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Recently I took a trip overseas which is why I am jet lagged and late with everything recently. I booked a codeshare flight on Westjet but operated by Korean Air. This means 1) you can't choose your seats until last minute and 2) there is utter confusion if you have more than one piece of checked luggage. Normally if you buy via Korean Air you get two pieces of checked luggage and you can choose your seat ahead of time. Basically all the savings from booking as a codeshare disappears into luggage fee charges and you get the worst seat! That is my travel recommendation - book directly with airlines if you can so you have all the options available. Meanwhile I am back to popping sleep aids so I can wake up normally after experiencing a 13 hour time difference for the last few weeks...

Best,
-JF Garrard

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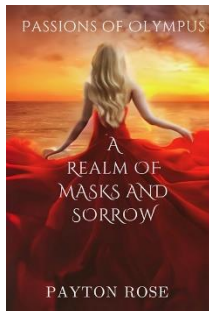


[Gangs of Galis](#) by Nicholas Woode-Smith (click to download). Something is wrong with Galis City. There's a rot in this sea of shanties. Don Marzio, head of one of the largest gangs on this skiting planet, wants to end the rot. Where everyone else sees nothing

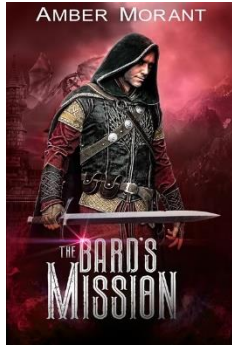
but violence, he sees potential. The Don sees a future Galis ripe for business. But before he can get there, he needs to eliminate some of the competition. *Gangs of Galis* is a thrilling sci-fi crime short story set on a distant world far in the future.



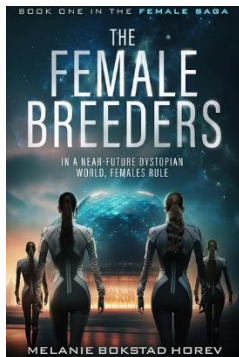
Wild Wolves: Menage Protector by Lilly Wilder ([click for preview](#)). The wolf shifter who broke my heart and his bad boy brother want to share me. After the death of my mother, I'm a broken shell. That's when Hayden reappears. Tall. Handsome. Covered in tattoos. A player wolf shifter who broke my heart. I try avoiding him. But he and his Alpha brother Dante make that impossible.



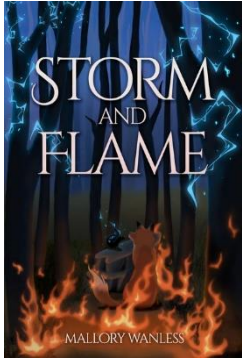
Passions of Olympus: A Realm of Masks and Sorrow by Payton Rose ([click to download](#)). Haunted by her past and battling the facility's oppressive practices, Lia discovers unexpected connections, kindling love in unforeseen corners and forming friendships in a place she thought would offer none. Now, confronted by the Elders—creations of the Titans—she holds the key they seek to unleash chaos by freeing the Titans from their eternal prison. Lia must summon strength from within to ensure the survival of both the divine and mortal realms alike.



[Bard's Mission by Amber Morant \(click to download\)](#). The age of magic has died off in Narishma leaving many forced to toil at the land or face death from starvation. Even the Shadows, a once proud guild of assassins, are feeling the toll as people in power hide within their homes and choose money over politics. Missions are scarce, so why not take on a mission to help a bard create the best song in Narishma? The problem? Keeping the bard safe while traversing the most difficult test a Shadow must face.



[The Female Breeders: A Dystopian Novel \(The Female Saga Book 1\) by Melanie Bokstad Horev \(click for preview\)](#). Young brilliant scientist, Neen Salvek of genetically enhanced Clan Triverser is assigned to screen imprisoned males of the Dome, to assess their mental and emotional fitness before breeding season. Her task is crucial to protect the breeding women, and continue the development of their genetic enhancements. As she embarks on her mission she finds more than she bargained for – a system of brutal mutilation and slavery that condemns any male who doesn't make the cut in the breeding competition to death.



Storm and Flame (Book 1) by Mallory Wanless ([click to download](#)). Elena has always been a disappointment. Her magic is practically non-existent and now, on her sixteenth birthday, she is expelled from magic school by the strict headmistress—also known as her mother. Cast out into the world of the magically inept with only her familiar for company, Elena feels lost and alone until she meets a strange boy in the woods.

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