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empirically grounded research-
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transformation of the Russian child welfare system. It focuses on the major shift in Russia's child welfare policy: deinstitutionalisation of the system of children's homes inherited from the Soviet era

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and an increase in fostering and adoption. Divided into four sections, this book details both the changing role and function of residential institutions within the Russian child welfare system and the rapidly

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developing form of alternative care in foster families, as well as work undertaken with birth families. By analysing the consequences of deinstitutionalisation and its effects on children and young

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people as well as their foster and birth parents, it provides a model for understanding this process across the whole of the post-Soviet space. It will be of interest to academics and students of social work,

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sociology, child welfare, social policy, political science, and Russian and East European politics more generally. Captivate the hearts and minds of young adult readers! Writing for young adult (YA)

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between middle grade and young adult audiences and how it impacts your writing. • Tailor your manuscript's tone, length, and content to your readership. • Avoid common mistakes and cliches that are

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prevalent in YA and MG fiction, in respect to characters, story ideas, plot structure and more.

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you want the skills, techniques, and know-how you need to craft memorable stories for teens and tweens, Writing Irresistible Kidlit can give them to you. More and more individuals,

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families, and churches are seeking ways they can respond to the biblical mandate to care for "the least of these." The desire to help children coming from difficult situations is a necessary starting point, but

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what comes next? You need to know the steps for getting involved and what will truly help. Filled with real-life stories and practical advice, Called to Care starts by helping you honestly assess

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your motivation to help--sometimes the wrong motivation sets the stage for an unsuccessful experience. From there, the book shows what adoption and foster care really look like in a variety of

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situations, from domestic and international adoptions to short-term foster care and foster-to-adopt arrangements. Also included is how churches and individuals can minister to refugees. Rounding out this

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comprehensive yet concise book are tips for assessing your preparedness, how to meet common emotional and physical challenges, and the most effective ways to help families stay together and

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thrive. Bethany is a global nonprofit that supports children and families with world-class social services, all designed to help families thrive. We believe every child deserves to be loved,

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connected, and empowered through family.

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT A mom, dad, house and dog do not make a home. Everyday, there are children who experience this sad fact when

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they are removed from their home due to neglect or abuse. Not every foster child has a foster family. In some regions, foster children must wait for long periods of time in shelter care. More than one-half

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million children in the United States rely on foster families to provide a safe and loving home. Many wonderful and caring families would like to open their homes to these children, but are clueless

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about how to get started. There are many misconceptions, myths and misunderstandings surrounding foster care. These concerns must be shattered and waiting children must be

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nurtured. This book details for prospective foster parents the requirements, qualifications and screening process. Step by step, foster parents are guided through the crucial decisions and directed to the vital

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information they will need to foster parent effectively. Foster Parent Handbook provides an indispensable guide for navigating through the foster care system. It is designed for use by

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prospective foster parents, those who are currently foster parents and professionals providing foster care services. Baltimore Chronicles Volume 1 Tools for Understanding and Intervention

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Lesbian and Gay Foster Care and Adoption, Second Edition
What's In the Attic?
Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: The Real Deal Friends
Writing Irresistible Kidlit
Books have a way of taking us

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somewhere else. This book will put you on the edge of your seat for a while, and then bring a soft spot in your heart. Read what's in the attic to see what these two young boys find, and how they handle it.

A heart-rending but uplifting story of the human spirit's ability to prevail.

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From the day he is five-years-old and dropped off at his foster home of the next eleven years, Stephen is mentally and physically tortured. No one in the system can help him. No one can tell him if he has a family. No one can tell him why, with obvious African-American features, he has the last name

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of Klakowicz. Along the way, a single faint light comes only from a neighbor's small acts of kindness and caring—and a box of books. From one of those books he learns that he has to fight in any way he can—for victory is in the battle. His victory is to excel in school. Against all odds, the author succeeded. He attended

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college, graduated, became a successful corporate executive, and married a wonderful woman with whom he established a loving family of his own. Through it, he dug voraciously through records and files and found his history, his birth family—and the ultimate disappointment as some family

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members embrace him, but others reject him. Readers won't be the same after reading this powerful story. They will share in the hurts and despair but also in the triumph against daunting obstacles. They will share this story with their family, with their friends, with their neighbors.

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Since the early 1980s, states child welfare agencies' use of relatives as foster parents has grown rapidly, yet little information is available on this practice. This lack of information has made it difficult to evaluate how well kinship care ensures children's safety, promotes permanency in their living

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situation, and enhances their well-being--three basic goals of the child welfare system. Kinship Care: Making the Most of a Valuable Resource sheds light on this changing issue. Using a study involving focus groups of child welfare workers and kinship caregivers, in addition to interviews with local

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administrators, advocates, and service providers, the authors describe frontline kinship care practices in today's system. They also examine how and when child welfare agencies use kin as foster parents, how their approach to kinship care differs from traditional foster care, and how kinship care practices vary

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across states. The book also features the experiences of actual kinship foster parents, their challenges, and their interaction with agencies and the courts. Finally, the book provides recommendations for policy development, worker and caregiver training, and issues for further

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research.

**What's a Foster Family,
Anyway?Diamond Cut Pub
Opening Your Heart to Vulnerable
Children--through Foster Care,
Adoption, and Other Life-Giving Ways
Dear Diary, I think I said too much
Against All Odds**

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The Foster Parenting Manual

The Child

The Baby-Sitters Club #62: Kristy and the Worst Kid Ever

Always the most gorgeous man in town... That's how Alisa Merrick sees Kerry Springs's most unattainable

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rancher, Matt Rafferty. Alisa's a tough politician, but she's never forgotten their wonderful weekend together, or her heartbreak when he walked away.... Now Matt's back from the army and he's a changed man: quiet and closed off. Alisa can't help but wonder why—even

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though she's determined to steer clear. As she watches Matt adjust to civilian life, her old feelings surge up. For, deny it though she might, Matt will always be the cowboy for her....

Each year tens of thousands of teenagers are released from the foster care system

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in the United States without high school degrees, homes, or strong family relationships. Two to four years after discharge, half of these young people still do not have either a high school diploma or equivalency degree, and fewer than ten percent enter college. Nearly a third

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end up on public assistance within fifteen months, and eventually more than a third will be arrested or convicted of a crime. In this richly detailed and often surprising exploration of the foster care system, Betsy Krebs and Paul Pitcoff argue that the existing foster care system

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sets teens up to fail by inadequately preparing them for adult life. They contend that the primary goal of foster care for teenagers should be preparation for a fully productive adult life, and that current policies and practice are misguided. The authors draw on their

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fifteen years of experience working with teens and the foster care system to introduce new ways to empower teens to be responsible for themselves and to identify and develop their potential. They also explore what sorts of resources-legal, financial, and human-will need to

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come from inside and outside the system to ensure that more teens reach successful independence. Ultimately, Krebs and Pitcoff argue that change must include the participation of caring communities of volunteers who want to see disadvantaged youth succeed, as well

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as the use of creative approaches such as the Socratic Method to help teens to take control of their lives. Bringing together a series of inspiring, real-life accounts, *Beyond the Foster Care System* introduces readers to a number of dynamic young people who have

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participated in the Youth Advocacy Center's programs. Their stories demonstrate that alternatives to the standard way of providing foster care are not only imaginable, but possible. With the practical improvements Krebs and Pitcoff outline, teens can learn the skills

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of effective self-advocacy, become better prepared for the transition to independence, and avoid becoming the statistics that foster care has so often produced in the past.

So you've got the basics of your personal finances under control (at least -- you've

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controlled your credit card spending, purchased a house, started saving for retirement) but wait! Now that your kids are growing up and your career is moving along, you're facing a whole new set of personal finance challenges. College, weddings, your son or

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daughter's first car! How to manage these big expenses and still stay afloat?! And how to deal with unexpected changes such as downsizing or a move?! Help is here. The Complete Idiot's Guide to Personal Finance in Your 40s and 50s is the guide you need to

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everything from helping your kids get on their feet to buying a second home.

Coverage includes: Assessing your own financial position in mid-life -- pluses and minus
Being a parent and a blank check -- teaching your kids about money
Paying for cars, college, weddings

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and other big parent expenses
Assessing and affording your second home, dream home, or vacation home
Keeping your finances in order during a job change -- for the better or worse
What to think about if you want to start your own business
Divorce and personal

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financeThinking of the future -- wills, in-laws, aging parents and more!The basics of investing -- in your 40s and 50s.

Where to start or how to progress
Featuring a spectrum of families from diverse backgrounds, this book reveals the joys and challenges of adoptive and

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foster parenting. The authors outline how the experience of adopting and fostering has changed for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people over the years, major changes in policy, and what the research can tell us about LGBT parenting. They interview families

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involved at different stages of the fostering and adoption process, from those undergoing assessments through to the experienced foster carers and adopters who were interviewed for the first edition of this book 20 years previously. While the number of LGBT

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people adopting or fostering has increased since then, some of the very real challenges still endure - including social stigma, homophobia and discriminatory policies - and families share some of the strategies they have used to help to address them. This is an

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essential source of information and advice for same-sex couples and LGBT single parents, as well as social workers, social work educators, sociologists of personal life, fostering and adoption panel members.

Kids Need to Be Safe

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Bait

What's Wrong with Children's Rights
Making the Most of a Valuable Resource
Institutional Change in Russia
Geel Revisited After Centuries of
Rehabilitation
Children's rights: the phrase has

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been a legal battle cry for twenty-five years. But as this provocative book by a nationally renowned expert on children's legal standing argues, it is neither possible nor desirable to isolate children from the interests of their parents, or those of society as a

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whole. From foster care to adoption to visitation rights and beyond, Martin Guggenheim offers a trenchant analysis of the most significant debates in the children's rights movement, particularly those that treat children's interests as

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antagonistic to those of their parents. Guggenheim argues that children's rights can serve as a screen for the interests of adults, who may have more to gain than the children for whom they claim to speak. More important, this book

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suggests that children's interests are not the only ones or the primary ones to which adults should attend, and that a best interests of the child standard often fails as a meaningful test for determining how best to decide disputes about children.

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Caelie has never broken a rule in her life, but when her English teacher gives the class an assignment to write a letter to a celebrity, she ends up breaking the most important rule of all: Never Tell Anyone. There's only one person in the world with

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enough power to make her believe the two little words she ends up holding in her hands, but will they be enough? After a lifetime of learning to be invisible, she now has only a few minutes to figure out if she can trust the stranger who knows

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everything about her.

This book is my diary's perspective of leaving an abusive family and entering the madness of foster care. It chronicles the ups and downs of the eating disorder, depression, and abuse that tried to mold me. Dear

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Diary starts in 1995 when I was only 13 years old, and takes you through three of my most formative years.

The stunning new psychological thriller from the award-winning author of *Darkness Peering* and *The Breather*. She'll need all her wits

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about her, and then some, to eventually do battle with one of the most memorable genre villains since Hannibal Lecter. - Wall Street Journal Sixteen years ago, Kate Wolfe's young sister Savannah was brutally murdered. Forced to live

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with the guilt of how her own selfishness put Savannah in harm's way, Kate was at least comforted by the knowledge that the man responsible was on death row. But when she meets a retired detective who is certain that Kate's sister was

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only one of many victims of a serial killer, Kate must face the possibility that Savannah's murderer walks free. Unearthing disturbing family secrets in her search for the truth, Kate becomes sure that she has discovered the depraved mind

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responsible for so much death. But as she hunts for a killer, a killer is hunting her...

Indian Child Welfare Act of 1977
Homosexuality and Family Relations
Hearing Before the United States
Senate, Select Committee on Indian

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Affairs, Ninety-fifth Congress, First Session, on S. 1214 to Establish Standards for the Placement of Indian Children in Foster Or Adoptive Homes, to Prevent the Breakup of Indian Families, and for Other Purposes

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Children

A Breath After Drowning

New Approaches for Practice

Adoption is currently taking centre stage in family policy in the UK and USA, with new legislation that places

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emphasis on providing and maintaining permanent family homes for children separated from their families of origin. This book explores the challenges of adoption and how best to support families

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copling with these demands. Angie Hart and Barry Luckock draw together adoptive parents' experiences, professional practice and empirical research to provide an integrative account of

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adoption support services. Using three fictional families, they illustrate issues such as the adoption of older children, single, lesbian and gay adoptive parenting and the importance of openness in

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adoptive relationships. The authors bring sociological and anthropological perspectives to bear on current developmental psychology models of trauma and attachment and examine the

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effectiveness of various therapeutic interventions. Developing Adoption Support and Therapy will make current research and legislation on adoption support accessible to therapists, parents, social

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work practitioners and managers alike.

“Kids are important... They need safe places to live, and safe places to play.” For some kids, this means living with foster parents. In simple

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words and full-color illustrations, this book explains why some kids move to foster homes, what foster parents do, and ways kids might feel during foster care. Children often believe that

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they are in foster care because they are “bad.” This book makes it clear that the troubles in their lives are not their fault; the message throughout is one of hope and support. Includes resources and

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information for parents, foster parents, social workers, counselors, and teachers. This book provides a much needed resource in helping children cope with the potentially traumatic

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experience of placement into foster care. It should be offered to all children making such a transition and may help to reduce some of the normal fear, confusion, and discomfort inherent in this

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experience.

Writers Angel Devlin and Tracy Lorraine return with an older man and younger woman contemporary age gap forbidden steamy romance story in the world of bad boy

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billionaire CEOs. Mine to possess. Mine to control. Mine to protect. She thinks I'm a hero. She's wrong. I may have rescued her but that doesn't mean I'm a saint. Truth is, I'm broken. Ruined from a tender

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age, hiding dark secrets, the truth behind my twisted past. But my biggest secret is about to be exposed. My daughter. With her arrival turning my world upside down, I can't stay away from the woman

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**who thinks I can save her.
What she doesn't know, is
that she's the one saving me.
Together can we face up to
our truths or will they forever
threaten our future? Welcome
to B.A.D. Inc. where the CEO's**

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play dirty in the boardroom and the bedroom. BAIT is the third book in this completed five book series. KEYWORDS: alpha male, friends to lovers, enemies to lovers, dark secrets, blackmail, revenge,

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**happy ever after, completed
romance series, first in series
free, billionaires, boss, CEO,
manipulation, corruption,
sexy, steamy, spicy, age gap,
younger woman, older man.
Hearing Before the**

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**Subcommittee on Human
Resources of the Committee
on Ways and Means, House of
Representatives, One Hundred
Second Congress, Second
Session, March 6, 1992
Kinship Care**

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**Education, Training, and
Service Programs that Serve
Disadvantaged Teens
The Baltimore Chronicles
Saga
The Future for Teens
Beyond The Foster Care**

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System

Sometimes boy meets girl, and the stars align, and their future is laid out neatly before them. Together forever. Meant to be. But Max and Loren are not one of those couples. Seventeen-

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year-old Max DuPont is on the verge of becoming a ward of the state and foster kid. Contrary to expectations, Max is not from the "wrong" side of town. He's from a good home in a nice neighborhood, but his mother

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left after his father lost his job and turned to drinking. Max has been struggling to keep his head above water ever since. All he wants is to survive his senior year, play hockey, and move on to college. When his dad lands

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himself in jail, Max has no choice but to accept an offer to live with his father's do-gooder attorney, Mr. Larssi. The only contingency is that Max must stay far away from Larssi's beautiful teenage daughter

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Loren. Loren is aware that she's had every opportunity in her young adult life—at least, that is, every opportunity her parents designed for her. She excels in academics at a competitive prep school, she

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never parties, she never dates, and she's a budding ballerina and major hopeful for a Juilliard scholarship. But since her best friend Lily died tragically three months ago, Loren is lost. She knows just how precious life is.

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But she has no idea how to make the best of it. How can she live—really live—with obsessive parents breathing down her neck...and inviting the only guy who never noticed her to live right under their roof? Loren's

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first step in living her own life might be to get Max to notice her. Max's only chance at a solid future without foster care is to keep his distance from Loren. But their chemistry is undeniable. And they can't fight

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the odds forever...

A practical guide for human service workers and students which describes and shows techniques for use in assessing families. The author reviews a conceptual basis of family

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assessment in chapters that focus on the family as a system, the family and its environment, and the family life cycle. She goes on to describe such methods of assessment as the ecomap, the genogram, family

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sculpture, and the use of observation and checklists. Throughout the guide, case examples are used to illustrate concepts and show the techniques in use. A special feature of particular value is the

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self-teaching exercises designed to give the reader practice in applying these ideas and methods. A concluding chapter relates family assessment to treatment or intervention.

The first book of its kind,

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Homosexuality and Family Relations focuses on the effects of homosexuality and being homosexual on individuals in families and on the family as a group. Edited by Frederick W. Bozett, RN, DNS, and Marvin B.

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Sussman, PhD, this informative and enlightening volume examines the multiple varieties of family forms in which gay men and lesbians live, addresses the ramifications of homosexuality on family

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relationships, and explores the countless aspects of parenthood as they are experienced by gay men and lesbians, including adoption and foster care by lesbians and gay men, and the choice of increasing numbers of

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lesbians to bear children through artificial fertilization. Any professional who is interested in the family--educators, clinicians, academicians, researchers, and students, as well as others

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interested in families and in human sexuality and men ' s and women ' s studies--family science, gay studies, nursing, medicine, law, psychology, sociology, social work--will find this book useful, insightful, and

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unique.

The Papadakis family takes in a foster child, a troubled young girl named Lou, and Kristy soon discovers that Lou's difficult behavior makes her a real challenge to baby-sit.

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Spreading the wings of Foster Care

Dennis

Hearings, Reports and Prints of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs

"Whether you want it, or not,

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you gone get it"

Trust Me

Once a Cowboy...

Friends. You gotta have 'em, but sometimes they drive you crazy. You love 'em, but sometimes they

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make you mad. They'll help you through a crisis...unless they are the crisis. So What's the Deal? Friends are more than just the people you hang out with. They make

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you laugh, they keep your secrets, they offer advice (some good, some bad), they give you a shoulder to cry on. Sometimes they move away, or betray your trust, or flake out, but

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mostly they are the people who are always there for you. And they know you'll be there when they need you most. Because that's what it means to be a friend. Sometimes

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friendship is
overwhelming, sometimes
it's confusing, sometimes
you feel like you don't
have a friend in the
world, but don't worry,
it's like that for

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everyone. That's what the stories in this book are all about. They're from real teens, and they're about the bizarre, difficult and wonderful things that really

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happened to them and their friends. Put that together with weird facts, cool graphics, fun advice and quizzes designed to help you figure out what you and your friends are all

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about, and you've got the real deal on friendship! From the same author that brought you the Flint series comes a new town . . . a new drama. Treasure Hernandez is back with her

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second street series, chronicling both sides of Baltimore's black market. Derek Fuller is the head detective of a Baltimore narcotics unit. His team has been assigned to take

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down the biggest drug operation in the city. There's only one problem: the head of the operation is his brother, Scar Johnson. Separated in Baltimore's foster care

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system, they came from two different walks of life, but both met at the top on opposite sides of the law. With the Assistant District Attorney in their back pocket, this was a

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marriage made in heaven—until the drama and deceit enters. Delve into this treacherous story of love, deceit, lies, and murder. Revenge is a dish best served cold, and once

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one brother feels betrayed, the only retribution is death. As a little girl, Nae-Nae was devastated after being shot and waking up to her momma and daddy being

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gunned down. At the time, she didn't have a slightest idea as to why it happened. All she knew was that it happened. Her little brother Trey was asleep during the

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shooting. He was awaking during the aftermath. Nae-Nae left the house in the ruthless New Orleans Third ward going to seek some help that she eventually want find right away. As a

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result, her momma and daddy would die. On her journey searching for help, she ran across a couple cops that was scared to intervene. Instead of helpig her, one

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of them tried to rape her, but she manage to escape the predator's intentions. When she turned back home, the same gunman's that shot her, her momma and daddy

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returned to in search for something. After they couldn't find what they was looking for, they decided to rape her, just to get something outta the deal. Gloria was a next

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door neighbor and her mom's best friend. She had plotted the robber and murder of Nae-Nae's momma and daddy. It was Gloria's ideal to get the lump sum of cash they they had just

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recieved from their lawsuit. However, Gloria ended up cashless. As time went on Nae-Nae and her little brother was being bullied, but they showed no signs of fear. They

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eventually ended up in Foster care and were often mistreated, but that was not the end, because some monsters were being created. "PAYBACK IS NEVER FORGOTTEN"

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Eighteen-year-old high school senior Dennis Moore is in a quandary. Unsure of what direction he should take after he graduates from high school, he writes in his

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journal, hoping that through his unspoken words he will find the answers. But with his father passed away and his mother and brother both battling serious health issues,

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Dennis's sense of duty is overwhelming as he wonders if he should stay on the farm and help his family. Gifted through his faith with strength and confidence enough to see

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him through many crises, Dennis is inspired by his partnership with a crime prevention program that places troubled boys at their family farm to perform chores and

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hopefully gain self-esteem. As he continues to pray for answers, Dennis is encouraged by his high school counselor to apply to the police academy. But just as he thinks he is

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squaring away his future, Dennis's brother, Paul, becomes gravely ill again. Now, Dennis must learn to trust God's wisdom as he attempts to balance his dreams with his obligation

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to his family and the farm. In this Christian coming-of-age story, a young man standing at a crossroads must wait and hope that the Lord will provide the answers he so

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desperately needs to move forward with his life.

A Book for Children in Foster Care

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Personal Finance in Your 40s and 50s

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A CEO billionaire, age gap, older man/younger woman, secret steamy romance

Our Little Angel

Not Friendly

Reforming Child Welfare in

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the Post-Soviet Space
She is the most amazing little girl . Her name is Ariel Janae' and she is three years old at the time of this writing . She has been abandoned by her mother and has been placed in the

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foster care system in the county where we live . My wife Anna works at the social service department and came across this information about the child . And even though we had decided that the two boys were

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enough , but God has the final say .

The Foster Parenting Manual is a comprehensive guide offering proven, friendly advice for novice and experienced parents alike. Distilling many years'

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experience into one book, John DeGarmo combines his own wisdom with that of fellow foster parents. He describes what to expect from the process, how to access help and how to ensure the best care for your child. He

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tackles thorny issues such as children's use of the Internet and social media, managing contact with birth parents and how to support your child at school. Most importantly, he provides advice designed to

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help your child feel safe, secure and loved. The Foster Parenting Manual offers seasoned, sympathetic advice that will be valued by foster parents and the professionals who support them. "The lessons in this book remind

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us that we can—and that we must—do better, for the sake of our children, their futures, and the sake of our nation. . . . This volume is a call to action, and I encourage everyone who reads it to take steps to ensure that all

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America's children are given an equal chance to succeed. We must all work together to replace the cradle-to-prison pipeline with a pipeline to responsible, productive adulthood." —From the

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Foreword by Marian Wright Edelman, JD, President and founder, Children's Defense Fund, Washington, DC "Juvenile Justice: Advancing Research, Policy, and Practice appears at a critical time, when promising

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juvenile justice reforms are underway in so many jurisdictions across the United States. Sherman and Jacobs, and their impressive array of expert authors, fill a significant gap in the literature, making the

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current body of juvenile justice research and experience accessible to policy makers, researchers, and funders, and doing so through a practical and positive lens." —Patrick McCarthy, President and Chief

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Executive Officer, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD "Most people have narrow views of what it means to be a delinquent youth. In *Juvenile Justice: Advancing Research, Policy, and Practice*, Sherman

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and Jacobs have diligently collected essays from the top experts in the juvenile justice field who tell an empirically based and powerful narrative of who is really in the delinquency system. As this book makes

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clear, until we ask and answer the right questions, we will remain unable to help the youth most in need." —Alexander Busansky, President, The National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Oakland, CA A

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comprehensive reference presenting a rehabilitative, youth- and community-centered vision of juvenile justice *Juvenile Justice: Advancing Research, Policy, and Practice* brings together experts in juvenile

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justice, child development, and public health to explore the intersections between juvenile justice and needed development of programs and policies that look out for the health and well-being of the

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the challenges currently evident in the juvenile justice system, with an emphasis on the development and implementation of policies that can succeed in building a new generation of educated young

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people able to embrace their potential and build successful futures.

Two brothers . . . Two different sides of the law . . . One hustle. Derek Fuller and Scar Johnson were separated as young boys

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in the Baltimore foster care system. When they finally reunited, it didn't matter to them that they were operating on different sides of the law. Derek was a cop, and Scar a notorious drug dealer, but

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family came first, and these two formed a partnership that was bound to make both of them very rich men—until Scar realized he couldn't keep his hands off Derek's wife. Tiphani Fuller may have been

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unsatisfied by her husband, but she never expected to fall for her brother-in-law. Now she's in over her head, doing things that make her no better than the criminals she sees in her courtroom. She's using her new

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position as a circuit court judge to feed information to Scar and his Dirty Money Crew so they can go on a crime spree with no fear of prosecution. Throw in a cast of characters including an ex-convict who'll do anything for

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love, a detective who's hell-bent on revenge, and a mayor who breaks more laws than the criminals on the streets, and you have a story that could only come from the mind of Treasure Hernandez. In The Baltimore

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Chronicles Saga, there is no difference between the bad guys and the good guys. Everyone has an agenda, and every page is full of lust, lies, revenge, and murder.

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A Practical Guide to Creating a Loving, Safe and Stable Home
Family Assessment
Developing Adoption Support
and Therapy
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A hearing was held on education, training, and service programs that serve disadvantaged teens. Testimony was presented on recent research findings concerning these programs and on their implementation. The major lessons learned from the Summer Training and Employment (STEP) program were

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presented, including those of implementation and impact. A second topic was a discussion of the effectiveness of three programs serving teenage mothers on welfare: New Chance (for mothers who have dropped out of school); Learning, Earning, and Parenting (LEAP), an Ohio program for teen parents; and

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Demonstrations of Innovative Approaches to Reduce Welfare Dependency among Teen Parents. A third topic was the discussion of the work provisions of the Family Support Act of 1988. The following witnesses addressed the hearing: (1) Milton J. Little, Manpower Demonstration Research Corp.; (2)

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Deanna Phelps, Maryland Department of Human Resources; (3) Alan M. Hershey, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.; (4) Kevin W. Concannon, Oregon Department of Human Resources; and (5) Michael A. Bailin and Frances Vilella-Velez, Public/Private Ventures. Three submissions for the record are included.

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Jamie had spent her life in care, she felt alone in the world, until she meets Mary, who gives her a home, security and the love she so desperately needed. As Mary tries to heal Jamie's wounds, Jamie's past comes back to haunt her. .

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