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## The Boys of Summer

The Big Girls Book Club has started a new chapter of BGBC in Richmond, Virginia. The same rules apply here: You must be at least a bodacious size 14 to join. . . . Living in the plush suburbs, thirty-seven-year-old Egypt has it all--almost. She's happily married to Rashad, but there's one thing missing. They want to start a family. Enter her sister, Isis, who's moved into Egypt's McMansion with dreams of starting over. There's just one hitch: before her sister married Rashad, he was Isis's

man for ten years. Isis thought she was over him, but the close quarters are creating doubts. . . Meanwhile, Loraine--Egypt's boss and one of BGBC's newest members--may be in the running for her sorority's next national president. But Loraine has secrets that could ruin her if they ever see the light of day. Now these book lovers are about to learn that drama can follow you wherever you go--and that big girls do cry. . .

### **Baby Momma Drama**

National bestselling author Carl Weber returns with Essence bestseller La Jill Hunt in the latest installment in the wildly popular Family Business series. LC Duncan, patriarch and leader of the Duncan clan, is alive and well after being shot by a mysterious gunman. His near death experience has caused him and his wife Chippy to reflect on both the past and present, and together they decide that it's time to return to Waycross, Georgia for a long overdue family reunion. Wherever the Duncans go, trouble is never too far behind, and this time it comes in the form of longtime Duncan enemy Vinnie Dash and Orlando Duncan's baby momma, Ruby. Vinnie and Ruby are back to seek revenge on the Duncan family, and they continue to deny Orlando the opportunity to meet his only child, who has been named after his family's sworn enemy. Orlando takes things into his own hands and sets out to Jamaica to get his son. The beautiful Paris Duncan is being haunted by recurring nightmares of her true love, Niles Monroe. She blew up his private

plane when he became a threat to her family; however, there have been signs that suggest he may still be alive. On top of this, Darryl Graham, a long lost family friend, has returned and reignited a feud between Paris and London. Will the sisters have it out once again over the attention of a man? Get ready for another roller coaster ride with the Duncan family.

### **Trouble in Rio**

Three sisters from Washington--a single businesswoman, a married mother, and a working-class woman with a dissolute husband--struggle with personal crises and unfaithful men, while both confiding in and keeping secrets from each other. Reissue.

### **Carl Weber's Kingpins: Memphis**

When his name surfaces on a list of the most notorious kingpins of all times, will Ethan's past land him in a jail cell or a casket? Can he escape the fate of so many kingpins before him? Type Kingpins of Memphis in any search engine and you'll see images of Craig Pettis and his alleged crew, and that's how Ethan Wade Carruthers prayed it remained. Though he had never met the youthful-faced man covered in diamonds, he knew the information he found wasn't completely accurate, because

he should have discovered his own face and crew. Not that he expected to pull up any results under the name Ethan Wade Carruthers besides an old missing person's report on a 16-year-old boy from the south side of Chicago. Why would he, when Ethan didn't have a life, nor a past, worth reading or writing about? His intellect had him rejected from the deadly Chicago gang life before he could decide if he wanted to be accepted or not, and with both parents in love with their addiction to freebasing cocaine, he found it easier to pack up and leave. It took many years and miles to impregnate his mind with thoughts of survival. With self-preservation growing inside of him, he birthed the deadliest Kingpin to walk the width of the United States. He named him Joe and released him onto the streets of Memphis. With everyone's eyes stuck on what they can see, Joe made moves that could only be traced back to a ghost whose origin, location, and moves were no more than urban legend. With his name gracing the list of the most notorious Kingpins of all times, will Ethan's rebirth lead him to a fate in a jail cell or a casket, as it had many before him? Or will Joe be the mastermind to construct an exit plan so well thought out that it will give him a way out as quietly as he arrived? Trust, he's not your "average Joe."

### **Influence**

James Bernard Jr., a.k.a. Dutch, has become the most dangerous criminal in New Jersey. From his early skill as a car thief, Dutch recognized the opportunity to rule

the streets and he seized it. Feared by all, and completely fearless, Dutch and his dangerous clique take over the lucrative heroin business of a local African drug lord. With both the protection and respect of the Mafia, Dutch becomes the most terrifying force on the streets. District Attorney Anthony Jacobs is determined to take down Dutch and his crew, and he's confident that his witnesses will testify against them. But a sudden turn of events will soon make the DA's job harder than he imagined.

### **Sisters and Lovers**

A novel of wrong choices, betrayal, and family follows two sisters, Jasmine and Stephanie, as they learn some hard lessons in love and life during their quest to find true happiness. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

### **The Family Business 4**

Carl Weber presents the third instalment of an eight book series, Kingpin (Urban). Here we follow the man behind the scenes of every gang in Philadelphia, thus learning about the social mores of a subculture a world apart from mainstream cultures in the West.

## **The Family Business 5**

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Family Business crime series comes the next installment in his provocative legal thriller series about the Hudson family, owners of a powerful law firm in Harlem. Singing sensation Savannah Kirby has won thirteen Grammys and married the man of her dreams in superstar rapper/ actor Kyle Kirby. Together they are one of the most dynamic and powerful couples in entertainment--until Kyle is found murdered and Savannah is arrested for the crime. Things don't look good for the singer when she can't keep her stories straight and her bloody fingerprints are found on the murder weapon. Even with famed attorney Bradley Hudson and his family of lawyers handling her case, it looks like Savannah is headed to jail. However, this isn't Bradley's first rodeo, and he's always got an ace up his sleeve.

## **The Cartel 7: Illuminati**

The saga of love, loyalty, and crime continues in the next explosive book in the Cartel series from the minds of New York Times bestselling authors Ashley & JaQuavis. After the tragic and bloody end to The Cartel's reign, Carter is forced into isolation to evade the law. With his wife, Miamor, facing federal charges and his dear brother, six feet under, Carter has never been more alone. His empire is at his

feet and he has no idea how to rebuild his kingdom. The only thing that is certain is that he has to stay out the way and off the radar of the Feds until he can figure out how to get his lady out of prison. Miamor's freedom is guaranteed—provided Carter help create and distribute a drug that will take the streets by storm. Rubbing elbows with the most notorious, ruthless leaders of the underworld will get him what he wants. But can he win at their game of murder and money?

### **Full Figured:**

Age is just a number, and whoever said that full-figured women don't know how to bring fire to a relationship was sadly mistaken. Carl Weber brings together two popular Urban Books divas to give readers what they've been asking for: passionate, empowering stories about the lives and loves of big, beautiful women. Newly divorced, 40-year-old Desa Rae finds herself alone now that her son has gone away to college. She's taken to her bed, watching life pass her by—until Roc, a 24-year-old with a jaw-dropping body comes along. Desa Rae can't keep her eyes open or legs closed to a man who excites her like no other man has. But can she really be serious about a man who is almost the same age as her son? Avery Belmont is a diva in her own right. Smart, sassy, and successful, she has always had it going on; so much so that not only did the full-figured beauty catch the eye of Duke, the sexiest dude on the block, but she encouraged him to leave the dope game and become legit. Now, seven years later, Avery is working hard and trying

to move ahead, but it seems that Duke isn't feeling the same way. Working with Kurt, her attractive coworker, isn't helping her situation. Is the love between Avery and Duke strong enough to keep them together, or will the strength of that love make them realize it's time to let go?

## **The Preacher's Son**

Carl Weber brings the best of Urban street lit authors together, each telling their own dramatic tale of life in the streets in cities across the USA. The third installment continues with veteran Urban Books author Brittani Williams. Dontay had it rough growing up in the projects with a mother who forced him to become a man at the young age of fifteen. His father was a rolling stone, having multiple children with many women. He always fought for his father's attention, until taking his spot became more important than gaining his love. Now Dontay is the leader of one of the most successful and most feared drug organizations in the city of Philadelphia. From the outside looking in, he appears to have it all—tons of money, respect, and women falling at his feet—but it all comes with a hefty price. He meets Desire, a biracial beauty, and instantly vows to make her his queen. Unfortunately, trouble is lurking, and Desire may not be the woman she claims to be. A war ensues with a rival drug gang, and Dontay reigns supreme, but he begins to lose the tight grip that he has on his organization as he struggles to find the person responsible for leaking details of his activities to the feds. With jealousy,

envy, and revenge as motives, one of his most trusted understudies moves forward with a plan of takeover that quickly leaves Dontay without the things that he's worked his whole life to attain. In this fast-paced tale of deceit, nothing is what it seems, and Dontay learns that even his own family can't be trusted. Filled with drama, lies, sex, and police corruption, Carl Weber's *Kingpins: Philadelphia* makes it clear that even for a kingpin, more money means more problems.

### **The Choir Director 2**

Meet Tammy, Egypt, Isis, Nikki, Coco, and Tiny-the bodacious women of the Big Girls Book Club. There's only one rule to being a member. You must be at least a size 14. . . BGBC president Tammy loves everything about her life-especially taking care of business for her husband, Tim. This year, she intends to top all his past birthdays by having a threesome with her best friend, Egypt. Now, if only Egypt will agree . . . And then there's Coco, who has a habit of messing around with married men. But now that she's hooked up with a man who makes his living being every woman's fantasy, all she cares about is making sure he doesn't stray. As insatiable about books as they are about love, these friends are about to discover how tough it is to keep it real when they all have something on the side. "These babes find there's a consequence to every freaky action in or out of the bedroom." -Publishers Weekly "You'll fall in love with the members of the Big Girls Book Club." -Essence

## **Carl Weber's Kingpins: Philadelphia**

Daryl Graham has just moved into a Jamaica, Queens, apartment building and his neighbors, both male and female alike, can't stop talking about him. From his extreme attractiveness to his undeniable swag, Daryl is the man every woman wants and every man wants to be. Connie, an unhappy wife, turns to Daryl for help losing weight, hoping to fix her marriage. But when Daryl starts making Connie feel beautiful again, she questions whether her marriage is worth saving. Benny, a spoiled teenager raised by a single father, looks up to Daryl. When an unexpected event occurs, Benny is left questioning everything he's ever known to be true. Krystal, Daryl's first love, wants to make things work with her current boyfriend. Yet having Daryl back in her life sends her happy home spiraling out of control. And Avery, Connie's husband, doesn't care about anything or anyone when a financial opportunity comes his way-that is, until he notices how much time his wife is spending with their new neighbor. Everything seems to be going well, until someone is murdered, and everyone becomes a prime suspect. "Weber packs his latest urban soap opera with all seven deadly sins . . . [To] err is not only human, but a whole lot more fun to read." -Publishers Weekly "Contains lots of the drama and tight writing style that has made him a New York Times bestselling author, and more importantly, all the surprises and shocks readers won't see coming." -Examiner.com

## **The Syndicate 3**

A Man's World Novel Can four guys find love in New York City? Kevin left behind a chance at the NBA to coach delinquents, but his toughest assignment is finding a girl who won't make his mama's church group fall into praying mode. . .A teacher and a poet, Antoine can make a sister feel beautiful—or want to beat him with a blow dryer. . .Tyrone has talent, attitude, and a crush on his boss's wife. . .And Maurice is all that, if that means rude, arrogant, and dishonest. Kevin's got the looks. Antoine's got heart and soul. Tyrone's got the skills. And Maurice has player moves. They got it all, except for the one thing that matters most—the love of a good woman. What they find when they try a dating service is a riotous trip through religious freaks, hootchie mamas, chicken heads, gold diggers, and some serious Brides of Funkenstein. One thing's for certain—when you play the game of love, you've got to be ready for anything.

## **Dutch**

From the minds of New York Times bestselling author Carl Weber and Essence bestseller La Jill Hunt comes the newest entry into the game-changing Family Business saga. The year is 1978, the Duncan brothers and their tough-as-nails women have vanquished their rivals and taken their place as the leaders of

Waycross, Georgia's criminal enterprises. However, their rise to power has not gone unnoticed, and the family is rocked when their mother, Ms. Bettie, is kidnapped and her body is found in a swamp. No one knows who the killers are, but instead of drawing closer, the family is split when their grief-stricken leader, LC, is offered membership in the South's most powerful black organization, the Council. Membership has its privileges, but they do not include his brothers. LC packs up his growing family and moves to Atlanta to open his first car dealership. Unable to deal with his mother's death, Lou Duncan searches for her killers with the help of an unlikely ally—LC's ex-fiancée. Her presence may cost him his relationship with his brothers, but Lou is resigned to that fact because Donna's help is instrumental in finding Ms. Bettie's abductors. What he will soon learn is that his search for the truth will also lead him to discover a long-buried Duncan family secret.

### **Man on the Run**

"Delves into the romantic conflicts of these Richmond Virginians with a robust relish and soap-opera intense insights." —Publishers Weekly One of Richmond, Virginia's, hottest, most successful women, plus-sized diva Loraine Farrow finally wants to settle down with her husband, Leon, and focus on her marriage. Trouble is, her ex-lover, Michael, isn't about to let her go so easily. But things aren't so simple with Leon either. Painful issues from his childhood are starting to surface in

the bedroom. Leon's seeing a therapist, but what he's uncovering could destroy their marriage for good—unless Michael does it first. As Loraine deals with her relationship drama, her best friend, Jerome, is left alone to deal with Peter, a stalker who will stop at nothing to destroy him. Now, four indomitable people torn between love and lust, secrets and lies, will have some momentous decisions to make. "Weber fills his books with lifelike characters—flawed, confused, frustrated, and sometimes plus-sized." —Booklist

### **The Man in 3B**

Ripped from the pages of his New York Times bestselling Family Business series, Carl Weber brings you No More Mr. Nice Guy, the origin of Niles Monroe, the super-bad hitman who will one day become Paris Duncan's one true love. Niles has just returned from eight years of serving his country as a Special Forces sniper. He's looking forward to a consulting job with Dynamic Defense and spending time with his family, including his bi-polar mother, Lorna, and his hard-drinking uncle, Willie. What Niles doesn't know is that Dynamic Defense is actually a CIA front. He's not interested in joining them, but they won't take no for an answer. Bridget St. John is one of the most beautiful women Niles has ever met, and she is also the most deadly. It is her job to recruit Niles to the Dynamic Defense team by any means necessary. When Niles is arrested for a murder he does not commit, Bridget makes him an offer he can't refuse: working for Dynamic Defense in exchange for his

freedom. With Niles on board, Bridget begins to train him in ways he never imagined. Sometimes, however, the student becomes the teacher. Before she realizes what's happening, Bridget falls in love. When circumstances in his personal life collide with his work, Niles is forced to use his military skills to protect those closest to him. Fans are sure to appreciate this action-packed thriller that delivers love, drama, and suspense with Weber's trademark flair for unexpected twists and turns.

### **Ladies Night**

Bishop T.K. Wilson's decision to run for borough president has unexpected repercussions when his children, models of respectability in public, pursue their own goals and deal with their own temptations and demons.

### **Weber's Guide to Pipes and Pipe Smoking**

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Family Business crime series comes a deliciously provocative legal page-turner about the Hudson family. When famed attorney Bradley Hudson learns of his youngest son Langston's arrest for drug trafficking, he immediately assembles a team of lawyers and investigators, including members of his own family, to build a defense. With his reputation for

being a shark in the courtroom, Bradley is confident he will get justice for his son—until he realizes he will be going up against an old foe, Assistant District Attorney James Brown. Is the ADA allowing his personal history with the Hudsons to influence his handling of the prosecution? To complicate matters, Bradley discovers that his older son, Lamont, a young lawyer and Bradley's right-hand man, has secretly been planning his exit from the family law firm to get out from under his father's shadow. Desiree, Bradley's only daughter, is fresh out of law school and quite reserved compared to her siblings. She's the good girl who doesn't normally like to rock the boat, but in what could be considered the worst of all timing, she is secretly dating a man and a woman, and both relationships are on a collision course. Given the problems her family is facing, now is not the right time for Desiree to introduce more drama to the mix, but she just can't seem to help herself. As if fighting for one son's freedom and fending off the other's betrayal isn't enough pressure, Bradley is also in the middle of his own love triangle between his ex-wife, federal judge Jacqueline Hudson, and his current wife and jury consultant, Carla. He knows how much is at stake if his family's drama spirals out of control, so he'll do everything within his power to keep it all together and prevent his son from landing behind bars. With his trademark dramatic style, Carl Weber introduces readers to the Hudsons. Only time will tell if they can stand united, or if the legal dynasty of Bradley Hudson is about to come crashing down.

### **Player Haters**

"Full of flavor, wit, and drama." --QBR Step into the world of four married men whose vows didn't guarantee them a "happily ever after". . . Kyle runs a booming business, but his main job is hiding his wife from the sistahs who would skin him alive for marrying a woman like her. . . Easy-going Allen can please his bossy Mama and his gold-digging fiancée--just not at the same time. . . Big-hearted Wil's got a wife with a mouth so big she should consider a career in broadcasting. . .And smooth and sexy Jay's "the man"--not only for his wife, but for all the other ladies he can't resist. But these lifelong friends find their lives turned upside-down when each one is shown the door by his furious woman. The result is a rowdy romp through no-tell motels, divorce court, and jail. And as they fend off strippers, trippers, psycho ex-football players, and worse, they know there's one thing they can always count on. . .each other. Praise For The Novels Of Carl Weber "A fast-paced mix of scandal, jealousy and wickedness." --Publishers Weekly on Player Haters "Compelling."--Booklist on Baby Momma Drama

### **Married Men**

Carl Weber, the New York Times bestselling author of Up to No Good, will keep you on edge with this tale of three lifelong friends. . . James Robinson and his wife have had their rough patches. But seven years into their marriage, things are better than ever. . .until James's past comes back to haunt him--with a baby in tow.

James's best friend, Brent Williams, has always had women throwing themselves at him, but it's taken Brent a while to find someone who wants him for the man he is on the inside. His plus-sized fiancée isn't his usual type, but they seem like a match made in heaven--until a sexy third party comes along. . . When Sonny Harrison's wife sends him packing, he's lonely until he reunites with his high school sweetheart. But as his feelings for her get a little too intense, Brent and James may be the only ones who can intervene. But will that mean losing their friend forever? "Captivating and heartfelt. . .a satisfying read." --The RAWSISTAZ Reviewers "Major revelations and an eye-raising twist will make even seen-it-all fans gasp." --Publishers Weekly Includes an excerpt from Carl Weber's new novel.

### **Torn Between Two Lovers**

This is a book about young men who learned to play baseball during the 1930s and 1940s, and then went on to play for one of the most exciting major-league ball clubs ever fielded, the team that broke the colour barrier with Jackie Robinson. It is a book by and about a sportswriter who grew up near Ebbets Field, and who had the good fortune in the 1950s to cover the Dodgers for the Herald Tribune. This is a book about what happened to Jackie, Carl Erskine, Pee Wee Reese, and the others when their glory days were behind them. In short, it is a book fathers and sons and about the making of modern America. 'At a point in life when one is through with boyhood, but has not yet discovered how to be a man, it was my fortune to travel

with the most marvelously appealing of teams.' Sentimental because it holds such promise, and bittersweet because that promise is past, the first sentence of this masterpiece of sporting literature, first published in the early '70s, sets its tone. The team is the mid-20th-century Brooklyn Dodgers, the team of Robinson and Snyder and Hodges and Reese, a team of great triumph and historical import composed of men whose fragile lives were filled with dignity and pathos. Roger Kahn, who covered that team for the New York Herald Tribune, makes understandable humans of his heroes as he chronicles the dreams and exploits of their young lives, beautifully intertwining them with his own, then recounts how so many of those sweet dreams curdled as the body of these once shining stars grew rusty with age and battered by experience.

### **Influence: Death on the Beach**

Carl Weber takes readers back to church in his latest drama-filled novel, the much-anticipated sequel to the New York Times bestseller, *The Choir Director*. It's been three years since Aaron Mackie succeeded in helping his friend and mentor, Bishop T.K. Wilson, dig his ministry out of financial ruin. Aaron is also responsible for re-energizing the almost defunct choir into something special. His success has drawn national attention, and he's on the verge of signing a huge recording contract. With his life in order, Aaron decides the time is right to propose to Tia Gregory, the church secretary who caught his eye and inspired him to shed his Tiger Woods-like

tendencies to become a one-woman man. The stage is set for what might be the wedding of the year, but quickly becomes the disaster of the year when Aaron is left at the altar without explanation. Now, during his own hour of need, Aaron turns to the bishop for help. Unfortunately, the line he asks T. K. to cross will force the bishop to choose between faith and friendship, or as he puts it, "between heaven and hell." As the investigation into Tia's disappearance continues, the two men are challenged in ways they never imagined.

### **Something On The Side**

When three young friends, Porsha, Frankie and Sahara, decide to sublease an apartment from a mutual acquaintance, life becomes one big party for the girls. But the party comes to an abrupt end when they find out they've been fleeced for their money and an eviction notice is taped to their door. They have seventy-two hours to come up with the money or be tossed into the streets by the city marshals. Armed with various schemes, they set out to try and stop the eviction and find themselves caught in the crossfire of a bloody war between the Notorious Clark family and a new player in the game. Meanwhile the police are still searching for the killer known only as The Animal, while his former lover Gucci tries to put the pieces of her life back together. When all is said and done, all parties involved will discover something about Animal and his abduction that no one was prepared for. There goes the neighborhood, again! One of Library Journal's Best Street Lit Books

of 2011

## **The First Lady**

Kleigh never wanted Tron to fall in love with her, or vice versa. She isn't who he thinks she is, but how can she tell him that the kingpin he is gunning for, Kevin "Klax" Turner, is her big brother? She is the water to his fire and the calm to his storm. Never in his 26 years of life did Tron think he would find his equal, but Kleigh is exactly that. Her beauty speaks to his eyes, while her mind whispers to his soul. He can't imagine anybody else wearing the crown as queen after he kills the king of Harlem and takes over the throne. When push comes to shove and her secret comes to light, Kleigh is forced to pick a side. That choice is what ignites the fire to a war of savages . . . a fire that can only be put out by blood.

## **The Family Business**

In his typical jaw-dropping fashion, Carl Weber returns with part two of his New York Times bestselling Family Business series. He's brought along a friend in bestselling author Treasure Hernandez, and together they've added more drama and new family members to the mix. Welcome to the world of Duncans. By day they are upstanding citizens running one of New York's most respected car

dealerships; but by night, they're criminals who control most of the East Coast drug traffic. No matter whether they're on their day or night jobs, one thing is true about the Duncans: there is never a dull moment to be found. Baby momma drama takes over the Duncan clan, as there is still uncertainty about who has fathered the Duncan sisters' new babies. Meanwhile, Orlando Duncan, the family's new CEO and a man with his own baby momma problems, has just developed a new product that may make the millionaire Duncans into billionaires. Orlando only has one obstacle in front of him, and it's not law enforcement or one of his family's many rivals. It's his mother, and she may be his most formidable opponent to date, because she's making the family take sides. Can a civil war within the Duncan family be averted before it tears them apart?

### **Lookin' For Luv**

When the Lord calls her home at the tender age of forty-four, Charlene Wilson, First Lady of First Jamaica Ministries, is determined to find a woman to take care of her husband, Bishop T. K. Wilson, when she's gone, and, after finding four good candidates, sets her plan in motion.

### **The Family Business 3**

By day, the Duncans are an upstanding family who run a thriving car dealership in Queens. By night, they live a dangerous secret life! Carl Weber and Eric Pete deliver a thrilling underworld drama in *The Family Business*. L.C. Duncan, patriarch of the family, is at the age when he's starting to think about retirement in sunny Florida. But the recession is taking a bite out of the business and, worrying more, he has to decide which of his children should take over. When his workaholic son Orlando gets the nod, Orlando's siblings—including the favorite son Vegas, conniving daughter London, glamorous party girl Paris and flamboyant nightclub owner Rio—are up in arms. But so are the Zunigas, a rival family whose fragile business alliance with the Duncans may explode at any moment. When Vegas suddenly breaks away from the family, London's lawyer husband, Harris, makes a play for the company and all hell breaks loose. Selling cars, it turns out, is only a small part of the Duncans' family business. Each member of the family has a secret expertise to reveal. And now, under siege from the Mafia, Mexican drug cartels and the Zunigas, the Duncans will have to stick together—or die separately!

### **Life 2**

Rio Duncan is one of the youngest children of the Duncan clan. With no solid position in the family business like his other siblings, he has been feeling out of place and decides to disappear. Rio leaves his Duncan identity behind and goes on a search for friends and family who can relate to him. His destination is Baltimore,

and he is sure to find what he is looking for in the city with a community like no other. There, he also finds unexpected trouble. Corey Grant is making a name for himself in Baltimore with an inherited drug empire and a complicated relationship with his right-hand man. With plenty on his plate, Corey has almost no time for the romance he wants with Dre, and he feels like they are growing apart. That brings about a jealousy and insecurity that he doesn't know how to control. Diana Black is Corey's girlfriend-for-hire, and she has a taste for bad boys. She is loyal to Corey's cause, but how long will that last? Rio's personality and flair instantly gains him entrance into Corey's circle. Rio says he's looking for friends, but Corey is sure that other motives are on the table. When Rio has a change of heart about his newfound crew, he needs an escape plan. There is one problem: his family doesn't know where he is. Did he inherit any of the ruthless traits he observed in his father and brothers? Can the most colorful Duncan son get out of Baltimore and back home safe and sound now that he's on his own?

### **Carl Weber's Kingpins: Harlem**

When Claudette McPhearson died, she left eight foster children to fend for themselves after they discovered the truth about her secret life. She was the leader of the Syndicate, a criminal enterprise that had a stronghold on the underworld. Much to her children's chagrin, it was up to one of them to step up and take the lead. Javon, her oldest and most trusted son, took on that mantle. It was a

role he had never wanted, but with threats to his family coming from every direction, he had no choice. One year later, Javon has taken the Syndicate to the next level. Javon seems untouchable, and the Syndicate can't be stopped, but as it grows, it draws attention. This time, it's from the Commission, the ruling body of the world's most dangerous mafias. "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" comes into play as the Old Italian needs Javon's help. The Commission has been threatened, and they call on the Syndicate for reinforcements. The Syndicate aims to help its allies, but the past comes knocking at the McPhearsons' door. With everything coming full circle, Javon will find that not everyone can be trusted, and ghosts from the past always have a way of coming back to haunt you.

### **She Ain't the One**

History repeats itself in this sequel to the mega-hit novel written by Leo Sullivan, *Life*. Marcus is a young man tossed into the same life of violence and poverty that his father tried to desperately to escape when a confrontation with the son of Life's nemesis, Stevie D, turns tragic. With Kayla by his side, Marcus is forced away from the life of adolescent innocence that he'd found comfort in and become a man. His love for Kayla makes them the perfect team, however, he soon finds that she has an addiction that could ruin them both. When history repeats itself, Marcus finds himself walking in his father's shoes, something he'd never considered. Will his fate turn out just as tragically as it did for his parents, many years before?

## **Big Girls Do Cry**

Ripped from the pages of the New York Times bestselling series *The Family Business*, Carl Weber and Eric Pete bring you *To Paris with Love*, a solo story about their two most popular characters to date—the bright, sexy, and deadly Paris Duncan and her flamboyant and cunning twin brother, Rio. It's spring break and Paris Duncan is on the verge of graduating at the top of her class from Chi's Finishing School, one of Europe's most exclusive private academies. At Chi's students not only learn the three Rs, but they also learn the deadly art of assassination. Like most of her classmates, Paris is looking forward to going back home. She can't wait to get back to the bright lights of New York City, where she plans on clubbing with her twin brother Rio, scarfing down her mom's cooking, and wearing out her father's credit cards. A family crisis puts an end to her trip home in favor of a solo trip to the French Riviera. Rio Duncan has been accepted into one of the most prestigious law schools in the country and his father, LC Duncan, couldn't be more proud of him. Unfortunately for LC, Rio has plans of his own, and they don't include law school. If that weren't surprise enough, Rio's got a few more things to tell his dear old dad, one of which is that he is gay. Now that he's come out of the closet, Rio is in the wind. He's headed to Europe to live life by his own rules and hook up with his sister for some fun in the European sun. Together Rio and Paris will do what they do best—have fun, find trouble, and break men's hearts. Travel with Weber and Pete to Europe, to see how Paris and Rio became

the dynamic duo of the Duncan clan.

### **Eviction Notice**

The three Duncan siblings--Trent, the ultimate player who is about to get a big surprise; Wil, an unhappily married man; and Melanie, a young woman looking for love--must all band together when trouble knocks on their door.

### **To Paris with Love**

In this exciting collaboration, "New York Times" bestselling author Weber and "Essence" bestselling author Morrison bring their powerful talents together to deliver a gripping novel about the ultimate player who has finally run into the wrong woman.

### **The Family Business 2**

New York Times bestselling author Carl Weber and Essence bestseller La Jill Hunt return with a story of love, betrayal and racism in the next addition to the wildly popular Family Business series. From the time he was a boy in Georgia, LC Duncan, patriarch and leader of the Duncan clan, has battled racism. Even now that he and

his family are truly successful, the racism can still be in-your-face. Maybe it's the political climate or perhaps it's just bad timing, but LC and the rest of the Duncans are being challenged by the ultimate power-hungry racist, Sheriff KD Shrugs. Nevada Duncan is at that age when girls and sex are always on his mind. His handsome face and superior intellect attract Kia, the beautiful "Blasian" call girl who tempts him into running away to a place where the Duncans are definitely not wanted—El Paso, Texas, the home of KD Shrugs. What is the worst thing that can happen to a handsome, rich millennial? Rio Duncan would say it's mistaken identity after being beat down in a nightclub by someone who thinks he's Roman Johnson, a stickup kid who happens to be Rio's doppelganger. What happens next will open up the biggest can of worms the Duncans have ever had to deal with. Get ready for another roller coaster ride with the Duncan family.

### **No More Mr. Nice Guy**

Amp Anthony is strong-willed, ruggedly handsome, with a body that women will pay just to look at. He is also a recently freed felon. It's not easy to make things whole again under the rules of the halfway house to which he's been released, especially since his parole officer would like nothing more than to send him back to prison. Amp is bound and determined to make sure that will never happen. Like most felons, Amp has a hell of a time finding and keeping a job because of his record. When all else fails, he uses his body, letting women look for a price. If

they're willing to pay more, they can even touch. Under the supervision of savvy club owner Madam Fox, Amp becomes one of the hottest male exotic dancers at Club Eden. Everything is strictly business until the club's attractive female DJ catches Amp's attention. Will either one of them be able to avoid the taboo of mixing business with pleasure? Ladies Night is an intense, thrilling, scandalous, and, at times, funny look at the transition of Amp Anthony from ex-con to exotic dancer, as he struggles to put the pieces of his life back together and escape the past that put him in prison in the first place.

### **Up To No Good**

### **So You Call Yourself A Man**

Agreeing to surrender the family business to his younger brother after a long stint in prison, Vegas Duncan battles his disapproving mother and a mysterious rival who attacks Vegas' older brother.

### **Carl Weber's Kingpins: Philadelphia**

There is always a man around the corner. Church trustee James Black should

know--he's usually that man, carrying on adulterous affairs and sleeping with one conquest after another. But when he suddenly finds himself truly in love, the other women in his church have a thing or two to say about it--including his daughter, Jamie. Jamie has every intention of dismantling the relationship--until she discovers a mystery woman has been secretly calling her lover, Louis. Meanwhile, James's son, Darnel, spirals out of control after he catches his fiancée cheating. James knows he's to blame for the turmoil that surrounds him and his loved ones. Now he'll have to find a way to bring peace to their lives. But he can only do it by facing some hard truths about himself and changing his scandalous ways. "A charming tale. . ." --Essence® "Twisty and entertaining. . .gives fans what they want. . ." --Publishers Weekly "This family's page-turning drama keeps readers in suspense until the very last page." --Upscale Magazine

### **Grand Opening 2**

One man must prove his innocence while finding which friend betrayed him in this high-drama, action-packed novel from the New York Times bestselling author of the Family Business series. Jay Crawford has spent too long paying for a crime he didn't commit. For ten years, he's been in prison, waiting for the right opportunity to prove his innocence. But when his family is threatened, the time for waiting is over. Jay just didn't realize that escaping would be the easy part To get justice, he'll need the help of the three best friends who have always had his back -- Wil,

Kyle and Allan. But how long will Allan let Jay stay in his house if his new wife seems to prefer the sexy ex-con sleeping on their couch? And does helping Jay mean Wil finally gets pulled into the not-exactly-legal Duncan family business? As Kyle finds his loyalties -- and his finances -- stretched to the limit, who will he have to sacrifice? A man on the run requires absolute trust, but Jay might just be setting himself up for the ultimate betrayal

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