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# My Path to Success

When we are younger, we sometimes casually dream of what we would want to be when we reach adulthood. These thoughts are frequently adorned with ambitions to become a doctor, lawyer, astronaut, or professional sports player. Although our ambitions change over time as we get older, they all share the common factor of us becoming "successful" in what we do. However, "success" has come to mean different things to different people, as some people may believe to become successful they must own a large, fancy house and drive exotic cars, while another may believe being successful means having a nice family and becoming financially stable. Success for me is going to college and earning my doctorates, in neurosurgery and later starting my own family.

In a family where education has always been highly valued, going to college has been a large aspect of my life. I have been taught over the years that obtaining a degree is the only way businesses will take you seriously as a future employee and one day CEO. Today, many professions, especially neurosurgery, demand a degree of higher learning before they even take a glance at your resume. Even in today's economy, where the competitions for jobs are getting even greater, some future employees with master degrees find themselves behind in the race for success.

As I have progressed through the academic ranks to high school, I have been able to maintain high academic quality in all my classes, even though being an army child has caused me to move around frequently. However, I have sometimes found myself questioning the need to exceed and found myself faltering along the path to success. In response to this, my mom has always told me that "As a young African American man especially, in this day and age, you have to do your best if you want to become something in life, as nothing will be handed to you. If you truly want to succeed and drive those hundred thousand dollar cars, then you have to make a way to do it. College is the only place that will get you there and the only thing that will get you respect in this world." *These words constantly give me the will to persevere in the face of uncertainty.*

While on my way to achieving success I've learned that grades are not the only things that matter to colleges and businesses. They frequently look at substance behind a perspective employee or student, such as if he/she has played sports or been an active participant in any academic clubs. An example is, this year I took the initiative to join the soccer team for my school and joined The Model United Nations (an academic group focusing on world politics.. In this way, I am planning, what in my opinion, is success and so far I have enjoyed the path along the way.

Written by Marquis Doctor-Smith



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## THE RISE OF LIONEL MESSI

Lately, the Argentine striker, Lionel Messi, has been recognized around the world as one of the greatest soccer players in modern soccer. This prestigious title came about after F.C. Barcelona defeated rivals Real Madrid at Madrid in a much anticipated El Clasico matchup between these two Spanish sides. Many people were anxious to see if the world renowned Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo was going to be able to put a stop to Messi's prolific goal scoring and help Real Madrid pull through with a victory over F.C. Barcelona. However, with Messi in top form, he managed to score 2 goals in F.C. Barcelona's 2-0 victory over Real Madrid. After this stunning victory over Real Madrid, Messi was seen as the top modern soccer player. Not only did this victory over Real Madrid bring Leo Messi's amazing striking ability to a whole new light it also launched F.C. Barcelona to the top of the La Liga table, which meant that Barcelona was sure to be the Spanish champions.

Also with 29 goals, Lionel Messi is at the top of the *Golden Boot List*, after having overtaken rival Wayne Rooney, and also surpassing amazing athletes such as Drogba, Luis Suarez and Real Madrid striker Higuain. Leo

Messi's top flight performance in the Spanish soccer league or La Liga has caused commentators and fellow soccer players to draw comparisons to him with soccer legend and fellow Argentine Maradona, who is now the Argentine National Team's head coach. Maradona himself has also been noted as claiming that Messi is his prodigy. Some of the comparisons that have been drawn to Messi and Maradona are that Messi almost completely copied Maradona's "Goal of the Century". The "Goal of the Century" is when Maradona dribbled past 6 English players in an international match and scored a goal on his own. This also occurred when Messi also dribbled past 6 players on his own and scored a goal.

Some people find his rise to stardom truly inspiring, even in a way that his story was revealed in Adidas's "Impossible is Nothing" ad campaign. It was revealed that he grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he played soccer for the youth team of Argentine club Newell's Old Boys. However as time progressed it was discovered that he had a growth hormone deficiency that caused him to be much shorter than his teammates, but his team unfortunately could not pay for the disease's treatment. However, Messi was still able to perform on the field and brought his team to numerous youth titles. Fortunately, when F.C. Barcelona became aware of Messi's talent they offered to pay for the treatment if he was willing to move to Spain and the rest is history. This move began the rise of the amazing soccer player known as Lionel Messi and his rise to soccer stardom.



# The Importance of Budgeting as a Teen

We are currently at a time in our society where the world's future consumers, the teens, are constantly being exposed to advertisements and peer pressure to own or obtain the newest technology and with the finest clothes. However, most of the world's teens fail to realize the difference between those things that they must have and those that they would like to have resulting in them loosely spending money on products that they may rarely use. Also most of America's modern teens are used to getting money openly handed to them by their parents for them to freely spend money on things that they may or may not need. This problem results in many teens failing to be able to stick to a budget when they move on to college or simply move out of the house as they face the world's temptations as consumers. However, budgeting as a teen early on can teach them practical money management skills early on that will be beneficial for them as they move into adulthood.

One way a teen can learn how to budget money is by simply learning how to shop around and compare prices. When a teen learns how to shop around they learn that their first choice in a product may not be the best for their budget or even the quality they set out to find. This will show them that there are often better economically sound choices in the next store. Also, having to shop around may help teens realize that they could do without the product they are searching for and may drop the search for the possibly unneeded object. In this way shopping around could encourage teens into looking for products that meet their budget while still retaining the quality they were looking for.

Another way teens can be successful in budgeting money is by learning how to save money. Being able to save money enables a teen to learn how to do without needless items and how not to spend recklessly. Saving money also teaches a teen patience in waiting to buy some of the more pricey products they may truly want. Learning to save money also enables a teen to be more economically stable when they get older.

Finally, a key ingredient in being successful with a budget is learning to spend wisely. Spending wisely involves being able to spend while getting the most for your money. Being able to spend wisely is a problem many teens have as one product may be very tempting at a moment and they fail to realize that they can get a similar product and accessories for a third of the initial product's price.

As you can see, budgeting can be a significant skill that can help a teen in leading a financially sustainable life when they mature into adulthood.



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# DARE TO DREAM

## PERCHANCE TO DREAM: THÉÂTRE ILLUMINATA, ACT II

The second book in Lisa Mantchev's critically acclaimed *Théâtre Illuminata* trilogy will surely be met with thunderous applause as it not only builds upon the fanciful and outrageous antics of Act One (EYES LIKE STARS) but takes the cast and crew's adventures to a whole new level of enchanting. While some of the memorable characters from the first act seem to be taking Act Two off, a handful of new talent --- bringing with them some exhilarating and very suspenseful plot developments --- take center stage, whisking readers along on a wild and always unexpected journey that doesn't stop (literally) until the last word has been read...or is it...written?

Always the feisty ingénue, Beatrice Shakespeare Smith has taken her show on the road in PERCHANCE TO DREAM. The Mistress of Revels as well as the Teller of Tales, Bertie has the power to make events or scene changes happen by describing them in her magic journal. She can also spin stories into reality by voicing them out loud. But as she soon discovers, outside the safe cocoon of the Théâtre, nothing goes exactly as planned. In fact, despite her best intentions, everything starts to go terribly wrong.

For one, Nate --- the swashbuckling pirate from Act One who captured Bertie's heart --- has been captured by the Sedna, the Sea Goddess...and being a particularly nasty old crone, she refuses to let him go. Bertie, meanwhile, has vowed to rescue him with the help of her rambunctious fairies (Moth, Peaseblossom, Cobweb, and Mustardseed), a moody and especially smitten air spirit (Ariel), and a sneak-thief who kind of looks like a gigantic raccoon standing up. Add a hulking and mysterious birdman that (who?) swoops down on Bertie at the most inopportune moments (for a secret reason not even I will disclose!), and you have a motley caravan of characters who may not all make it to the end of the production if they have anything to do with it.

Now, about that especially smitten air spirit. For most of the book, Bertie is caught in a thorny love triangle between hunky Nate (in her dreams) and devoted Ariel (in reality), and while you might suspect the competition for their beloved's heart would grow tiring, it doesn't. Mantchev does a stellar job pitting the two against each other, so much so that it's hard to know who to root for moment to moment. The contest over which suitor Bertie will choose carries the action forward like an anchor, so any readers who might get briefly disoriented amidst all the scene changes, costume adjustments, script add-ins, and so on, can grab on and be willfully tugged along for the whirlwind ride.

Mantchev doesn't disappoint in PERCHANCE TO DREAM --- nor does she drop any balls she threw in the air in EYES LIKE STARS.

Her rich and often humorous prose is once again filled with delightful references to Shakespeare's plays, from *Romeo & Juliet* to *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to *Henry VIII*. Her characters are as wonky and alive as ever. And as for the ending? Let's just say it's a showstopper. One can only hope such raucous fun and games continue for the Grand Finale!



# Aimee's view

Photos By Aimee Cutcher



"Your mind would wander and  
searched for its place in the night  
Your body followed this feeling like  
following light,  
Once that your music was born it  
followed you 'round,  
And then it gave your activities  
**meaning and let you be loud"**

-Ize Of The World

By The Strokes

"So baby, keep my heart  
b-beat-beat-beating. And  
the soul reason I keep be-  
lieving, and we gonna die  
like this you know oh oh  
oh. "

-Heartbeat  
By Stereo Skyline



*This photo uses glow sticks and a night exposure camera to create the sensational view that has been created. Aimee Cutcher, Nacari Madison, Christian Carrillo, Aliyah Harris, and Brattany W. are featured within the photograph.*

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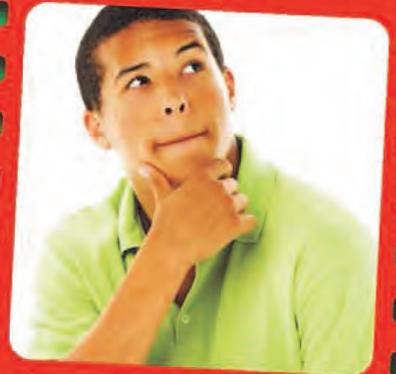
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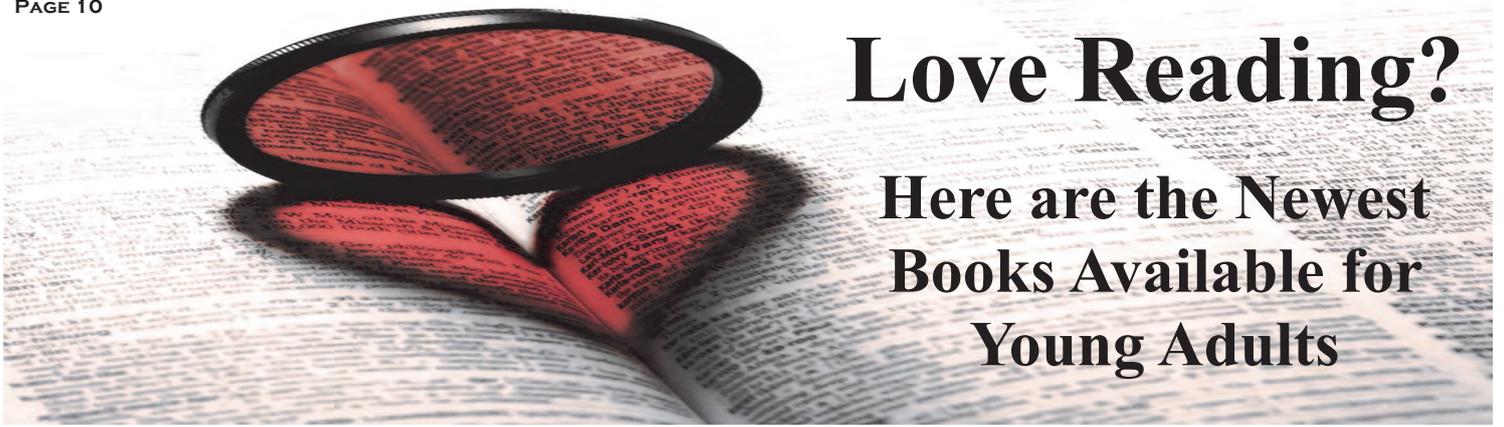
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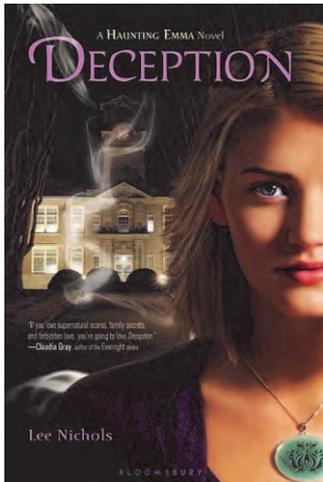
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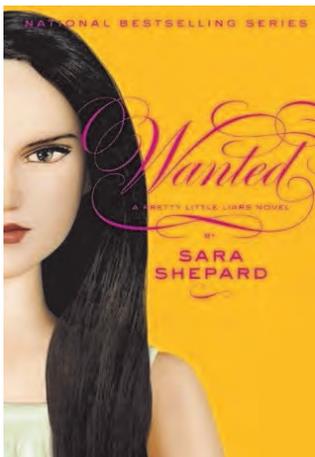


## Haunting Emma DECEPTION: A Haunting Emma Novel Lee Nichols

When Emma Vaile's parents leave on a mysterious business trip, it gives her the perfect excuse to be a rebellious teen. Throw some parties, get a tattoo (or maybe just a piercing), and enjoy the first few weeks of her junior year. Then her best friend stops talking to her, the cops crash her party, and Emma finds herself in the hands of a new guardian --- her college-age "knight in J.Crew armor," Bennett Stern --- and on a plane to his museum-

like mansion in New England.

After enrolling at Thatcher Academy, Emma settles in by making friends with the popular legacy crowd. But she can't shake the strange visions that are haunting her. She has memories of Thatcher she can't explain, as if she's returning home to a place she's never been. Emma doesn't trust anyone anymore --- except maybe Bennett. But he's about to reveal a ghostly secret to Emma. One that will explain the visions...and make Emma fear for her life.

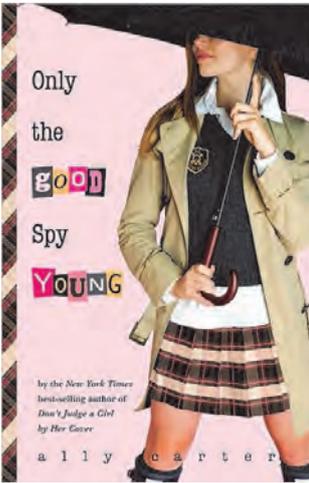


## Pretty Little Liars PRETTY LITTLE LIARS #8: WANTED Sara Shepard

In Rosewood, majestic estates sprawl for acres, and Tiffany toggle bracelets dangle from every girl's wrist. But not all that glitters is gold, and the town harbors secrets darker than anyone could imagine --- like the truth about what *really* happened the night Alison DiLaurentis went missing...

Back in middle school, Ali plucked Emily, Hanna, Aria and Spencer from obscurity and turned them into the beautiful, popular girls everyone wanted to be. Ali was the best friend they ever had. But she also made them do *terrible* things and taunted them with their worst secrets. Now, three years later, all their questions about Ali have finally been answered, and they can put this awful chapter of their lives behind them. Or so they think.

Not every story has a happy ending, especially when four pretty little liars have done so many wicked things. In the dramatic conclusion of Sara Shepard's bestselling *Pretty Little Liars* series, Emily, Hanna, Aria and Spencer could get everything they've ever wanted --- unless Ali has one more horrifying twist in store.

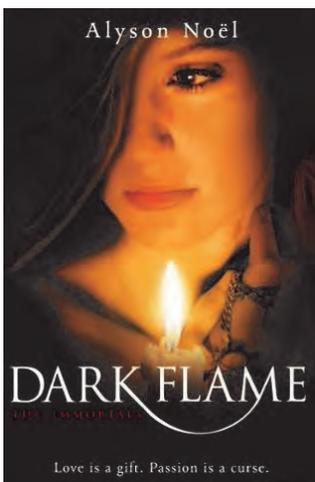
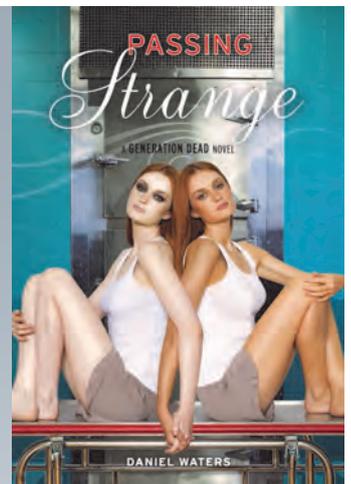


## Gallagher Girls ONLY THE GOOD SPY YOUNG Ally Carter

When Cammie Morgan enrolled at the Gallagher Academy, she knew she was preparing for the dangerous life of a spy. What she didn't know was that the serious, real-life danger would start during her junior year of high school. But that's exactly what happened two months ago when Cammie faced off against an ancient terrorist organization dead set on kidnapping her. Now the danger follows her everywhere, and even Cammie "The Chameleon" can't hide. When a terrifying encounter in London reveals that one of her most trusted allies is actually a rogue double-agent, Cammie no longer knows if she can trust her classmates, her teachers --- or even her own heart.

## Generation Dead PASSING STRANGE: A Generation Dead Novel Daniel Waters

Karen DeSonne always passed as a normal teenager; with her friends, with her family, and at school. Passing cost her the love of her life. And now that Karen is dead, she's still passing --- this time, as *alive*. Meanwhile, Karen's dead friends have been fingered in a high-profile murder, causing a new round of anti-zombie regulations that have forced them into hiding. Karen soon learns that the "murder" was a hoax, staged by Pete Martinsburg and his bioist zealots. Obtaining enough evidence to expose the fraud and prove her friends' innocence means doing the unthinkable: becoming Pete's girlfriend. Karen's only hope is that the enemy never realizes who she really is --- because the consequences would be worse than death.

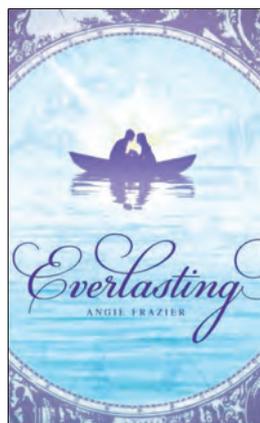


## The Immortals DARK FLAME: The Immortals, Book 4 Alyson Noël

Ever is trying to help Haven transition into life as an immortal. But with Haven drunk on her new powers and acting recklessly, she poses the ultimate threat --- exposing their secret world to the outside. As Ever struggles to keep the Immortals hidden, it only propels Haven closer to the enemy --- Roman and his evil companions.

At the same time, Ever delves deeper into dark magic to free Damen from Roman's power. But when her spell backfires, it binds her to the one guy who is hell-bent on her destruction. Now there's a strange, foreign pulse coursing through her, and no matter what she does, she can't stop thinking about Roman --- and longing for his touch. As she struggles to resist the fiery attraction threatening to consume her, Roman is more than willing to take advantage of her weakened state...and Ever edges closer and closer to surrender.

## EVERLASTING Angie Frazier



Sailing aboard her father's ship is all 17-year-old Camille Rowen has ever wanted. But as a

lady in 1855 San Francisco, her future is set: marry a man she doesn't love in order to preserve her social standing. On her last voyage before the wedding, Camille learns the mother she has always believed dead is in fact alive and in Australia. When their Sydney-bound ship goes down in a gale, and her father dies, Camille sets out to find her mother and a map in her possession --- a map believed to lead to a stone that once belonged to the legendary civilization of the immortals. The stone can do exactly what Camille wants most: bring someone back from the dead. Unfortunately, her father's adversary is also on the hunt for the stone, and she must race him to it. The only person Camille can depend on is Oscar --- a handsome young sailor and her father's first mate --- who is in love with Camille and whom she is inexplicably drawn to despite his low social standing and her pending wedding vows.

## FLASH Michael Cadnum

When two teenage brothers bungle a bank robbery, their attempt to hide the evidence is witnessed --- aurally --- by Terrence, a legally blind neighbor. Terrence tells his girlfriend, Nina, and her brother, who then disappears with a handgun. Nina is afraid of what he might do to the brothers. But she also has every reason to fear what the brothers will do to Terrence.



## SISTERS RED Jackson Pearce



Scarlett March lives to hunt the Fenris --- the werewolves that took her eye when she was defending her sister Rosie from a brutal attack. Armed with a razor-sharp hatchet and blood-red cloak, Scarlett is an expert at luring and slaying the wolves. She's determined to protect other young girls from a grisly death, and her raging heart will not rest until every single wolf is dead.

Rosie March once felt her bond with her sister was unbreakable. Owing Scarlett her life, Rosie hunts ferociously alongside her. But even as more girls' bodies pile up in the city and the Fenris seem to be gaining power, Rosie dreams of a life beyond the wolves. She finds herself drawn to Silas, a young woodsman who is deadly with an ax and Scarlett's only friend. But does loving him mean betraying her sister and all that they've worked for?

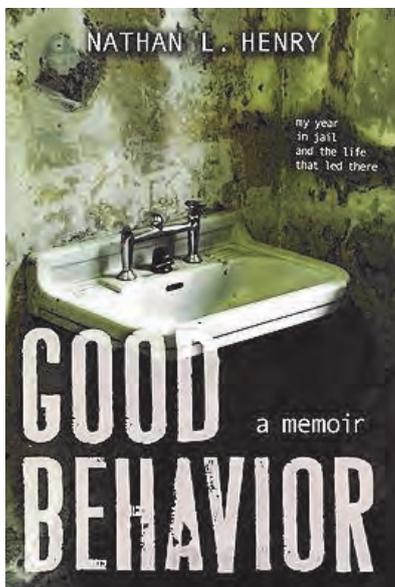
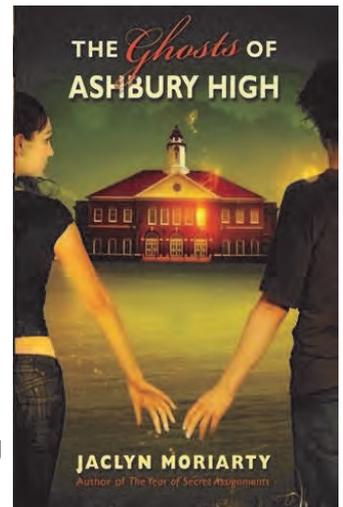
# THE GHOSTS OF ASHBURY HIGH

## Jaclyn Moriarty

This is the story of Amelia and Riley, bad kids from bad Brookfield High who have transferred to Ashbury High for their final year. They've been in love since they were 14, they go out dancing every night, and sleep through school all day. And Ashbury can't get enough of them.

Everyone is trying to get their attention; even teachers are dressing differently, trying to make their classes more interesting. Everyone wants to be cooler, tougher, funnier, hoping to be invited into their cool, self-contained world.

But they don't know that all Amelia can think about is her past -- an idyllic time before she ran away from home. Riley thinks he's losing her to the past, maybe even to a place further back in time. He turns to the students of Ashbury for help, and things get much, much worse.



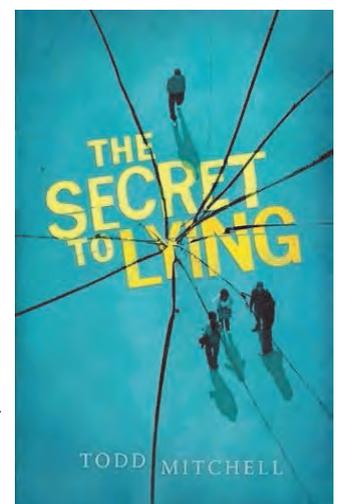
## GOOD BEHAVIOR: A Memoir Nathan L. Henry

Jailed at age 16 for armed robbery, Nathan Henry was the kind of teenager most parents and teachers have nightmares about. His crime was the culmination of a life lived on the edge: guns and drugs, sex and violence, all set against the ordinary backdrop of a one-stop light town in rural Indiana. Nate's personal history is both disturbing and fascinating. A rough childhood becomes an adolescence full of half-realized violent fantasies that slowly build to the breaking point. But these scenes alternate with chapters about Nate's time in jail, where through reading and reflection he comes to see that his life can be different from all he's known up to this point.

# THE SECRET TO LYING

## Todd Mitchell

James was the guy no one noticed --- just another 15-year-old in a small town. So when he gets into an academy for gifted students, he decides to leave his boring past behind. In a boarding school full of nerds and geeks, being cool is easy. All it takes is a few harmless pranks to invent a new James: fighter, rebel, punk. Everyone is impressed, except for the beautiful "Ice Queen" Ellie Frost and the mysterious ghost44, an IM presence who sees through his new identity. But James is riding high, playing pranks and hooking up with luscious Jessica Keen. There's just one thing awry: he's starting to have vivid dreams of being a demon-hunting warrior, a thrill that is spilling over into dangerous and self-destructive acts while he's awake. As he's drawn deeper into his real-life lies and his dream-world conquests, James begins to wonder: What's the price for being the coolest guy around?





# TOP EIGHT AVENGERS WE WANT TO SEE IN THE NEW MOVIE



By Trey Nevard

In 2007, we were treated with the block-buster superhero movie, Iron Man. Like most superhero movies, there was an extra clip after the credits that ended the film with a cliffhanger for the next movie. However, unlike most superhero flicks, this cliffhanger did not foreshadow for Iron Man 2. Instead, Colonel Nicholas Fury (played by Samuel L. Jackson) told Tony Stark (Robert Downey, Jr.) that he wanted to talk about the Avengers Initiative.

Now, there have literally been more than a hundred Avengers in the past, but these are the Top Ten that WE want to see in the Avengers movie.

*(Note: Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, Black Widow, and Hulk have already been confirmed to be in the new movie, so they have been edited out of this list.)*



**Hawkeye**—Clint Barton is a trouble-making masked archer with a heart of gold and a wit as sharp as his arrows, Hawkeye is the type of guy who always questions authority. Despite his very frequent arguments with team leader, Captain America, he's one of the Captain's best friends. After returning from the dead, Clint donned the guise of Ronin, and is now leading the Secret Avengers alongside his wife, Mockingbird.

**Worthy Candidates:** Christian Bale, James Franco

**Scarlet Witch**—The long-lost daughter of mutant terrorist Magneto, Wanda Maximoff and her brother Pietro are mutants. Wanda's power is to cause unexpected things to happen with her "Hex Bolts." She is mostly famous for marrying the android and fellow Avenger, the Vision. Recently, she went insane, causing the Avengers to disassemble, making ninety-five percent of mutants lose their powers, and hasn't been seen since.

**Worthy Candidates:** Jennifer Garner, Angelina Jolie, Alicia Silverstone



**Vision**—Initially created by super villain Ultron to destroy the Avengers, the Synthizoid known only as the Vision instead joined his targets. His abilities to change his density from diamond-hard to being literally untouchable have saved the team on more than one occasion. He is famous for marrying fellow Avenger the Scarlet Witch. Recently, the Witch destroyed him after her mental breakdown, but he has been reborn in a teenage form, inhabiting the armor of former Young Avenger, Iron Lad. The new Vision, or "Vision 2.0," is currently dating fellow Avenger Stature, whose father was killed by the Scarlet Witch.

**Worthy Candidates:** Keanu Reeves.

**Wasp**—Janet Van Dyne was an aspiring fashion designer before she met, and fell in love with, Dr. Hank Pym, AKA the super heroic Ant-Man. Giving her the power to shrink, as well as biological wings and laser stingers, Pym took her as his sidekick, called the Wasp. They later married, divorced, and quite often fell back in and out of love. Recently, she was killed during the Secret Invasion by a Skrull replacement of her own ex-husband.

**Worthy Candidates:** Jessica Alba, Elizabeth Banks





**Black Panther**—The king of Wakanda, T'Challa is a gifted leader, a brilliant scientist, an expert fighter, and a devoted teammate. The title of the Black Panther is handed down from king to king. Black Panther was asked to join the Avengers by Captain America, and his first task was no picnic: Avengers villain the Grim Reaper had put them in a deep coma and framed the Panther for their deaths. After defeating the Reaper, saving the Avengers, and clearing his name, T'Challa has proved to be a valuable member, although his loyalty to his country often gets in the way of any Avenging may be needed. He has recently married the X-Woman known as Storm, and later was attacked by Dr. Doom, crippling him. A new, female Black Panther has since taken his place.

**Worthy Candidates:** Laz Alonso

**Giant-Man**—Brilliant scientist Dr. Hank Pym discovered a new particle, called “Pym Particles,” that allowed people and things to shrink and grow. After testing it on himself, he was attacked by an army of ants, until one ant risked its life to save him. He later invented a helmet that allowed him to telepathically talk to and control these insects. Donning the identity of Ant-Man, he later applied the Pym Particles to his girlfriend (and later wife, and, still later, ex-wife) Janet Van Dyne, who, after also gaining wings, became the Wasp. Ant-Man later learned how to grow, so he donned a new costume and the alias of Giant-Man, later Goliath, and still later Yellowjacket. Recently, after the death of his ex-wife, he gave himself wings and currently honors his deceased darling as the new Wasp. He is also the leader of the Mighty Avengers, along with fellow size-changer and former Young Avenger, Stature.



**Worthy Candidates:** Ben Affleck, George Clooney, Tom Cruise, Vin Diesel, Aaron Eckhart,



**Ms. Marvel**—Formally a captain for the Air Force, Carol Danvers featured herself as a liaison for the alien superhero, Captain Marvel. One day, he gave some of his cosmic power to her, making her Ms. Marvel, with superhuman strength, a strange “cosmic sense” (think Spider-Sense on caffeine), invulnerability, flight, and energy blasts. Although she has changed her name to Binary, then to Warbird and back to Ms. Marvel again, she has never changed as an important member of the team. Her courageous attitude and expert fighting and flying skills once even made her the leader of the Avengers, if only for a short amount of time.

**Worthy Candidates:** Nicole Kidman, Uma Thurman

**Falcon**—Samuel Wilson was a reformed street gang member when he was abandoned on a desert island. His only friend being a falcon he found, named Redwing, he eventually escaped and, with the help of Redwing, became the crime-fighting Falcon. After gaining artificial wings, superhuman strength, and the power to talk to birds, he became an Avenger under the request of government liaison Henry Peter Gyrich, although it was just for racial diversity. He was still an important member of the team, even being an Avenger during its disassembling.

**Worthy Candidates:** Will Smith.



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## VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

By Karrington Floyd

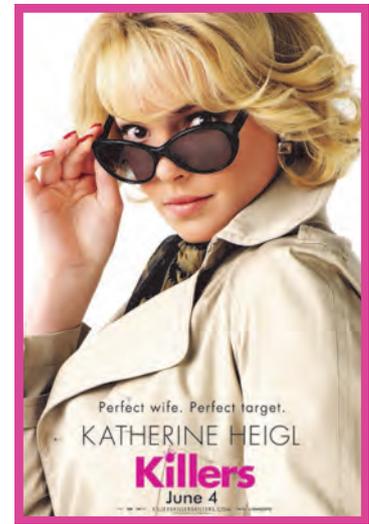
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# Movie review

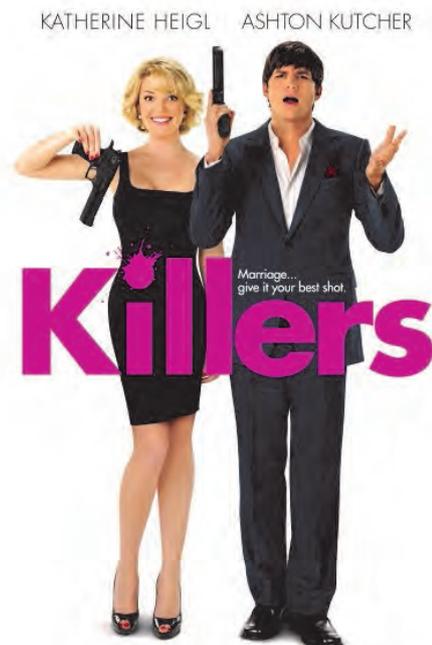
## Killers



**Killers!** Yes, I know that the title paints a very gruesome and evil picture. In fact, this movie could not be any further than that. This movie is a romantic comedy, starring two of my favorite actors Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher. This movie has some killing which is done in sutra kinda way, that it does not ruin the plot line. The movie is about a young woman that just got out of a relationship...OK maybe just got dumped. She meets the man of her dreams, after she decides to go on vacation with her parents. She thinks he is perfect in every way. They fall madly in love with each other and get married. Years go by and they are living a normal life with neighbors bugging them about annoying things and all that good stuff. Well so they think that's why they bug them. The truth is, the man she fell in love with, Kutcher's character, is an ex hit man and now there's a hit out on him. Needless to say, she was not to happy with this new information. After calming down and explaining everything, they start trying to figure out who hired people to kill him. They run into some trouble on the way when people they thought were friends turn out to be spies for the other guy. The end was perfect. I love when they finally figured it all out. I was laughing so hard I fell out of my seat and wanted to say to Kutcher's character, maybe you need to learn a little more about the person you're paid to kill.



By Anni



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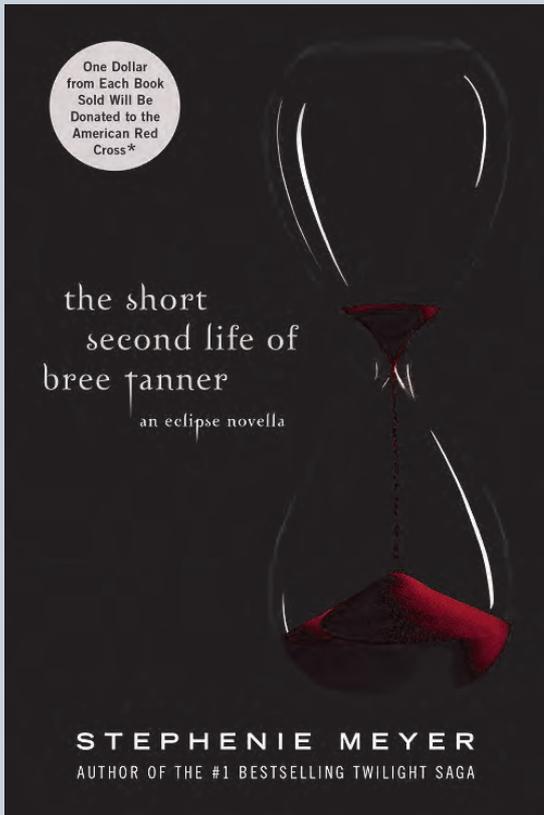
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# GET YOUR *TWILIGHT* FIX HERE

*Stephenie Meyer's Newest Book*



## THE SHORT SECOND LIFE OF BREE TANNER: AN ECLIPSE NOVELLA BY: STEPHENIE MEYER

"Personally, I've never figured out why some of my characters take on strong lives of their own, but I'm always happy when they do," writes Stephenie Meyer in her introduction to *THE SHORT SECOND LIFE OF BREE TANNER*. Bree Tanner, who appears briefly (and dead!) in *ECLIPSE*, the third novel in the *Twilight* series, is one of those characters, she notes. Now, in a novella that helps flesh out (as it were) the fictional world Meyer created in her four-part series, Bree gets a chance to tell her own story.

Bree's story is not just her own, however; it is also a more extended venture inside a realm *Twilight* fans have only glimpsed before: the world of the newborn vampire. Painfully thirsty, nearly out of control, these young vampires have trouble controlling their desires --- for violence, but especially for blood. Bree and her friend (and love interest) Diego are among a large band of newborn vampires kept

alive but controlled in the service of someone readers know for a long time only as "she." For what purpose have Bree and her fellow newborn vampires been created? Readers of the series already have a pretty good guess at that answer, but that doesn't make her story any less provocative or suspenseful.

In *ECLIPSE*, readers barely get a chance to know Bree. Here, we learn far more about her life as a vampire (where she makes great efforts to follow the rules, to be well-behaved, even when it physically hurts her to do so) and about her previous life as a human (she was a runaway who fled an abusive father). Bree is desperately trying to make sense of her new "life" even as she still reels from the misery and unhappiness of her old one.

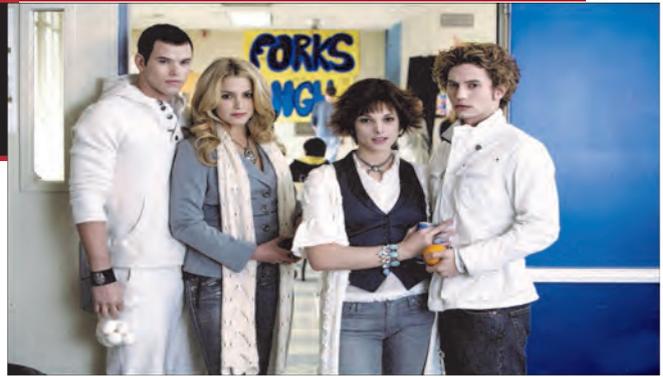
And, of course, as fans know, Bree and her coven are on a relentless track that will coincide, tragically, with the vampires in the Cullen family and with Bella herself. One of the most fascinating aspects of her narration for long-time fans will be seeing the Cullens and Bella through the eyes of an antagonistic outsider: "I had tried to wrap my head around the idea of a coven with a pet human, but this was not close to what I had imagined.... Who was this girl? Why did the vampires allow her to be with them? Why hadn't they killed her yet?" Seeing Bella and her companions from Bella's point of view complicates the story significantly and enhances readers' understanding of the world Meyer has created. It may also help fans' enjoyment of and appreciation for the forthcoming *Eclipse* movie, in which Bree will play a role.

Are there other characters with "strong lives" who Meyer will revisit in future adventures? Let's hope so. Fans will clamor for anything with the *Twilight* brand attached, it seems, but in the case of *THE SHORT SECOND LIFE OF BREE TANNER*, a slight novella helps provide important context for the original series, in addition to telling a compelling story in its own right.



# WHICH CULLEN SIBLING ARE YOU?

Curious about which Cullen Sibling you would be? Are you blood thirsty, Emmett? Craving your next raw experience? Or are you Alice, future bound and family dedicated? Take our quiz and find out below.



## 1. Most of the time you are what?

- A. Too good for it.
- B. Quiet/ Somber
- C. Adventurous
- D. Hyper

## 2. What would you rather be doing?

- A. Shopping.
- B. Sitting back, observing.
- C. Practice fighting.
- D. ....Hold on, what was the question again... I was busy..

## 3. If there was beef between your family and a close friend, what would you do?

- A. Nothing, its not my problem.
- B. Tell them what can be fixed.
- C. Be there and happy to help with it.
- D. Try and understand both sides and go from there.

If you answered most A then you are Rosalie, the Wife of Emmett. You envied Bella for be human at first. And could not stand her because she wanted to become a vampire. You rather do your own thing and your never prod of that. You also are proud of your beauty.



If you answered mostly B then you are Jasper, the husband of Alice. You have seen a lot ad have done a lot In your "life" so you are more quit and somber. Your rather watch the action and reactions of others. You are always studying other just in case you need it one day. And yes you still have a hard time with controlling your-self but you are getting better at it. ....



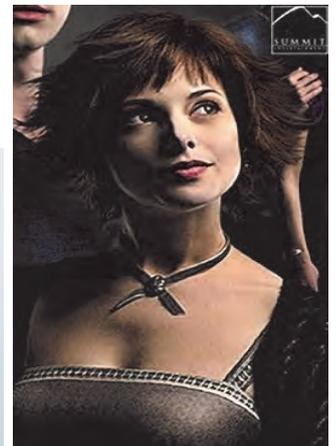
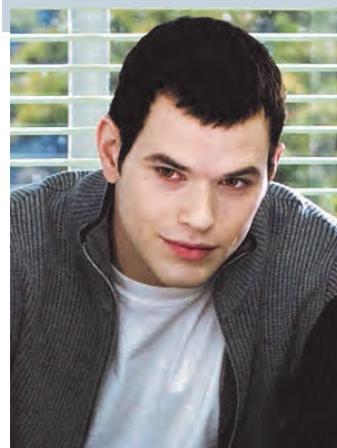
## 4. What ability would you want?

- A. "Want" is not what I want.
- B. Manipulate the emotions of others.
- C. Strength.
- D. Being able to see the future.

## 5. How did you feel about Bella the first time you met her?

- A. Hated Her.
- B. She looked and Smelled delicious.
- C. You were worried about her.
- D. You loved her.

If you answered mostly C then you are Emmett the big brother of the family as well as the joker of the family. You are always ready to play fight and you mostly win unless your arm wrestling with a "new born". You are the one "person" in the family that very knows will always be there for them and help them no matter what it takes.



If you answered mostly D then you are Alice the always move never sit still little sister of the family. You are able to see it the future and you use it as much as you can. Yet sometimes you don't like what you see. You fell in love with Bella so easily because of it. You also a little go getter. IF you can help by do something you will. But you also take the time to understand what you're getting into. Oh and you love Jasper with all your non beat-

# HOT MAMA!!!!

*(For The Guy To Do)*

**What type of girl do you prefer?**

- A. Down to earth
- B. High maintenance
- C. Sporty

**What is your ideal Saturday night?**

- A. Stay at home and watch a movie
- B. Going out
- C. Playing video games/ hang with the guys

**What is your favorite type of music?**

- A. Rock
- B. Country
- C. Hip-hop/ Rap

**What is your favorite sport?**

- A. Baseball
- B. Football
- C. Basketball

**What type of clothes do you prefer in a girl?**

- A. Jeans, T-shirt, and sneakers
- B. Tank top and a skirt
- C. Shorts and T-shirt

**What type of personality in a girl do you prefer?**

- A. Quiet
- B. Prep
- C. Outgoing

**If your girl was a super hero, which one would she be?**

- A. Invisible woman
- B. Cat woman
- C. Superwoman

**What is your ideal date?**

- A. Going to the movies
- B. Going to dinner
- C. Going to a park

**What is your biggest pet-peeve about girls?**

- A. Bossiness
- B. Self-absorbed
- C. Talking too much

**What is your biggest turn on?**

- A. Their smile
- B. Their eyes
- C. Their lips



Created by T'erra Felder

## Mostly A's

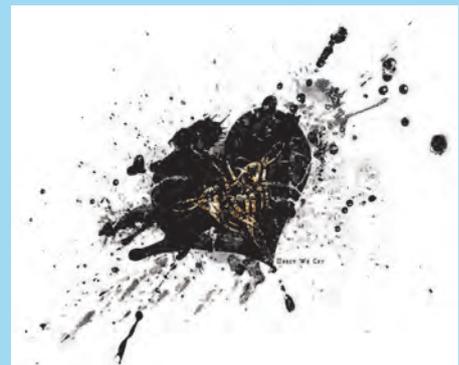
Your girl is the type of girl who likes to be around you on weekends but not always, her smile amazes you every time you see it. She loves movies and isn't controlling at all she gives you your space.

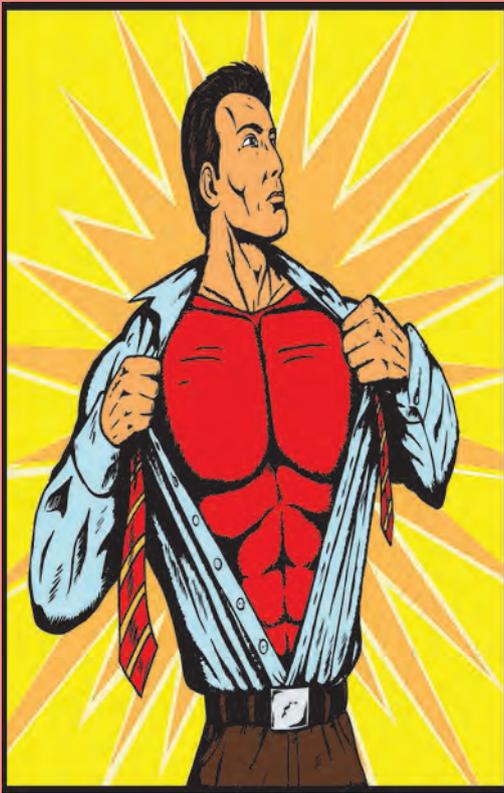
## Mostly B's

The Princess. Your girl is a classy, feminine, young lady. She is loves to go out and give you fashion tips. Your type of girl will complement your appearance.

## Mostly C's

She is your superwoman! Your girl is smart, athletic, and outgoing. She can keep an exciting conversation with you.





# YOUR DREAM GUY

*(For The Gal To Do)*

**What type of guy do you prefer?**

- A. Funny
- B. Sensitive
- C. Athlete

**If you were having a bad day, your guy would**

- A. Tell you corny jokes and try to put a smile on your face
- B. Listen and buy you ice cream
- C. Tell you that everything is going to be okay

**What is your perfect date?**

- A. Going to dinner
- B. 7:00 movie
- C. Going to see a football game

**How does he show that he cares?**

- A. Sing your favorite song so good it makes cry
- B. Text or call you everyday
- C. Gives you his jock jacket

**What is your biggest pet-peeve about boys?**

- A. Being too cocky
- B. Being very rude
- C. Complaining about everything

**What kind of gift would your guy give you?**

- A. Tickets to a concert
- B. Flowers and dinner
- C. Jewelry/Perfume

**What is your biggest turn on?**

- A. Their smile
- B. Their eyes
- C. Their dimples

**What are his favorite food/foods?**

- A. Pizza
- B. Burger and fries
- C. Fruits –trying to make the team

**What jeans would your guy wear?**

- A. Baggy jeans
- B. Skinny leg
- C. Sweats

**You trip in front of the whole school, your guy:**

- A. Laughs at you
- B. Helps you up and ask are you okay
- C. Trips too- to let you know it is not a big deal

## Mostly A's

The Clownster! Your guy is the life of the party. He is the only person you want to see when you are having a bad day. He puts a smile on your face without even trying.

## Mostly B's

Mr. Prince Charming! Your guy is so caring and sweet.. He loves hanging-out with you and would talk about anything. He makes sure that you are always happy, so you will keep him around.

## Mostly C's

The Jock! Your guy is the number one man and having you on his arms makes him look even better. You two have the best time together. He knows exactly what to say and what you like.



# **ABYSS**

**BY. TIFFANY  
BYRD**

**The dark, full of echo,  
and sleepless room;  
Praying for a miracle,  
Seeing darkness in every  
corner,  
Felling the walls' rough-  
ness,  
and smelling fresh air.**

**You look around you,  
Seeing no one,  
Remembering your last  
happy moment.**

**You pray with fingers  
crossed,  
That everything will be  
okay.**

**You see nothing to do and  
You hear nothing too.  
You know you're in bed,  
Looking at the full moon.  
You wish you'd stop the  
tears**

**And used your voice.  
You feel no one there.  
You try not to make noise  
So not to wake those  
That sleep sound.**

**Flashes of your past,  
The face of your beloved,  
Want to cry,  
Live to write,  
Live to obey,  
But not be weak.**

**You wish to save others,  
Even if you aren't  
around.**

**You wish death would  
take you by the hand  
And never let go.**

**No one loves  
A monster like you.  
Yet you secretly wish,  
that someone  
would hold you close.**

**Tis be the day  
When darken rooms  
turn bright  
Tis be the day  
You are able to sleep in  
your lover's arms.**

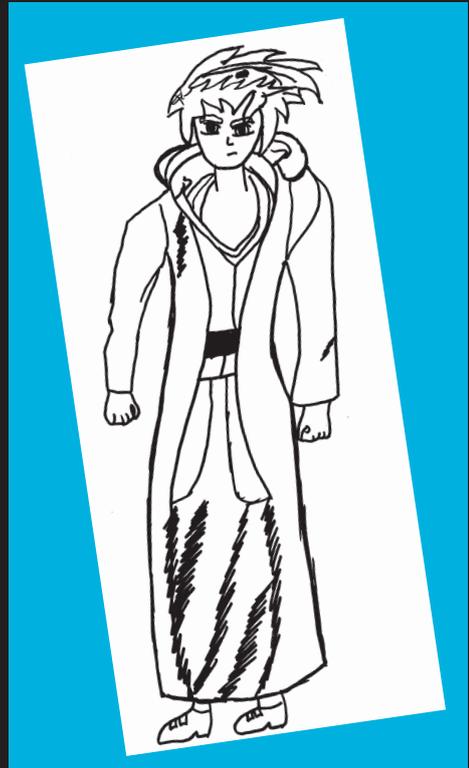
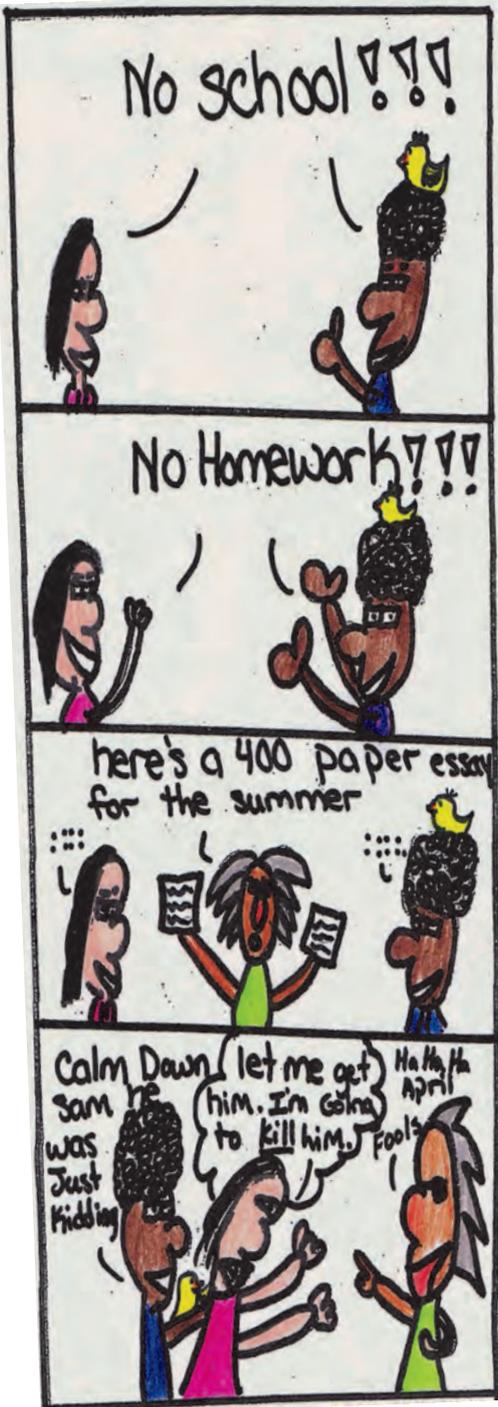
**Waiting for  
darkness to turn light.  
Pain to turn to passion,  
Cold will always stay.  
You know your soul is  
lost,  
You wish you didn't  
hurt people.  
Screaming mutely,  
Strangled by desire,  
Your wish can't be  
granted.**



# KAY'S KOMICS



## SAM AND JACK



# HOROSCOPES



**Capricorn**  
Dec 22-  
Jan 20

I know you have been waiting for it to come back to you, But wait a little longer and its will be there. It does not matter what is said. The only thing that matters is what is done.

**Color:** Gold and silver, they are very bold, so take after them.  
*(Don't be afraid to do bold things.)*  
**Lucky numbers:** 4, 12, 14



**Aquarius**  
Jan 21-  
Feb 19

**Love/Life:** It's an odd world, but once you calm down and breathe you will be more able to understand it. Well a little better at least. Look for that perfect day and escape.... Find that adventure.

**Color:** Purple will serve you well this month.  
**Lucky numbers:** 6, 19, 82



**Pisces**  
Feb 20-  
Mar 20

**Love/Life:** Don't forget to remember you're past loves. You never know when a past will turn into a present. Go back to where you have had the most fun and just relax. It will be very beneficial to you.

**Color** Orange and other bright colors like that is what you need in your life this month. Don't do any dark colors; they will bring sadness to you.  
**Lucky numbers:** 5, 73, 99



**Aries**  
Mar 21-  
Apr 20

**Love/Life:** If you keep your eyes open this month you will find a great love. But take it nice and slow. The one you first think about will turn out badly. Relax and keep your eyes on the prize.

**Color:** Rose is your color this month and if you see gray, stay away!!!!  
**Lucky numbers:** 7, 15, 29



**Taurus**  
Apr 21-  
May 20

**Love/Life:** This month love will be the last thing on your mind. You need to go forward with the plans you have been setting for all this time.

**Color:** Gold is a beautiful color but not for you this month. Stay away from it! Green should be the color of your choose this month. It will bring you happiness  
**Lucky numbers:** 1, 8, 11



**Gemini**  
May 21-  
Jun 21

**Love/Life:** You will be meeting your other half. Yet at first you will just find him /her irritating and annoying. As the Quote goes "Nothing is what it seems".

**Color:** This month all the colors of the rainbow are your colors. So go crazy and have a great time.  
**Lucky numbers:** 3, 82, 100



# HOROSCOPES



**Cancer**  
Jun 22-  
Jul 22

**Love/Life:** If you try too hard this month, you will be losing someone. So lay back and relax. The universe will guide you, if you choose to listen to it. Look outside, you'll find the color of money.

**Color:** Blood red because you're thirsting for something but you don't know what yet.

**Lucky numbers:** 4,9,12



**Leo**  
Jul 23-  
Aug 23

**Love/Life:** Stop where you are and wait. Because the next rude guy/girl is you true love. Your story will be getting very interesting this month. Beware of expensive purchase, it will lose value after you buy it.

**Color:** Yellow like the sun, because you'll bring light to someone this month.

**Lucky numbers:** 1, 17, 26



**Virgo**  
Aug 24-  
Sept 23

**Love/Life:** Stop, don't do it!!!! It's not worth it. Be true and your real love will come. All eyes are on you this month, so show them what you are made of!! Live each day to the fullest. Its better to keep your life full of excitement, then to watch it die away. Find that party!

**Color:** Baby Blue and Pink

**Lucky number:** 2, 38, 62



**Libra**  
Sept 24  
-  
Oct 23

**Look up, then down, now straight.** What do you see...? Exactly, now be happy and live in the moment. Stop over thinking every moment of your life and others.

**Color:** No black and white, adorn yourself with some color.

**Lucky numbers:** 5, 83, 38



**Scorpio**  
Oct 24-  
Nov 22

**Love/Life:** Love is like living, you just have to do it! So go out and do it big. Because you only live once.

**Color:** Red, Yellow and Gold are all colors you should avoid. But Pink, Blue, Green are all lovely colors for you this month.

**Lucky numbers:** 8, 67, 9



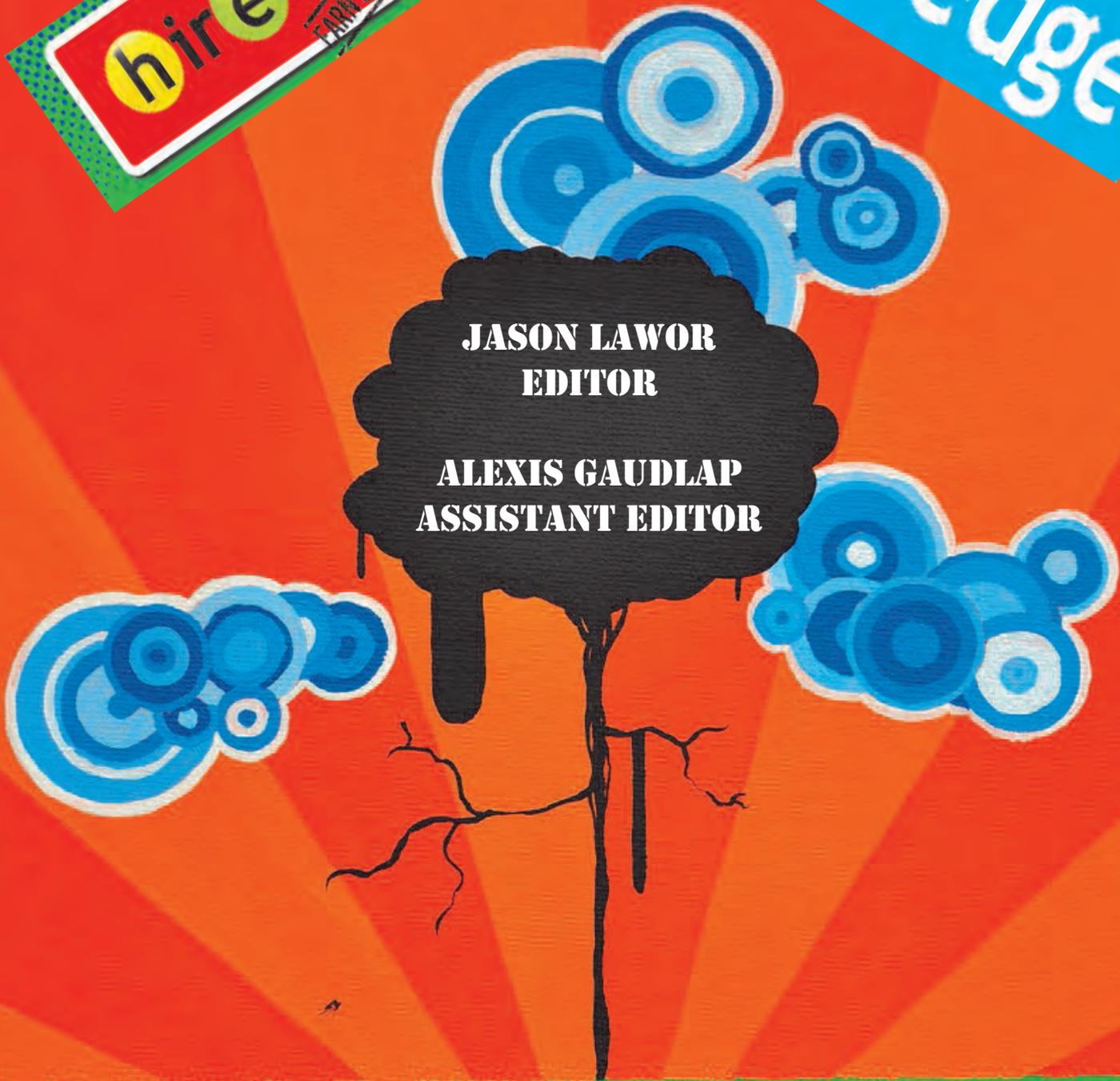
**Sagittarius**  
Nov 23 -  
Dec 21

**Love/Life:** Yes he/she has been acting odd but that just because he/she is going through a difficult time. So be there as much as possible. It will pay in the end.

**Color:** Brown and earth tones are for you this month. Stay away from bold colors. It will end up badly!!!

**Lucky numbers:** 6, 51, 37, 69





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