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Gaven grew up a bastard without a father...until the day his noble-born sire came to claim him, destroying his home and killing everyone around him. But Gaven's suffering has only just begun. Because his father has given him to a legendary warrior named Vlar to train him, both in battle and in bed. Both are terrifying to Gaven, as the worlds of warfare and of men loving men seem equally alien to him. Vlar, one of the infamous Finnarian race known for drinking blood, is as ruthless and powerful as he is unforgettable. Now Gaven faces a future without hope, his former life lost, given to be bonded to a frightening stranger... Vlar is a being of legend. He is powerful and utterly without mercy. Gaven has no choice but to submit to him. But when the chance comes to flee, Gaven takes it. Only Vlar is not a man who ever gives up what is his. There is a hidden side to Vlar, the opposite of the merciless warrior so deadly with a blade. This Vlar is surprisingly caring to Gaven, training him for bonding...and that care upends everything Gaven thought he knew of the warrior. Gaven's old life has been destroyed, but Vlar may just make him a mate...if only he can survive until then. Reader note: Previously released. Reader discretion strongly advised: contains intense emotional elements and male male love

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"Can a heart learn more than just violence?" Enzo is "the Martinelli," the head of the Martinelli family drug empire. He has known very little softness in his life, only the love of his younger brother and his niece. But when fate leads him to rescue a brutalized young man, he finds he cannot let the young man go without trying to help him. It's his chance to do something good for someone who desperately deserves it, a distraction from the mafia life or murder and intrigue. But he wishes the submissive young man would quit fawning and calling him "master." While he'd love to take the young man up on his sexual offers, Enzo's tastes run to the darker side, and that's the last thing the young man needs. Chase Connors hasn't known love in a long time, maybe not ever. As a slave to a sadistic master, he's learned to get what he needs with sex. He doesn't understand why this new "master" has been so generous--bringing him to live at Tanglewood, his vast family estate, sending him to college, and showing him affection--when to everyone else he's hard and distant. The only way Chase knows to thank him is with his body--but Enzo appears to be straight, if his pregnant girl friend is any indication. But when Chase sees Enzo kissing another man, he knows he has a chance to win over the dominant Enzo. Seeing his chance, he stalks Enzo on his own turf--a nightclub called Dark Whispers--and gives Enzo a show he simply cannot refuse. Until someone else comes gunning for the Martinelli, and a

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horrible explosion destroys everything...

Secrets, madness, lies...and a love forged in the flames of betrayal. Imprisoned, starved and abused by his captors, Darcel finds his only escape in the depths of madness. But he's tormented by his own demons, who taunt him with the memories of his past and of his beloved prince, Alasar of Rais. The man who condemned him to this prison for killing the enemy's high king. The man who betrayed him, when he should have returned a hero. After three years of torment, Darcel is about to give up, to turn himself over to the demon for the blessed release of death. Until he hears the pounding of boots up the prison stairs and finds Alasar in his cell, overjoyed at finally finding him, distraught at his condition, and desperate to save him, with no knowledge of how his friend had come to be there. After tending his wounds, Alasar transports Darcel back to the palace by sledge, no easy task since it's deep winter and Darcel is barely alive. But when the enemy raiders attack their party and capture Darcel, it's clear they seek vengeance for the murder of their king. Until their new king, Harlech, explains that Darcel was not captured, but sold to them. By Alasar. Caught in a tangled web of secrets, lies, and betrayal, Darcel does not know whom to trust—or whom to serve. With two warring leaders both demanding his loyalty, and both men earning his love, how is Darcel supposed to know what's real, or where his heart

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truly lies? Content note: contains intense emotional and capture elements and male/male love Keywords: enemies to lovers, captive, capture, intrigue, m/m romance, gay fantasy romance, prince, prison, thief

The triad will become legend again—or fall into darkness forever. Emperor Taldan Anrodnes faces his darkest days. Assassins from the War Guild nearly killed him, leaving his brother wounded. War has begun, shattering the peace of the empire and threatening everything Taldan has worked so hard to create. First Emperor Sladeran's influence through the Illumitae is growing within him. Taldan struggles to keep Sladeran's jealousy and madness under control and stay true to himself...and to his Chosen. When an oracle from the War Guild arrives at the capital city, the stakes finally become clear. The assassins are tampering with powerful forces—the crystals that forged the Illumitae—and now threaten not only the empire but the entire realm. Raine's heart breaks as Taldan's struggle to save the empire and control the Illumitae tears him apart and drives wedges between the three of them. He fears his meager talents are not enough to truly help Taldan, the man he desperately loves. Raine must find a way to keep the triad bound together against all odds. Only by keeping their hearts together can they hope to stand against the War Guild and the corruption of the crystals. Hredeed had no choice when he was made a Chosen and brought into the triad, but he

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loves Taldan, and Raine is as dear as a brother to him. Yet, he chafes against Taldan's growing possessiveness, fearing the madness of Sladeran is growing stronger inside his beloved. But there are secrets in Hredeen's blood, and that blood will play a role in the future of the empire. The three of them must throw aside tradition and become something the empire has not seen since its earliest days—a true triad powerful enough to bring salvation...or destruction. The final book of the Anrodnes Chronicles!

Once a proud warrior, now a demon's whore. Brenaith had once been a warrior of renown, companion to the King of Artepia. Now he suffered in captivity as a demon's whore, his country overrun by a race his people had not believed existed. Driven to the edge of madness by his tortures, the final blow comes when his master, a demon lord, gifts him as a blood servant to a Shadow Knight, Shaynith-una, a monster of legend that destroys even souls. Brenaith does not expect to survive the bonding by Shaynith-una, who is rumored to hold divine blood and is held in awe by other demons. But with time he begins to see Shaynith-una as more than the monster he is reputed to be. The knight is a demi-god. Half demon god, half elf, the son of rape and darkness, mind taken and molded by his demonic deity father. And Brenaith's fate and hope are both bound to Shaynith-una for good or for ill. Can Brenaith break Shaynith-una's

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conditioning and discover what and who really lies behind the knight's facade...or will darkness always rule? Reader discretion advised: contains intense emotional elements, captivity themes, and male/male love Keywords: gay fantasy romance, fantasy romance, demons, enemies to lovers, m/m romance

Exiled by his former lover, Peyton finds himself leading soldiers who resent him for his relationship to the new king—the king who has now turned his back on him. Peyton's future looks dark after Peyton and his men travel across the gate to a new world to aid in a war against invading demons. Then Peyton meets the Eight, elite warriors who keep their skills sharp by killing demons. He's immediately fascinated with Ice, one of the Eight's most talented and enigmatic warriors. Ice's lack of inhibitions or shame in loving other men turns Peyton's concepts of love on end. His feelings toward Ice soon force Peyton to confront who he truly is beneath the layers of submission he'd shown the king who abandoned Peyton to this dangerous world. He can only pray the new passion he shares with Ice will redeem him instead of shattering him forever. He cannot take having his heart broken again... Ice was not one to commit to a single lover. He had marked a path through the army with a trail of discarded lovers behind him. No one had ever left a mark upon his heart. But Peyton, the standoffish and proud new commander, proves a challenge Ice cannot resist. And one

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passionate dalliance was definitely not enough for Ice, who found himself drawn to Peyton again and again. They make the oddest couple: Ice, who has never taken love seriously or given his heart, and Peyton, who had given his very soul to his prince, certain their love was forever...until he was cast aside and sent to a new world to die in the war against the demons. But the demon war is racing toward its end, win or lose. In the final battle, Ice could wind up one of the many casualties no matter how desperate Peyton might be to save him...

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Drug Design and Discovery in Alzheimer's Disease includes expert reviews of recent developments in Alzheimer's disease (AD) and neurodegenerative disease research. Originally published by Bentham as *Frontiers in Drug Design and Discovery*, Volume 6 and now distributed by Elsevier, this compilation of the sixteen articles, written by leading global researchers, focuses on key developments in the understanding of the disease at molecular levels, identification and validation of molecular targets, as well as innovative approaches towards drug discovery, development, and delivery. Beginning with an overview of AD pharmacotherapy and existing blockbuster drugs, the reviews cover the potential of both natural and synthetic small molecules; the role of cholinesterases in the on-set and progression of AD and their inhibition; the role

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of beta-site APP clearing enzyme-1 (BACE-1) in the production of β -amyloid proteins, one of the key reasons of the progression of AD; and other targets identified for AD drug discovery. Edited and written by leading experts in Alzheimer's disease (AD) and other neurodegenerative disease drug development Describes existing drugs for AD and current molecular understanding of the condition Reviews recent advances in the field, including coverage of cholinesterases, BACE-1, and other drug development targets

The dragons are dying. Now a talented blacksmith and a betrayed prince must find a way to save them...while saving each other. Bren, a blacksmith in a small town, longs to escape his drunken, abusive father. His world is turned upside down when legendary dragon riders arrive and discover Bren is a chosen one. He's taken to the great mountain fortress to imprint one of the new hatchlings by none other than Kyralian, the dragon prince. After the hatching goes terribly wrong, Bren struggles to recover by losing himself in his metalwork, taking on apprentices, and ignoring all dragons. But he soon realizes that Kyralian, seemingly so powerful, is in real trouble. The prince and his male dragon are treated like property, mated as a prize at the end of a yearly chase. Bren will do anything to keep the prince and his dragon safe...even if it costs him everything. Kyralian is desperate to save the dragons of his colony. He's searching for answers to the failing dragon lines, but the ruling council only wants to use his dragon for breeding. He can't defy them because he's bound by duty and his love for his

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people. Yet he's never felt more alone, more caged by his obligations to the colony. Now his growing feelings for the blacksmith have endangered both their freedom and their lives. The prince's dragon is the last male in the fortress, his value beyond price, and there are enemies who will do anything to make the prince submit... Reader Note: Contains intense emotional elements Keywords: dragons, dragon rider, m/m fantasy, gay fantasy romance, prince, blacksmith, fantasy romance

When Roman politician Caelius inherits a stable of gladiators, there is one who captures his attention above the others...one whose eyes gleam with hate, pride and desire. Forced into slavery by Roman greed, Gaidres can barely conceal his contempt toward his new Dominus. Gaidres has a plan: kill Caelius and end the lineage of the Roman family that enslaved him. For his plan to succeed, he must make a show of respect and obedience—even when called on to service his master's desires. Gaidres is shocked to learn that in the confines of his quarters, Caelius doesn't want to dominate his slave, but to be taken by him. The sex is explosive as they break society's taboos and, to Gaidres's dismay, they form a tenuous relationship. Even when Caelius learns of Gaidres's plans for revenge, he knows he can't live without his perfect lover. Is he willing to risk it all to tame his gladiator's heart? 88,000 words

An assassin, an emperor, and his Chosen. Will their bonds survive intrigue, exile, and war...? Exiled by the emperor he loves, Hredeem Leesian chooses to travel to the once-peaceful kingdom of Bhantan to stop a brutal invasion. Armed with only a blade and his

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skills as an assassin, he means to stop Raine's cruel brothers from killing and looting their way across the kingdom. But as Hredeen hunts his prey, he discovers another assassin who knows the darkest secrets of their guild. Now Hredeen fears he cannot return to the secretive fortress where he was trained in the killing arts. His world has been shattered by Taldan's rejection, and he no longer has a home at the imperial capital...or in Taldan's heart. Taldan Anrodnes has ascended to emperor, and the magic of the Illumitae has merged with his body and mind. After nearly being killed in a vicious attack, Taldan has begun forging a deeper bond with Raine, the young man who saved his life by becoming his Chosen. Taldan might now be one of the most powerful men in the world, but he's haunted by memories of Hredeen. He can't forget the look on Hredeen's face when he cast his friend and lover out for his deception. The assassin betrayed his trust, lied to him, and—like Raine—saved his life. Now, beneath the weight of the emperor's golden mask, he wrestles with his growing power and the threats against his empire, his life, and his sanity. Raine Yoldis is now bound as Chosen to the brilliant man he has always admired. But he struggles to find his own path as Chosen, especially when Hredeen's shadow lies so heavily over Taldan. He can't escape the fear that he isn't needed and will be pushed aside even as the Illumitae's magic changes them both in unforeseen ways. The gods might have chosen him to be with Taldan, but can he win the man's love, especially when the emperor's growing obsession could tear everything to pieces? Meanwhile, Prince Zaran leads the

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Anrodnes army in a desperate pursuit of the rebel invaders, shocked by the destruction they have left in their path. As the rebels advance, diplomat Isnay undertakes a vital mission to bring aid to Bhantan—only the young, fiery king is like no noble he has ever met. Inside the empire, Naral struggles to uncover a new plot against his emperor with the help of a brash thief, and the War Guild waits in the wings, its motives unclear, yet a growing threat to the very existence of the empire...

One cowboy in a desperate search for a home. Another in desperate need of healing... Kaien Preston has traveled thousands of miles searching for a ranch where he will be left in peace. He's still scarred by the last place he worked, where he was violently attacked by another ranch hand simply because he was gay. He never stays long in one place, and now his journey takes him to Poplar Ridge, a ranch rumored to be a haven for those who are different. He is immediately drawn to the ranch foreman, a grizzled, stoic cowboy named Taylor McLean. Things are not easy. Taylor is a man haunted by his past, and Kaien is unwilling to trust again, no matter how much he might be attracted to the cowboy. Yet, as the first tentative steps of trust lead to something more, Kaien is faced with a choice. Risk everything at a chance for love, or set out on the road again in his search for a place to belong. For years now, Taylor has been vital to the smooth operation of the ranch and good friends with the owners, Nathan and Malcolm. But he's bleeding from old wounds that haven't healed—loss and betrayals in his past. When a broken soul named Kaien arrives looking for work, Taylor finds himself

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drawn to the quiet strength within the smaller man, whose gentle nature calls to him. He knows Kaien deserves someone better, but as hard as he fights his attraction, he can't escape it. They share so much, including a love of animals, but earning Kaien's trust is difficult, especially when Taylor isn't certain he's worthy of it. But time may be running out for them both. A cattle drive into the mountains sets in motion a disaster that will either bind them together...or leave everything they shared in pieces.

Can a deadly assassin hold on to a love he thought lost...? Hredeen has been exiled from his emperor's side, the only place he had found a home, friendship...love. Now after changing the course of the invasion of Bhantan, he faces an uncertain future. Unable to return to Anrodnes, he faces years of torture and isolation as his masters in the War Guild eradicate every precious memory he held of his former life with Emperor Taldan. But after meeting a rogue assassin, one who escaped from the War Guild itself, Hredeen has to make a choice. Respond to a summons by the War Guild for brutal retraining. Or take vital information back to Anrodnes, back where Emperor Taldan and Raine wait. The man he loves...and the man who is Taldan's true Chosen... Raine has done everything he can to be a good Chosen for the emperor, but he fears it is not enough. He longs for Taldan's love, yet he worries that what Taldan and Hredeen had together is deeper and more powerful than he could ever offer. Taldan is consumed by Hredeen's loss, his behavior sliding into something on the edge of darkness. Is it the magic of the Illumitae...or something even more dangerous? And what can Raine do to

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stop it? The loss of Hredeen leaves a hole within Taldan's heart, even though he was the one to exile the assassin. Yet he is beginning to love Raine, his Chosen, and attempts to put his entire energy into solidifying their bond. But with conspiracies, assassination threats, and unrest spreading across the lands, even that bond will be put to the test. The Illumitae holds secrets, and some of them may destroy everything he cherishes. Once, Taldan prided himself on his emotionless, logical detachment and the power of his mind. But now, the chaos within his heart is surging, and neither Raine nor Hredeen may be safe... Reader note: The Anrodnes Chronicles is a four-book epic M/M fantasy romance!

The 38 chapters of this Field Manual provide the tools required for planning experiments with entomopathogens and their implementation in the field. Basic tools include chapters on the theory and practice of microbial control agents, statistical design of experiments, equipment and application strategies. The major pathogen groups are covered in individual chapters (virus, bacteria, protozoa, fungi, nematodes). Subsequent chapters deal with the impact of naturally occurring and introduced exotic pathogens and inundative application of microbial control agents. The largest section of the Manual is composed of 21 chapters on the application and evaluation of entomopathogens in a wide range of agricultural, forest, domestic and aquatic habitats. Mites and slugs broaden the scope of the book. Supplementary techniques and media for follow-up laboratory studies are described. Three final chapters cover the evaluation

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of Bt transgenic plants, resistance to insect pathogens and strategies to manage it, and guidelines for evaluating the effects of MCAs on nontarget organisms. Readership: Researchers, graduate students, practitioners of integrated pest management, regulators, those doing environmental impact studies. The book is a stand-alone reference, but is also complementary to the laboratory-oriented Manual of Techniques in Insect Pathology and similar comprehensive texts.

This book brings together the study of transnationalization in three institutional fields: civil society, state and the economy. It also extends the research of processes of transnationalization to evolving new democracies and emerging market economies. In a rapidly progressing field, Botulinum Toxin Therapy provides both clinicians and basic researchers with the latest science on the structure and function of botulinum toxins and the use of these toxins to treat a wide variety of diseases. Part 1 of the book reviews the basic science of botulinum toxins including advances in our understanding of the molecular structure and mechanism of action of botulinum toxins. This section also discusses the manufacturing and formulation of botulinum toxins for clinical use and the development of novel therapeutic toxins for the future. Part 2 reviews the use of botulinum toxins in clinical practice. It discusses the clinical pharmacology of botulinum toxin drugs and their use in a wide variety of clinical conditions including headache, spasticity, pain, disorders of the genitourinary and gastrointestinal tract, strabismus, and medical aesthetics.

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Covers all facets of the synthesis of β -amino acids As evidenced by an exponential increase in the literature published on the subject, interest in β -amino acids has grown over the past several years. With major pharmaceutical applications, these amino acids are now studied across multiple lines of research, including combinatorial chemistry, medicinal chemistry, molecular design, proteomics, and others. This Second Edition of *Enantioselective Synthesis of β -Amino Acids* updates reviews included in the First Edition while also covering new developments since its publication. The book presents detailed discussions of the most important methods for the synthesis of β -amino acids. In most cases, the lead chemist who originally developed a method provides an authoritative description of it. In addition, *Enantioselective Synthesis of β -Amino Acids, Second Edition*: * Features introductory overviews on the structural types of relevant β -amino acid targets and salient β -amino acids present in natural products * Dedicating several chapters to advances in the synthesis of oligomers from β -amino acids * Includes general and practical procedures for the preparation of β -amino acids in each chapter * Discusses the most important methods that have been recently developed for the asymmetric synthesis of cyclic and open-chain β -amino acids * Includes a report on the preparation of libraries of enantiopure β -amino acids using combinatorial approaches The only book of its kind available today, *Enantioselective Synthesis of β -Amino Acids, Second Edition* offers upper-level students and professionals an essential resource for pharmaceutical development, medicinal chemistry, and biochemistry. The development of pesticide resistance in arthropod pests, plant pathogens and weeds can be viewed and studied from two contrasting perspectives. At a fundamental level, resistance provides an almost ideal example of adaptation to withstand severe environmental stress.

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Population geneticists, biochemists and, most recently, molecular biologists have cast considerable light on the nature of this adaptation in diverse taxonomic groups, and on factors determining its selection and spread within and between populations. Unlike most evolutionary phenomena, however, resistance is also of immediate practical and economic significance. Not only has the number of resistant species continued to increase inexorably, but there has been an alarming increase in the severity and extent of some resistance problems. Cases of organisms resisting virtually all available pesticides are by no means uncommon, and pose a formidable challenge in view of present difficulties in discovering and developing novel chemicals. Although most occurrences of resistance were initially monofactorial, resistance now frequently involves a suite of coexisting mechanisms that protect organisms against the same or different pesticide groups, and may even predispose them to resist new, as yet unused chemicals.

"As an elite Sacрати fighter in the mighty Torian military, Theos is blessed with a city full of women who want to bear his children, and a barracks full of men proud to fight at his side and share his bed. He has everything he needs-- until he captures Finnvid on a raid. Finnvid is on a secret mission to prevent the Torian invasion of his homeland, Elkat. Being enslaved by Torian soldiers wasn't in his plans. Neither is his horrified fascination with the casual promiscuity of the Sacрати warriors. Men should not lie with other men-- and he should not be so intrigued when they do. He definitely should not be most intrigued by the leader of the soldiers who captured him and plan to invade his home. For Theos, everything would have been easier if the infuriating, lying, bewildering Elkati had never come into his life, but he can't stay away. When betrayal and treachery threaten both their nations, they must work together to stop a war

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that could destroy their homes forever-- even as they begin to question everything they're fighting for"--Page 4 of cover.

This volume looks at modern computational strategies and techniques used in GPCR drug discovery including structure and ligand-based approaches and cheminformatics. The chapters in this book describe how these approaches can be applied to address key drug discovery issues, such as receptor structure modelling, function and dynamics, prediction of protein-water-ligand interactions and binding kinetics, free energy of binding, interconversion between agonists and antagonists, deorphanization of GPCRs, and the discovery of biased and allosteric modulators. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary software and tools, step-by-step, readily reproducible modelling protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Cutting-edge and unique, *Computational Methods for GPCR Drug Discovery* is a valuable resource for structural and molecular biologists, computational and medicinal chemists, pharmacologists, and drug designers.

The best-selling *Reinforced Concrete Design* provides a straightforward and practical introduction to the principles and methods used in the design of reinforced and prestressed concrete structures. The book contains many worked examples to illustrate the various aspects of design that are presented in the text. The seventh edition of the text has been fully revised and updated to reflect the interpretation and use of Eurocode 2 since its introduction. Students and practitioners, both in the UK and elsewhere in the world where Eurocode 2 has been adopted, will find it a concise guide both to the basic theory and to appropriate design procedures. Design charts, tables and formulae are included as design aids and, for ease of

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reference, an appendix contains a summary of important design information. Features of the seventh edition are:

- Completely revised to reflect recent experience of the usage of Eurocode 2 since its introduction in 2004 and its adoption in the UK as a design standard in 2010
- Further examples of the theory put into practice
- A new chapter on water retaining structures in accordance with Eurocode 2, Part 3
- New sections on, for example, design processes including conceptual design, deep beams and an expanded treatment of designing for fire resistance

After one mind-shattering night with a stranger at a local leather bar leaves him forever changed, Gabriel lives on the streets as a vagrant to elude the master who hunts him, but the shifter is a fierce, stubborn predator who reclaims him soon enough. Gabriel is carried away to the pack's home territory where his instruction on what it means to be the pet of an alpha begins. Gabriel isn't just any pet, though. He is the rarest among their kind: a human omega. Treasured? Or cursed? As Gabriel's father, the Distinguished Gentleman from Pennsylvania and stalwart of the conservative party, pushes the considerable resources at his disposal to locate his missing son, Gabriel explores who and what he is under his master's careful protection. Gabriel falls for the shifter who is lover and destroyer, owner and...friend? Content Warnings: Dubious consent, lotsa kink, and an embarrassment of riches in hormonal anarchy - RAWR!

The collar would stay, for Rylis would never free Tamrin... Childhood memories of the Eth did no justice to what Rylis Tanyan would encounter in the depths of the Teeathun forest. But what he had treasured before had betrayed him, and now he must fight to escape the confines of the forest and his feelings for Tamrin, the Eth whom he'd loved long ago...

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Honor. Trust. Exile. Will love overcome the lies? Raised in lies and isolation, denied all knowledge of his family, Aidan awakens one day to find the manor in a state of excitement. Two foreign generals have come for him. They claim he is their long lost prince, the sole survivor of a rebellion that killed the royal family and usurped the throne of Ceratas. And he, Aidan Telan Ameris, is being escorted home to be crowned king. Naive and submissive he might be, but stupid Aidan is not. Political machinations are something he has never been exposed to, but everything about his upbringing suddenly makes sense. The long hours studying books of history, the training with pistols and swords... He'd been groomed for this moment since his earliest memories. But he knows without a doubt that he's no prince. He's nothing but a pawn in a game he can't possibly understand. When their carriage is attacked en route to Ceratas, Aiden is taken prisoner by the leader of the rebel forces. General Torin Amaldis Greyan can't help but feel for the poor young man, even if he is the enemy. And soon the heat between them grows to something neither can ignore, something that burns much hotter than warfare. But nothing is simple in the struggle for Ceratas. There are those who wish to use Aidan to destroy both Torin and his country. When both of them are captured, used against each other to break their wills, Aidan and Torin must find the strength to trust each other in a way neither finds easy, if they're to save each other—and their country... Reader Discretion: contains male/male love and intense emotional elements Keywords: nobility, enemies to lovers, gay fantasy romance, m/m romance, capture

Serotonin (5-hydroxytryptamine, often cited as 5-HT) is one of the major excitatory neurotransmitter, and the serotonergic system is one of the best

studied and understood transmitter systems. It is crucially involved in the organization of virtually all behaviours and in the regulation of emotion and mood. Alterations in the serotonergic system, induced by e.g. learning or pathological processes, underlie behavioural plasticity and changes in mood, which can finally results in abnormal behaviour and psychiatric conditions. Not surprisingly, the serotonergic system and its functional components appear to be targets for a multitude of pharmacological treatments - examples of very successful drugs targeting the serotonergic system include Prozac and Zoloft. The last decades of research have not only fundamentally expanded our view on serotonin but also revealed in much more detail an astonishing complexity of this system, which comprises a multitude of receptors and signalling pathways. A detailed view on its role in basal, but also complex, behaviours emerged, and, was presented in a number of single review articles. Although much is known now, the serotonergic system is still a fast growing field of research contributing to our present understanding of the brains function during normal and disturbed behaviour. This handbook aims towards a detailed and comprehensive overview over the many facets of behavioural serotonin research. As such, it will provide the most up to date and thorough reading concerning the serotonergic systems control of behaviour and mood in animals and humans. The goal is to create a systematic

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overview and first hand reference that can be used by students and scholars alike in the fields of genetics, anatomy, pharmacology, physiology, behavioural neuroscience, pathology, and psychiatry. The chapters in this book will be written by leading scientists in this field. Most of them have already written excellent reviews in their field of expertise. The book is divided in 4 sections. After an historical introduction, illustrating the growth of ideas about serotonin function in behaviour of the last forty years, section A will focus on the functional anatomy of the serotonergic system. Section B provides a review of the neurophysiology of the serotonergic system and its single components. In section C the involvement of serotonin in behavioural organization will be discussed in great detail, while section D deals with the role of serotonin in behavioural pathologies and psychiatric disorders. The first handbook broadly discussing the behavioral neurobiology of the serotonergic transmitter system Co-edited by one of the pioneers and opinion leaders of the past decades, Barry Jacobs (Princeton), with an international list (10 countries) of highly regarded contributors providing over 50 chapters, and including the leaders in the field in number of articles and citations: K. P. Lesch, T. Sharp, A. Caspi, P. Blier, G.K. Aghajanian, E. C. Azmitia, and others The only integrated and complete resource on the market containing the best information integrating international research, providing a

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global perspective to an international community Of great value not only for researchers and experts, but also for students and clinicians as a background reference

`A comprehensive, well-written and beautifully organized book on publishing articles in the humanities and social sciences that will help its readers write forward with a first-rate guide as good company.' - Joan Bolker, author of *Writing Your Dissertation in Fifteen Minutes a Day* `Humorous, direct, authentic ... a seamless weave of experience, anecdote, and research.' - Kathleen McHugh, professor and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Women Wendy Laura Belcher's *Writing Your Journal Article in Twelve Weeks: A Guide to Academic Publishing Success* is a revolutionary approach to enabling academic authors to overcome their anxieties and produce the publications that are essential to succeeding in their fields. Each week, readers learn a particular feature of strong articles and work on revising theirs accordingly. At the end of twelve weeks, they send their article to a journal. This invaluable resource is the only guide that focuses specifically on publishing humanities and social science journal articles.

My Name is Aelida Book One "One woman's secret could see Britain fall forever." Born in exile, Aelida will witness the rise and fall of kings and fight for her people's very existence. For she holds a great secret... Only one man knows of it,

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and he will do anything to possess it--he who has brought about her family's destruction, he who brought about the death of all Britain held dear...

The Evolutionary Bases of Consumption by Gad Saad applies Darwinian principles in understanding our consumption patterns and the products of popular culture that most appeal to individuals. The first and only scholarly work to do so, this is a captivating study of the adaptive reasons behind our behaviors, cognitions, emotions, and perceptions. This lens of analysis suggests how we come to make selections such as choosing a mate, the foods we eat, the gifts that we offer, and more. It also highlights how numerous forms of dark side consumption, including pathological gambling, compulsive buying, pornographic addiction, and eating disorders, possess a Darwinian etiology. Engaging and diverse in scope, the book maps consumption phenomena onto four key Darwinian modules: survival, reproduction, kin selection, and reciprocal altruism. As an interesting proposal, the author suggests that media and advertising contents exist in their particular forms because they are a reflection of our evolved human nature - negating the notion that they exist through the reverse causal link, as proposed by social constructivists. The link between evolutionary theory and consumption behaviors is detailed throughout the book via an examination of (among many others): appearance-enhancing products and

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services; financial and physical risk-taking; use of sexual imagery and the depictions of women in advertising; and television programs, movies, songs, music videos, literature, religion, and art. The Evolutionary Bases of Consumption will appeal to evolutionists who desire to explore new areas wherein evolutionary theory can be applied; consumer and marketing scholars who wish to learn about the ways in which biological-and evolutionary-based theorizing can be infused into the consumer behavior/marketing/advertising disciplines; as well as other interdisciplinary scholars interested in gaining knowledge about the power of evolutionary theory in explaining a wide range of behavioral phenomena.

The despised white centaur may be the key to Varan's heart... Born into hatred, his odd white coat a source of disgust to his centaur tribe, Tarsus is well used to mockery and contempt. But when he's kidnapped from his high-blood family by a rival faction, he realizes his torment has only begun. Beaten and sentenced to death, he's brought before the princess Nalain, heir to the centauran throne. But rather than order his execution, Nalain gives him to her brother, the general Varan, as a servant, a plaything to amuse him before the hideous white centaur's eventual, inescapable death. The huge centauran Varan is disgusted with his new servant, yet he soon begins to see the gentle soul that lies beneath

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the filthy, matted white hide. Even as a captive, the young centaur strives to be of service to all around him, even to those who show him nothing but contempt. Odd, given his bloodline—son to the feared and powerful Shar, whose evil has caused so much suffering for the centaurs of Varan's tribe. It's not long before Varan finds himself drawn to Tarsus in ways he never dreamed possible, and the passion that stirs between them becomes something that neither can live without. Until war comes to the centaurs, and with it rumors that Tarsus might not be the guileless servant he seems, and how everything Varan has ever known—his clan, his home, his love for Tarsus—is doomed... Keywords: centaur, gay fantasy romance, m/m romance, fantasy romance, minotaur, mythology, enemies to lovers

A soldier enslaved by the emperor who conquered him, with only one hope to save the man from madness... Jaden, a soldier sold into slavery when his country fell, survives day to day, his only wish to find his little sister and save her from the same fate. The war might be over, but the scars of those who underwent Tranaden's conquest still linger. But when he is given as tribute to the very man who conquered his country—Dersai, known as the Wolf, an emperor feared and loathed beyond Tranaden's borders—Jaden sees his last hope fading away. It is whispered that the emperor is mad, possessed, without the faintest shred of

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mercy. Yet, Jaden finds that the man is someone quite different among his own people, in the safety of his own world. Old hatreds die hard, but Jaden finds himself fascinated by the complex, mysterious man beneath the warrior shell. There is a darkness in Dersai, but also a chance to set things right at last. Dersai cannot afford the luxury of mercy in any form. His country, his people come first, and he will do anything to defend his borders and drive back those who seek to possess the lush beauty of Tranaden. His ancestor made a pact with a demon, and ever since, each emperor must endure the possession of the demon bound to protect Tranaden at any cost. As with those before him, Dersai will eventually fall into madness, his own people forced to annihilate him, and the next emperor forced to bear the burden again. He'd never held any hope...until he met Jaden and began to believe the old prophecies might finally come true. That a mate for the wolf would come and break the cycle forever... Reader note: Expanded with new material! Contains intense emotional elements. Reader discretion advised. Alone behind the mask, only his Chosen could touch him. Raine held no hope for his future. Youngest in a line of brutal, warlike brothers, he is judged to be weak and worthy only to be sold off for political gain. Now the worst of his brothers is taking him to the heart of the empire that has conquered their homeland. Taldan, the Imperial Heir of Anrodnes, is holding a traditional choosing of a companion, a

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Chosen, for when he ascends to become emperor. Forced into the competition for the title, Raine finds himself in a different world, one of culture and science, so different than his cruel home. Even though he feels immediate attraction to the cold, logical, and powerful Taldan, Raine knows he has no hope of winning a place at the prince's side. How can he compete against the other candidates or compare to Hredeem, the mysterious leader of the imperial harem, a gorgeous man of otherworldly grace who is far more than he seems? But if Raine fails to win Taldan's heart, his brother has a dreadful punishment waiting, one he's eager to inflict. Prince Taldan views the ceremony of the Chosen as nothing more than an annoyance. He will ascend to emperor, don the metal mask, and be granted the powerful magic of his ancestors. After that, he can finally return to his studies and experiments to better the lives of his people. He sets his younger brother and best friend to helping sort through the mass of candidates for his Chosen, seeing the ceremony as a foolish tradition to endure. But when chance leads to him saving a young man named Raine from the violence of Raine's cruel brother, events are set in motion that will rock the empire to its foundations. Taldan knows the emperor must be emotionless and logical, even cold, but Raine stirs feelings and heat in him that he is not prepared for. Now there are ominous rumors of war on the horizon and the threat of betrayals and assassins in the court, and Taldan

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discovers Raine is right in the middle of it all... A new epic M/M fantasy romance trilogy from J. C. Owens!

Circe Quinn goes to sleep at home and wakes up in a corral filled with women wearing sacrificial virgin attire - and she is one of them. She soon finds out that she's not having a wild dream, she's living a frightening nightmare where she's been transported to a barren land populated by a primitive people and in short order, she's installed very unwillingly on her white throne of horns as their Queen. Dax Lahn is the king of Suh Tunak, The Horde of the nation of Korwahk and with one look at Circe, he knows she will be his bride and together they will start The Golden Dynasty of legend. Circe and Lahn are separated by language, culture and the small fact she's from a parallel universe and has no idea how she got there or how to get home. But facing challenge after challenge, Circe finds her footing as Queen of the brutal Korwahk Horde and wife to its King, then she makes friends then she finds herself falling in love with this primitive land, its people and especially their savage leader.

Spanning most of the years of the one-party South, the public career of Virginian Claude A. Swanson, congressman, governor, senator, and secretary of the navy, extended from the second administration of Grover Cleveland into that of Franklin Roosevelt. His record, writes Henry C. Ferrell, Jr., in this definitive biography, is that of

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"a skillful legislative diplomat and an exceedingly wise executive encompassed in the personality of a professional politician." As a congressman, Swanson abandoned Cleveland's laissez faire doctrines to become the leading Virginia spokesman for William Jennings Bryan and the Democratic platform of 1896. His achievements as a reform governor are equaled by few Virginia chief executives. In the Senate, Swanson worked to advance the programs of Woodrow Wilson. In the 1920s, he contributed to formulation of Democratic alternatives to Republican policies. In Roosevelt's New Deal cabinet, he helped the Navy obtain favorable treatment during a decade of isolation. The warp and woof of local politics are well explicated by Ferrell to furnish insight into personalities and events that first produced, then sustained, Swanson's electoral success. He examines Virginia educational, moral, and social reforms; disfranchisement movements; racial and class politics; and the impact of the woman's vote. And he records the growth of the Hampton Roads military-industrial complex, which Swanson brought about. In Virginia, Swanson became a dominant political figure, and Ferrell's study challenges previous interpretations of Virginia politics between 1892 and 1932 that pictured a powerful, reactionary Democratic "Organization," directed by Thomas Staples Martin and his successor Harry Flood Byrd, Sr., defeating would-be progressive reformers. A forgotten Virginia emerges here, one that reveals the pervasive role of agrarians in shaping the Old Dominion's politics and priorities. Secrets. Rebellion. Two men drawn together by a bond that may change the land

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forever... Captain Andon Grazon, the poor son of a prostitute, shares a rare bond with Ceris, the only wild-born griffon in the land to bond with a human. He and Ceris are part of the flight corp at Farfall, where he is treated like an outsider and abused by the noble-born riders at the base. When his only friend is killed on patrol, the loss has Andon spiraling down into darkness. The misery of his life leaves him cold and withdrawn, unable to interact with others, and isolated from everyone except Ceris. But after Captain Daren Phalnir and his wing of riders arrive to replace Farfall's lost griffon wing, the powerful and charismatic man brings complications Andon does not need. He doesn't trust the man, no matter how respectful he might seem. Andon has many secrets, and the closer Daren comes to them, the greater the danger to Andon...and to his heart. After Captain Daren Phalnir arrives at Farfall with Gretnel, his grif, he remains wary. The border base's reputation is anything but pleasant—a place where griffons are considered mere property of the throne, little more than animals. Then he meets a legend: Ceris, the only wilds born griffon to imprint on a man, and her rider, Andon Grazon. Andon is a compelling mystery, keeping Daren at arm's length, remaining hostile, aggressive, and very, very alone. At least until Ceris and Gretnel mate...and discover they may share a true bond, the rarest in existence. Andon's isolation stirs Daren's curiosity and his compassion. He begins to uncover a dark secret, with Andon and Ceris at the center—a secret that may just reach all the way to the throne... Reader note: contains intense emotional elements. Reader Discretion Advised

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The Fifth International Meeting on Cholinesterases convened in Madras, India, in September of 1994. The long and rich history and culture of India provided an excellent setting for the meeting. More than 120 delegates from Asia, Australia, Europe and North America heard 54 oral presentations and viewed 54 posters on current research on enzymes of the cholinesterase family. The aim of this book is to compile the presentations of the Fifth International Meeting on Cholinesterases into a volume that describes recent investigations on the structure and catalytic function of acetylcholinesterase (AChE), butyrylcholinesterase (BuChE) and related enzymes, as well as studies on the molecular and cellular biology of these enzymes and the genes which encode them. Cholinesterases enjoy a long and storied history in diverse areas. In basic biochemical research, AChE is one of the best studied, though yet enigmatic, of enzymes. The efficient catalytic function of this enzyme presents the biochemist with a fundamental challenge in understanding the relationship between structure and function. AChE and BuChE belong to a family of proteins, the α B hydrolase fold family, whose constituents evolutionarily diverged from a common ancestor. Proteins in this family have a wide range of physiological functions. In commerce, AChE is a prime target for agricultural insect control, and for the development of therapeutic agents for Alzheimer's disease.

He is learning to survive, both in the bed and on the battlefield. Gaven must come to terms with his new life bonded to Vlar, his eramon and trainer in both bed and

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battlefield. The one who would make him a man, a trained soldier worthy of his royal bloodline. But Gaven both hates and admires Vlar, who has trained many men in exactly the same fashion. Worse, he finds himself wanting more, wanting to mean something to Vlar far more than all those others. Something special and singular. He wants to understand the mystery of Vlar and his ruthless and powerful race, the Finnarians. Vlar is a legend, highly skilled and merciless. He is the last of his kind that remained behind after the great wars, the others having returned to their distant lands far from humans. Vlar is a dangerous mystery, but a mystery Gaven is determined to reveal. Yet, the struggle is far from easy, and his old life has been completely destroyed. This new world and bond remains strange to Gaven, and the love between males is something that both fascinates and frightens him. He wants the same passion, and yet he yearns for so much more with the Finnarian who has claimed him. When Gaven is suddenly attacked and taken from Vlar, he must fight for his life and a return to everything he had once resisted and now so desperately loves. Reader note: Previously released. Reader discretion strongly advised: contains intense emotional elements and male male love

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