was like for ordinary Germans living the rule of government policies and ideologies in which many could not be trusted What I specially loved was the glimpse this gave into the unsung heroes the wives and mothers who silently endured the pain and heartbreak of missing loved ones while keeping the country running. Another fascinating part was looking at the difficulties citizens faced when traveling between East and West Germany. Seeing how the country was divided because of a border wall and making enemies out of former neighbors really resonated with topics made instant connections with today's headlines. a careful look will show that modern people deal with the same issues. The lessons of diversity and acceptance, so new to us today, were also challenges for the characters during this time period. A modern reader will have a lot to consider and much to learn from Renate's examples. At the end of the day we are all Berliners. Pacific Book Review For anyone thinking of writing this sort of family biography, this is a textbook in how to do it. stylistically rich both detailed and breezy, with enough dialog. due to the strength of his writing and the thoroughness of his research SPR Review .erudite without being overbearing a unique, spellbinding biography..both charming and elucidating. IndieReader Review you feel with the flow connect with the pages as you move on true events peered with a beautiful narrative. Ashvamegh Int. J. of English Literature Sridhar has a talent for highlighting the good creates a charmed story with continual reinventions. Clarion Review effectively portray the hardships of



lifeshows how the sustained love of two people can surmount any adversity blueink Review much more than the history of one individual; it is a window o to the struggles ordinary Germans faced during the Cold War years.an excellent account.as a chronicle of Cold War Germany, Sridhars well-written and informative narrative sheds new light on the often underreported trials of its citizens and foreign residents. Recommended by the US Review of Books [www.naveensridhar.com](http://www.naveensridhar.com)

[The Italian Renaissance and the Rise of the West](#) Scholastic Inc. The Tome of Secrets is a collection of advanced and optional rules for players and game masters of The Pathfinder Roleplaying Game. The 192-page rulebook features: - 8 new classes, including the Artificer, Knight, Priest, Shaman, Spellblade, Swashbuckler, Warlock and Warlord. - Rules for character occupations (what your heroes did before they were heroes). - A system for character drawbacks, fleshing out your heroes with flaws. - New rules for The Pathfinder Roleplaying Game, including Chases, Morale, Stunts, and more! - Game Master tools including a random adventure generator, a monster modifier, and a generator capable of creating over one million magic items! [Unconventional Warfare \(Special Forces, Book 1\)](#) Harvard University Press

Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force

Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

**A Sourcebook for the Freeport Campaign Setting** Simon and Schuster

"What are you reading?" That's the question Will Schwalbe asks his mother, Mary Anne, as they sit in the waiting room of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In 2007, Mary Anne returned from a humanitarian trip to Pakistan and Afghanistan suffering from what her doctors believed was a rare type of hepatitis. Months later she was diagnosed with a form of advanced pancreatic cancer, which is almost always fatal, often in six months or less. This is the inspiring true story of a son and his mother, who start a "book club" that brings them together as her life comes to a close. Over the next two years, Will and Mary Anne carry on conversations that are both wide-ranging and deeply personal, prompted by an eclectic array of books and a shared passion for reading. Their list jumps from classic to popular, from poetry to mysteries, from fantastic to spiritual. The issues they discuss include questions of faith and courage as well as everyday topics such as expressing gratitude and learning to listen.

Throughout, they are constantly reminded of the power of books to comfort us, astonish us, teach us, and tell us what we need to

do with our lives and in the world. Reading isn't the opposite of doing; it's the opposite of dying. Will and Mary Anne share their hopes and concerns with each other—and rediscover their lives—through their favorite books. When they read, they aren't a sick person and a well person, but a mother and a son taking a journey together. The result is a profoundly moving tale of loss that is also a joyful, and often humorous, celebration of life: Will's love letter to his mother, and theirs to the printed page. This eBook edition includes a Reading Group Guide.

**Aasimar and Tiefling** Pickle Partners Publishing

Four months have passed since the shadow stone fell into Kell's possession. Four months since his path crossed with Delilah Bard. Four months since Rhy was wounded and the Dane twins fell, and the stone was cast with Holland's dying body through the rift, and into Black London. In many ways, things have almost returned to normal, though Rhy is more sober, and Kell is now plagued by his guilt. Restless, and having given up smuggling, Kell is visited by dreams of ominous magical events, waking only to think of Lila, who disappeared from the docks like she always meant to do. As Red London finalizes preparations for the Element Games—an extravagant international competition of magic, meant to entertain and keep healthy the ties between neighboring countries—a certain pirate ship draws closer, carrying old friends back into port. But while Red London is caught up in the pageantry and thrills of the Games, another London is coming back to life, and those who were thought to be forever gone have returned. After all, a shadow that was gone in the night reappears in the morning, and so it seems Black London has risen again—and so to keep magic's balance, another London must fall.

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