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A fugitive woman finds refuge in the arms of a Highland warrior in this historical Scottish romance by the New York Times–bestselling author. Scotland, 1479. When her dagger is found buried in the body of one of the king's men, there is little room for doubt—the perpetrator must pay with her life. But IIsabeth Murray Armstrong is no killer, and only one person can help clear her name: Sir Simon Innes, a man so steely and cool that no danger can rattle him . . . and no woman in distress can sway his heart. Until now. Simon has spent his life searching for truth in a world fraught with deception. But the hauntingly beautiful fugitive seeking his aid affects him so deeply, he wonders if he can trust the flawless judgment he has always relied on. For all signs point to IIsabeth's guilt, except one—the unparalleled desire he feels at her slightest touch.

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‘will have you gripped from start to finish, so much so that you really don’t want to stop reading!’ (5 stars) Reader review ‘I was hooked straight in from the first chapter and it really didn't let up. Fast paced and thrilling.’ (5 stars) Reader review You know everything about your husband. Don't you? He loves you. He loves your children. He'd never put his family in danger. One of these is a lie. It started like any other day at the hairdressers where Sally works as a stylist... until her first client innocently shows her a family photograph; a photograph that causes Sally to collapse in shock. In one moment, Sally discovers that Tom has been hiding an explosive secret – one that could tear apart the life they've built together. Faced with an impossible dilemma - search for the truth, or keep her contented life? – Sally is about to discover that even those closest to us have secrets... and that sometimes the truth is the last thing we want to hear. A completely gripping, suspenseful psychological thriller that fans of T.M. Logan, My Lovely Wife and K.L. Slater won't be able to put down. Readers can't get

enough of The Secrets He Kept: ‘I read this in one sitting, loved it!! Quickly paced, great story!! Kept me guessing to the very end!!’ (5 stars) Reader review ‘I loved, loved this book. It was engaging from the first page and kept me up half the night.’ Reader review ‘Every few chapters provide a new twist in this story, all ending with a very satisfying conclusion...I could not recommend this book more!’ (5 stars) ‘Wow, this was one gripping read!...A roller coaster of a read that thrills and excites.’ (5 stars) Reader review ‘a fast paced and twisty ride that kept me gripped from start to finish...kept me addicted till the very last page.’ Reader review ‘A fast paced, twisty domestic thriller...an engrossing read with a likable character and a host of thrilling twists and turns, enjoy!’ Reader review ‘I was intrigued by this book from the start... A highly recommended and enjoyable read’ Reader review ‘a very compelling thriller...I would definitely recommend this book to those who enjoy psychological thrillers.’ Reader review ‘The moment the first jaw-dropping bombshell

landed in the first chapter, I was hooked... Clever cliff-hangers...and a twist you couldn't guess even if you tried. A gripping, hard-hitting read' (5 stars) Reader review 'a splendid thriller that will leave you guessing until the end...I would recommend this book to anyone who loves psychological thrillers.' (5 stars) Reader review 'What a brilliant fast paced book. I was guessing all the way through.' (5 stars) Reader review 'Fantastic read! Great plot that grabs you from the very beginning. A masterful story that keeps you endlessly intrigued...HIGHLY RECOMMEND!' (5 stars) Reader review 'A brilliant roller coaster of a read...full of twists and turns and I was gripped from the very first page' Reader review 'The characters were well drawn and the story flowed seamlessly. Highly recommended.' (5 stars) Reader review 'kept me fully engaged from beginning to end...a riveting and twisty tale that will have you racing to get to the bottom of it all.' Reader review 'The story is full of twists and turns and kept me hooked throughout...will have you flying through the chapters to see how it will

all unravel.' Reader review 'loved all the twists and turns; kept me guessing! I really enjoyed this, read it in one sitting!' (5 stars) Reader review Autumn in Scotland Byrd Book Llc Create action-packed 3D games with the Microsoft XNA Framework. *A suspenseful, gripping psychological thriller with a nail-biting ending* Simon and Schuster Using Lady Morgan's *The Wild Irish Girl* as his point of departure, Thomas J. Tracy argues that nineteenth-century debates over what constitutes British national identity often revolved around representations of Irishness, especially Irish womanhood. He maps the genealogy of this development in fiction, political discourse, and the popular press, from Edgeworth's *Castle Rackrent* through Trollope's Irish novels, focusing on the pivotal period from 1806 through the 1870s. Where We Come from Luke Mitchell She has a new baby with the love of her life and Christmas is almost here. It should be the best time of her life... right? But when Danielle Petrov welcomes her new bundle

of joy just in time for the holidays, everything isn't as magical as it should have been. She's trying to plan a surprise for their first Christmas as a family of four while dealing with a touch of postpartum depression and a six-year-old who wants nothing to do with his new sibling. Sergei is completely smitten with his wife, his son, and the new baby, but he knows something is bothering Dani. Between being on the road with the Blizzard and trying to spend time with the kids, he's not there for her the way he wants to be. As the holiday barrels down on them, nothing is going according to plan. Sergei is determined to salvage what he can of a complicated holiday season. Will an unexpected storm be what brings everyone together? For fans of: Helena Hunting, Elle Kennedy, Catherine Gayle, Avon Gale, Toni Aleo, Jami Davenport, Kelly Jamieson, Sarina Bowen, Sawyer Bennett, Carly Phillips, Kendall Ryan, Kennedy Ryan, Ilsa Madden Mills, Nana Malone, Jacob Chance, Brenda Rothert, Elise Faber, Kate Meader, Victoria Denault, Mira Lyn Kelly, Odette Stone, Catherine Fox, Lisa B.

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For Better or For Worse? Collaborative Couples in the Sciences

Kensington Books
Former Navy SEAL Holden Stanford gave up the only woman he ever loved so she could have the family she wanted. And she'd found it—with one of his teammates. A betrayal that cut so deep that, years later, it still bled. But his sacrifice was all for naught—the one thing he never wanted for her happened—she lost her husband on the battlefield. Now she's back. In his life, in his space, and opening old wounds. The mere sight of her destroyed him, but seeing her daughter—excruciating. The little girl was a living reminder of everything they lost. The one thing he could never get over. Charleigh Towler

understood how one decision could change the trajectory of life. One night, too much alcohol and overwhelming hurt led her to make a bad decision. One she couldn't regret because out of that she made her daughter. But it had forever altered her path. For years she'd paid for her perceived mistake until the man she'd never stopped loving was almost killed and she reevaluated her life. She was done allowing Holden Stanford to hide. Never one to dally, she packed up her life and moved to Maryland to do something she should've done years ago—fight for the man she loved. Close to getting everything they should've always had, Charleigh's life is thrown off its path again—only this time it's her daughter's life that hangs in the balance. "Riley Edwards is the queen of suspense! She knows just how to grab a reader and not let go! I recommend every single one of her books!" ~Susan Stoker, NYT Bestselling Author
What are readers saying about Gemini Group: "I absolutely love the guys in the Gemini group." Goodreads Review "I can't wait to read the next book in this series." Goodreads

Review "And the guys of Gemini Group..love them. The brotherhood and how they included Kennedy is one of their own. They are amazing and can't wait to read their books. Next is Weston and Silver and by the little taste we got I know it's going to be awesome." Island Girl Romance Reads. "Love this author. She's on my auto-buy list because I know as soon as I start reading the first few sentences that I am going to get sucked right in." Goodreads Review Topics: romantic suspense, contemporary romance, military romance, romantic suspense series, mystery, funny romance, modern romance, small town romance, Navy SEAL romance, smart romance, suspense romance, lighthearted romance, hot romance, riley edwards, riley edwards romance, rebels romance, sexy, heartwarming, heartwarming, family, love, love books, kissing books, emotional journey, contemporary, contemporary romance, romance series, long series, long romance series, Navy, navy series, former military, cop, police officer, policeman, cop romance, wealthy hero, sassy, strong heroine, captivating

romance, hot, hot romance, Mercenary romance, action and adventure, action romance, veteran, former soldier, soldier, romantic, Navy SEAL, military romance, Emotional, HEA, happily ever after romance Other readers enjoyed books by: Susan Stoker, Caitlyn O'Leary, Maryann Jordan, Dale Mayer, Lynn Raye Harris, Cat Johnson, Alexis Abbott, Meli Raine, Nicole Elliot, Lori Ryan, Meghan March, Kristin Ashley, Kris Michaels, Brittney Sahin, Sharon Hamilton, Cora Selton

Code Name: Rook Big Dog Books, LLC Award-winning author Lynne Hugo returns with a life-affirming, poignant novel in the spirit of *A Man Called Ove*—a story brimming with both wit and warmth about how a family gets on . . . and goes on. CarolSue and her sister, Louisa, are best friends, but haven't had much in common since CarolSue married Charlie, moved to Atlanta, and swapped shoes covered with Indiana farm dust for pedicures and afternoon bridge. Louisa, meanwhile, loves her farm and animals as deeply as she'd loved Harold, her late husband of forty years. Charlie's sudden

death leaves CarolSue so adrift that she surrenders to Louisa's plan for her to move back home. But canning vegetables and feeding chickens are alien to CarolSue, and she resolves to return to Atlanta—until Louisa's son, Reverend Gary, arrives with an abandoned infant and a dubious story. He begs the women to look after the baby while he locates the mother—a young immigrant who fears deportation. Keeping his own secrets, Gary enlists the aid of the sheriff, Gus, in the search. But CarolSue's bond with the baby is undeniable, and she forms an unconventional secret plan of her own. How many mistakes can be redeemed? Praise for the novels of Lynne Hugo "Sparkling prose, wry humor, and timely, relevant themes abound." —Donna Everhart, USA Today bestselling author of *The Moonshiner's Daughter* "A tender hymn of hope and rebirth that stays with you long after the last page." —Kim Michele Richardson, author of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* "I lost hours of sleep as I raced to finish this extraordinary novel." —Randy Susan Meyers,

bestselling author of *Waisted* "Delivered with humor and heart." —Terri-Lynne DeFino, author of *The Bar Harbor Retirement Home for Famous Writers (And Their Muses)* *A Very Blizzard Christmas* Nikki Sloane International Bestselling Author Ava Miles' new family series, *The Merriams*, is back with a good guy trying to get his bad boy on, a good girl starting a risky perfume venture, and everyone's favorite matchmakers. Beau Masters wants to be a bad boy. All his life, he's been careful to be the good guy country singer, the boy-next-door, who opens doors for ladies and says "aw, shucks, ma'am." But a decades-old secret blows the hinges off the door to his life. Everything he thought he knew has scattered to the wind, leaving him questioning who he really is. So when Caitlyn Merriam asks him to be the celebrity spokesperson for the new perfume she's creating in far-off Provence, he swaps out his white cowboy hat for a black one and packs his bags to get away from the past. Caitlyn didn't expect the gorgeous rockstar to join her in her quaint farmhouse in the

French countryside. She figures it will only worsen her crush on him. But as Beau tries to get his bad boy on (rather unsuccessfully, in her opinion), she knows something is wrong and calls in back-up. Uncle Arthur and Aunt Clara might be bent on matchmaking these days, but they know how to straighten someone out, and Caitlyn needs all the help she can get to keep her spokesperson on track. But soon it's not just about business, and they're holding hands and walking the lavender fields together. Until Beau's secret threatens to bring down her new venture and the love blossoming between them. ----- If you love books by Nora Roberts, Nicholas Sparks, Susan Elizabeth Phillips, Debbie Macomber, Robyn Carr, Elin Hilderbrand, Danielle Steele, Barbara O'Neal, Susan Mallery, Kristan Higgins, Sherryl Woods, Jill Shalvis, Roisin Meaney, Melody Grace, Melissa Foster, Addison Cole, Bella Andre, Lucy Kevin, Brenda Novak, Catherine Bybee, Tricia O'Malley, Kathryn Andrews, RaeAnne Thayne, Sheila O'Flanagan, Cathy Kelly, Ruth Hogan, Jenny Colgan, Shari Low, Sophie

Cousens, Portia MacIntosh. Perfect for fans of Sophie Randal, Mhairi McFarlane and Zara Stoneley, Holly Martin, and Barbara Freethy try Ava's! Millions love them! For readers who enjoyed the Virgin River series, Happily Inc, Sweetbriar Cove, Sweet Magnolias, Whiskey Creek, and The Callaways and The Gannett Island series, Seaside Summers, Faraday Country, The Sullivans, Veils and Vows, The Summer Sisters, Indigo Bay Sweet Romance series, and more! Keywords: billionaires, second chances, enemies to lovers, friends to lovers, romantic comedy, The Merriams, sweet romance, free series starter *XNA 4 3D Game Development by Example* Byrd Book Llc Irishness and Womanhood in Nineteenth-century British Writing Ashgate Publishing, Ltd. *Crimson Elite* Hera books Ltd "A masterpiece of thriller and mystery. Blake Pierce did a magnificent job developing characters with a psychological side so well described that we feel inside their minds, follow their fears and cheer for their success. Full of twists, this book

will keep you awake until the turn of the last page." --Books and Movie Reviews, Roberto Mattos (re Once Gone) THE PERFECT DISGUISE is book #10 in a new psychological suspense series by bestselling author Blake Pierce, which begins with *The Perfect Wife*, a #1 bestseller (and free download) with over 500 five-star reviews. When a demanding Hollywood starlet is murdered, Jessie must navigate her way through the murky world of film studios, casting directors, producers, agents, rival actors and an ecosystem of people who may have wanted her murdered. After one shocking twist after another, the truth, Jessie finds, may be much more unexpected than anyone thinks. Can Jessie, still wrestling with her own demons, enter the killer's mind and stop him before he strikes again? A fast-paced psychological suspense thriller with unforgettable characters and heart-pounding suspense, THE PERFECT DISGUISE is book #10 in a riveting new series that will leave you turning pages late into the night. Books #11-#15 are also available! [Ancora non mi fido di te](#) Vintage

Stone Barrington must track down an enemy intent on disturbing law and order in the latest action-packed thriller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author. Upon returning from a dangerous coastal adventure, Stone Barrington is looking forward to some normalcy with the leading lady in his life. But when a grisly crime arrives on his doorstep, along with some suspicious new clients eager for his help, Stone realizes peace and quiet are no longer an option. As it turns out, the mastermind behind the malfeasance rocking New York City and the nation's capital wields a heavy hand of influence. And when Stone is unable to recruit those closest to the case to his side, he is left with few leads and a handful of dead-ends. But with the help of important people in high places--and the expertise of alluring new friends--Stone is more than ready to rise to the occasion.

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More than ever, Christians are bombarded with tough faith questions from their pluralistic friends and neighbors. Many of these emerge as "anti-

truth claims" and slogans we are all familiar with: • Why not just look out for yourself? • Do what you want--just as long as you don't hurt anyone • Miracles violate the laws of nature • Aren't people born gay? Paul Copan has been answering questions like these for many years. In *When God Goes to Starbucks*, he offers readers solid and caring Christian responses to these and many other concerns that are being discussed in Starbucks, shopping malls, youth groups, and schools. Each chapter provides succinct answers and points for countering the cultural questions believers are faced with today. Packt Publishing Ltd
Being a highly skilled operative for a company like Jameson Force Security is exhilarating and important work...until it comes time to date. I like to keep my profession under wraps for a number of reasons. Some of what we do is top secret, most of what we do is dangerous, and more than one woman has tried to latch onto me because she was more enamored with what I do than who Cage Murdock really is. And since I'm more of a 'here for the night' than a 'here for forever' kind of

guy, what's the harm in a little white lie about my job? My harmless deceit has never failed me. Until now. Because I met the most amazing woman and did the unthinkable. I married her. And now my beautiful, unsuspecting, probably-going-to-leave-my-sorry-behind-when-she-finds-out-the-truth wife doesn't know that I'm not a used car salesman like I told her when we met. As it typically does with lies, the truth is about to come out in a big way when Jaime unwittingly gets herself mixed up with some unsavory characters and I, along with the team at Jameson, have to intervene. Now I need to save my girl and hope I can save my marriage too. Let's just say I have some serious explaining to do.

Essays in

Phenomenology

Minotaur Books
Praise for the Third Edition
". . . an expository masterpiece of the highest didactic value that has gained additional attractivity through the various improvements . . ."—Zentralblatt MATH
The Fourth Edition of *Introduction to Abstract Algebra* continues to provide an accessible approach to the basic

structures of abstract algebra: groups, rings, and fields. The book's unique presentation helps readers advance to abstract theory by presenting concrete examples of induction, number theory, integers modulo n , and permutations before the abstract structures are defined. Readers can immediately begin to perform computations using abstract concepts that are developed in greater detail later in the text. The Fourth Edition features important concepts as well as specialized topics, including: The treatment of nilpotent groups, including the Frattini and Fitting subgroups Symmetric polynomials The proof of the fundamental theorem of algebra using symmetric polynomials The proof of Wedderburn's theorem on finite division rings The proof of the Wedderburn-Artin theorem Throughout the book, worked examples and real-world problems illustrate concepts and their applications, facilitating a complete understanding for readers regardless of their background in mathematics. A wealth of computational and theoretical exercises,

ranging from basic to complex, allows readers to test their comprehension of the material. In addition, detailed historical notes and biographies of mathematicians provide context for and illuminate the discussion of key topics. A solutions manual is also available for readers who would like access to partial solutions to the book's exercises. Introduction to Abstract Algebra, Fourth Edition is an excellent book for courses on the topic at the upper-undergraduate and beginning-graduate levels. The book also serves as a valuable reference and self-study tool for practitioners in the fields of engineering, computer science, and applied mathematics. The Secrets He Kept Riley Edwards To save my father's life, I have to marry a man I hate. He is arrogant, self-absorbed and hateful. He only wants me as a trophy. He only sees me as a prize. But I can't say no. I look down at the diamond on my left hand and walk down the aisle. That's when I see him. He's the man who showed me that love can petrify you to your core. What happens when I have to make a choice? What

happens when the right thing to do is all wrong? What readers are saying about Charlotte Byrd's Books: "This book/series is addictive! Super hot and steamy, intense with twists and turns in the plot that you just won't see coming..." ★★★★★ "One-sitting read!" ★★★★★ "How on earth did I survive that? My mind is blown, my hearts beating out of my chest and I'm on this cliff, shaking like a leaf in a windstorm waiting to do that all over again with the conclusion to one of the best reasons to get out of work and get lost for a while." ★★★★★ "This series is just so intense and delicious. The stunning twists, raw emotions and nerve wracking tension just keep increasing as each book in this enticing series unfolds. I am so invested in Nicholas and Olivia. These characters really worm their way into your heart, while also totally consuming your mind. The gripping story quickly captivates and pulls you back into this couple's world." ★★★★★ *Beware of spoilers in the reviews below that are without spoiler alerts.* Badd Ass Baker Books In New York Times bestseller Allison

Brennan's Cold as Ice, FBI Agent Lucy Kincaid must get into the head of a psychopath to save her family, and herself Two years ago, FBI Agent Lucy Kincaid put psychopath Elise Hansen Hunt in juvenile detention for her role in an organized crime syndicate. Now eighteen, Elise has been released with a clean slate, and plans to take her revenge by making Lucy's life hell. The plot begins with Lucy's husband Sean Rogan, who has been arrested for a murder he most certainly did not commit. Lucy is determined to prove Sean's innocence, but is warned off the case by her boss. As she calls in reinforcements, she learns that Sean's brother Kane is missing in Mexico, her partner Nate Dunning has been arrested for possession of cocaine, and her friend Brad Donnelly has been kidnapped outside DEA headquarters. Lucy realizes that Elise doesn't have the resources or patience to execute such a devious plan. Did Elise's father orchestrate everything from prison? Or is there someone even more calculating seeking revenge on Lucy by hurting the people she loves? One thing is

certain: if Lucy doesn't find the answers fast, Sean will die.

Love Among Lavender
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* Offers timely material, and is anticipated that over 80% of Fortune 1000 companies will incorporate mobile devices and wireless applications into their existing systems over the next two-five years. * Authors utilize XML and related technologies such as XSL and XSLT as well as Web services for server-sided application construction. * Details how to build a complete enterprise application using all of the technologies discussed in the book. * Web site updates the example application built as well as additional wireless Java links and software.

Crazy Over You Blake
Pierce

Una volta eri l'uomo che odiavo, ma ti ho perdonato per quello che hai fatto. Ora tocca a te perdonarmi. No, non ti ho tradito, nemmeno lontanamente. Ma ho commesso un errore enorme, di quelli che fanno sopravvivere poche relazioni. E adesso? Dove andremo? È stata la cosa più stupida che abbia mai fatto, e ha cambiato tutto.

Troverai nel tuo cuore la forza per perdonarmi? O è la nostra fine? ** ANCORA NON MI FIDO DI TE è il secondo libro della COPPIA dei nemici - amanti dell'autrice bestseller Charlotte Byrd che ti farà girare la testa. Cosa dicono i lettori di Charlotte Byrd: "Questo libro / serie crea dipendenza!

Estremamente scottante e infuocato, intenso con colpi di scena che proprio non ti aspetterai...

"★★★★★ "Lo inizi e non lo posi più!" ★★★★★

"Come diavolo ho fatto a sopravvivere? La mia mente è sconvolta, il cuore mi esplode nel petto e sono sul baratro, tremando come una foglia in una tempesta, in attesa di rifare tutto da capo, con la conclusione che sia uno dei migliori motivi per uscire dal lavoro e perdersi per un po'."

★★★★★ "Questa serie è così intensa e deliziosa. I colpi di scena mozzafiato, le emozioni selvagge e la tensione snervante continuano ad aumentare man mano che si prosegue ogni libro di questa affascinante serie. Sono così coinvolto nella storia di Nicholas e Olivia. Questi personaggi si insinuano davvero nel tuo cuore, consumando totalmente anche la tua

mente. La avvincente storia ti cattura rapidamente e ti immerge nel mondo di questa coppia. Cerca di essere preparato per il colpo di scena e per l'attesa per il sesto e ultimo libro di questa fantastica serie. "

★★★★★

A Complete Guide for Beginners Entangled: Select Otherworld
Ever been to play a round of golf and found you're having a bit of an 'off' day? Perhaps the ball seems to be flying everywhere except towards the green; or maybe you get stuck in a bunker or a tricky water feature and find it impossible to chip your way out. Such situations can be more than a little frustrating. So, do you ever wonder what the experts would do? Sid Norton's book, written with the keen amateur player in mind, aims to demystify all the professional advice out there which is sometimes conflicting and often confusing for the novice. Dealing with such things as the correct placing of the feet, stance and weight distribution and the position of the arms in a swing, this accessible and down-to-earth book is the ideal first guide to the

game. It also tackles head-on some of the more obscure and less well-documented problems which might be cause for concern. Throughout, however, Norton maintains that improvement of your game is only a means to an end - the ultimate aim is not to pot the ball but to enjoy doing it!

Dermatology in Emergency Care Kat Mizera

I was a Sixty-Eight Whiskey—a combat medic. So when I hear someone shout “MEDIC!” training just kicks in. It’s automatic, immediate. I don’t think I even saw the guy whose leg I tended to, not really. All I saw was him. Zane Badd. His tuxedo fit him like he’d been sewn into it, and his eyes reflected the fury and the hardness of a combat veteran, but when he looked at me, he just...softened. By the time I had his brother patched, Zane and I were both covered in blood, and I knew I had to have him. The trouble with Zane isn’t getting him, it’s keeping him. And the trouble with me is, even if I could hold onto a man like Zane, I wouldn’t know what to do with him. It’s not in my nature, and if

life has taught me anything, it’s to not trust anyone, least of all men like Zane. He’s a warrior through and through, hard, muscular, gorgeous, tenacious, and yet oddly tender toward me.

Experience and instincts are telling me to run from Zane Badd as fast as possible, but my heart and my body are telling me to stay, to hold on and not let go. Yeah, it’s a conflict as old as humanity itself, but it’s brand new for me. * * *

Life as Navy SEAL doesn’t exactly prepare you for normality. Yeah, I can tend bar and goof off with my seven crazy brothers, but what do I do when the woman of my dreams—dreams I didn’t know I’d had until I saw her—explodes into my life like a frag grenade? I’m trained to attack, to win, to survive at any costs, and figuring out what to do about a woman like Amarantha Quinn will take every scrap of tenacity and courage I possess. Combat is easy, it turns out, in comparison to facing your own fears and scars. And then sometimes, just when you think you’ve got it finally figured out, fate throws you a screwball and sends everything FUBAR.