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The 2nd edition of this successful book has several new features. The calibration discussion of the basic LIBOR market model has been enriched considerably, with an analysis of the impact of the swaptions interpolation technique and of the exogenous instantaneous correlation on the calibration outputs. A discussion of historical estimation of the instantaneous correlation matrix and of rank reduction has been added, and a LIBOR-model consistent swaption-volatility interpolation technique has been introduced. The old sections devoted to the smile issue in the LIBOR market model have been enlarged into a new chapter. New sections on local-volatility dynamics, and on stochastic volatility models have been added, with a thorough treatment of the recently developed uncertain-volatility approach. Examples of calibrations to real market data are now considered. The fast-growing interest for hybrid products has led to a new chapter. A special focus here is devoted to the pricing of inflation-linked derivatives. The three final new chapters of this second edition are devoted to credit. Since Credit Derivatives are increasingly fundamental, and since in the reduced-form modeling framework much of the technique involved is analogous to interest-rate modeling, Credit Derivatives -- mostly Credit Default Swaps (CDS), CDS Options and Constant Maturity CDS - are discussed, building on the basic short rate-models and market models introduced earlier for the default-free market. Counterparty risk in interest rate payoff valuation is also considered, motivated by the

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recent Basel II framework developments.

Aria is a world riddled with an epidemic. Two years have passed since the day strange monsters emerged from out of nowhere, paralyzing the otherwise peaceful lives of its citizens. Since then, few people dare to live outside the confines of the cities, fearing the dangers lurking beyond the protection of a mysterious army known as "the Knowms." Lucas Bardsson is one of the rare exceptions, valuing the privacy of rural living despite its inherent perils. Some might consider him reckless or perhaps even brave. For Lucas, however, this way of life has become little more than ordinary. But it all changes the day he stumbles across a peculiar object of unimaginable importance. Upon learning of its significance, he unwillingly becomes entangled in a series of events that alter his life, his character, and his world.

"What is the meaning of Christmas? That's what eight-year-old EJ wants to know. The other kids say it's about getting toys,]€]but is it, really? One evening, EJ's mother takes him to the Rockefeller Center to see the lighting of the most magical tree in the world, and EJ meets someone who teaches him what Christmas is truly all about."

Damiano Delstrego, a young alchemist, sets out on a pilgrimage to find the sorceress Saara, in hopes that she can save his city from war

From USA Today bestselling author Parker S.

Huntington comes a steamy, slow-burn love story full of second-chance romance.

The third novel in the Philip K. Dick Award–winning

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author's fantasy trilogy set in Renaissance Italy, featuring archangels, dragons, and Lucifer. Set against the turbulent backdrop of the Italian Renaissance, this alternate history takes place in a world where real faith-based magic exists. Weakened by his contact with mortals, the Archangel Raphael falls prey to his brother Lucifer, who strips him of his angelic powers. Sold in the Moorish slave markets, confused and humbled by his sudden humanity, Raphael finds his only solace in the friendship of the dark-skinned Berber woman Djoura and the spiritual guardianship of his former pupil Damiano Delstrego. Accompanied by the rakish Gaspere and an ancient black dragon, Damiano's beloved Saara embarks on a quest to rescue Raphael. Their odyssey leads them to a shattering confrontation with the Father of Lies and a transcendent reckoning with destiny. Blending humor, pathos, adventure, and romance, the two previous volumes in R. A. MacAvoy's trilogy have evoked admiration and praise from writers and readers. Raphael fulfills the promise of the trilogy to forge a magnificent, moving saga you will never forget. The haunting conclusion of a magnificent fantasy trilogy, which began with Damiano and continued with Damiano's Lute.

Guided by the Archangel Raphael, Damiano runs from his own demonic powers in this alternate Italian Renaissance of wizards, witches, and faith-based magic. This novel is a sequel to Damiano. Set against the turbulent backdrop of the Italian Renaissance, this alternate history takes place in a world where real faith-based magic exists. Our hero is Damiano Dalstrego. He

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is a wizard's son, an alchemist and the heir to dark magics. Shattered by the demonic fury of his dark powers, Damiano Delstrego has forsaken his magical heritage to live as a mortal man. Accompanied only by the guidance of the Archnagel Raphael, the chidings of a brash young rogue, and the memory of a beautiful pagan witch, Damiano journeys across a plague-ridden French countryside in search of peace. But the Father of Lies reaches out once again to grasp him. And to save himself from the hellish destiny that awaits him, Damiano must challenge the greatest forces of darkness, armed only with the power of his love and the music of his lute. The final volume of this story is Raphael.

Set against the turbulent backdrop of the Italian Renaissance, this alternate history takes place in a world where real faith-based magic exists. Our hero is Damiano Dalstrego. He is a wizard's son, an alchemist, and the heir to dark magics. But he is also an innocent, a young scholar and musician befriended by the Archangel Raphael, who instructs him in the lute. To save his beloved city from war, Damiano leaves his cloistered life and sets out on a pilgrimage, seeking the aid of the powerful sorceress Saara as he walks the narrow path between light and shadow, accompanied only by his talking dog. But his road is filled with betrayal, disillusionment, and death, and Damiano is forced to confront his dark heritage, unleashing the hellish force of his awesome powers to protect those he loves. The further volumes of this tale are Damiano's Lute and Raphael.

Living with Robots recounts a foundational shift in

robotics, from artificial intelligence to artificial empathy, and foreshadows an inflection point in human evolution. As robots engage with people in socially meaningful ways, social robotics probes the nature of the human emotions that social robots are designed to emulate. The days of hunting and dancing around the fire are still in our cells, along with ancient world views. Alchemy was not born as a science for its own sake, as we know it today, but it bloomed from the conquest of matter through fire and guarded the initiatory secret that unites humanity with sky. In "Dance and Alchemy" Damiano Fina takes dance back to its origins to illuminate its future, without neglecting the history of performance at the turn of the 20th and 21st centuries. According to the author, today it is necessary to bring the performing arts back to the sacred and ritual: "There is an immeasurable distance between those who participate in the sacred ritual and those who, instead, enjoy as an aesthete the beauty or horror of scenery, music, dance and opera. Not only is it fundamental to bring the performance back to its ritual origins, but it is also necessary to look for a way to restore the relationship with the sacred in contemporary society, which has desacralized its festivities, its rites of passage and its relationship with the universe." In order to restore this link between the sacred and the profane, art must take an interest in pedagogy. Thus the FÜYA method was born, because dance and performance are educational.

Clare of Assisi is generally known as "the female friend" of Saint Francis of Assisi and for centuries her legacy has remained obscured by his shadow. Yet Clare's life

and story ought to shine in its own light and on its own terms (her name, after all, means “light”). She is a figure of true heroism, tenacity, beatitude and grit who plotted her improbable course in the context of the raucous and explosive period of the Middle Ages. Much went wrong for Clare after the day when, as a teen, she fled the home of her noble and wealthy family to follow Francis in a life of poverty. No one would have begrudged her if, when the trials had become onerous, she had decided simply to “go home.” Yet she stayed the course, even after Francis had died. She pulled from the fire of her trials embers that would become her crown. In this new book, Wendy Murray digs deeply into Clare’s decision to abandon rank and wealth for allegiance to Christ (and in no small way, Francis) and explores the circumstances which, later on, tested Clare’s devotion. Clare’s curious and vivid spiritual vision galvanized her ability to persevere amid difficult circumstances and enabled her to stay her course and lay claim to a legacy that shines brightly among the host of medieval saints.

This is Damiano Bivona’s autobiography. Written originally in Sicilian, and translated by his daughter-in-law, an absolutely extraordinary story ultimately unfolded. What wonders this poor, uneducated immigrant was able to accomplish in his sadly short life (he passed away in an accident when he was only fifty-one years old). The life story that this beloved grandfather lived was truly unique, and profoundly exceptional. A window into history of both Italy and America, in this book lives on the spirit of ambition, hard work and family ties.

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"This is a study in the history of capitalism in the context of colonial New England. The author argues that colonial women's skilled labor undergirded the workings of financial networks and was instrumental in shaping the development of economic and legal systems. The author shows that the economies of the colonial port cities of Boston and Newport could not have functioned without women's labor and credit relationships"--

"Daniel Damiano has written an extraordinary novel. 'The Woman in the Sun Hat' takes us on a journey from start to finish that not only invites us into the world of the protagonist Peggy Bubone, but helps us to inhabit that world with her in all its sometimes uncomfortable, emotionally challenging, earthy and ultimately invigorating glory." - J. Wolff, Notes from the City. Peggy Bubone is the envy of the Cold River, Long Island social scene: wife to a respected dermatologist, mother to two handsome children, and newly hired Literature teacher at a prestigious local high school, ...before a knock on her classroom door turns her world upside down with the shocking news of her husband's arrest. With her and her children soon ostracized and homeless, she embarks on a humorous yet harrowing journey, which ultimately leads her back to her undesirable roots and, eventually, a deep dive into her own psyche.

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There have always been many expectations and pressures on the leaders at the top and few on the rest. Silvia Damiano proposes to look at leadership through new lenses by turning the pyramid upside down and encouraging everybody to embrace their own

leadership. In *Leadership is Upside Down?*, Silvia provides invaluable tools to enable anyone and everyone to unlock their potential and create their own personal leadership style by increasing self-awareness and providing a link on how our brain functions with our own inner capabilities. This ensures that regardless of our position or title, we are able to inspire, motivate and empower others to excel and create a more positive, engaged and productive culture that meets the demands of the new *era of work?*. The *i4 Neuroleader Revolution* is an invaluable concept to anyone who wants to develop as an exceptional leader. The *i4 Model* has been created as a result of many years of Silvia's work in the field of leadership development and is reflective of the interactions that she has had with a diverse range of people from various backgrounds and positions, who share an inherent desire to become inspirational and transformational leaders. The *i4 Neuroleader* is a personal leadership model made up of four key competencies with sixteen underpinning pillars that is explored in detail throughout the book. This set of capabilities can unlock anyone's potential to succeed as a leader in any endeavour. By providing a greater insight and understanding firstly of ourselves and then of others, the *i4 Neuroleader Model & Tool* empowers us to make a real and positive impact upon our professional and personal lives and those of others, and ensures that we have the necessary skills and knowledge to be catalyst for change.

On the basis of the biological characteristics that distinguish two different procreative modalities, the

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naturalization of the roles between masculine and feminine has been created, which has led to the creation of the stereotypes and conventions known to us today. What is at stake is not only the freedom of expression of the human organism, it is the possibility of leading a life worthy of being lived, without suffering the violence of a society that makes it unbearable because it does not conform to the norm. Queer pedagogy is a methodology that aims to make the organism experience transformative experiences through mimetic performances. From these experiences, queer pedagogy expects the possibility of facilitating the free expression of the truth that each organism recognizes in its own depth in a comfortable and welcoming context through the dance of Eros and Thanatos. A book about Pedagogy, Queer Theory and Butoh Dance.

The Blackmailed Bridegroom - Miranda Lee If Antonio Scarlatti wanted to be CEO of Fortune Productions, he had to marry the boss's daughter! At first Antonio refused to give in to such blackmail, but then he reconsidered: would it be so difficult to bed and wed the beautiful Paige, and then divorce her? But Antonio was unaware that Paige had secretly been in love with him for years – and neither was prepared for the explosion of passion between them! Damiano's Return - Lynne Graham Damiano Braganzi is back! Eden and Damiano had been married only a short time when he disappeared, and things had not been good between them. So, though Eden knows her love for Damiano is as strong as ever, she fears that he will want a divorce...unless she can overcome her hang-ups in the bedroom.... Her Secret

Bridegroom - Kate Walker After a whirlwind wedding in Venice, Amy discovered that her brand-new husband had married her to gain a priceless old ring! Fleeing Italy, Amy never told anyone of her marriage to ruthless billionaire Vincenzo Ravenelli. Four years later, while Amy knew she'd never really love another man as she loved Vincenzo, she needed to be free of the past. The time had come to return to Venice and confront her secret bridegroom...

The recent financial crisis has highlighted the need for better valuation models and risk management procedures, better understanding of structured products, and has called into question the actions of many financial institutions. It has become commonplace to blame the inadequacy of credit risk models, claiming that the crisis was due to sophisticated and obscure products being traded, but practitioners have for a long time been aware of the dangers and limitations of credit models. It would seem that a lack of understanding of these models is the root cause of their failures but until now little analysis had been published on the subject and, when published, it had gained very limited attention. *Credit Models and the Crisis* is a succinct but technical analysis of the key aspects of the credit derivatives modeling problems, tracing the development (and flaws) of new quantitative methods for credit derivatives and CDOs up to and through the credit crisis. Responding to the immediate need for clarity in the market and academic research environments, this book follows the development of credit derivatives and CDOs at a technical level, analyzing the impact, strengths and weaknesses of

methods ranging from the introduction of the Gaussian Copula model and the related implied correlations to the introduction of arbitrage-free dynamic loss models capable of calibrating all the tranches for all the maturities at the same time. It also illustrates the implied copula, a method that can consistently account for CDOs with different attachment and detachment points but not for different maturities, and explains why the Gaussian Copula model is still used in its base correlation formulation. The book reports both alarming pre-crisis research and market examples, as well as commentary through history, using data up to the end of 2009, making it an important addition to modern derivatives literature. With banks and regulators struggling to fully analyze at a technical level, many of the flaws in modern financial models, it will be indispensable for quantitative practitioners and academics who want to develop stable and functional models in the future.

How can one of the most popular crosses in recent history actually contain an embedded phallic symbol? How did this go unnoticed by Church authorities until recently? Could this explain the spiritual forces behind the pedophilia scandal? This book is a must read, must have treasure for all believers.

Her husband, who was thought to have died five years earlier, is still alive! Eden had never quite fit in with his famous family and she didn't assert herself with him either—their marriage had been on the rocks. To make matters worse, after her husband's disappearance a fake article about Eden having an affair appeared in a tabloid. Now they've been reunited and her husband is

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happy, but can their happiness last?

The San Damiano crucifix is a stage where a story is being told. There are different sets and players on the stage and we are the audience viewing it; and it too has an audience upon it that is both viewing the crucifixion and playing a part in it....Francis walked onto that stage a person who had within him the violence of war, unrest and severe doubts. And on this stage he became a person of peace. His prayer before the crucifix is also our prayer, 'What will be ours to be and do'? —from the Introduction Francis and the San Damiano Cross:

Meditations on Spiritual Transformation is an invaluable prayer resource that uses the cross of San Damiano—the cross that spoke to Francis of Assisi—as inspiration for personal reflection. Susan Saint Sing, a former resident of Assisi and follower of Francis, takes the reader on a journey to the place where Francis prayed before the San Damiano Cross. Not only does she recall her own personal journey to Assisi, she recounts the spiritual and physical transformation of Francis in his quest to "rebuild" the Church—a quest that began in the small, broken-down church of San Damiano but was the catalyst for a much broader reconstruction. These meditations not only detail and explain the images on the cross itself, but they explain the powerful message of the cross—transformation: "It speaks to us still, beckoning us to repair our lives, our relationships, our failings—in honor of Him who gave his life there on the cross in order for us to become more in the fullness of his presence, to be instruments of peace. Christ's death and resurrection, celebrated on this gilded cross is a call to each of us, like

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it was to Francis, to become great through Him. We are called to live like Francis, to be like him and to be transformed."

"Suitable for advanced undergraduates and graduate students, this text introduces basic concepts of linear algebra. Each chapter contains an introduction, definitions, and propositions, in addition to multiple examples, lemmas, theorems, corollaries, and proofs. Each chapter features numerous supplemental exercises, and solutions to selected problems appear at the end. 1988 edition"--

The first book to systematically reconstruct the centrality of women's labor to eighteenth-century personal credit relationships, *To Her Credit* will be an eye-opening work for economic historians, legal historians, and anyone interested in the early history of New England.

An alternate-history fantasy of faith and wizardry set during the Italian Renaissance from the author of *Tea with the Black Dragon*. Discover three novels of magic—light and dark—from a winner of the John W. Campbell and Philip K. Dick awards. In *Damiano*, our hero is Damiano Dalstrego, a wizard's son, an alchemist, and the heir to dark magics. But he is also an innocent, a young scholar and musician befriended by the Archangel Raphael, who instructs him in the lute. To save his beloved city from war, Damiano leaves his cloistered life and sets out on a pilgrimage, seeking the aid of a powerful sorceress as he walks the narrow path between light and shadow, accompanied only by his talking dog. But his road is filled with betrayal, disillusionment, and death . . . In *Damiano's Lute*,

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shattered by the demonic fury of his dark powers, Damiano has forsaken his magical heritage to live as a mortal man. With the guidance of the Archangel Raphael, the chidings of a brash young rogue, and the memory of a beautiful pagan witch, he journeys across a plague-ridden French countryside in search of peace. But the Father of Lies reaches out once again . . . In Raphael, weakened by his contact with mortals, the Archangel Raphael falls prey to Lucifer, who strips him of his angelic powers. Sold in the Moorish slave markets, confused and humbled by his sudden humanity, Raphael finds his only solace in the friendship of a Berber woman—and the spiritual guardianship of his former pupil Damiano Delstrego. Now available in one volume, this epic of demons, dragons, romance, and heroic adventure is a saga you will never forget.

Seemingly well-intentioned in his youth, Richard Damiano moving from ?child to growing man,? as a student in a demanding private school environment. He sees those values as irrefutably essential to his decision making in life, refusing to let go of those teachings. The military, which he chooses, though he acquits himself well, offers no relief for him. Richard Damiano is at war with and blames others in his troubled world, persistently alluding to circumstances that deter him. After much self scrutiny, Damiano?s War details the tortuous path this troubled young man follows, with the apparently ultimate decision he sees as the final and proper one for him. The facts herein are interwoven with fiction world, perhaps leading one to wonder about the events that took place. But the certainty of the troubled world of Richard

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Damiano is clearly evident.

For Lisa and Anthony Damiano, a lifelong dream came true with the opening of Damiano's on Atlantic Avenue in 1990 (moved to Swinton Avenue in 1992). They are both former chefs of some of New York's finest restaurants and have introduced to Delray Beach a "Transcontinental Cuisine", which melds a culinary tradition of Russian, Italian, French, and American dishes. Anthony's distinctive approach to Russian cuisine has earned him the title of 1993 Rising Star Chef in America from the "Masters of Food and Wine". Lisa and Anthony now bring to the primed page the textures and tastes of their culinary expertise.

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