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PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT Amid the idyllic scenery of Hawaii, rookie Secret Service agent Alana Preston is attacked, and a sinister plot to assassinate the president begins taking shape. But nobody seems to believe Alana, and she doesn't know who she can trust—except Secret Service director James Locke. Now, with an assassin hiding in plain sight on the island, she and James may be the president's last line of defense. The closer they get to cracking the case, however, the more intertwined their lives become. And they must fight to keep their hearts out of it. With the life of the commander-in-chief in their hands, falling in love could be a deadly distraction... Who put the "O" in Aloha? Yeah, that's me. Camden Sheridan. A guy who will bring you to "O" faster than you can text it. Former Army Ranger with the standard issue 8-pack. And now, a bartender who'll get you safely back to your hotel after too many margaritas... and you won't want me to leave. Believe me, you won't. I live life by my rules in my bachelor pad paradise here on the Big Island of Hawaii. Until a Ranger brother needs me to take care of his little girl while he deploys. A

four-year-old cockblock in pigtails. My sex life comes to a screeching halt. Then the babysitter shows up. Annie. Smart, principled, good with kids. All the things I don't look for in a woman. I want her anyway. Annie's got a fortress of secrets surrounding her. But I'll break it down and claim her as mine. If this kid will just take a nap. "It's not him. It can't be him..." 24-year-old Bess Foster has a three-year-old daughter she cherishes... friends she adores... and an Army Ranger she's been fantasizing about for nearly four years. But she also has a past that haunts her: an abusive ex-boyfriend she fled to protect her child. She thought she was free of him... till she saw his face again. Sharing a house with a single mom and a preschooler might not sound like the best fit for an Army Ranger. But when First Lieutenant Tyler Griffon finds out that the waterfront house where his long-time friend Bess lives with her daughter has a vacancy, he can't resist the jaw-dropping view of the Chesapeake Bay. And when he signs the lease, this Ranger will get more action than he bargained for... There's a hot billionaire in the carpool line that has every mom putting on her lipstick before she drops her kid off to school. Me included. But I can't be tempted by a body hewn from granite or eyes that could melt the polar ice caps... because that hot billionaire is also my boss, Ryan Sheridan. Single moms like me can't play with fire. Especially not when I've finally landed a job that pays a decent salary, and even managed to buy a townhouse where I can raise my son without my parents looking over my shoulder, shaking their heads. So I'll keep reminding myself that, even as his sapphire eyes pry their way into my heart, threatening to unlock the secrets that I keep hidden in a dark corner of my soul. My past could destroy the life I've built for my son and me. I can't afford full disclosure. Includes primary sources on defense workers, women during the war, conscientious objectors, scrap metal collection and recycling, racial issues on the homefront, and civil defense. "Home Front is Hannah's crowning achievement."—The Huffington Post In this powerhouse of a novel, Kristin Hannah explores the intimate landscape of a troubled marriage with this provocative and timely portrait of a husband and wife, in love and at war. All marriages have a breaking point.

All families have wounds. All wars have a cost. . . . Like many couples, Michael and Jolene Zarkades have to face the pressures of everyday life—children, careers, bills, chores—even as their twelve-year marriage is falling apart. Then a deployment sends Jolene deep into harm's way and leaves defense attorney Michael at home, unaccustomed to being a single parent to their two girls. As a mother, it agonizes Jolene to leave her family, but as a soldier, she has always understood the true meaning of duty. In her letters home, she paints a rose-colored version of her life on the front lines, shielding her family from the truth. But war will change Jolene in ways that none of them could have foreseen. When tragedy strikes, Michael must face his darkest fear and fight a battle of his own—for everything that matters to his family. At once a profoundly honest look at modern marriage and a dramatic exploration of the toll war takes on an ordinary American family, Home Front is a story of love, loss, heroism, honor, and ultimately, hope. "Hannah has written a remarkable tale of duty, love, strength, and hope that is at times poignant and always thoroughly captivating and relevant." —Library Journal (starred review) During a visit to her grandparents' Illinois farm in 1944, ten-year-old Molly tries to prove the innocence of a German-American neighbor whom the FBI suspects of smuggling anti-American propaganda. Includes historical notes about life on the home front in World War II. For as long as Margaret Ann Motley can remember, she has been waiting and hoping for one thing -- a room to call her very own. And when Margaret's older sister leaves for college, it looks like Margaret's days of waiting are over. But then disaster strikes. Its form: an English cousin named Courtney who has been forced to flee 1941 London because of the blitz. Not at all concerned with what's happening in Europe, Margaret Ann is soon fighting a war of her own as she watches her cousin Courtney get not only her room, but also the attention of her very own family and boyfriend. It's not until Margaret's only brother enlists in the navy that Margaret discovers an ally and a friend where at first she saw only a rival. Poet and novelist Doris Gwaltney has crafted a detailed, spirited, sometimes humorous, and always deeply felt novel about two girls coming of age and

becoming friends in the shadow of the biggest war in modern history. Kentuckians have been wearing out shoe leather at informal jamborees since the state was settled over two hundred years ago. Tadpole's Dew Drop Inn played host to some fifteen hundred musical shindigs in its time as a mecca of Marshall County music. A Rosine barn dance gave bluegrass founder Bill Monroe his start, and another fosters new musical talent at its weekly get-togethers. Clawhammer banjo players, Appalachian cloggers and square dance callers from Possum Trot to Rabbit Hash celebrate the unique musical culture of Kentucky. Join Grammy-nominated soundtrack artist J.D. Wilkes as he waltzes around the Bluegrass, looking for oprys, socials, porch pickins and barn dances in every holler. This book is an effort to develop a better understanding of the inter-relationship between housing and welfare policy through a collection of papers on the subject. It evolved from a symposium on the implications of welfare reform for housing held at John Hopkins University in July 1997. Presents a multi-layered social history of a soldier and his Italian American family during World War II. "I had never had a better understanding of the agony of military separation until I read Kristen Tsetsi's haunting and lyrical debut novel 'Homefront.' Tsetsi, who writes with the power of an old soul, artfully deconstructs aspirations and fears to show us that love, even under the best of conditions, is little more than an artifact of an imperfect heart and an inexplicable emptiness we can never name. She turns a discerning eye on the human condition and leaves us with great sympathy for her characters and ourselves while also providing us the unsettling knowledge that we are all to blame for what we allow to happen in both love and war." -- James Moore, author of "Bush's Brain" Disrespect, disdain - and dead bodies! It's all in a day's work for WPC Billie Harkness, a pioneering female police officer protecting the home front in this gripping WWII British historical mystery. "A fresh and different take on WWII stories with an appealing young heroine" New York Times bestselling author Rhys Bowen on Death in a Blackout 1940. It's been a month since rector's daughter Billie Harkness left her rural village to make a fresh start in the northern city of Hull.

Now she has a new home and an exciting new job as one of only two female police constables in the whole city. But Hull still feels like a foreign country, and some people are less than impressed by the idea of a woman doing a 'man's job'. Facing disrespect from her colleagues and suspicion from the public, Billie throws herself into her work. The tasks she's assigned might be menial, but she's determined to do her bit for the war effort. The chance to prove her worth comes when during a search for a missing air raid shelter inspector, she makes a shocking discovery: his dead body, in a shelter that's been stripped of all its valuables. The officers summoned to investigate the scene believe it's an open and shut case, but Billie's not so sure. Asking questions means making enemies though - and little does she know that vile rumors about her are spreading, with the power to spoil everything she's tried so hard to achieve . . . Murder on the Home Front is the second stunning mystery in the new WPC Billie Harkness series. It's a great choice for readers of Jacqueline Winspear, Rhys Bowen and Susan Elia MacNeal. March 1911: Betty Dean needs a job and somewhere to live, and eventually, a husband - according to her mother. Sent into service at Stowford House in Cheshire, where the days are long and the work is gruelling, Betty's dreams of making something of herself seem even further away. But soon she is forced to return to The Potteries, carrying with her a dreadful secret which could leave her reputation in tatters. Could WW1 bring new opportunities or will Betty run out of options? A new job on the trams throws her a lifeline. Meeting fellow tram girls Connie and Jean brings the joy of friendship, even if Betty struggles with having to keep secrets from her new pals. When Duncan Kennedy, a shy but charming soldier, enters Betty's life, it seems that she may finally find love. But opening herself up isn't easy, and when he leaves for the front, she finds herself alone once again. As the Great War rumbles on, Betty's life in The Potteries is full of its own battles... A heart-breaking WW1 saga that fans of Pam Howes and Nancy Revell will love. Praise for Lynn Johnson's Potteries Girls series: 'A poignant, emotional and heart-wrenching read...best read with a box of tissues handy' Bookish Jottings 'This truly was a fabulous story from beginning to end and

I struggled to put it down!... richly detailed, beautifully written and the storyline along with the characters was enthralling' Rose is Reading 'heartbreaking, emotive and well researched...This is an easy, enjoyable and informative read, recommended for lovers of historical fiction.' Waggy Tales *'I highly recommend reading this and being transported back in time. An excellent historical fiction that had me compulsively turning the pages.'* Books and Bookends *'Overall, I loved it. There were lots of moments that made me gasp and others that almost made me cry, and then there were those that made me smile and sigh.'* Jess Bookish Life *'heartwarming and emotional. I absolutely love the story line...I really enjoyed the setting and the characters. If you enjoy historical fiction, this is definitely a book to read!'* Jessica Belmont Book Reviews *'I'm quite astonished this is a debut novel... The characters came alive on the page, and it's a fully rounded story... A fabulous read'* Grace J Reviewerlady *'an emotional, captivating read which is perfect for anyone who loves a good saga!... a fantastic read that quickly drew me into the story and kept my interest throughout with its fabulous plot.'* Over The Rainbow Book Blog *'Ginnie is a likeable character from the off... I cried at some of the heartache she saw, and was so pleased with every small moment of happiness. You won't be able to put this one down.'* Jennifer C Wilson *'the author winds her story around your person and snares your heart... Though filled with much darkness and despair, there is also hope and love'* Insatiable Readers *'Johnson has a Cookson flair...she does capture the heart and soul of her characters.'* Cheryl M-M Book Reviews *'a step back in time with a young protagonist who pulled on my heart strings...The friendship between her and Sam was especially heartwarming. I really enjoyed my first introduction to this author'* By The Letter Book Reviews *The hallmarks of America's War on Terror have been repeated long deployments and a high percentage of troops returning with psychological problems. Family members of combat veterans are at a higher risk of potentially lethal domestic violence than almost any other demographic; it's estimated that one in four children of active-duty service members have symptoms of depression; and nearly one million veterans of Iraq*

and Afghanistan require increased care due to physical or psychological trauma. But, despite these staggering trends, civilian America has not been mobilized to take care of the families left behind; the American Homefront, which traditionally has been rallied to support the nation's war efforts, has disappeared. In *Homefront 911* Stacy Bannerman, a nationally-recognized advocate for military families, provides an insider's view of how more than a decade of war has contributed to the emerging crisis we are experiencing in today's military and veteran families as they battle with overwhelmed VA offices, a public they feel doesn't understand their sacrifices, and a nation that still isn't fully prepared to help those who have given so much. Bannerman, whose husband served in Iraq, describes how extended deployments cause cumulative, long-lasting strain on families who may not see their parent, child, or spouse for months on end. She goes on to share the tools she and others have found to begin to heal their families, and advocates policies for advancing programs, services, and civilian support, all to help repair the broken agreement that the nation will care for its returning soldiers and their families. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history—books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home. *Policing Stress on the Homefront* was designed for police officers and the people who love them. This unique set of principles regards spouses and romantic partners as a critical component in mental health management. Learn how to mitigate the effects of repeated exposure to trauma as a partner, an officer, or as a team. **THE STORY:** The action is set in a comfortable suburban home in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where Bob and Maurine, a fairly well-off middle-aged couple, are living (apparently happily)

with their daughter Karen, a graduate student, and their brooding son Forty-one Australian soldiers died in action over 20 years of fighting in Afghanistan; in that time more than 1400 veterans have taken their own lives. Veterans today are chronically over-represented when it comes to PTSD, depression, homelessness and suicide. Australians rightfully pause on Anzac Day each year to solemnly remember fallen soldiers, but are we forgetting our returned veterans whose personal battles continue every single day, and how did we get to this point? In this authoritative, compelling and urgent book, bestselling author Patrick Lindsay (*The Spirit of the Digger* and *Fromelles* among many) looks at the wide-ranging damage caused by training Australians to be fighting machines and then inadequately supporting them as they re-enter their communities. Featuring moving interviews with veterans and their families as well as a broader analysis of Australian military culture and government responses, Lindsay illustrates both the personal and societal costs of this dereliction of duty. *The Home Front* is a fascinating and rousing indictment of the culture of war, the thinking of those who wage it, and the cost to those who experience it. The first book-length study in English of an important but neglected school of dissident Chinese writers active around the time of the war against Japan (1937-45). I know exactly what I want. And it has nothing to do with the hot Navy SEAL I picked up in a bar. Really... it doesn't. Even though the pressure of his lips on mine fires me like a hot kiln, and the feel of his ripped chest beneath my hungry fingertips... Wait... I'm digressing. Focus, Allie. Since graduating from college, I've been juggling two jobs while fostering abandoned dogs, with my sights set on opening a rescue kennel. I'll do whatever it takes to succeed, even if it means fighting back my cravings for the man who's been fueling my fantasies since I got my first taste of him in a hotel elevator. This guy is too full of secrets. Dark ones, hidden behind his ice blue eyes. Secrets of his Special Ops past and of a billionaire family that employs half our town. He won't let me into his world, and it's for the best. Logan Sheridan is more than I can handle. But when he slips his way into my life, searing the memory of his rock-hard body pressed against mine into my

consciousness, all I can do is remember that night in the elevator... ...and ask for more, please. About half of the women in the United States and Canada have been physically or sexually assaulted after the age of 16. The figures in other countries are similar. Written by an outsider (an anthropologist) and an insider (a spousal abuse survivor), this book offers a humanistic, rather than statistical, overview of the problem of spousal abuse. It is based on an extensive set of interviews with abused women and individuals who seek to help them (shelter workers, police officers, marriage counselors). More particularly, it follows four women as they move through the steps they must follow to extricate themselves from an abusive relationship and then get on with their lives. The reader witnesses their success and failures as they face a task that is both necessary and daunting, and the effects that spousal abuse (and at attempts stopping the abuse) have on an ever-widening circle of people. This book illustrates how society in general and individuals and organizations in particular help and hinder the process of extrication - often at the same time. By analyzing the solutions, and their implications, that have been offered to and by the abused women, the authors arrive at a set of alternative solutions that could significantly reduce the incidence of spouse abuse in the future. Set against the backdrop of a far-future Earth struggling to reinvent itself after a technological disaster, *Homefront* is an uncompromising adventure story about what it truly means to be human. Jantine is a Beta, a genetically modified super soldier charged with establishing a hidden colony on Earth. When her expedition arrives in the middle of a civil war, she must choose her allies wisely or be exterminated. Featuring complex characters and edge-of-your-seat action sequences, *Homefront* will have readers guessing until the last page. Sergeant Daniel Malone is back in the States after being medically discharged for severe PTSD. In his hands, he holds a letter given to him by a fallen friend. The letter, the last note from Eric, the soldier's brother, is of his coming out and needing his brother's support. Daniel insists on returning it to Eric and telling him that his brother supported and loved him, but Eric blames Daniel for his brother's death. Daniel gives the worn letter to Eric in the hope

it brings him peace but can't stay away as the words of the message and seeing Eric for the first time have stirred feelings in Daniel's heart that he'd never felt before. Even though Eric seems to want nothing to do with him, fate and the letter written to a brother could be what brings them together or drives them apart.

Wednesday, December 10, 1941""Hitler speaks to Reichstag tomorrow. We just heard the first casualty lists over the radio. . . . Lots of boys from Michigan and Illinois. Oh my God! . . . Life goes on though. We read our books in the library and eat lunch, bridge, etc. Phy. Sci. and Calculus. Darn Descartes. Reading Walt Whitman now.""" This diary of a smart, astute, and funny teenager provides a fascinating record of what an everyday American girl felt and thought during the Depression and the lead-up to World War II. Young Chicagoan Joan Wehlen describes her daily life growing up in the city and ruminates about the impending war, daily headlines, and major touchstones of the era--FDR's radio addresses, the Lindbergh kidnapping, "Goodbye Mr. Chips "and "Citizen Kane," Churchill and Hitler, war work and Red Cross meetings. Included are Joan's charming doodles of her latest dress or haircut reflective of the era. "Home Front Girl "is not only an entertaining and delightful read but an important primary source--a vivid account of a "real" American girl's lived experiences. Life is about to change for Lieutenant Jack Falcone. Stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy, Jack has just learned he's headed back to the SEALs as an Anti-Submarine Warfare Expert. He's got six weeks left in Annapolis... six weeks to convince Maeve that some pasts are worth revisiting. How can she resist? When Maeve said good-bye to Jack eight years ago after a weekend fling, she never expected he'd return to her life, and wind up the best man in the wedding of her friends, Mick and Lacey. But a lot has happened in the years they've been apart... just enough to make a relationship with him impossible. If she can resist temptation for just six more weeks, her secrets will be safe. Six weeks... starting... now... The SEAL's Best Man is a full-length novel about what happens when the low sizzle of a weekend fling blazes into a bonfire that could burn for a lifetime. Many Americans will never experience the gut-wrenching act of sending

a loved one off to war, or the joy and stress of welcoming him or her home. Still less known to most of us are the anxiety-ridden moments between these two scenes, the day-to-day reality of life in a military family when a loved one is deployed in a combat zone. *While They're at War* takes us inside hearts and homes to illuminate the unseen aspects of this critical American story. We meet two very different women, Marissa Bootes and Beth Pratt, both newlyweds experiencing life alone at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, while their husbands are fighting in Iraq. Through the extraordinary stories of these and other military spouses, Kristin Henderson reveals the overwhelming effects of separation -- from fears of death to worries about financial stability and marital fidelity. She also explores the official and unofficial support systems that strain to help homefront families endure some of their greatest challenges. Formed in 1951, the Federal Civil Defense Administration said that "the importance of women in civil defense can scarcely be overstated." Comprising 70 percent or more of civil defense workers at the height of the Cold War, American women served as FCDA wardens, auxiliary police, nurses, home preparedness advisors, coordinators of mass feeding drills, rescue and emergency management personnel, and in various local, state, regional and national organizations. The author examines the diverse roles they filled to promote homeland protection and preparedness at a time when atomic war was an imminent threat.

Thriller. Lt. Marya Andreison just wanted to get her career back on track. After years of crap assignments and missed promotions, she finally got the deep-space posting she always wanted, only to find bigotry and intolerance are universal. But when an alien transmission only she can decode comes through an unauthorized wormhole, her situation goes from bad to worse to awful. Now she's on the run, with only her wits, her wedding rings, and a downloaded message that could start an intergalactic war. All Marya wants to do is get back home to her family. And if she has to burn down what's left of civilization to get there, that's exactly what she's going to do.

Rarely seen photographs from the *Baltimore Sun*, the *News-American*, and the *Afro-American* bring to life the rich, personal anecdotes of wartime

Baltimoreans and transport readers back to an indelible era of Baltimore history. The decorated Marine, host of the War Stories documentary series and best-selling author of Heroes Proved presents a first-hand account of the stories of extraordinary Americans who volunteered to fight against terrorism after the September 11 attacks. This book was written for all the soldiers and their spouses. There is no limit of respect that the author has for the men and women who wear the uniform, and for their spouses. No one knows what goes on in the home once the spouse has been deployed. Hell On The Homefront is a look into that life, the ups and downs of a military wife. From the illness and death of her mother, to the everyday fear she faces that her husband will not return from war, is portrayed in this book. This military wife shows what a spouse can and does endure when faced with adversity and grief. It takes a special kind of woman to be a military wife. Either you love it or you hate it, and this military wife proves she loves it. Read how everything that could go wrong, did go wrong for this Army wife, yet she endured, and wishes to dedicate this book to all the other spouses who have endured "Hell On The Homefront." It's 1943, and Duluth, Minnesota is one of the busiest ports in the world. Most of the iron ore for World War II moves in giant ore boats through a narrow channel separating Lake Superior from the Twin Ports of Duluth and Superior. Spanning that channel is: The Bridge. In those hurried times, as civilians attempt to deal with shortages, loneliness, and daily wartime tragedies, a murder occurs to further warp the daily life. You may want to read this book with your grandchild and explain who Bing Crosby was and what food rationing meant. And, incidentally, enjoy a good mystery. A gripping adventure set in the world of the epic videogame Home is where the war is America may be reeling from endless recessions and crippling oil wars, but hack reporter Ben Walker never expected to see his homeland invaded and occupied by a reunified Korea—now a formidable world power under Kim Jong-il's dictator son. The enemy's massive cyberattack is followed by the detonation of an electromagnetic pulse that destroys technology across the United States. Communications, weapons, and defense

systems are rendered useless; thousands perish as vehicles suddenly lose power and passenger jets plummet to the ground. Fleeing the chaos of Los Angeles, Walker discovers that although America's military has been scattered, its fighting spirit remains. Walker joins the soldiers as they head east across the desert, battling Korean patrols—and soon finds his own mission. Walker reinvents himself as the Voice of Freedom, broadcasting information and enemy positions to civilian Resistance cells via guerrilla radio. But Walker's broadcasts have also reached the ears of the enemy. Korea dispatches its deadliest warrior to hunt the Voice of Freedom and crush the ever-growing Resistance before it can mount a new war for American liberty. While thousands of Britons fight in the trenches, a severely depleted police force remains behind to keep the Home Front safe. Detective Inspector Harvey Marmion and Sergeant Joe Keedy are on hand to delve into the complex and sinister cases that arise.

A Bespoke Murder: May 1915. In London the sinking of the Lusitania sparks an unprecedented wave of anti-German riots. Among the victims is the tailor Jacob Stein, found dead in his burnt-out shop. But is the murder really the result of wartime hysteria, or perhaps a more premeditated crime?

An Instrument of Slaughter: Britain is on the brink of enforcing conscription. A conscientious objector is savagely killed after making a rousing speech at a meeting of the No-Conscription Fellowship, and some people even claim that a conchie deserves to die if he won't fight for King and Country. Marmion and Keedy will have to work fast to find the killer before more deaths occur...

Five Dead Canaries: As the fighting on the Front Line continues, a new breed of women emerges to hold the Home Front together. The fiery-spirited munitionettes, or 'canaries', are easily recognisable with their chemically-stained yellow faces. One such raucous group gathers to celebrate a birthday, but the festivities are cut short when all but one are killed in a brutal explosion. The dark days of the war have left everyone on edge, suspicion is rife and there are no shortage of apparent motives for murder...

'A master storyteller. Edward Marston has tapped into a rich vein of inspiration. His Home Front Detective series promises a long run.' Daily Mail Military

operations in Afghanistan and Iraq consumed so much attention during his presidency that few people appreciated that George W. Bush was also an activist on the home front. Despite limited public support, and while confronting a deeply divided Congress, Bush engineered and implemented reforms of public policy on a wide range of issues: taxes, education, health care, energy, environment, and regulatory reform. In *Bush on the Home Front*, former Bush White House official and academic John D. Graham analyzes Bush's successes in these areas and setbacks in other areas such as Social Security and immigration reform. Graham provides valuable insights into how future presidents can shape U.S. domestic policy while facing continuing partisan polarization.

Rita Williams-Garcia's masterful and bold Coretta Scott King Honor Book is fresh, funny, and powerfully relevant. This novel by a master storyteller and Newbery Honor-winning author is about one girl's discovery of her family history—and her own place within it. When fourteen-year-old Gayle gets in trouble with a boy—again—her mother doesn't give her a choice: Gayle is getting sent away from New York to her family down South, along with her baby, José. In a small town in Georgia, there is nowhere to go but church, nothing to do but chores, and no friends except her goody-goody, big-boned, kneesock-wearing cousin, Cookie. Gayle is stuck cleaning up after Great, the old family matriarch who stays upstairs in her bed. But the more she spends time with Cookie and Great, Gayle learns about her family's history and secrets, stretching all the way back through the preachers and ancestors of the past. And slowly, the stories of her roots begin to change how Gayle sees her future. Like *Sisters on the Homefront* is a fast, gritty read about mistakes, second chances, and family. A strong choice for summer reading and for sparking conversation in the classroom or at home.

Dashing and valiantly wounded, Captain John Gallows could have stepped straight out of an army recruitment poster. Leanne Sample can't help being impressed—although the lovely Red Cross nurse tries to hide it. She knows better than to get attached to the daring captain who is only home to heal and help rally support for the war's final push. As soon as he's well enough, he'll rush back to Europe, back to

war—and far away from South Carolina and Leanne. But when an epidemic strikes close to home, John comes to realize what it truly means to be a hero—Leanne's hero. When ranking his rotten luck, it was hard to decide which topped the list as the most craptastic thing to happen to him lately... The injury that could end his career in the SEALs. The storm that stranded him in Atlanta Airport. The naked man he found on top of his girlfriend. One thing was certain. Things couldn't get much worse. Then he met her. Super star. Super stuck up. Super sexy. Super engaged to be married to someone else. It was just an odd job to tide him over while he waited to see if he'd heal enough to get back on the team. Close personal protection for a singer so famous even he'd heard of her. He was supposed to be her body guard. And guard her body he did. Day . . . and night. His new boss probably didn't have protection that close or that personal in mind. He wasn't supposed to fall for her. Then again, she wasn't supposed to be so smart, and funny, and wounded, and in need of saving. Now he has a decision to make. Quit the military career he'd worked half his life for and take the job as her permanent head of security, just to be near her. Forget about her and take any job his command would give him in his current broken condition. Or do the craziest thing of all. Confess his feelings and hope to make it work. With her. As a normal couple. A real couple, if that was even possible given who she was. It's an impossible decision, but he'll be damned if he'll let her stalker or his bullet make it for him.

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