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Dark Retreat Dawning of Clear Light Dark Retreat Dark Retreat Retreat Into Darkness Darkroom Retreat Retreat Into Darkness Wintering Luminous Darkness Endless Cosmic Orgasm Girl in the Dark The Instructions of Shardza Rinpoche for the Practice of Vision and the Dark Retreat Haunted When Tibetan Meditation Goes Global Out of the Darkness PRANIC NOURISHMENT - Nutrition for the New Millennium - Living on Light Series The Archaeology of Darkness Endless Cosmic Orgasm The Retreat The Practice of Pure Awareness Becoming Whole Retreat-In-A-Bag Series (Book 1) Dark Circles A Death on Diamond Mountain The Writing Retreat: A New York Times bestseller Point of Retreat Dark Nights of the Soul Give the Dark My Love Two Prospectors Re-Create Your Life A Tale Dark & Grimm The Dark Side of Dharma Heart of Darkness Awakening the Buddha Within The 80/10/10 Diet Bright and Deadly Things Darkening Peaks Scatter My Darkness Dark Things I Adore Democracy in Retreat

this is not really a book it s a research experiment about sacred sexuality meditation in the dark finding the stars inside tao master mantak chia s darkroom retreat was an experience that inspired endless cosmic orgasm endless cosmic orgasm is a dolphinology exploration guided by tao grandmaster mantak chia containing his seminal work now including all the darkness technology secrets and science new 2012 updated version pranic nourishment also called living on light is jasmuheen s fourth book of metaphysical interest it is a fascinating story of her personal journey into being physically sustained purely by light it also touches on physical immortality spirituality and sexuality new millennium relationships and mind mastery utilizing the powerful programming of dimensional biofield science pioneering new yet ancient pathways many are now exploring the option of neither being a meat eater a vegetarian a vegan a fruitarian but rather a liquidarian or an individual sustained and nourished purely by the light of their own divine nature formerly a state of being reserved for or attributed to the holy men saints or sages of the east the process described in this text offers a practical and spiritual alternative for those wishing to practically begin to embrace physical immortality cease the aging process or simply live on light sam shepard is arguably america s finest working dramatist as well as an accomplished screenwriter actor and director winner of a pulitzer prize he has written more than forty five plays including true west fool for love and buried child shepard has also appeared in more than fifty films beginning with terrence malick s days of heaven and was nominated for an academy award for his performance in the right stuff despite the publicity his work and life have attracted however shepard remains a strongly private man who has said many times that he will never write a memoir but he has written intensively about his inner life and creative work to his former father in law and housemate johnny dark who has been shepard s closest friend surrogate brother they re nearly the same age and even artistic muse for forty five years and counting two prospectors gathers nearly forty years of correspondence and transcribed conversations between shepard and dark in these gripping sometimes gut wrenching letters the men open themselves to each other with amazing honesty shepard s letters give us the deepest look we may ever get into his personal philosophy and creative process while in dark s letters we discover insights into shepard s character that only an intimate friend could provide the writers also reflect on the books and authors that stimulate their thinking their relationships with women including shepard s anguished decision to leave his wife and son dark s stepdaughter and grandson for actress jessica lange personal struggles and accumulating years illustrated with dark s candid revealing photographs of shepard and their mutual family across many years as well as facsimiles of numerous letters two prospectors is a compelling portrait of a complex friendship that has anchored both lives for decades a friendship also poignantly captured in treva wurmfeld s film shepard dark the gospel for those in darkness after ephesians 5 14 this book is a series of reflections on elements of light and darkness in the spiritual life using biblical references to both as well as the testimony of the saints of course suffering and hope are key themes from the 1 new york times bestselling author of it starts with us it ends with us and all your perfects sometimes two people have to fall apart to realize just how much they belong together as layken and will s emotion packed story continues a stunning and unforeseen revelation about will s past leaves them questioning everything that they thought they knew about each other with the foundation of their relationship at risk they must decide whether they are willing to fight for a future together or to retreat back into solitude and heartache how far does will have to go to prove to layken his love for her will last forever it will require something truly extraordinary to keep this couple together and the decisions they make and the answers they find will change not only their lives but the lives of everyone around them an embattled actress becomes entangled in a dark conspiracy at a spiritual retreat and starts a true crime podcast to try to break the case in this chilling novel about fame violence and our morbid fascination with murder from the acclaimed author of dead letters dolan leach writes like paula hawkins by way of

curtis sittenfeld amy gentry author of good as gone olivia reed needs a break she doesn't want to think about her name plastered on tabloids or be reminded of her recent meltdown on a manhattan street her micromanaging publicist has just the thing in mind a remote retreat in upstate new york the house of light it's not rehab it's a spiritual center a site for seeking realignment and personal growth there will be yoga and morning meditation soft bamboo blend fabrics and no shortage of crystals to cleanse her energy but liv will soon find that the house of light is filled with darkness a prickly local ava informs her that something twisted is lurking behind the light's veneer there have been a series of mysterious suicides committed by women caught in the light's web and no matter who ava talks to no one believes the center is involved to find out what's really happened and put her celebrity to good use liv starts a podcast seeking to connect the dots and expose the light's true intentions because beneath the glowing skin of the light's inhabitants lie rotten souls and liv starts to wonder if anything even her own life is how it appears caite dolan leach brings her tantalizing voice her gift for atmosphere and a cast of delightfully devious and absorbing characters to this riveting novel of suspense

divsince the end of the cold war the assumption among most political theorists has been that as nations develop economically they will also become more democratic especially if a vibrant middle class takes root this assumption underlies the expansion of the european union and much of american foreign policy bolstered by such examples as south korea the philippines taiwan and even to some extent russia where democratization has failed or retreated aberrant conditions take the blame islamism authoritarian chinese influence or perhaps the rise of local autocrats

divdiv divdivbut what if the failures of democracy are not exceptions in this thought provoking study of democratization joshua kurlantzick proposes that the spate of retreating democracies one after another over the past two decades is not just a series of exceptions instead it reflects a new and disturbing trend democracy in worldwide decline the author investigates the state of democracy in a variety of countries why the middle class has turned against democracy in some cases and whether the decline in global democratization is reversible

div this book provides an in depth examination of the yungdrung bon religion in light of globalization in its global dimension bon has been attracting a growing number of westerners particularly to its dzogchen teachings and meditation practices in this expansion bon operates in a dynamic context where forces that create changes in the tradition coexist sometimes in tension and sometimes in tandem with other forces that aim to preserve it in tracing the process through which bon has become a global religion this monograph narrates the story of the principal figures who initially facilitated this transmission following their journey from tibet to india and nepal the narrative then moves to explore the dynamics taking place in the transmission and reception of yungdrung bon in western countries opening up a new viewpoint on the expansion of tibetan religious traditions into the west and painting a comprehensive picture of the modern history of the yungdrung bon religion as narrated by its participants in so doing it makes an invaluable contribution to the study of tibetan traditions in the west as well as to the wider history of religions social anthropology psychology and conversion studies

a young alchemist turns to dark magic when a deadly plague sweeps through her homeland in this epic fantasy from new york times bestselling author beth revis seventeen year old nedra brysstain leaves her home in the rural northern territories of lunar island to attend the prestigious yugen academy with only one goal in mind master the trade of medicinal alchemy a scholarship student matriculating with the children of lunar island's wealthiest and most powerful families nedra doesn't quite fit in with the other kids at yugen until she meets greggory grey astor grey is immediately taken by the brilliant and stubborn nedra who he notices is especially invested in her studies and that's for a good reason a deadly plague has been sweeping through the north and it's making its way toward the cities with her family's life and the lives of all of lunar island's citizens on the line nedra is determined to find a cure for the plague grey and nedra grow close but as the sickness spreads and the body count rises nedra becomes desperate to find a cure soon she finds herself diving into alchemy's most dangerous corners and when she turns to the most forbidden practice of all necromancy even grey might not be able to pull her from the darkness

an investigative reporter explores an infamous case where an obsessive and unorthodox search for enlightenment went terribly wrong when thirty eight year old ian thorson died from dehydration and dysentery on a remote arizona mountaintop in 2012 the new york times reported the story under the headline mysterious buddhist retreat in the desert ends in a grisly death scott carney a journalist and anthropologist who lived in india for six years was struck by how thorson's death echoed other incidents that reflected the little talked about connection between intensive meditation and mental instability using these tragedies as a springboard carney explores how those who go to extremes to achieve divine revelations and undertake it in illusory ways can tangle with madness he also delves into the unorthodox interpretation of tibetan buddhism that attracted thorson and the bizarre teachings of its chief evangelists thorson's wife lama christie mcnelly and her previous husband geshe michael roach the supreme spiritual leader of diamond mountain university where thorson died carney unravels how the cultlike practices of mcnelly and roach and the questionable circumstances surrounding thorson's death illuminate a uniquely american tendency to mix and match eastern religious traditions like lego pieces in a quest to reach an enlightened perfected state no matter the cost aided by thorson's private papers along with cutting edge neurological research that reveals the profound

impact of intensive meditation on the brain and stories of miracles and black magic sexualized rituals and tantric rites from former diamond mountain acolytes a death on diamond mountain is a gripping work of investigative journalism that reveals how the path to enlightenment can be riddled with danger discussing the ways that scientists have observed and modeled glaciers this volume tells how climate change is altering their size and distribution and looks closely at their effect on human life glaciers are important water and energy sources for those living in mountains and adjacent lowlands as well as increase the hazards of flooding and landslides in addition to investigating these issues and considering an array of possible responses the contributors assess the cultural and spiritual impact of glacier retreat in this timely comprehensive work on one of the most urgent and conspicuous consequences of global warming haunting lyrical unforgettable girl in the dark is a brave new memoir of a life without light anna lyndsey was young and ambitious and worked hard she had just bought an apartment she was falling in love then what started as a mild intolerance to certain kinds of artificial light developed into a severe sensitivity to all light now at the worst times anna is forced to spend months on end in a blacked out room where she loses herself in audiobooks and elaborate word games in an attempt to ward off despair during periods of relative remission she can venture out cautiously at dawn and dusk into a world that from the perspective of her cloistered existence is filled with remarkable beauty and through it all there is pete her love and her rock without whom her loneliness seems boundless one day anna had an ordinary life and then the unthinkable happened but even impossible lives she learns endure girl in the dark is a tale of an unimaginable fate that becomes a transcendent love story it brings us to an extraordinary place from which we emerge to see the light and the world anew this work is a collection of treasures jesus has shared with mary kloska's heart in offering this to the reader mary hopes to witness the great power jesus cross contains in itself her heart cringes at the thought of her interior life with him being laid open so bare before the world but she remembers that her spouse was crucified naked bearing all of himself to the world and allowing us to reach out and touch his naked wounds so that we can know the fathomless abyss of his love contained within them and so mary allows herself to be spiritually naked with him in order for you all to receive his love in this intimate way because jesus gives such great gifts to be shared with all of his church mary prays that who she is does not distract you from who he is for that is what he wants to show to you here mary lays herself bare as his little wife crucified with him on the cross similar to st paul she must simply live so that she can say i no longer live but jesus crucified lives in me she prays you meet him here in these pages amen alleluia fiat in 2003 and 2005 the author experienced two dark therapy retreats for a period of 12 and 24 days respectively in the confines of a completely darkened room and in the absence of any external distractions saskia john was confronted exclusively with herself for 24 hours of every day the only interruption was a one hour daily debriefing session with her facilitator both journeys into the depths of her soul served to expand her consciousness as well as presenting experiences of an exploratory integrational and adventurous nature she was able to investigate hitherto unknown territory which often took her to her personal limits and at times even beyond the account presents a cross section of the experiential spectrum of the human psyche and is aimed at readers interested in the subject areas of psychology transformation spirituality mysticism healing of the inner child lucid dreaming dream analysis deep meditation tai chi fasting and beingness experiences a new york times bestseller as heard on npr morning edition and on being with krista tippett katherine may opens up exactly what i and so many need to hear but haven't known how to name krista tippett on being every bit as beautiful and healing as the season itself this is truly a beautiful book elizabeth gilbert proves that there is grace in letting go stepping back and giving yourself time to repair in the dark may is a clear eyed observer and her language is steady honest and accurate capturing the sense the beauty and the latent power of our resting landscapes wall street journal an intimate revelatory book exploring the ways we can care for and repair ourselves when life knocks us down sometimes you slip through the cracks unforeseen circumstances like an abrupt illness the death of a loved one a break up or a job loss can derail a life these periods of dislocation can be lonely and unexpected for may her husband fell ill her son stopped attending school and her own medical issues led her to leave a demanding job wintering explores how she not only endured this painful time but embraced the singular opportunities it offered a moving personal narrative shot through with lessons from literature mythology and the natural world may's story offers instruction on the transformative power of rest and retreat illumination emerges from many sources solstice celebrations and dormice hibernation c s lewis and sylvia plath swimming in icy waters and sailing arctic seas ultimately wintering invites us to change how we relate to our own fallow times may models an active acceptance of sadness and finds nourishment in deep retreat joy in the hushed beauty of winter and encouragement in understanding life as cyclical not linear a secular mystic may forms a guiding philosophy for transforming the hardships that arise before the ushering in of a new season through time people have lived with darkness archaeology shows us that over the whole human journey people have sought out dark places for burials for votive deposition and sometimes for retreat or religious ritual away from the wider community thirteen papers explore palaeolithic use of deep caves in europe and the orientation of mortuary monuments in the neolithic and bronze age it examines how the senses are affected in caves and monuments that were used for ritual activities

from bronze age miners in wales working in dangerous subterranean settings to initiands in italian caves to a modern caver's experience of spending time in the one of the world's deepest caves in russia we see how darkness was and is viewed at northern latitudes where parts of the year are spent in eternal night and in easter island where darkness provided communal refuge from the pervasive sun we know that spending extended periods in darkness and silence can affect one physically emotionally and spiritually how did interactions between people and darkness affect individuals in the past and how were regarded by their communities and how did this interaction transform places in the landscape as the ever increasing electrification of the planet steadily minimizes the amount of darkness in our lives curiously darkness is coming more into focus this first collection of papers on the subject begins a conversation about the role of darkness in human experience through time a five star read that's intelligent accomplished and exciting i dare you to put it down janice hallett author of the appeal the dark atmospheric feminist offspring of squid game the hunting party and misery a book deal to die for five attendees are selected for a month long writing retreat at the remote estate of roza vallo the controversial high priestess of feminist horror alex a struggling writer is thrilled upon arrival they discover they must complete an entire novel from scratch and the best one will receive a seven figure publishing deal alex's long extinguished dream now seems within reach but then the women begin to die trapped terrified yet still desperately writing it is clear there is more than a publishing deal at stake at blackbriar estate alex must confront her own demons and finish her novel to save herself this unhinged propulsive claustrophobic closed door thriller will pull you in and spit you out in this mischievous and utterly original debut hansel and gretel walk out of their own story and into eight other classic grimm inspired tales as readers follow the siblings through a forest brimming with menacing foes they learn the true story behind and beyond the bread crumbs edible houses and outwitted witches fairy tales have never been more irreverent or subversive as hansel and gretel learn to take charge of their destinies and become the clever architects of their own happily ever after haunted is a novel made up of twenty three horrifying hilarious and stomach churning stories they're told by people who have answered an ad for a writer's retreat and unwittingly joined a survivor like scenario where the host withholds heat power and food as the storytellers grow more desperate their tales become more extreme and they ruthlessly plot to make themselves the hero of the reality show that will surely be made from their plight this is one of the most disturbing and outrageous books you'll ever read one that could only come from the mind of chuck palahniuk an amazon charts bestseller a missing child a desperate mother and a house full of secrets two years ago julia lost her family in a tragic accident her husband drowned trying to save their daughter lily in the river near their rural home but the little girl's body was never found and julia believes lily is somehow still alive alone and broke julia opens her house as a writer's retreat one of the first guests is lucas a horror novelist who becomes obsessed with finding out what happened to lily but within days of his arrival the peace of the retreat is shattered by a series of eerie events when lucas's investigation leads him and julia into the woods they discover a dark secret a secret that someone will do anything to protect what really happened that day by the river why was lily never found and who or what is haunting the retreat from the bestselling author of follow you home and the magpies comes his most terrifying novel yet careful and sinewy plotting which reveals in chilling detail who gets to make art and who gets subsumed in the process new york times book review a debut thriller for fans of lucy foley and liz moore dark things i adore is a stunning gone girl esque tale of atonement that proves that in the grasp of manipulative men women may momentarily fall but in the hands of fierce women men will be brought to their knees three campfire secrets two witnesses one dead in the trees and the woman thirty years later bent on making the guilty finally pay 1988 a group of outcasts gather at a small prestigious arts camp nestled in the maine woods they're the painters bright hopeful teeming with potential but secrets and dark ambitions rise like smoke from a campfire and the truths they tell will come back to haunt them in ways more deadly than they dreamed 2018 esteemed art professor max durant arrives at his protégé's remote home to view her graduate thesis collection he knows audra is beautiful and brilliant he knows being invited into her private world is a rare gift but he doesn't know that audra has engineered every aspect of their weekend together every detail every conversation audra has woven the perfect web only audra knows what happened that summer in 1988 max's secret and the dark things that followed and even though it won't be easy audra knows someone must pay a searing psychological thriller of trauma dark academia complicity and revenge dark things i adore unravels the realities behind campfire legends the horrors that happen in the dark the girls who become cautionary tales and the guilty who go unpunished until now a smart nuanced exploration of victims and villains inspiration and theft and the intersection of these things in every artist pay attention to katie lattari she's the real deal sarah langan author of good neighbors have you ever wished that there was a resource available to help with the creative end of retreat and event planning book 1 of the retreat in a bag series provides a model for a women's retreat based on the theme steadfast and immovable from i corinthians 15:58 inside you will find reproducible theme related artwork skits and a bible study also included are teaching decorating and remembrance ideas to enhance your themed event using the creative talents within your women's ministry this resource can serve as a catalyst to create a retreat that is both meaningful and uniquely yours one two act skit approx

45 min total and one mini skit 5 10 minutes are included this theme steadfast and immovable uses the visual illustration of a lighthouse a lighthouse is built on a rock and it exists for the sole purpose of being a light shining in the dark coastal areas providing guidance and warnings for ships in dangerous seas similarly our christian life is built on the rock the solid foundation of our faith in jesus christ and our purpose like that of a lighthouse is to be a light in a dark world visit retreatinabag net for more resources the dark side of dharma explores some of the possible undesirable side effects also known as adverse effects of meditation and mindfulness researcher anna lutkajtis investigates why these effects which are well known in spiritual and religious traditions have been ignored in contemporary secular contexts such as western psychology lutkajtis research reveals that while meditation is commonly portrayed as a practice that is overwhelmingly positive a growing number of research studies and anecdotal reports suggest that meditation can also have negative effects some meditators believe that these adverse effects are a normal part of the contemplative path and a welcome sign of progress for others such effects are completely unexpected and can be psychologically harmful in religious traditions like buddhism difficulties associated with meditation are acknowledged and are usually viewed as milestones on the path to enlightenment or the result of an unbalanced practice in such traditional contexts meditation teachers are equipped to deal with adverse effects if and when they arise however in the modern west meditation adverse effects have been overlooked under researched and generally misunderstood given the current popularity of meditation lutkajtis argues that it is important to understand why meditation adverse effects have been ignored in contemporary secular settings this is a research journal compilation more than a book three years in and dark retreat continues to heal the author from an ayahuasca initiation that pushed his bandwidth right to the edge of course the motherboard knows all but ayahuasca has given a few adventurers a permanent body exit with which to reboot darkness took the fear away healed the adrenal shock and allowed the space for grace it seems that darkness reveals we are all black wholes feeding back data to the cosmos and in the dark the stars turn on literally from within in this expanded third edition we include a harvard research team s modernization of the tibetan book of the dead correctly translated liberate from the cycle of birth and death through hearing as we find more masters of darkness practice we will continue adding to this text some side benefits of dark retreats are organ healing adrenal rejuvenation and with the tao exercises sacred sexuality and heavy metal detox there s a lot to it and master chia led the way the tibetan and hindu traditions add in their specific enlightenment and rejuvenation paths and the kogi up next for research have their top shamans in the dark for 21 years it works a resonant call to explore the darkness in life in nature and in consciousness including difficult emotions like uncertainty grief fear and xenophobia through teachings embodied meditations and mindful inquiry that provide us with a powerful path to healing darkness is deeply misunderstood in today s world yet it offers powerful medicine serenity strength healing and regeneration all insight vision creativity and revelation arise from darkness it is through learning to stay present and meet the dark with curiosity rather than judgment that we connect to an unwavering light within welcoming darkness with curiosity rather than fear or judgment enables us to access our innate capacity for compassion and collective healing dharma teacher shamanic practitioner and deep ecologist deborah eden tull addresses the spiritual ecological psychological and interpersonal ramifications of our bias towards light tull explores the medicine of darkness for personal and collective healing through topics such as befriending the night the radiant teachings of darkness honoring our pain for our world seeing in the dark the quiet power of receptivity dreams possibility and moral imagination releasing fear embracing emergence tull shows us how the labeling of darkness as negative becomes a collective excuse to justify avoiding everything that makes us uncomfortable racism spiritual bypass environmental destruction we can only find the radical path to wholeness by learning to embrace the interplay of both darkness and light heart of darkness a novel by joseph conrad was originally a three part series in blackwood s magazine in 1899 it is a story within a story following a character named charlie marlow who recounts his adventure to a group of men onboard an anchored ship the story told is of his early life as a ferry boat captain although his job was to transport ivory downriver charlie develops an interest in investing an ivory procurement agent kurtz who is employed by the government preceded by his reputation as a brilliant emissary of progress kurtz has now established himself as a god among the natives in one of the darkest places on earth marlow suspects something else of kurtz he has gone mad a reflection on corruptive european colonialism and a journey into the nightmare psyche of one of the corrupted heart of darkness is considered one of the most influential works ever written the story of a spiritual initiation ten days in darkroom perfect darkness similar to the meditation caves of the ancient mystics the author describes the process and the experience in joy and honesty offering a journey to self balance and simple powerful tools for energy recalibration in meditation silence and without physical food except for optional fruit or vegetable juices the perception on the world and on our own being dramatically changes for the inner voice is finally heard and our real state finally perceived an unique healing and revelatory experience which unveils a new paradigm every human life is made up of the light and the dark the happy and the sad the vital and the deadening how you think about this rhythm of moods makes all the difference our lives are filled with emotional tunnels the loss

of a loved one or end of a relationship aging and illness career disappointments or just an ongoing sense of dissatisfaction with life society tends to view these dark nights in clinical terms as obstacles to be overcome as quickly as possible but moore shows how honoring these periods of fragility as periods of incubation and positive opportunities to delve the soul's deepest needs can provide healing and a new understanding of life's meaning dark nights of the soul presents these metaphoric dark nights not as the enemy but as times of transition occasions to restore yourself and transforming rites of passage revealing an uplifting and inspiring new outlook on such topics as the healing power of melancholy the sexual dark night and the mysteries of matrimony finding solace during illness and in aging anxiety anger and temporary insanities linking creativity spirituality and emotional struggles finding meaning and beauty in the darkness the book describes something that most people think it absolutely impossible it explains how people can quickly and permanently eliminate the beliefs that are responsible for virtually all of their undesirable behavior and emotions when the negative beliefs are eliminated people are able to thrive not merely survive the book describes personal organizational and societal applications lama surya das the most highly trained american lama in the tibetan tradition presents the definitive book on western buddhism for the modern day spiritual seeker the radical and compelling message of buddhism tells us that each of us has the wisdom awareness love and power of the buddha within yet most of us are too often like sleeping buddhas in awakening the buddha within surya das shows how we can awaken to who we really are in order to lead a more compassionate enlightened and balanced life it illuminates the guidelines and key principles embodied in the noble eight fold path and the traditional three enlightenment trainings common to all schools of buddhism wisdom training developing clear vision insight and inner understanding seeing reality and ourselves as we really are ethics training cultivating virtue self discipline and compassion in what we say and do meditation training practicing mindfulness concentration and awareness of the present moment with lively stories meditations and spiritual practices awakening the buddha within is an invaluable text for the novice and experienced student of buddhism alike dr doug graham has taken the increasingly popular and tremendously successful low fat plant based diet and turbo charged it for unprecedented off the charts results eclipsing even the astounding benefits so well documented by renowned health professionals who also advocate low fat eating dr graham's plan is the first to present a low fat diet and lifestyle program based exclusively around whole fresh uncooked fruits and vegetables from effortless body weight management to unprecedented vibrant health and disease reversal to blockbuster athletic performance the 80 10 10 diet delivers in ways no other plan can even hope to match but instead of reading our own tireless advocacy here are stories of 811 success from around the world in 2003 and 2005 the author experienced two dark therapy retreats for a period of 12 and 24 days respectively in the confines of a completely darkened room and in the absence of any external distractions saskia john was confronted exclusively with herself for 24 hours of every day the only interruption was a one hour daily debriefing session with her facilitator both journeys into the depths of her soul served to expand her consciousness as well as presenting experiences of an exploratory integrational and adventurous nature she was able to investigate hitherto unknown territory which often took her to her personal limits and at times even beyond the account presents a cross section of the experiential spectrum of the human psyche and is aimed at readers interested in the subject areas of psychology transformation spirituality mysticism healing of the inner child lucid dreaming dream analysis deep meditation tai chi fasting and beingness experiences a respected teacher presents the core and essential wisdom of tibet and shows us the possibilities of enlightenment in this present life through the meditative practice of pure awareness perhaps the most precious teaching tibet has to offer the modern world is the practice of meditation reginald ray presents the essence of this tradition through the somatic practice of pure awareness a unique kind of meditation that is thoroughly grounded in the body and in ordinary experience this fundamentally transformative practice offers the possibility of enlightenment in this present life and invites us into the immensely powerful journey that tibetan tantric spirituality has to offer includes a link to a free download of audio meditations a remote back to basics mountaintop retreat in the french alps turns deadly as an oxford fellow finds herself in the crosshairs of her late husband's dangerous secrets the chalet des anglais should be the ideal locale for recently widowed oxford don emily to begin cutting through the fog of her grief with no electricity running water or access by car the rustic chalet nestled at the foot of the snow topped alps should afford emily space to heal joining her will be a collection of friends from the university as well as other fellows graduates and undergraduates something feels off though and heightens emily's existing anxiety tension among the guests is palpable and as hostilities grow emily begins to wonder if the chalet's dark history has cast a shadow over the retreat when a student disappears after emily's room is ransacked and someone tries to hack into her computer emily realizes that she had better separate friend from foe and real from imagined or the next disappearance may be her own three months after life as she knows it was decimated megan wolford has only one goal protect her daughter caitlin at any cost when a mysterious illness strikes caitlin down megan is forced to forage for medical supplies at a remote lodge the last thing she wants is help from her fellow survivors when so many in her life have let her down but soon she'll find herself with no other option ex navy seal wyatt morris is doing everything he can to hold his family

together after the tragic death of his prepper dad so when Megan enters their lands he is mistrustful at first despite feeling drawn to her he won't turn away an ill child though no matter how deadly the world has become but the arrival of another stranger named Kyle soon gives them all a new reason to be suspicious Wyatt knows he'll have to forge alliances in order to keep his family safe but trusting the wrong person could be a deadly mistake when Megan and Wyatt discover her daughter's illness may be linked to Kyle's arrival it sets off a race to discover the truth before it's too late to save Caitlin and the rest of the Morris clan can they work together for survival and something more retreats in darkness have been used by all the great spiritual traditions for thousands of years as a method for tapping deep clarity accessing sacred wisdom connecting with the divine and training to transform the mind-body system into a manifestation of wisdom in dark retreat the practitioner lives in complete darkness eating sleeping meditating and simply existing in a world without external light traditionally in Tibet dark retreats were performed by monks as part of their training with the support of their monastery and their fellow monks but dark retreats are of value to people from all walks of life from the monastic to the busy householder those with jobs families and all too many responsibilities Martin Lowenthal has taken a practice little known in the West and made it accessible by incorporating methods based in Western psychology with traditional Tibetan Buddhism there are many advantages of a retreat in the dark one of which is rest for our eyes weary from overstimulation in our visually oriented world that then promotes overall relaxation of body and mind this relaxation helps us cut through old mental and emotional habits harmonizes the elements in the body works with visions and rests in the natural state retreats in the dark also improve the quality of our daily life we can develop greater clarity and awareness in every aspect of living when we improve the conditions of our lives we provide an atmosphere more conducive to continued meditation practices dark retreat is also a powerful setting for practicing tantra tantra uses imagination senses and creativity to transform experience into food for the spirit dawning of clear light is a celebration a joyous invitation to find the treasures that are hidden within your world and the world around you

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