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“For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10) “The lust for gold is a root of a whole lot more evil.” (Unknown miner, California, 1849) Seventeen year old Thomas Schmidt loves his beer. But too much of it one night and a tragic fight at the local Gasthaus sends him fleeing from his tiny village in 1830s Germany. He is so desperate to outrun the avenger (Rudolph Stein) pursuing him that Thomas becomes an indentured servant to buy passage to America. Eventually, their misadventure leads Thomas and Rudolph to the 1849 California Gold Rush. There they join one from China, an ex-slave, and a veteran of other gold strikes and find the lust for gold can result in more pain and death than happiness. Their lost treasure of family left behind eats away at Thomas's and Rudolph's souls until they at last send for them. Welcome to Fool's Gold, California, a charming community in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. There's lots to do and plenty of people to meet, especially women. Because there's just one tiny problem in Fool's Gold: the men don't seem to stick around. Maybe it's the lure of big-city life, or maybe it's plain old bad luck, but regardless of the reason, the problem has to be fixed, fast. And Charity Jones may be just the city planner to do it. Charity's nomadic childhood has left her itching to settle down, and she immediately falls in love with all the storybook town has to offer—everything, that is, except its sexiest and most famous resident, former world-class cyclist Josh Golden. With her long list of romantic disasters, she's not about to take a chance on another bad boy, even if everyone else thinks he's perfect just the way he is. But maybe that's just what he needs—someone who knows the value of his flaws. Someone who knows that he's just chasing perfect. Secret desires bloom and love awakens in Susan Mallery's New York Times bestselling Fool's Gold series. To Jack McGarry, Larissa Owens is just another one of the guys—he discovers her secret feelings for him. Will it be friendship or true love for this former football hero? When Sam Ridge—who's had notoriously bad breaks with women—meets Dellina Hopkins, he thinks his luck is about to change. But this time, will Dellina be the one to run? Even in four-inch heels, high-powered PR woman Taryn Crawford never backs down. Unless, of course, brooding Angel Whittaker can convince her that surrender feels even better than victory... Collected here for the first time, the fifth volume of Fool's Gold romances brings you back to the enchanting California town where passion flourishes. Susan Mallery's Fool's Gold Collection, Volume Five When We Met Before We Kiss Until We Touch In the sleepy town of Alum Bay, Lottie Baxter usually spends the school holidays alone, playing the bagpipes and collecting crisp packets. This year, however, events are about to unfold that will send her on a frantic adventure to save her hometown. Self-centred businessman, Timothy Pinkerton, has just discovered that his childhood science project could make him a gazillionaire. He hatches a plan to recreate his experiment on a grand scale, but unfortunately, this involves a kidnapping, and the swindling of all the innocent residents of Alum Bay. Can Lottie come up with a way to save her town before it's too late? With help from some extraordinary gadgets, her eccentric great grandad, some hypnosis, and a Rock 'n' Roll band, things are about to get interesting... For as long as he can remember, people have warned Rudy not to play in the mines . . . Fourteen-year-old Rudy Drummond lives with his mother and half sisters, Margot and Moira—“the M and M's”—in Pyramid Hill, California's legendary gold rush town. But Rudy's got a secret: He's terrified of dark, closed-in places. So when his best friend, Barney, and Tyler, the new kid in town, decide to explore the abandoned Pritchard's Hole mine, Rudy has to come up with an excuse for why he can't go without arousing their suspicions. He tries everything, from babysitting Margot and Moira to giving a girl named Heather horseback riding lessons. But Rudy can't stop the other boys from venturing into the forbidden mine shaft—an expedition that brings back memories of being buried alive. During this summer vacation, Rudy will struggle to overcome his fears, fall in love, and become a hero as he makes life-changing discoveries about himself, his family, and his friends. A Junior Library Guild selection. This ebook features an extended biography of Zilpha Keatley Snyder. This work skeptically explores the notion that the internet will soon obviate any need for traditional print-based academic libraries. It makes a case for the library's staying power in the face of technological advancements (television, microfilm, and CD-ROM's were all once predicted as the contemporary library's heir-apparent), and devotes individual chapters to the pitfalls and prevarications of popular search engines, e-books, and the mass digitization of traditional print material. Enjoy this gentle and kind historical fantasy romance set in the magical community of Great Britain after the Great War. Robin needs colour and freedom. After a series of awful decisions, Robin has spent the past two and a half years under the close supervision of his aunts on the family estate. Finally they've decided he can go back to his work as an art and antique dealer. When he overhears a conversation about historical pigments, he's sure a spot of forgery is in the works. He needs to know more. No one sees Beatrice. Invisible to anyone outside her family due to an inherited curse, Beatrice has made her own good life. She handles the vault records for her banking family, tending to the details with care and attention. She never expected a stranger to approach her in a tea shop. He sees her, and she has no idea why or how. The more they talk, the more she's intrigued. And that's before the coiling magic, the sensible dragon, or Robin's explanations of how her cousin's suitor is manipulating every conversation. Fool's Gold is the fourth book of the Mysterious Powers series, exploring the institutions of Albion during and after the Great War. All of Celia Lake's Albion books exploring the magical community of the British Isles can be read in any order. (Though this book does directly refer to the events of Seven Sisters if you want to avoid spoilers for that book.) ?It is full of pigments and colour, the magic of banking, and a very bouncy dragon. Enjoy this charming romantic fantasy set in 1926 with a happily ever after ending! Keywords: artist, art forgery, forger, banks, gold, dragon, magic, curse, invisible, courting, suitor, heist, family, Great War, World War I, 1920s, 1926, no cliffhangers, happily ever after, guaranteed HEA, Wales, Great Britain, British Isles fantasy, romance, fantasy romance, romantic fantasy, historical fantasy, historical romance, romance with magic. Bill Tucker has spent most of his life being pushed around so when he decides to move out West and buy his own land, he is determined not to be seen as a small man anymore. When Tucker discovers gold on his land, however, he draws the attention of Septimus Arkwright, a local cattle company owner in desperate need of funds. Arkwright blames the Homestead Act, which brought Tucker to these lands, for his own misfortune, so when he learns there is gold to be had he decides to get what he feels is rightly his ...and nothing and nobody will stand in his way. Return to Fool's Gold, California with the 3rd book in this fan-favorite series from New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery! When Pia O'Brian's best friend dies, Pia expects to inherit her cherished cat. Instead, the woman leaves Pia three frozen embryos. With a disastrous track record in the romance department and the parenting skills of a hamster, Pia doesn't think she's meant for motherhood. But determined to do the right thing, Pia decides to become a single mother. Only to meet a gorgeous, sexy hunk the very same day. A former foster-care kid now rich beyond his wildest dreams, Raoul Moreno runs a camp for needy children in Fool's Gold, California. After his last relationship, Raoul thought he was done with women and commitment. Still, he can't get sweet, sexy Pia out of his mind—and proposes a crazy plan. But can such an unconventional beginning really result in the perfect ending? Previously published. Read more in the Fool's Gold series: Book 1: Chasing

Perfect Book 2: Almost Perfect Book 3: Finding Perfect Book 4: Only Mine Book 5: Only Yours Book 6: Only His Book 7: Summer Days Book 8: Summer Nights Book 9: All Summer Long Book 10: A Fool's Gold Christmas And even more books available in the Fool's Gold series! A former Special Ops agent turned bodyguard trainer, Angel Whittaker sets his sights on a tough-talking PR woman who never backs down from a challenge. Original. This work skeptically explores the notion that the internet will soon obviate any need for traditional print-based academic libraries. It makes a case for the library's staying power in the face of technological advancements (television, microfilm, and CD-ROM's were all once predicted as the contemporary library's heir-apparent), and devotes individual chapters to the pitfalls and prevarications of popular search engines, e-books, and the mass digitization of traditional print material. When an injury forces her to return home, and into the fold of her estranged family, Evie Stryker agrees to stage the winter festival and then plans to leave town, but her brother's best friend has other plans for her. Scott Shane draws on hard data from the Federal Reserve and other sources to paint the first reliable group portrait of the lionized angel investors. Surprisingly, he finds that they are fewer, contribute less, and involve themselves in fewer start-ups than the conventional wisdom suggests. Numbering only 156,000, angels typically still have their day jobs, make investments of \$10,000 or less, and take little or no role in management. Few of the companies they put money into arrive at IPOs, let alone massive returns. When her feelings for her boss, former football hero Jack McGarry, are exposed, Larissa Owens tries to convince him to take a chance on love. Celebrate the seasons with the folks from Fool's Gold New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery invites you to taste the local cuisine of her beloved fictional town and share in a year's worth of deliciously seasonal recipes. Fool's Gold is known as the Land of Happy Endings, but it's also the land of hearty appetites. Throughout the series, the residents of Fool's Gold have found joy, comfort and good times through food. Now two local Fool's Gold chefs will also find love through food! Join them as they flirt, fight and fall in love, one season at a time. You'll also find favorite recipes from popular characters in the series, such as: Heidi's Arugula, Corn and Cherry Tomato Salad with Goat Cheese. Liz's Spaghetti for the Girls. Denise's Summer Berry Pie. With chapters for summer, spring, fall and winter, you can find the perfect recipe for everything from holiday get-togethers to cozy date nights, always using the freshest ingredients. And the heartwarming love story that is woven throughout is Susan Mallery at her finest. The more than 150 recipes and dozens of gorgeous photographs in this book will inspire you to find perfection in the simple and the seasonal. And with all of Fool's Gold with you in the kitchen, your every celebration will have a happy ending. Fans of Susan Mallery will love the exclusive short story included in this stunning cookbook! Candace McAvoy is trapped in the past and about to be forced into an unwanted marriage. At the last moment she's rescued by a total stranger with an absurd excuse for interfering. Nathan Granger has his own reasons for rescuing a strange woman from an unwanted fate. Initially, he has no real interest in her but finds her amusing and she is slowly getting under his skin. Can they find a place together beyond the reach of their enemies? Or will time create a wedge between two lonely hearts? A second book in a trilogy about three brave bodyguards and the women who love them. Original. From award-winning Financial Times journalist Gillian Tett, who enraged Wall Street leaders with her news-breaking warnings of a crisis more than a year ahead of the curve, Fool's Gold tells the astonishing unknown story at the heart of the 2008 meltdown. Drawing on exclusive access to J.P. Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon and a tightly bonded team of bankers known on Wall Street as the "Morgan Mafia," as well as in-depth interviews with dozens of other key players, including Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, Tett brings to life in gripping detail how the Morgan team's bold ideas for a whole new kind of financial alchemy helped to ignite a revolution in banking, and how that revolution escalated wildly out of control. The deeply reported and lively narrative takes readers behind the scenes, to the inner sanctums of elite finance and to the secretive reaches of what came to be known as the "shadow banking" world. The story begins with the intense Morgan brainstorming session in 1994 beside a pool in Boca Raton, where the team cooked up a dazzling new idea for the exotic financial product known as credit derivatives. That idea would rip around the banking world, catapult Morgan to the top of the turbocharged derivatives trade, and fuel an extraordinary banking boom that seemed to have unleashed banks from ages-old constraints of risk. But when the Morgan team's derivatives dream collided with the housing boom, and was perverted—through hubris, delusion, and sheer greed—by titans of banking that included Citigroup, UBS, Deutsche Bank, and the thundering herd at Merrill Lynch—even as J.P. Morgan itself stayed well away from the risky concoctions others were peddling—catastrophe followed. Tett's access to Dimon and the J.P. Morgan leaders who so skillfully steered their bank away from the wild excesses of others sheds invaluable light not only on the untold story of how they engineered their bank's escape from carnage but also on how possible it was for the larger banking world, regulators, and rating agencies to have spotted, and heeded, the terrible risks of a meltdown. A tale of blistering brilliance and willfully blind ambition, Fool's Gold is both a rare journey deep inside the arcane and wildly competitive world of high finance and a vital contribution to understanding how the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression was perpetrated. "Fool's Gold" tells the fascinating, unknown story behind the current financial crisis. PJ Skinner is the author of the Sam Harris Series of adventure mystery/thriller novels. She is a geologist who has spent thirty years roaming the planet and collecting tall tales and real-life experiences. After an enforced lay-off, she started to write fact-based novels from the relative safety of London. She still travels and works worldwide collecting material for the series and having her own adventures. The author has just published Africa Green, following the youngest daughter of the Green family in her attempts to become a journalist. After languishing for years at a pet tales magazine, she gets the chance to prove herself by writing an article about a chimpanzee sanctuary in Sierra Leone. PJ is working on a third book in the Green Family Saga about Liz Green, the oldest child of the family. She is also writing a space murder mystery after it kept her awake every night for weeks. Her complete Sam Harris Adventure series, of seven classic adventure novels, will appeal to lovers of exploration, mystery and travel. It has a unique viewpoint provided by Sam, a female interloper in a male world, as she struggles with alien cultures, corruption and herself. Laced with humour and keen observations, these novels have multicultural casts, and conflicted villains and heroes. What's wrong with the world today and how might it become better (or worse)? These are the questions pursued in this book, which explores the hopes and fears, dreams and nightmares of the 21st century. Through architecture, fiction, theory, film and experiments with everyday life, Sargisson explores contemporary hopes and fears about the future. Returning home to Fool's Gold, California, former model Clay Stryker finds an unexpected ally in firefighter Chantal Dixon, a tomboy who, haunted by painful memories, sees beyond his good looks to the real man beneath. Guardians of the Galaxy meets The Hobbit in this rollicking fantasy adventure. It's not easy to live in a world ruled by dragons. The taxes are high and their control is complete. But for one group of bold misfits, it's time to band together and steal back some of that wealth. No one said they were smart. #1 New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery welcomes you back to Fool's Gold, California for a fan-favorite story between a rancher and small-town librarian who prove opposites do attract! Horse whisperer Shane Stryker is done with passion. This time around, he's determined to meet someone interested in the quiet ranch life. And the fiery, pint-size redhead who dazzles him at the local bar definitely does not fit the bill. Small-town librarian Annabelle Weiss has always seen herself as more of a sweetheart than a siren, so she can't understand why Shane keeps pushing her away. Shane has formed the totally wrong impression of her but only he can help her with a special event for the next Fool's Gold festival. And maybe while he's at it, she can convince him to teach her a few things about kissing on hot summer nights, too... Previously published. Read more in the Fool's Gold series: Book 1: Chasing Perfect Book 2: Almost Perfect Book 3: Finding Perfect Book 4: Only Mine Book 5: Only Yours Book 6: Only His Book 7: Summer Days Book 8: Summer Nights Book 9: All Summer Long Book 10: A Fool's Gold Christmas And even more books available in the Fool's Gold series! Jon Hollins is a one-of-a-kind storyteller, a master of epic fun and nonstop action! Nicholas Eames, author of Kings of the Wyld "YOU'RE NOT PROPOSING WE STEAL FROM A DRAGON?" It's not easy to live in a world ruled by dragons. The taxes are high and their control is complete. But for one group of bold adventurers, it's time to band together and steal back some of that wealth. No one ever said they were smart. Ocean's Eleven meets The Hobbit - Jon Hollins' debut combines non-stop action, death-defying

adventure and a never-before-assembled cast of wisecracking misfits. It is a worthy addition to every fantasy lover's horde. Return to Fool's Gold, California where keeping things strictly business may prove impossible in this charming, second chance romance from New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery! Wedding bells are ringing in Fool's Gold, but not for Nevada Hendrix. Her triplet sisters are engaged, and even her mother has a more active love life than she does. Determined to make a fresh start, she applies for her dream job, only to discover that her new boss is her first love. Maybe she could overlook the fact that they've seen each other naked, but she'll never forget the way he broke her heart. Tucker Janack agrees to Nevada's "business only" ground rules. After all, love is a trap that the construction millionaire has avoided his whole life. But when great business partners turn out to be so much more, every rule gets broken. Will either of them be willing to try again...or will their past get in the way? Previously published. Read more in the Fool's Gold series: Book 1: Chasing Perfect Book 2: Almost Perfect Book 3: Finding Perfect Book 4: Only Mine Book 5: Only Yours Book 6: Only His Book 7: Summer Days Book 8: Summer Nights Book 9: All Summer Long Book 10: A Fool's Gold Christmas And even more books available in the Fool's Gold series! This is a story about a Desert Storm era photo-interpreter named Jerry Simmons, who discovers a large mass of metal residing in an isolated area in the eastern Rocky Mountains near Palmer Lake, Colorado. It is a retelling of his adventures to locate the metal on the ground after it was spotted from the air above, and the search through the pages of history to find out why the metal blob was there in the first place. Most people have heard of pyrite, the brassy yellow mineral commonly known as fool's gold. But despite being the most common sulfide on the earth's surface, pyrite's bright crystals have attracted a noteworthy amount of attention from many different cultures, and its nearly identical visual appearance to gold has led to tales of fraud, trickery, and claims of alchemy. Pyrite occupies a unique place in human history: it became an integral part of mining lore in America during the 19th century, and it has a presence in ancient Sumerian texts, Greek philosophy, and medieval poetry, becoming a symbol for anything overvalued. In 'Pyrite', geochemist and author David Rickard blends basic science and historical narrative to describe the many unique ways pyrite makes appearances in our world. He follows pyrite back through the medieval alchemists to the ancient Arab, Chinese, Indian, and Classical worlds, showing why the mineral was central to the development of these various ancient cultures. Pyrite can be tracked to the beginnings of humankind, and Rickard reveals how it contributed to the origins of our art and storytelling and even to our biologic development as humans. Luca and Isolde travel to Venice in 1454, where they meet an alchemist who plans to create the Philosopher's Stone, a mystical substance said to be capable of turning base metals into gold and producing the elixir of life. When a small town's Type A event planner "dates" the laid-back heartbreaker, tongues will wag. Cameron loves his carefree life, hanging out at the local bar and bedding every ready-and-willing woman he finds. When his family's craft brewery needs him to plan a big event, he knows (begrudgingly) it's time to get serious. Annie was dumped by her boss's son, and he got engaged before her tears dried. When he invites her to his engagement party, she needs a date to make him jealous a little bit. The epic nineties-themed party they're planning is real fly, but the relationship is pretend...right? Author's Note: Small town. Opposites attract. Fake dating. Lots of nineties jams. Steamy times in a tiny home and a truck bed. Vigilante raccoons. Tall heroine (she's six feet!). Grab this funny, yet full-of-feels small town romance today! A brand new story from Gillian Godden! A new life... With their wretched life in Liverpool behind them, Julie and Ralph Gold head to London for their next big break. Julie's had enough of slumming it, she's ready to quit their life of crime and go legit. The same old game... But it seems their reputation has beaten them to it, and the underworld is already bubbling with news of their arrival. And as much as Julie tries to go straight, the more people underestimate them and treat them like fools. And there is only so much Julie can take... One last trick. So when they are offered one final big job, Julie knows they should say no. It's risky and could cost them everything they have. But it could also be their last chance to make it big. And when fools rush in, the Golds take the spoils. Read what happens next for Julie and Ralph Gold in another gripping story by Gillian Godden. Spend the holidays than with #1 New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery in the town of Fool's Gold, where wishes come true! ONLY US: A FOOL'S GOLD HOLIDAY Pet groomer Carina Fiore wants nothing more than to confess her feelings to the man she loves. She's fell for veterinarian Cameron McKenzie's good looks, caring nature and especially his devotion to his young daughter. For months Cameron's pushed away all thoughts of taking Rina in his arms and kissing her, unwilling to risk their friendship. But when a kiss under the mistletoe unlocks the simmering passion between them, Rina and Cameron may just find love for the holidays after all... YOURS FOR CHRISTMAS Famous former NFL stars don't date single working moms like Bailey Voss. She'll allow herself to daydream about Kenny Scott's muscles and killer smile, but wanting more would lead to post-holiday regret. Then Kenny volunteers to run a toy drive with Bailey, and she learns that he's not just hot...he's also generous, funny, nice. And as festive spirit spreads, Kenny gets wrapped up in Bailey's kisses — and decides to make this the first of many Christmases together... Previously published. "Eureka!" In an age of open-mindedness, many believers accept too much with too little discernment, resulting in great confusion and compromise. But God's Word makes it clear that not everything that glitters is gold. False teaching is at every turn, and the temptation to embrace it is great. As God's people we are called to sift through the overwhelming number of traditions and trends and use the truth of Scripture to determine which are the true treasures—and which are "fool's gold." General editor John MacArthur and the contributors of this uncompromising book define the principles of biblical discernment and use them to address several contemporary Christian issues. They provide straightforward, biblical critiques of some popular but unfortunate Christian trends, such as watered-down preaching and doctrinally questionable best-selling books. Dr. MacArthur ends with a practical plan for cultivating discernment in the Christian life. It is the duty of every Christian—not just pastors and elders—to follow the biblical command to cling to what is good and to reject what is not. This book will equip you with a foundation for biblical discernment that will enable you to make careful distinctions in your thinking about truth. Award-winning journalist and social anthropologist Gillian Tett takes us inside the shadowy world of complex finance and derivatives and explains how the business of slicing and dicing debt led us to the devastating global credit crunch. Sparks fly when the sister of the bride meets the brother of the groom in this brand-new Fool's Gold love story... Abby Hendrix would do anything to help with her beloved sister's wedding, even play tour guide to the off-puttingly brilliant—and unexpectedly gorgeous—brother of the groom. She's a small-town schoolteacher; he's a gifted surgeon. Nothing intimidating about that! She'll just ask him to help her plan a top secret surprise for the wedding. No pressure. Joaquin Kincaid has always been book-smart and people-awkward, and Abby's sweet and social nature triggers an unexpected yearning inside him. His whole life, he's been an outsider, while she's so popular she's able to convince an entire town to go along with her wild ideas. For the first time ever, he's met a woman who accepts him as he is, quirks and all, and he feels himself falling in love. Could Abby love him, too? Or, when she discovers the real reason he came to Fool's Gold, will he lose her forever? Don't miss Susan Mallery's latest book, The Stepsisters! A heartfelt tale of friendship between two women who used to be sisters. Most people have heard of pyrite, the brassy yellow mineral sometimes known as fool's gold. Pyrite behaves like stone and shines like metal, and its dual nature makes it a source of both metals and sulfur. Despite being the most common sulfide mineral on the earth's surface, pyrite's bright crystals have attracted the attention of many different cultures, and its nearly identical visual appearance to gold has led to tales of fraud, trickery, and claims of alchemy. Pyrite occupies a unique place in human history: it became an integral part of mining culture in America during the 19th century, and it has a presence in ancient Sumerian texts, Greek philosophy, and medieval poetry, becoming a symbol for anything overvalued. In Pyrite, geochemist and author David Rickard blends basic science and historical narrative to describe the many unique ways pyrite is integral to our world. He explains the basic science of oxidation, showing us why the mineral looks like gold, and inspects death zones of present oceans where pyrite-related hydrogen sulfide destroys oxygen in the waters. Rickard analyzes pyrite's role in manufacturing sulfuric acid and discusses the significant appearance of the mineral in literature, history, and the development of societies. The mineral's influence extends from human evolution and culture, through science and industry, to our understanding of ancient, modern, and future earth environments. Energetic and accessible, Pyrite is the first book to

show readers the history and science of a mineral that helped make the modern world. Two teenagers fresh out of stir set their sights on what looks like easy money in this classic thriller from 1958, only to get a painful education in how quickly and drastically a simple plan can spin out of control. Dolores Hitchens wrote crime novels that were both tough and compassionate, with a sharp eye for the emotional scars that violence leaves. The basis for Jean-Luc Godard's film *Band of Outsiders*, *Fools' Gold* is a swift and unadorned tale of three young people--two boys just released after being incarcerated for a juvenile offense, and an orphaned girl living in a house full of secrets--whose lives are rapidly torn apart by what starts as a simple plan of robbery. It echoes other classic American narratives of youth astray and on the run, and with its headlong pace catches the rhythm of adolescent crisis, as Hitchens's protagonists find themselves caught up in a situation spiraling beyond their control. A heartbroken baker and a charming but womanizing tour guide embark on an experiment to prove their respective gender's quality and trustworthiness while regaining self-respect, only to become the subject of gossip in their small hometown.

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