When Inspector Gurn discovers a large knife lodged within the chest of dead Billionaire Marcus Kane, he suspects foul play. But who is behind the gruesome murder? The cheating wife, the cheating husband, the jealous boyfriend, the maid with a secret, the other wife who ends up cheating on her husband, the unattractive septuagenarian who wants to sleep with a much younger woman who’s is being cheated on by her husband, or the mute priest—All, are suspects in this murder mystery farce.

In a packed Siberian church on a snowy day, a priest is eulogizing a 109-year-old town leader when the roof caves in, killing everyone inside. Only one speaker of the Ujide language remains: Nicholas, who's still at college. His ex-girlfriend Jessica also has languages on the brain: namely finding a wellspring language, an idea that intrigued late Ithaca serial killer Edward Rulloff. The collapse begins an amazing sequence of events involving the untranslated Voynich Manuscript, a spell, the return of Rulloff and Nicholas’ dead sister, and a reversal of the Tower of Babel. A few flakes of snow will change the world forever.

Regine the Thirteenth governs her nation as a shining example of despotic panache: velvet glove, iron fist, designer shoes. A woman who understands the power of a well-placed ruffle, her every flounce is commanded to hang just so. But when one of her subjects selflessly offers to take the place of a death-row criminal, Regine discovers that life is not all tufted velvet and beaded chiffon. Furbelow is a comic fable about fame, friendship, and really good fabrics.