

Door Of Thin Skins

A stranger, a strange planet and an incredible ending that will lead to a spectacular ending, a great narrative and use of language, passionate and clear at the moment the novel ends, he worries that the details are a perfectionist.

From the author dubbed "a literary Lolita" by Vanity Fair comes the perfect portrait of a young actress caught in a downward spiral of self-destruction. Edgy and funny at the same time, Thin Skin provides a realistic glimpse into the dark and inviting world of fame from the writer who penned Namedropper when she was just twenty-one. Everyone thinks Ruby is beautiful except for Ruby, who is so hell-bent on being ugly that she's driven away the man who loves her, the agent who swears he could have made her a star, and the delectable male costar of her latest project, Mean People Suck. After all, Ruby believes that what's going on outside should reflect what's on the inside -- and inside she's a mess. Burned-out at the age of twenty, she's living alone in a world of hotels and fast food -- none of which she keeps down -- haunted by the memory of her childhood love, cutting herself, and tempted to repeat her mother's tragic fate. She needs to find a new way of being....and fast.

This anthology of speculative fiction stories on the themes of colonialism and cultural imperialism focuses on the viewpoints of the colonized. Sixteen authors share their experiences of being the silent voices in history and on the wrong side of the final frontier; their fantasies of a reality in which straight, cis, able-bodied, rich, anglophone, white males don't tell us how they won every war; and their revenge against the alien oppressor settling their "new world."

Annotation. Contemporary Chinese history from the Great Leap Famine of the 1950s to the 1990s is traced in this text. This era saw great changes in the way that communities were run, including the reintroduction of the headman-ship system.

Behind The Locked Door is Graeme Thomson's rich, insightful account of George Harrison's extraordinary life and career. This Omnibus Enhanced digital edition includes Spotify sections, detailing Harrison's early influences, his contributions within The Beatles and the best of his solo career. Additionally, an interactive Digital Timeline leads you through a collage of music, videos and images, displaying live performances, interviews, memorabilia and more. As a Beatle, Harrison underwent a bewilderingly compressed early adulthood, buffeted by unprecedented levels of fame and success, from schoolboy to global superstar. "Beatlemania" offered remarkable experiences and opportunities, and yet dissatisfaction still gnawed within. His life became a quest for meaning and truth which travelled far beyond the parameters of his former band and his former self. This elegant, in-depth biography tracks these changes and conflicts, marking the struggle of walking a spiritual path lined with temptation. Drawing on scores of interviews with close friends

and collaborators, rigorous research and critical insight, Behind The Locked Door is a fascinating account of an often misunderstood man. As well as an intimate character study, it offers a full analysis of Harrison's music, from his earliest songs for the Beatles to his landmark solo album All Things Must Pass, his work with The Traveling Wilburys and the posthumous Brainwashed. Behind The Locked Door provides the definitive account of a compelling, contradictory and enlightening life.

Haskell Blevins, the only private investigator in Pigeon Fork, Kentucky, looks into the supposed suicide of Rigdon Bewley, a James Dean-look-alike who was short on brains. By the author of Pet Peeves. Original.

Ex-police dog handler Daniel Whelan finds himself drawn into the complex affairs of a neighbouring family - with potentially fatal consequences Lorna Myers thinks she knows where her businessman husband is - until two men come looking for him one October evening. By chance, ex-police officer Daniel Whelan and his German Shepherd dog Taz happen to be on hand to take control of the situation. But for Lorna it's the start of a nightmare. If Harvey isn't abroad working, then where is he?

A PERFECT PLAN... Scott Thomas doesn't know it, but he has been chosen. Not because he's handsome, smart, or on the verge of a brilliant career as a clinical psychologist trained at Harvard. No, Scott has been chosen because he has the perfect life—for someone who needs a life to destroy.... A PERFECT LIE... It starts with a bizarre carjacking, followed by an apparent burglary in his Cambridge apartment. Then a woman is murdered at the hospital where he works, and evidence of Scott's guilt is all around him—on his computer, in his apartment, in the dead woman's room. With police hunting for him and a bizarre stranger watching his every move, Scott must take a chance on trusting a beautiful woman and searching through a shadow world of computer hackers and unclosed chapters of his own past. Because with the perfect frame closing around him and a killer growing more violent, Scott has only one choice now: to take back his life—or die trying....

The notorious Lord of Roul... ...must take her as his bride! Lady Avelyn flees an unwanted betrothal to an elderly warlord only to be hunted down and returned to King David's court by fearsome Elrik, Lord of Roul, a legendary warrior with a heart of ice—and a kiss of fire. And now Avelyn is bound to Elrik—and his bed—when Elrik is commanded to wed her instead! "Another sensual, action packed tale" — RT Book Reviews on At the Warrior's Mercy "Lynn has real talent" — RT Book Reviews on Dragon's Promise

It all began on the night of the Big Wind. A wild and savage night in January 1839 when a storm struck Ireland, leaving such suffering and devastation in its path that a mark remained on the minds and hearts of Irishmen, and the land itself, ever after. It was the night Sterrin O'Carroll, 'blossom of the storm', was born in Kilsheelin Castle. Growing up during

Ireland's darkest hours, Sterrin forms a bond with a household servant called Young Thomas that deepens over the years into a forbidden love – a love as fierce and relentless as the storm that ushered her into the world. But their paths are divided by devastating events that change the course of Ireland's history. After the bitterness and the sorrow finally wane, Sterrin's indomitable spirit never weakens because, Thomas, like her beloved land, will return to her.

This book describes the detailed process behind the development of a comprehensive thermo-bio-architectural framework (the ThBA). This framework systematically connects the thermal performance requirements of a building to relevant solutions found in the natural world. This is the first time that architecture has been connected to biology in this manner. The book provides an in-depth understanding of thermoregulatory strategies in animals and plants and links these to equivalent solutions in architectural design. The inclusion of this fundamental knowledge, along with the systematic process of accessing it, should open up new avenues for the generation of energy efficient and sustainable buildings.

It's itchy, it's sweaty, it's embarrassing...but most of all, it's fascinating! Dr. Joanne Settel has all the answers to our most burning questions in this wacky and informative book of poems about our skin. Have you ever wondered... Why you blush when you're embarrassed? Why you've got freckles everywhere? Why your fingers wrinkle in the pool? Why your friends come in all different colors? Why mosquitoes think you're delicious? Why you've got that giant pimple on your nose? Look no further! With supercool facts, clever rhymes, and hilarious illustrations by Bonnie Timmons, acclaimed author Joanne Settel answers all these questions (and more!) in this fascinating, fun exploration of the science of our skin from head to toe. When she's through, you won't believe what your skin can do!

From a "perceptive writer whose work makes us painfully aware of our human follies and acknowledges our lovely humanity" (Audrey Niffenegger, bestselling author of *The Time Traveler's Wife*) comes suspenseful novel about a missing girl whose disappearance rocks her community. Six years after the traumatic disappearance of Etta Messenger, it's clear that none of the members of her middle-class family have finished mourning. Gaping emotional wounds have been poorly addressed. Etta's mother, Meg, anxious to find closure and make what she can of the rest of her life, has organized a memorial service to mark the painful anniversary. Newton, Etta's erstwhile high school sweetheart, a disabled Afghanistan veteran with anger issues, uses the impending anniversary as a convenient excuse to spin out of control. Charlie, Etta's earnest blue-collar father, takes stock of his life and is reminded how he failed to protect his daughter. Her younger brother, Townes, who was the last of them to see Etta and is convinced his emotional outburst drove his sister away, has his fragile hermetic cocoon threatened by the heightened emotions of the day. On the day of the memorial, a snowstorm threatens the city, and a chance observation on a commuter train entangles Townes in a dangerous situation that recall the events surrounding Etta's loss. The characters are shaken from their mournful routines by an unrelenting chain of events, including Newton's arrest, Townes' dangerous heroics, Charlie's recognition of his own shortcomings, and Meg's shocking discovery. The action moves from the seemingly serene suburbs to the heart of a dangerous Chicago neighborhood. Will this ensemble of damaged characters pull themselves together in time, or will new stresses rip their tattered lives to

