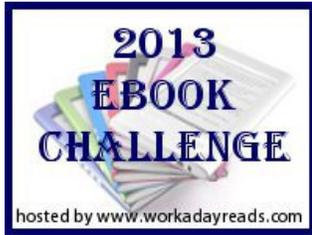


Sydney Aaliyah*Happiness, Passion, Love & Faith***Sydney Reads**

My reading goals for 2013 starts with these 12 books, but I intend to read so much more. Once I complete a book, I will share with you my thoughts and my favorite scene.

Book Categories: Ebook, Traditional Book, Short Story and Series.

Rating: Ok, Good, Great – if less then ok, I won't continue to read it. Life is to short.

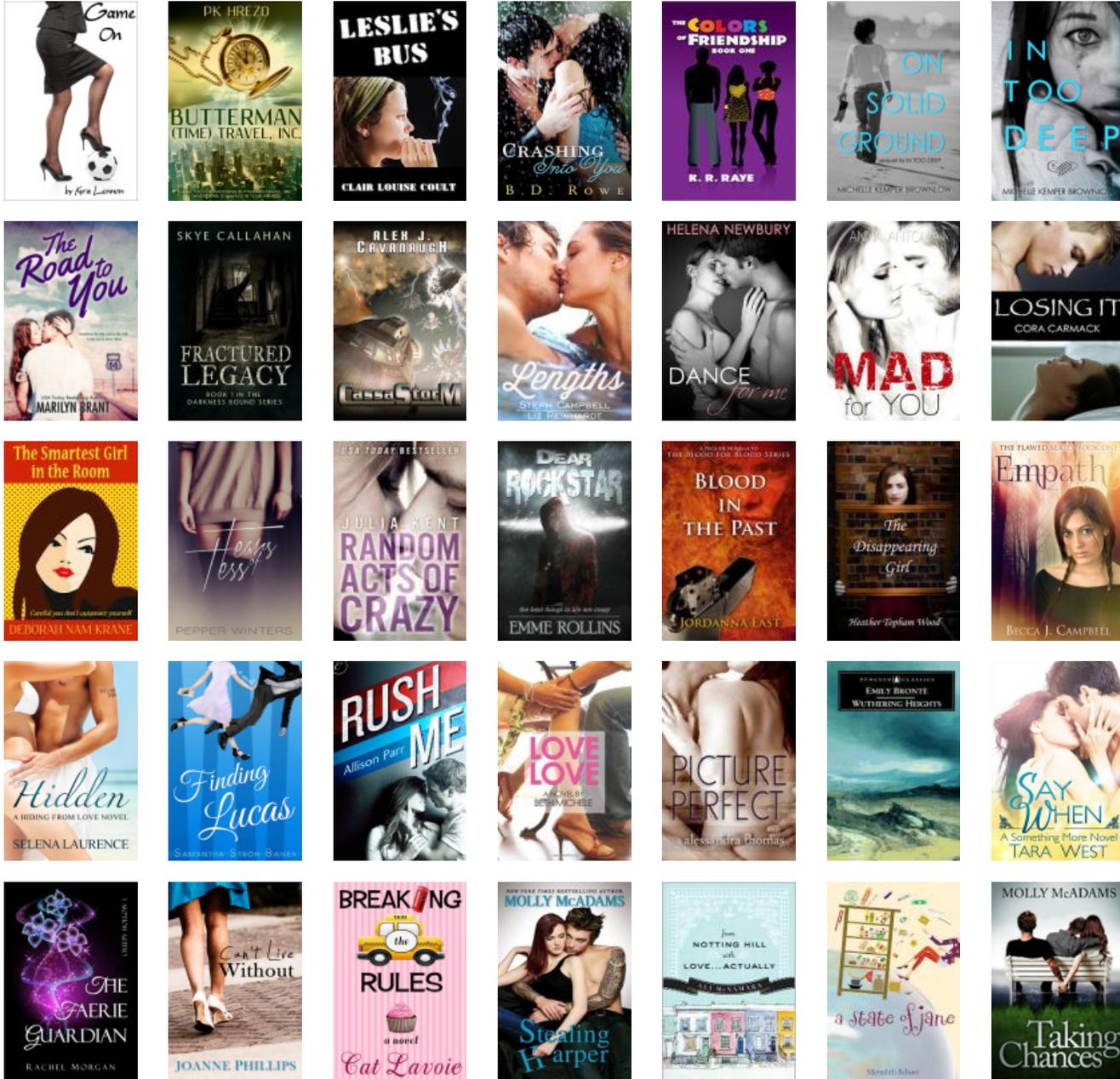
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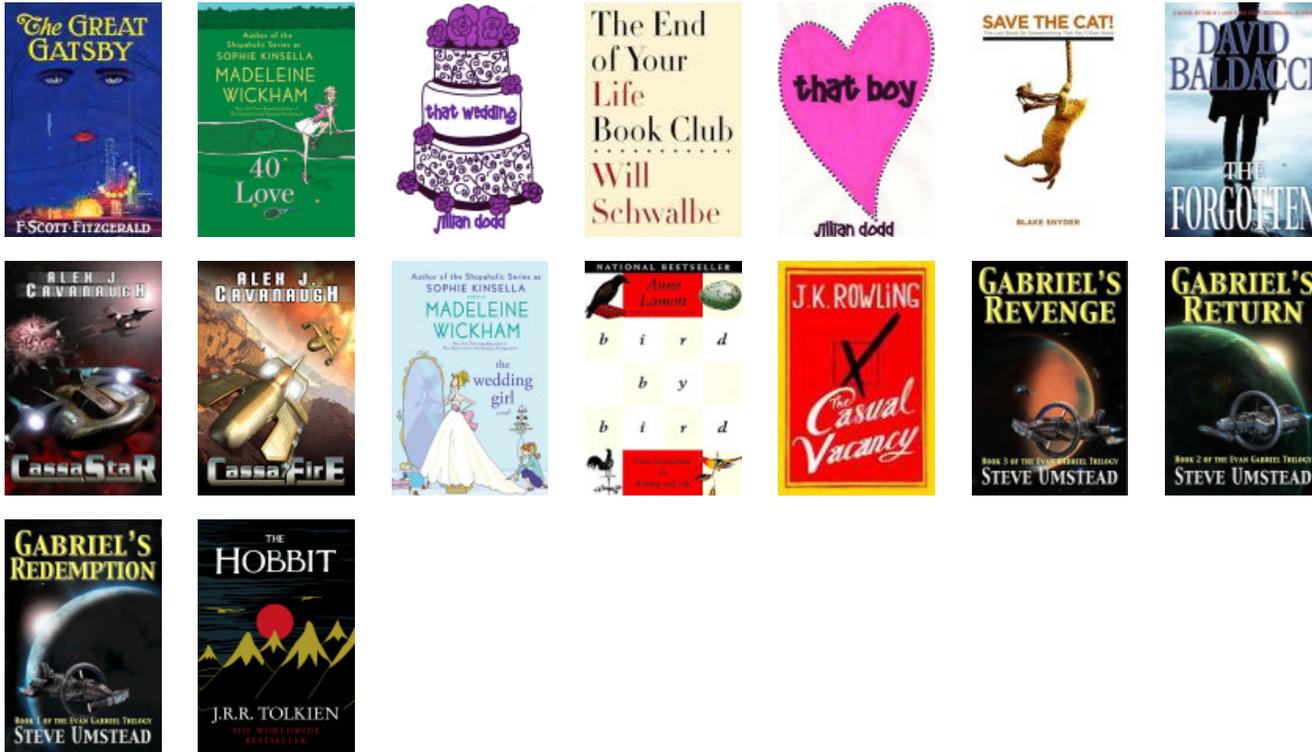
1. ~~The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien~~ - Ebook – favorite scene was the Gollum & Bilbao riddle contest. – Good
2. ~~The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald~~ – Traditional Book – Really cool realize after the first chapter I was reading my new favorite book. - Great
3. ~~Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte~~ – Ebook – I totally get why this is a classic. I loved the cast of characters and the transition each character goes through, which effect others so profoundly. – Great
4. ~~Gabriel's Redemption by Steve Umstead~~ - Ebook, Series – Great lesson for writers on world building. And the sci fi elements are complex, but understandable and believable. - Great.
5. ~~Gabriel's Return by Steve Umstead~~ – Ebook, Series – Mr. Umstead writes some of the most amazing battle scene I have ever read. - Great.
6. ~~Gabriel's Revenge by Steve Umstead~~ – Ebook, Series – This book was darker and funnier then the other two. I loved the humor in some really intense scenes. – Great
7. ~~The Casual Vacancy by J.K. Rowling~~ – Ebook - When you start reading this book, it can be confusing. J.K. is not to concerned about head hopping (switching POV's indiscriminately), but once you get the rhythm of the writing, you realize how clever it is. Great story and great characters. – Great
8. ~~Bird by Bird by Anne Lamott~~ – Traditional Book – “Writing and reading decrease our sense of isolation. They deepen and widen and expand our sense of life.” – Great
9. ~~CassaStar by Alex J. Cavanaugh~~ – Ebook, Series – Like Top Gun, but in outer space and with better characters. – Good
10. ~~CassaFire by Alex J. Cavanaugh~~ – Ebook, Series – With the addition of a little romance it was even better then the first book. -Great
11. ~~That Boy by Jillian Dodd~~ – Ebook, Series – I really enjoyed the main character, JJ, but the book was a little wordy at times. - OK.
12. ~~That Wedding by Jillian Dodd~~ - Ebook, Series - Again, I loved the characters and the story, but the book was about 50 pages to long. -OK
13. ~~A State of Jane by Meredith Schorr~~ - Ebook, – Classic chick lit formula, but it read really fresh and new and

- the MC had that perfect balance of annoying, but you were rooting for her. -Great
14. ~~Can't Live Without~~ by Joanne Phillips – Ebook – Good story. I liked the mix of first person MC and 3rd person for some of the secondary characters. I'm considering that in my latest WIP, so nice to see it down well.
 15. ~~The Wedding Girl~~ by Madeleine Wickham – Traditional Book – Interestingly flawed, yet likable main character and I enjoyed the men's POV. - Good
 16. ~~The Forgotten~~ by David Baldacci – Ebook – Well written fight scenes and a good story, but the dialogue was to much. - OK
 17. ~~Save the Cat~~ by Blake Snyder – Traditional Book – Even though its focus is on screenplays, great tips for novel writers, too. – Great
 18. ~~The End of Your Life Book Club~~ by Will Schwalbe – Ebook – Brilliant and beautifully written. Now I have my reading list for 2014. -Great
 19. ~~40 Love~~ by Madeleine Wickham – Traditional Book - The book was way more simple than what I expect from Madeleine (Sophie). – OK
 20. ~~Taking Chances~~ by Molly McAdams – Ebook, Series – Love triangle, tattoo'ed guys, the girls journey was a bit rushed to be believable, but great story. – Great
 21. ~~From Notting Hill with Love Actually~~ by Ali McNamara – Ebook – If you are a romantic comedy movie fan, you will love this book and the celebrity sitting were brilliantly done and so believable in the story. – Great
 22. ~~Stealing Harper~~ by Molly McAdams – Ebook, Series – I was a little skeptical, but I have to admit I loved hearing the story from another characters POV. Emotionally jarring book. Get ready. – Great
 23. ~~Breaking the Rules~~ by Cat Lavoie – Ebook – Another classic chick lit book and I never get tired of reading them. Quite the plot twist in this one, I won't spoil it but honestly, never saw it coming. - Great
 24. ~~The Faerie Guardian~~ by Rachel Morgan – Ebook, Series - Violet Fairdale is my new favorite heroine. This book made me a fan of fantasy books. Can't wait to read the rest of the series. – Great
 25. ~~Say When~~ by Tara West – Ebook, – Loved the book, characters, sex scenes, protagonist's struggle, but none of that could make up for the abrupt lack of an ending. Disappointing. – Not Great.
 26. ~~Picture Perfect~~ by Alessandra Thomas - Ebook – Love, Love, Loved this book. Great theme and even better ending. - Great.
 27. ~~Love Love~~ by Beth Michelle - Ebook – Really enjoyed this book. It pulled me in from the beginning. I was a tiny bit frustrated with the pace in the middle especially before we really got to know what happened and why her life took such a drastic change, but it was worth it in the end. – Good.
 28. ~~Rush Me~~ by Allison Parr – Ebook - I enjoyed this book, but there was one big incorrect fact that really annoyed me. FYI, NFL away teams never stay in the game city after the game. They fly right home. Other than that, it's a good read with interesting characters. -Good.
 29. ~~Fractured Legacy~~ by Skye Callahan – Ebook, Series – Interesting character driven paranormal story. Not my favorite genre, but I enjoy a good mystery. It felt like that. – Great
 30. ~~CassaStorm~~ by Alex J. Cavanaugh - Ebook, Series – The perfect mix of sci fi adventure, love, war, romance, family and enemy. Best of the Cassa Trilogy. – Great
 31. ~~Blood in the Past~~ by Jordanna East – Ebook, Novella - I read the entire novella with my mouth open as if to say, what!! – Great

32. ~~Hidden by Selena Laurence~~ – Ebook – Interesting read and deep insight into all the characters, but didn't feel new. – Good
33. ~~Finding Lucas by Samantha Stroh Bailey~~ – Ebook -Although the main character took a while to understand what was happening, I enjoyed the book. - Good
34. ~~Empath by Becca J. Campbell~~ - Ebook – Interesting cast of characters with truly unique super powers. I loved it. – Great
35. ~~The Disappearing Girl by Heather Topham Wood~~ – Ebook – The scenes depicting the MC's struggle were amazingly written and hard to read. – Great
36. ~~Tears of Tess by Pepper Winters~~ - Ebook – Tess struggle along with her strength leaped off the page. This ones not for the faint of heart. – Good
37. ~~Dear Rockstar~~—by Emmie Rollins – Ebook – Fun 80's references, but the characters seemed older. I loved the interaction between the MC's and her boyfriend until they had sex, more explicit then the story warranted. – Good
38. ~~Random Acts of Crazy by Julia Kent~~ - Ebook – Makes me want to look for a naked hitchhiker carrying a guitar and wearing a collar. The sex scenes were just right. – Great
39. ~~The Smartest Girl in the Room by Deborah Nam-Krane~~ – Ebook – It took a long time to get to a predictable ending and Emily is the most mature 19 year old I ever read. There was a character (Michael) named throughout the book, that never appeared in the book and a couple of other characters that showed up, but I still don't know why. Confusing, but not bad. - Ok
40. ~~Losing It by Cora Carmack~~ - Ebook – My new absolute favorite New Adult Novel. Bliss and Garrick, my new absolute favorite New Adult couple. Cora is a genius, can't wait to read more. – Great
41. ~~Mad For You by Anna Antonia~~ - Ebook – Gabriel Gordon's transition in the 7 years from high school to where the book starts is strange, but the scenes between Emma and Gabriel were really good, especially the ending. Will read part 2. – Good.
42. ~~Dance for Me by Helena Newbury~~ - Ebook – I liked Natasha and didn't not even come close to guessing her secret until she revealed it. On the other hand, Darrell's was pretty obvious from the beginning. Still a good read and I like the author's knowledge of these two worlds. - Good
43. ~~Lengths by Steph Campbell & Liz Reinhardt~~ – Ebook – Love books in tattoo shops that don't depict tattoo lovers as into SM. Sex scenes were really hot and Deo was a cool guy. He made the story for me. – Great.
44. ~~The Road to You by Marilyn Brant~~ - Ebook – Amazing and frustratingly good love story with some a great mystery sown throughout. – Great.
45. ~~In Too Deep by Michelle Kemper Brownlow~~ - Ebook Series – Absolutely loved it. Great emotion and great contrast between good male MC and bad male MC. - Great.
46. ~~On Solid Ground by Michelle Kemper Brownlow~~ – Ebook Series -I liked it. Not as much as book #1, but only because it was frustrating. I never wanted two people to get together in a book, more. – Great.
47. ~~The Colors of Friendship by K.R. Raye~~ – Ebook Series – Two great scenes made the book good. Library sex scene and a well written football game scene. Rest was interesting enough to make you keep reading. – Good.
48. ~~Crashing into You by B.D. Rowe~~ - Ebook Series – Simplistic, straight forward, serious, and touching book. – Good.

49. ~~Leslie's Bus~~ by ~~Clair Louise Coult~~ - Ebook – To be fair, I beta read this and thought it needed work, but loved the main character. – Ok
50. ~~Butterman (Time) Travel, Inc.~~ by ~~Pk Hzero~~ - Ebook Series – Loved this book and the author who wrote it. My first exposure to reading about time travel and I loved it. Can't wait to read more. – Great.
51. ~~Game One~~ by ~~Game On~~ by ~~Kyra Lennon~~ - Ebook Series – I was looking for more books with professional athletes. Call it research. This one didn't disappoint at all. I loved the athlete, love the look into a professional sports organization and was so happy it wasn't cliché. – Great





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bridget whelan says:

December 31, 2012 at 9:07 am

Interesting list – but trust me, Kane & Abel does not sit comfortably among these greats (unless there’s another book by the same name and it’s not by JA...)

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sydneyaaliyah says:

December 31, 2012 at 9:13 am

That’s the one. It’s not so much a list of greatest books as they are the most popular books. That book sold millions if copies. I needed a list to work with. Nice meeting you Bridget.

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