Crimson Phoenix

John Gilstrap

Victoria Emerson is a congressional member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Her aspirations have always been to help her community. Then Major Joseph McCrea appears on her doorstep and uses the code phrase Crimson Phoenix, meaning this is not a drill. The United States is on the verge of nuclear war.

Subjects: Legislators, Single mothers, Nuclear warfare
Page count: 314

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Ernest Hemingway
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Subjects: Cudjo Lewis, Clotilda, Slaves
Page count: 256

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Subjects: Elizabeth Friedman, Cryptographers, Biography
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Subjects: Teenage girls, Magic, Fathers and daughters
Page count: 363

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Jason Reynolds
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Subjects: Teenagers, Racially mixed youth, Superheroes
Page Count: 261

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AR: 1.6

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Kate DiCamillo
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Page count: 80
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Carlos Alberto Hernandez
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Page count: 304
Lexile: 700
AR: 4.9

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