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Kensington currently publishes a wide range of commercial fiction in all categories and select non-fiction in all formats.  
Erewhon currently publishes both adult and YA speculative fiction.

### **Our recent and future titles are listed below by genre and then alphabetically by author**

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**For your convenience we have boxed our 'highlight' titles in each category.**

## Contemporary Fiction & Romance:

### **THE OTHER SIDE OF DISAPPEARING by Kate Clayborn – April 2024**

Transporting love story about an unexpected road trip, true crime obsessions, and hard won vulnerability: hairstylist Jess has spent the last decade raising her younger half-sister, Tegan—and keeping a shocking secret. Ever since their reckless mother ran off with a boyfriend she'd known only a few months, Jess has been aware that he's the same con man who was the subject of a wildly popular podcast, 'The Last Con of Lynton Baltimore'.

Now 31-years-old, Jess didn't bargain on Tegan eventually piecing together the connection for herself. But Tegan plans to do exactly what Jess has always feared—leave their stable home to search for their mother. The shocker is that Tegan will be accompanied by the prying podcast host and her watchful, handsome producer, Adam. Unwilling to let the sister she's spent so much of her life protecting make this journey alone, Jess joins them. Together, the four make their way across the country, unraveling the mystery of where the couple disappeared to and why. But soon Jess is finding other things like a renewed sense of curiosity, and a willingness to expand beyond the walls she's so carefully built. And in Adam, she finds an unexpected connection she didn't even know was missing.

- *Georgie, All Along* (2023) has been sold in Czech, Danish, French, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish, Turkish, and Portuguese (BR), Ukrainian. It was a Book of the Month selection, Indie Next Pick, #1 Library Reads Pick, Goodreads Most Anticipated Romances of 2023, Once Upon a Book Club Pick, Bookish Highly Anticipated Reads of 2023, Bookpage Most Highly Anticipated Romance of 2023, Paste Magazine Most Anticipated Romances of 2023, Cosmopolitan UK Best Books of January 2023, Bookriot Most Anticipated Books of 2023
- *"Poignant, observant, tender, and deeply romantic. Clayborn takes what she does best and goes deeper, deftly braiding mystery and family drama with an absorbing romance in her trademark lyrical voice. This book is everything."*—Christine Lauren, *New York Times*-bestselling authors of *The True Love Experiment*

### **THE STILL POINT by Tammy Greenwood – March 2024**

Upmarket fiction for fans of Megan Abbott's *The Turnout* and Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere* and set in the cutthroat world of ballet girls and their mothers: Ever, Lindsay, and Josie have ushered their daughters—Bea, Olive, and Savvy—through years of dance classes. They've tended bloodied feet, stitched ribbons on pointe shoes, and in the process, forged friendships that seem to transcend rivalry. But now infamous Etienne Bernay of French ballet, has come to their conservatory to direct this year's production of *The Nutcracker* - and he's brought along a film crew to document his search for one special student who will receive a full scholarship to the Ballet de Paris Academie. For the girls, this is the chance to fulfill lifelong dreams. For Ever, recently widowed and struggling financially, it may be the only way to keep Bea dancing. And Bea is a truly gifted dancer—poetic and ethereal, breathtaking to watch. Lindsay, meanwhile, frets that Olive is growing tired of the punishing reality of training, while Josie has no such qualms about Savvy, who is a powerhouse of ambition.

From auditions to casting to rehearsals, the cameras capture the selection process, with its backstabbing and jealousy, disappointment, and triumph. But it's behind the scenes that Bernay's arrival will yield the most shocking revelations, exposing the secrets at the heart of the families—and the sacrifices women make for their children and for friendship.

- *"The Still Point is a must-read full of love, hope, desire and jealousy – a vivid, compelling and deeply nuanced look at a place where lives are forever shaped and changed."* –Mary Kubica, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Just the Nicest Couple*
- *"Fans of ... Megan Abbott will love this literary take on the competitive world of elite ballet training. With Tammy Greenwood's firsthand knowledge of the subject, precise writing and well-drawn characters, The Still Point is an authentic and eloquent rumination on the ways that love—in all its forms—shapes our lives. Parental hopes, marital bonds, youthful passions: What does commitment mean in a life filled with inevitable changes?"* – Zoje Stage, *USA Today*-bestselling author of *Baby Teeth*

### **NOT HOW I PICTURED IT by Robin Lefler – May 2024**

Sharp, hilarious, and heartfelt novel about a former teen superstar who grudgingly agrees to a reboot of the show that made her (in)famous: 20 years after *Turning Tides* went off the air, the beloved TV show about teenage romance and angst is back. No one is more surprised than its former star, Ness, that she's agreed to step back into the role of Hailey Grant. After her father/manager took off with her earnings, Ness ran away from the spotlight. But maybe it's time to reclaim herself.

Sadly, that enthusiasm lasts until the first table read. Ness assumed her old fling Hayes would be too busy doing 'Big Hollywood Things' to take part, but there he is, seated beside her, exuding pheromones and success. En route to the deluxe resort where they're to start filming, the cast gets stranded by a storm. Stuck on a tiny island with a paltry cache of food and quite possibly the most useless survival group in history, Ness tries to reconcile her youthful dreams with where she's ended up—figuratively and literally. The producers wanted drama on and off-screen, and they're going to get it, but where will Ness be when it's all over?

- *"Reasonable Adults has everything I look for in a rom com; a relatable heroine, dialogue that zings, an original setting and most importantly - a dog. This is fresh, fun, feel-good fiction."* —Sophie Cousens, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *This Time Next Year* on *Reasonable Adults* (2023)

### **BEST, FIRST, AND LAST by Amy Matthews – July 2024**

Stirring, spirited, and ultimately joyful novel following three generations of women whose hearts have been broken as they set out to see one of the wonders of the world: when 25-year-old Heather breaks up with her boyfriend—again—she can't figure out if she's to blame or he is. Either way, she's miserable, and working at home via Zoom meetings is only making it worse. What's more, all the women in her family are struggling. Her mom Sandy is convinced she's wasted her life with Heather's father, whom she's now divorcing. Grandmother Bonnie is reeling with the grief of losing her third husband. The bottom has fallen out of their lives so abruptly, the trio is clinging to any handhold they can—and slowly but surely losing their grip.

Inspired and determined not to spend her 70th birthday wallowing, Bonnie is ready to take extreme measures. Even if it means dragging her beloved girls along by the hair: they are going to hike the Incan Trail to Machu Picchu. Of course, their emotional baggage gets packed with their lightweight jackets, but as they make the trek, the women also talk, sharing stories and secrets that have been festering for far too long. With every arduous step toward the famed summit, each woman sheds some of the past and its pain, and opens up to the extraordinary possibilities of the present—and a future that just might include a new happily ever after.

- Czech, Portuguese (BR), and Russian Rights Sold to *Someone Else's Bucket List* (2023)
- *"I loved Someone Else's Bucket List. It begins by breaking your heart then takes you by surprise by becoming uplifting and utterly galvanizing. Best of all, though, it's a stirring celebration of the power of sisterhood!"* —Matt Cain, author of *The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle*

### **IN THE LONELY HOURS by Shannon Morgan – August 2024**

Melancholic, modern ghost story set in a majestic Scottish castle where the new owner must confront its tragic history: on a small island in a remote corner of northwest Scotland lies Maundrell castle, owned by its wealthy namesake family for centuries—until now. Edwina is shocked to learn a relative she never heard of has bequeathed the castle to her. What awaits Edie and her teenage daughter, Neve, is even more startling, for the castle is home to ghosts.

There is a strange beauty in the austere architecture and the eerie, bloody waters of Loch na Scáthanna, the Lake of Shadows. Beguiled by a frightened ghost who gazes longingly out of the castle's windows, Edie and Neve are drawn to the legends shrouding the island and the mystery of the Maundrell Red—a priceless diamond that disappeared decades before. Is the gem really cursed, and the cause of the family tragedies that have all occurred on Samhain—Scottish Halloween? As Samhain approaches once more, Edie and Neve race to peel back the dark secrets entwining the living and the dead—a twisted story of bitter cruelty and hidden love—or they will become another Maundrell tragedy trapped in the lonely hours. Ideal for fans of Kate Morton, Eve Chase, and Shirley Jackson.

- Russian rights sold to Morgan's debut *Her Little Flowers* (2023)
- *"Morgan's prose is atmospheric without being overly dense, and tropes of the classic gothic novel are juxtaposed with references to the 21st century to create a sense of anachronism. Overall, the novel provides a compelling supernatural mystery that will hold a reader's attention right up to the last page. Recommend to fans of Kate Morton and Eve Chase."*— Library Journal on *Her Little Flowers*

### **THE CHARMED FRIENDS OF TROVE ISLAND by Annie Rains – June 2024**

Uplifting novel on female friendship and resilience—with just a hint of magic—as three young women whose bond was shattered years before by tragedy rediscover their connection: ten years after she left her hometown of Trove Isle Melody is back to receive an inheritance—her great aunt's thrift store, Hidden Treasures. There, in a glass case beneath the register, Melody finds the long-lost charm bracelet she shared with her school friends, Liz and Bri, and her younger sister, Alyssa. After a devastating accident, it disappeared, and the girls' friendship evaporated with it. Slipping the bracelet on her arm for safekeeping, Melody soon finds herself crossing paths with her former friends once more.

While Melody fled, Liz has stayed in Trove Isle, helping with her parents' business. Guilt still weighs on her after that fateful night when they lost Alyssa. For Bri, the consequences were even more stark. After spiraling into self-destruction, Bri served four years in a women's state prison and is about to be released—but can Trove Isle ever feel like home again? Yet despite everything that's changed, the promise that the bracelet once held—of adventures, achievements, love, and lifelong friendship—hasn't quite faded.

- German and UK rights sold to *Through the Snow Globe* (2023)

### **AT HER SERVICE by Amy Spalding – March 2024**

Fans of Casey McQuiston and Alexis Hall will fall for this sweetly sexy, relatable F/F rom-com about self-improvement, chasing your dreams, and writing your own love story: Max has a wish list, and a great career and a girlfriend are at the top. But despite being good at her job as an assistant to one of Hollywood's fastest rising talent agents, she has no idea how to move up the ladder. And when it comes to her love life, she's stuck in perpetual lust for an adorable bartender named Sadie. Her goals are clear—and Max has everything but the self-confidence to go for them.

When Max's roommate, Chelsey—an irritatingly gorgeous and self-assured influencer—offers to sponsor her for a new self-actualization app, Max gives in. If she can't run her own life, maybe an algorithm guiding her choices will help. Suddenly Max is scoring big everywhere, and her dreams are aching close to coming true. But when one of Chelsey's posts reveals Sadie's part in the app's campaign, Max is poised for heartbreak on all fronts. Tired of the social media life with its fake friends, Max realizes that to have true influence, she'll have to find the courage to make her own way.

- Spalding's first adult romance, *For Her Consideration*, was named Best Book of the Week by BuzzFeed as well as a Most Anticipated Romance by Goodreads and Paste Magazine. It received rave reviews from outlets such as Entertainment Weekly, Popsugar and Bookriot

### **TATUM COMES HOME by Tatum Talks with Mica Stone – November 2023**

Kensington's first in collaboration with The Dog Agency, a talent agency that represents many social media-famous pets. With 3.5M TikTok followers, Tatum's fans will love this heartwarming adventure featuring Tatum's own distinctive voice: the air is filled with the scents of spring, and Tatum, a rust-colored rescue dog, is enjoying a trip to the store with his dad when a thunderstorm blows in. Frightened, Tatum scampers off to hide. When he wakes up, a kind stranger promises to get him back to his family, but that'll be no easy feat. Tatum, with his trusting gaze, has a knack for making friends—and for letting humans know exactly what's on his mind. While his owners do everything they can to track him down, the people Tatum meets on his journey are just as eager to do their part to get him home. And in turn, Tatum has a way of nudging everyone he encounters to overcome hurdles, seek out second chances, and find the families they need.

### **THE ROAD TRIP REWIND by Kate and Danny Tamberelli – June 2024**

"Back to the Future" meets "10 Things I Hate About You" as the past, the present, and two hearts with unfinished business collide in an epic and poignant way: up-and-coming screenwriter Beatrix's dream project is finally a reality—her 90s-era script is in production. Less dreamy is the A-list actor in the starring role—none other than Rocco Riziero, who jilted Beatrix on New Year's Eve back in 1999. Without his celebrity status, the project would likely still be withering, but that doesn't mean Beatrix won't shame him at every opportunity on-set—especially when it becomes painfully obvious he doesn't even remember her.

Boxed-in as a pretty-boy, Rocco is thrilled to tackle a genuinely dramatic role. But he's perplexed about why the screenwriter treats him like a maggot. And awkward becomes irksome when their bickering results in a car crash right outside the famed Roxy Theatre—site of the New Year's Eve party where everything went wrong. Shockingly, Beatrix, Rocco, and the car, are uninjured. The twist? They're clearly, truly, somehow, still in December—but in 1999. They'll have to work together to correct their old mistakes—which just might bring them closer than either expects. But can they change the past without altering their future selves—and hold on to what they've found together?

### **THE LAST WITCH IN EDINBURGH by Marielle Thompson – September 2024**

Beginning in an alternate 1824 Edinburgh, every woman lives in fear that she will be the next one hanged for witchcraft. All it takes is invoking the anger of the wrong person. Nellie keeps to herself until she encounters the Rae Women's Apothecary. There, Jean Rae and the other witches provide cures and teach others to become independent witches.

Nellie finds a place and a purpose at the shop, and a blossoming romance with Jean, as she learns about green magick and a witch's ability to return to life after death. But the group of witches have an ancient enemy intent on stripping the power of their deity and all her witches, leaving a wake of patriarchal violence and destruction. When heart-breaking disaster strikes, Nellie flees and spends the next two centuries hiding from the world—until love gives her the courage and the motivation to come back. This is an atmospheric novel that combines magic, queer romance, and a historical setting in a timeless story of what it means to resist the patriarchy and find your voice.

- *"Richly drawn and evocative, Where Ivy Dares to Grow is a sophisticated and masterful tale with the perfect gothic elements: an eerie manor house that lives and breathes with atmosphere, a heroine with a core of quiet, inner strength, and inventive and surprising twists. I couldn't put this one down. Marielle Thompson is a writer to watch!"* --Paulette Kennedy, author of *Parting the Veil*

### **ONE CURSED ROSE by Rebecca Zanetti – July 2024**

Modern twist on Beauty and the Beast and the first in a spicy dark romance series for fans of Katee Robert and Scarlett St. Clair from *New York Times*-bestselling Zanetti. Set in a world where billionaires play deadly games, magic is the dirtiest weapon of all. Alana is the daughter of a media giant that is about to succumb to an enemy, and her father's solution is to marry her off to the son of a competing family. Faced with only one week until the wedding, Alana is desperate to change her fate. Surprisingly, the twist in her story comes from an unwanted rescue at the hands of Adam, the Beast whose social media empire is driving her family's company into the ground. Adam, known for being merciless, thinks he can lock Alana in his tower forever, but she is not as docile as he expected.

- Zanetti is a *New York Times* bestselling author with nearly a dozen Amazon Best Romance Picks and an Amazon Best Book of the Year for her romantic suspense title *Broken* (2020)

## Historical Fiction:

### **THE NOVELIST FROM BERLIN by V.S. Alexander – October 2023**

Based on the true story of a mysterious German writer, Alexander's new novel spans the decades from the Nazis' ascent to power to the building of the Berlin Wall, as one woman fights for her life, her art, and her daughter.

1920s Germany: Though the world has changed in the wake of the Great War, it is still ruled by men. Even a woman as resourceful and intelligent as Niki needs alliances to survive. Her marriage to Rickard, a movie producer, seems convenient for them both. When Rickard succumbs to pressure from the Nazis to make propaganda movies, a horrified Niki begins to write.

Niki's first novel, "The Berlin Woman", is published under a pseudonym to great success. But Niki knows she cannot stay anonymous for long. The Nazis are cementing their power over Germany—and over her husband. Though she succeeds in escaping Rickard, he directs Hitler's Brownshirts to do the unthinkable: kidnap their daughter. With her books blacklisted, her life in danger, and Europe descending into war, Niki travels to Amsterdam, joins the Dutch Resistance, and returns to war-torn Berlin determined to claim freedom for herself and her child, and to write her own story at last.

- **Spanish rights sold.** Alexander's previous historical novels have been published in Bulgarian, Czech, French, Germany, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Portuguese (BR and PT), Spanish, and the UK

### **BONFIRE NIGHT by Anna Bliss – January 2024**

Debut novel set during WWII: in the autumn of 1936, Katie is making her way as a photographer. At an anti-fascism protest in East London, she meets David, a brilliant Jewish medical student as ambitious as she is and they are swept into a three-month affair. David's compassion and the ease with which he loves Katie make her fall fast. Nonetheless, it is clear that he won't choose her over his close-knit family or his religion.

1940 finds Katie in Brighton, single mother to a little girl and working as a cleaning woman in her sister's seaside boarding house. Meanwhile, in the thick of the Blitz, David is living his dream as a doctor at one of London's busiest hospitals. After disaster strikes Katie, she discovers an opportunity to contribute to the war effort at the Ministry of Information Photo Division. When David learns about her engagement to a kind-hearted Royal Air Force instructor, he travels to Brighton to win her back and discovers that the love of their lives might be someone else entirely. BONFIRE NIGHT includes discussion-worthy themes such as motherhood, how history repeats itself, and the roles photography and art play in processing trauma and violence and war.

- Bliss is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara and the University of Sussex, where she wrote her dissertation on women's narratives of the London Blitz during World War II

### **MURDER MOST FRENCH: A Tabitha Knight Mystery (#2) by Colleen Cambridge – May 2024**

Historical mystery series featuring Julia Child as a character: postwar Paris is surging back to life, and its citizens are seizing every opportunity to raise a glass or share a delicious meal. But as American ex-pat Tabitha and chef-in-training Julia Child discover, celebrations can quickly go awry when someone has murder in mind.

Paris is overflowing with stunning architecture. Yet for Tabitha, the humble building that houses the Cordon Bleu cooking school, where her friend Julia studies, is just as notable. The legendary school also holds open demonstrations, where the public can see its master chefs at work. It's a treat for any aspiring cook—until one of the chefs pours himself a glass of wine from a rare vintage bottle—and promptly drops dead in front of Julia, Tabitha, and other assembled guests. Tabitha and Julia hope to find answers in order to save innocent lives—not to mention a few exquisite vintages—even as their investigation takes them through some of the darkest corners of France's wartime past.

- **Polish and Russian Rights Sold.** Czech, Estonian, German, Hungarian, Italian, and Slovakian rights are sold to Cambridges other historical mystery series - the Phyllida Bright Mystery Series

### **MURDER BY INVITATION ONLY: Phyllida Bright Mystery (#3) by Colleen Cambridge – October 2023**

Historical mystery for fans of Agatha Christie, *Downton Abbey* and *Knives Out*: the third in the series set in an English country manor starring Phyllida Bright, fictional housekeeper to the great dame of detective novels herself: Agatha Christie!

“A murder will occur tonight at Beecham House . . .” Who could resist such a compelling invitation? Of course, the murder in question purports to be a party game, and Phyllida looks forward to using some of the deductive skills she has acquired thanks to her employer, Mrs. Agatha. The hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Wokesley, are new to the area, and Phyllida gladly offers their own overwhelmed housekeeper some guidance while events get underway. Family friends have been enlisted to play the suspects, and Mr. Wokesley excels in his role of dead body. Unfortunately, when the game’s solution is about to be unveiled, the participants discover that life has imitated art. Mr. Wokesley really is dead!

- “*Dame Agatha would be proud.*” (*Publishers Weekly*)
- **Czech, Estonian, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish and Slovakian rights sold to the series**

### **A DAUGHTER OF FAIR VERONA by Christina Dodd – July 2024**

Historical fiction debut with an irresistible premise from *New York Times* bestselling Dodd—imagining Romeo and Juliet’s daughter as a clever, inquisitive, fiercely independent young woman in fair Verona—told from the engaging point of view of the captivating Rosie Montague herself.

Once upon a time a young couple met and fell in love. You probably know that story, and how it ended. Only here’s the thing: that’s not how it ended at all. Romeo and Juliet are alive and well and the parents of seven children. At 20-years-old, Rosie is the eldest and a happy spinster. It’s not easy to keep your taste for romance with parents like Romeo and Juliet. Picture it—constant monologues, passionate declarations, fighting, making up, making out . . . it’s exhausting.

Each time Rosie has been presented with a betrothal, she sets out to find the groom-to-be a more suitable bride than herself. After all, someone sensible needs to stay home and manage this household. But their latest match, Duke Stephano, isn’t so easy to palm off on anyone else. The debaucher has had three previous wives—all of whom met unfortunate ends. Conscience forbids Rosie from consigning another woman to that fate. As it turns out, she doesn’t have to. And Rosie and Stephano’s betrothal ball, Rosie meets a beautiful man who makes her wonder if there actually is love at first sight. Only to shortly also find Stephano with a dagger in his chest – and with half of Verona with a motive.

- New genre from Dodd who is the author of romance, suspense, and thriller novels with more than 15 million copies in print. She has received starred Booklist and starred Library Journal reviews, and her previous books have been named on Best of the Year lists by Amazon, Library Journal, and Bookpage. They have been translated into more than 30 languages. No options in place as those are not with Kensington

### **SISTERS OF FORTUNE by Anna Lee Huber – March 2024**

Set in 1912 and based on the true story of the Fortune sisters, three young women who boarded the Titanic. Ideal for fans of Patricia Falvey's *The Titanic Sisters*: it’s the perfect finale to a Grand Tour of Europe—sailing home on the most luxurious ocean liner ever built. For the Fortune sisters, the trip offers a chance to reflect on the castles and museums in Italy and France, the ruins of Greece and the Middle East—and contemplate the futures that await them.

For Alice, there’s foreboding mixed with her excitement. A fortune teller in Egypt gave her a dire warning about traveling at sea. And the freedom she has enjoyed on her travels contrasts with her fiancé’s plans for her return—an existence she’s no longer sure she wants. Flora is also returning to a fiancé, a well-to-do banker of whom her parents heartily approve. Yet the closer the wedding looms, the less sure Flora feels. Another man—charming, exasperating, completely unsuitable—occupies her thoughts. Youngest sister Mabel knows her parents arranged this Grand Tour to separate her from a jazz musician. But the secret truth is that Mabel has little interest in marrying at all, preferring to explore ideas of suffrage and reform—even if it forces a rift with her family. Each sister grapples with the choices before her as the grand vessel glides through the Atlantic waters. Until, on an infamous night, fate intervenes, forever altering their lives.

- This novel is based on the real story of the Fortune sisters, who traveled on the Titanic with their mother, father, and younger brother. The three sisters and their mother survived.

### **QUEEN OF THE VALLEY by Lorena Hughes – September 2023**

Set in Colombia following the devastation of the 1925 earthquake: the owner of a hacienda vanishes, embroiling three strangers in the secrets he left behind. Martin follows his lifelong dream of owning a cacao plantation, but on the night of a spectacular gala, he disappears. Months later his hacienda is a hospital saving lives during an emerging epidemic. And novice nun Sor Puri is there to uncover the truth behind Martin's disappearance. But her real identity—and her past with the heartbreakingly-charismatic Martin—will put her life at risk. Now, Martin's home is an unexpected second chance for her, Lucas, and Puri to set the past right. Ideal reading for those wishing for the intrigue and drama of a telenovela in book format.

- **Lithuanian, Russian, and Spanish rights sold.** Arabic, Dutch, Russian, and Spanish rights sold to *The Spanish Daughter* (2022) which was a #1 new release on Amazon Historical Caribbean & Latin American History and an Amazon Best of the Month Editor Pick for Literature and Fiction in January 2022

### **THE SECRETS OF ROSE BRIAR HALL by Kelsey James – July 2024**

Gothic historical novel set during opulent turn of the century New York: for Millie, the young wife of a powerful stockbroker, Rose Briar Hall—a gleaming edifice of white marble on the North Shore—is more than a home. Every lavish detail speaks of Charles's status and wealth, and its stylish interior is testament to Millie's sophistication. All that's left is to prove her worthiness to be his bride and what better way than to throw a grand party for New York's social elite.

After painstaking planning, the night of the event arrives, and all is perfect—until Millie wakes to an eerily quiet house and a gray cloud where her memory should be. Can it be true that she has been in and out of consciousness for weeks, ever since the party took a terrifying turn? Millie recalls nothing. But her friends have shunned her, and it soon becomes clear that if she can't find out what really happened that night, much more than her reputation will be at risk.

As the house that promised so much happiness begins to feel more like a prison, Millie wonders whether a woman alone, even a wealthy one, can ever be entirely safe. And if she succeeds in finding the truth, will it bring relief, or shake her marriage, and her life, to the core?

- *“A story that could easily transfer from book to screen, it's a chilling read in which the art of the cinema very often reflects the drama of the actors' actual lives.” —New York Journal of Books on *The Woman in the Castello* (2023)*

### **MISS MORTON AND THE SPIRITS OF THE UNDERWORLD (#2) by Catherine Lloyd – September 2023**

Series that is *“a charming cross between a Regency romance and a well-constructed detective story”* (Kirkus Reviews) and that will appeal to fans of Victoria Thompson and Deanna Raybourn: Lady Caroline is happy to be back amid the swirl of London society, guiding her employer's daughter, Dorothy Frogerton, through her first Season. Mrs. Frogerton, meanwhile, finds her own diversions, including spiritualist gatherings and begs Caroline to come along. Caroline is skeptical of Madam's antics and faux French accent—until she slips a note into Caroline's hand, which contains intimate family knowledge. Even as Caroline tries to discern whether the spiritualist's powers are real, a much darker mystery presents itself. Madam Lavinia is found lifeless in her chair, a half-empty glass of port at her elbow. In her desk is a note addressed to Caroline, entreating her to find her murderer.

Caroline needs no psychic abilities to determine a motive, for it seems that Madam was blackmailing some of her clients and has left a trail of aggrieved aristocrats behind. But as Caroline and Mrs. Frogerton investigate further, they find other suspects, and a litany of deceptions, some very close to home.

- Lloyd has a master's degree in history at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth
- German, Greek, and Russian rights sold to #1 in the series *Miss Morton and the English House Party Murder*



### **MURDER BY LAMPLIGHT by Patrice McDonough – March 2024**

Historical mystery set in Victorian London following Dr. Julia Lewis, one of Britain's first female physicians, along with the aloof Detective Inspector Tennant of Scotland Yard: the grisly murder site in London's East End is thronged with onlookers. None of them expect the calm young woman among them to be a medical doctor, arrived to examine the corpse. Inspector Richard, overseeing the investigation, makes no effort to disguise his skepticism. But Dr. Julia is accustomed to condescension. Days later, another body is found with links to the first and Tennant calls in Dr. Lewis again. The murderer begins sending the police taunting letters and tantalizing clues with the trail going in multiple directions, from London's music halls to its grim workhouses. Lewis and Tennant struggle to understand the killer's motivations. But there is new urgency, for the doctor's role appears to have shifted from expert to target. Perfect for fans of the television series *Miss Scarlet and the Duke*.

### **SECRETS OF A SCOTTISH ISLE: Jane Wunderly Mystery (#5) by Erica Ruth Neubauer – April 2024**

On an isolated isle off the coast of Scotland, spirited Jane Wunderly must investigate a secret society where rituals blur the line between what's real, what's illusion, and what's deadly. Isle of Iona, 1927: cast away on a remote locale, Jane's latest assignment depends on concealing her identity and blending in at an occult gathering. Not even her fiancé, Redvers, can be too close as she uncovers the truth about Robert Nightingale, enigmatic leader of the Order of the Golden Dawn. When a woman tries to escape to the mainland only to be found murdered in the moors, the shocking scene reveals it's easier to join the Golden Dawn than it is to leave.

- **German, Japanese, Polish, Slovakian, and Spanish rights sold to the series**
- Neubauer is an Agatha Award-winning author, as well as an Anthony Award and Lefty Award finalist

### **THE DIAMOND OF LONDON by Andrea Penrose – February 2024**

1805 London: even with her privileged life, Lady Hester knows that claiming the adventurous life she truly wants will not be easy. With the help of her renowned statesman uncle, she takes on the glittering world of London Society and quickly learns to bend the rules of the ton to her advantage. As her uncle's hostess, she astutely uses her skills to preside over—and give advice to—the most influential figures of her day, rising to a position unequalled in society.

But when it comes to getting married, Hester will settle for no less than a match of equals. Her affair with a naval officer tempts her with forbidden pleasures—even as it threatens her reputation. Her love for a brilliant diplomat offers the marriage of her dreams - and unexpected betrayal. And as England is plunged into war, Hester's world changes forever, causing her to find courage amid loss, chart a completely unexpected future—and make a glorious legacy forever hers. Throughout her life, Hester refuses to conform to the tight-laced strictures enforced on proper young ladies. Her story is about triumph and tragedy, and finding the strength to keep believing in yourself to live life on your own terms.

- Based on the real Lady Hester Stanhope, a British aristocrat, antiquarian, and adventurer who lived life on her own terms, defying all conventional strictures of what a woman could and couldn't do during the Regency era

### **DEATH AND THE SISTERS: A Mary Shelley Mystery (#1) by Heather Redmond – October 2023**

1814 London: the relationship between young *Frankenstein* author Mary Shelley, poet Percy Shelley, and Mary's stepsister Jane Clairmont form the backdrop for a new historical mystery. Mary and her stepsister Jane, both 16, possess quick minds bolstered by an unconventional upbringing, and have little regard for the rules that other young ladies follow. Mary, whose mother famously advocated for women's rights, rejects the two paths that seem open to her—that of an assistant in her father's bookshop, or an ordinary wife. One evening, an opportunity arrives in the form of a dinner guest, Percy Bysshe Shelley. At 21, Shelley is already a renowned poet and radical. Mary finds their visitor handsome and compelling, but it is later that evening, after the party has broken up, that events take a truly intriguing turn. When Mary comes downstairs in search of a book, she finds instead a man face down on the floor—with a knife in his back.

- Redmond's previous historical mystery series is sold in Germany and Poland

### **WE ARE ONLY GHOSTS by Jeffrey Richards – March 2024**

Dual timeline novel between 1968 NYC and WWII depicting queer love amid the horrors of death camps—balancing the violence and hatred of war and its aftermath with poignant moments of tenderness and joy. For readers of *A Little Life* by Hanya Yanagihara and *Young Mungo* by Douglas Stuart: in 1960s NYC the customers at Café Marie come for the illusion of being somewhere other than a bustling, exhausting city. Headwaiter Charles helps create that illusion through impeccable service. It's a skill Charles honed as a young Jewish boy in war-torn Europe, when avoiding attention might mean the difference between life and death. But even then, one man saw him all too clearly—a Nazi officer who was both his savior and tormentor.

At 17, Charles was deported to Auschwitz with his family. There he was singled out by Obersturmführer Berthold, who hid him in his home. Their entanglement produced a tortured affection mixed with hatred that flares to life again, decades later, when Berthold walks into Café Marie. Drawn back into Berthold's orbit, Charles is forced to revisit the pain and the brief, undeniable pleasures of the life he once knew. And if he acts on his growing hunger for revenge, will he lose his only tether to the past or find peace at last?

### **MURDER IN DRURY LANE: Lady Worthing Mysteries (#2) by Vanessa Riley – November 2023**

Second in a unique historical mystery series featuring a mixed-race heroine with a notorious past that will appeal to "Bridgerton" fans who want a sharper edge to their drama: pressed into a union of convenience, Lady Abigail Worthing knew better than to expect love. Her marriage to an absent lord does provide some comforts, including a box at the Drury Lane theater, owned by the playwright Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

Onstage one night a woman emits a scream of genuine terror. A man has been found dead in the prop room, stabbed through the heart. The magistrate, keen to avoid bringing more attention to the case and making Lady Worthing more of a target, asks Abigail not to investigate. But she cannot resist, especially when the usually curmudgeonly Henderson offers his assistance.

- *"Fans of Regency-era historical mysteries featuring intelligent heroines (such as Andrea Penrose's Lady Arianna or Tasha Alexander's Lady Emily) will find this series a welcome addition to the genre."* --Library Journal
- Riley's historical romance has been published in French, Portuguese (PT), and Romanian

### **IF THE TIDE TURNS by Rachel Rueckert – April 2024**

Set in 1715 during the Golden Age of Pirates and the aftermath of the Salem witch trials, this debut is inspired by the true story of real-life pirate Samuel Bellamy. As the daughter of a wealthy family, Maria has a secure future mapped out for her, yet it is not the future she wants: headstrong, and restless, Maria has no desire to marry the aging, mean-spirited John, regardless of his fortune and her parents' wishes. Samuel Bellamy, an orphaned sailor searching for work, meets Maria by chance, entrancing her with talk of far-flung places. But neither is free from the social order into which they were born. When Sam is banished from Maria's parents' home after asking for her hand, he vows to return a wealthy man, and Maria promises to keep the faith until then.

Sam is drawn into piracy and discovers a fulfilling brotherhood, despite its dangers. Intrigued by the chance to fight for justice and make a fortune, Sam is torn between his crew and his desire to return. Time slips by as Sam and Maria cling to their love for each other. Maria is determined to stay strong in her conviction in Sam, but as rumors swirl, Maria is forced into an impossible decision. Now, on a journey no less treacherous than Sam's, Maria draws on every shred of her courage and resilience not merely to survive, but to honor her own yearning for freedom.

- Rueckert has an MFA from Colombia University

### **THE MEDICINE WOMAN OF GALVESTON by Amanda Skenandore – June 2024**

Caught in the great Galveston Hurricane of 1900, a female doctor who has joined a traveling medical show to support her disabled son is forced to weather the storm and its aftermath in a town that is hostile to the troupe's unconventional ways: once a trailblazer in the field of medicine, Dr. Tucia hasn't touched a scalpel or stethoscope since she made a fatal mistake in the operating room. Instead, she works in a corset factory, striving to earn enough to support her disabled son. When even that livelihood is threatened, Tucia is left with one option—to join a charismatic showman named Huey and become part of his traveling medicine show.

Her medical license lends the show a pretense of credibility, but the cures and tonics Tucia is forced to peddle are little more than bathwater. Loathing the duplicity, even as she finds kinship with the other misfit performers, Tucia vows to leave as soon as her debts are paid—if Huey will ever let her go. When the show reaches Galveston, Tucia tries to break free from Huey, only to be pulled even deeper into his schemes. But there is a far greater reckoning ahead, as a storm becomes a devastating hurricane that will decimate the Gulf Coast—and challenge Tucia to recover her belief in medicine, in the goodness of others—and in herself. Perfect for fans of Kristin Hannah's *The Four Winds*.

- Skenandore's novel *Between Earth and Sky* was a Publishers Marketplace Buzz Books selection and winner of the American Library Association's RUSA Reading List award for Best Historical Fiction of the year. Her novel, *The Second Life of Mirielle West*, was the 2023 Silicon Valley Reads selection, an Apple Best Books of the Month and a Hoopla Book Club Pick. She has been published in French, Macedonian, Polish, Russian, and Spanish

### **UNDER THE PAPER MOON by Shaina Steinberg – May 2024**

Intrigue-filled debut from film writer Steinberg, as two former spies who shared more than just missions during WWII reunite in 1948 Los Angeles. Postwar mystery for fans of *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn and *The Lost Letter* by Jillian Cantor: it's 1942, and as far as her father knows, Evelyn, heiress to an aeronautics fortune, is working as a translator in London. In truth, Evelyn—daring and as adept with a rifle as she is in five languages—has joined the Office of Strategic Services as a spy. Her goal is to find her brother, who is being held as a POW in a Nazi labor camp. Through one high-risk mission after another she is paired with rebellious Nick, growing ever close to him until the war's end brings with it an act of deep betrayal.

Six years later, Evelyn is back home in Los Angeles, working as a private investigator. Then the suspected cheating husband she's tailing is murdered, and suddenly Evelyn is back in Nick's orbit again. Teaming up, Evelyn and Nick begin to uncover the true nature of her case—and realize that the war has followed them home. UNDER THE PAPER MOON includes larger themes of rebuilding life after war, family secrets, and postwar trauma.

- Steinberg has developed pilots and features with various film companies and most recently, she optioned a feature film to Balcony 9 with shooting scheduled to begin in 2023

### **THE SECRET OF THE LADY'S MAID: A Useful Woman Mystery (#2) by Darcie Wilde – January 2024**

Mystery series set in Regency England inspired by the novels of Jane Austen: Rosalind Thorne's quick wits and discretion have proved invaluable to London's *ton*. Success has at last brought her financial stability and a new home, which she shares with her best friend, Alice. But now trouble has infiltrated Rosalind's sanctuary, and the reputations in danger include her own.

Alice has formed a tender attachment to Amelia, the maid in their employ, and her affection is returned. But before meeting Alice, Amelia was involved with Cate, daughter of a well-respected family. The scandalous liaison caused the Levittons to banish Cate. Amelia has no expectation of seeing Cate again—until she stumbles upon her in the marketplace, looking deathly ill. The women bring Cate to their home with the help of Bow Street officer Adam, who deduces that Cate's sickness may in fact be arsenic poisoning. But who had motive, or means? As Rosalind and Adam work side by side, their suspicions grow—as does the bond between them.

- **German rights sold**

## Suspense, Mystery, & Thrillers:

### **THE SORORITY by Nancy Bush – August 2024**

Mackenzie was once in a school friend group who called themselves the Sorority. This group of girls did everything together, though there were some tensions, especially when one of them poached the other's boyfriend, Ethan. When Ethan died in a car accident just before graduation, it put a pall over the entire summer for everyone in the community. Once the fastest of friends, the "sisters" of the Sorority drifted apart and went their separate ways.

Now, 10 years later, Mackenzie is approached by one of those "sisters". Leigh wants Mac to find Mia, another member of the friend group who seems to be missing. As a private investigator, Mac takes on the job, but she's barely begun when one of Ethan's school friends, Gavin, gets in car accident eerily reminiscent of Ethan's and ends up in a coma. Mac had just reacquainted with Gavin at the funeral of his younger brother. As Mac grows closer to the truth, she senses it all relates back to the glory days of the Sorority and that all these deaths might be far less accidental than they seem.

- Bush is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author

### **BUSY BODY by Kemper Donovan – February 2024**

Richard Osman meets Agatha Christie in this voice-driven series debut for fans of Anthony Horowitz and *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* following a ghostwriter whose famous subjects continually get wrapped up in murder. Each book in the series will feature different characters and settings, all surrounding the witty ghostwriter.

Former Senator Dorothy Gibson is the most talked-about person in the country right now, though largely for the wrong reasons. After her very public defeat, she has retreated to her home, inviting her ghostwriter to join her. Her collaborator is impressed by Dorothy's work ethic and steel-trap mind, not to mention the stunning surroundings (and one particularly gorgeous bodyguard). But when a neighbor dies under suspicious circumstances, Dorothy is determined to find the killer in their midst. And when Dorothy Gibson asks if you want to team up for a top secret, possibly dangerous murder investigation, the only answer is: "Of course!". But this investigation—much like the election—may not unfold the way anyone expects.

- *"The Busy Body is a delight from start to finish. If you like Agatha Christie, you'll love this."* - Alex Michaelides, # 1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Silent Patient*
- Donovan is the host of the podcast "All About Agatha" which has more than 100,000 downloads a month. He is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School

### **LONG TIME GONE by Charlie Donlea – June 2024**

When DNA results reveal a disturbing connection to the mysterious disappearance of a baby nearly 30 years ago, a forensic scientist is plunged into a dangerous search for answers in this new suspense ideal for fans of Alice Feeney, Riley Sager, and Megan Goldin: when Dr. Sloan submits her DNA to an online genealogy site for a research assignment, her goal is to better understand the treasure-trove of genetic information contained on ancestry websites. Sloan has one reservation about involving herself in the experiment: she's adopted. Grateful for a loving home, she's never considered tracking down her biological parents. The results of her search are shocking. Sloan's DNA suggests her identity is that of "Baby Charlotte" who captured the nation's attention when she mysteriously disappeared, along with her parents, in July 1995. Despite an exhaustive search, the family was never seen again, and no suspects were named in the case.

Sloan's discovery leads her to Sheriff Eric. Slowly Sloan begins getting to know her relatives. Though initially welcoming, they are also mysterious and tight-lipped. And the more she and Eric learn, the more apparent it becomes that the answers they seek are buried in a pool of family secrets that some will do anything to keep hidden.

- Donlea is a #1 international bestselling author who has been published in Australia, Czech, Danish, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese (BR & PT), Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, and UK. He has both standalone and series books available

### **ECHOES OF MEMORY by Sara Driscoll – August 2024**

Quinn, a florist grappling with post-traumatic amnesia, is the only witness to a murder – and maybe the only one who can solve it. After surviving a terrible attack, Quinn has lost her ability to retain new memories. Now, months later, it appears to the outside world as if her life is back to normal. But Quinn is barely holding on, relying on a notebook she carries with her at all times, a record of her entire existence since the assault. So when she witnesses a murder in the alley behind the her shop, Quinn immediately writes down every terrifying detail of the incident before her mind wipes it away.

By the time the police arrive, there's no body, no crime scene, and no clues. As Quinn reads them her notes, the police think this is just a ploy for attention since Quinn can't actually recall the details. The killing seems as erased from reality as it is from Quinn's mind - until the flashbacks begin. Suddenly, fragments of memories are surfacing—mere glimpses of that horrible night, but enough to convince Quinn that somewhere, locked in her subconscious, is the key to solving the case.

### **NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH: An Erin McCabe Thriller (#4) by Robyn Gigl – July 2024**

Timely thriller about murder, prejudice, and corruption in the highest of places following transgender attorney Erin McCabe: officer Jon Mazer has been charged with killing Black investigative reporter Stewart Marshall in a racially charged, headline-making murder. The evidence against defense attorney Erin's new client is overwhelming. Mazer's argument? He's a gay officer being set up to take the fall in an even bigger story. As Erin deals with an intensely personal issue at home and faces an uphill battle to prove her client's innocence, both she and Duane find themselves mired in a conspiracy of corruption deeper than they imagined—and far more dangerous than they feared.

- Rights to the series have sold in the UK, Polish, Spanish, and Portuguese (BR)
- Gigl is an attorney, speaker and activist who has been honored by the ACLU NJ and the NJ Pride Network for her work on behalf of the LGBTQ community. *Survivor's Guilt* was chosen as an Editor's Choice by *The Bookseller*

### **WHO TO BELIEVE by Edwin Hill – February 2024**

Claustrophobic standalone suspense novel for fans of Ruth Ware and Liane Moriarty following the aftermath of a murder in a quiet coastal New England town: Monreith was once a small community of whalers and farmers. These days it's a well-to-do town filled with commuters. A predictable place—until popular restaurateur Laurel Thibodeau is found brutally murdered in her own home. Suspicion naturally falls on Laurel's husband, Simon, but there are other rumors too.

Among the group of six friends gathered for Alice's 40th birthday, theories abound concerning Laurel's death. But maybe everyone in Monreith has something to hide. Because before this late-summer evening has come to a close, one of these six will be dead. And as jealousy, revenge, adultery, and greed converge, the question becomes not who among these friends might be capable of such a thing, but—who isn't?

A take on a locked room mystery with alternating points of view between six characters at a dinner party – every one of them unreliable narrators – keeps readers on their toes and asking the titular question: “Who can I believe in this story?”

- *“An inventive and fiendishly-layered suspense novel. The characters are compelling, the setting rich, and the tension electric. A first-rate exploration of secrets dark and deep.”* —Lou Berney, Edgar-winning author of *November Road* on *Who to Believe*

### **OUR LITTLE SECRET by Lisa Jackson – July 2024**

A pulse-pounding and twisting story of a fateful misstep, a deadly obsession, and the terrifying consequences, from #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author Jackson. Brooke is ready to end her six-week affair. Gideon is charming and sexy, but he's not worth throwing away her marriage. So she breaks it off, hoping Gideon will understand.

He doesn't. Gideon insists that he and Brooke are meant to be together. Finally, he backs off, but not before issuing a promise: he'll never let her go. Six years later, Brooke wants to believe it's all behind her. Her family has survived intact. Gideon has vanished. But the fear hasn't disappeared. Brooke can't tell how much of it is paranoia, and how much is justified, but she's worried. And maybe she's right to be. Because Gideon is a man who keeps his promises

- Rights for Lisa Jackson's books have sold all over the world, please inquire for specific availability and information

### **THE WILD SIDE by Fern Michaels – April 2024**

Action-packed standalone novel from the, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author: a former government agent is drawn back into the world of covert ops for a very unconventional mission. For Melanie, school counselor, the day's challenges typically involve a playground scuffle or a student skipping school. It's worlds away from her previous career as a vital part of the Office of Special Investigations. There, she devoted herself to covert operations, the riskier the better.

Since leaving, Melanie has cherished her peaceful, calm existence, with her two beloved retired service dogs for company. Then a call comes from her former supervisor, Rich. He needs her back for a highly specialized assignment. An international group of billionaires is known to meet regularly for decadent dinners, and they always hire high-class escorts for the occasion. Melanie is willing to pose as an escort and glean every scrap of intel that she can. But these men aren't just wealthy and powerful, they're also exceptionally ruthless. One slip, and they won't hesitate to eliminate Melanie, by any means necessary.

- Michaels is the *USA Today* and *New York Times*-bestselling author of the *Sisterhood*, *Men of the Sisterhood*, the *Godmothers* series, and dozens of other novels and novellas. There are over 95 five million copies of her books in print. Please inquire about specific series rights

### **SOME OF US ARE LOOKING: County Kerry (#2) by Carlene O'Connor – November 2023**

*USA Today*-bestselling O'Connor's Ireland-set atmospheric mystery series continues: in Dimpna's veterinary practice, an imminent meteor shower has elevated the usual gossip to include talk of shooting stars and watch parties. But there are also matters nearer at hand to discuss—including the caravan of young people selling wares by the roadside, and the shocking hit-and-run of local elderly man Chris Henderson. Just hours before his death, Henderson had stormed into the Garda Station, complaining loudly about the caravan's occupants causing noise and disruption. One of their members is a beautiful young woman named Brigid, and Dimpna is shocked when Brigid later turns up at her practice, her clothing splattered in blood and an injured hare tucked into her shirt.

Brigid claims that a stranger has been trying to obtain a lucky rabbit's foot. Dimpna is incensed at the thought of anyone mutilating animals, but there is far worse in store. On the night of the meteor shower, Dimpna finds Brigid's body tied to a tree, her left hand severed. She has bled to death. Wrapped around her wrist is a rabbit's foot. The rabbit's foot, the severed hand, the coinciding meteor shower—the deeper Dimpna and Detective Sargeant Cormac O'Brien investigate, the more ominous the signs seem to be, laced with a warning that Dimpna fears it will prove fatal to overlook. Will appeal to fans of Clare Mackintosh's *The Last Party*, Lousie Penny, and Tana French.

- O'Connor is the author of the bestselling Irish Mystery Series that has been published in Estonian, German, and the UK

### **WHAT WAITS IN THE WOODS by Terri Parlato – January 2024**

Atmospheric and expertly paced suspense in the vein of B.A. Paris and Alice Feeney following a young dancer's disturbing homecoming: when Esmé left the suburbs to become a professional ballerina, the future shimmered with promise. Eleven years later, her career has been derailed by an injury, and Esme knows it's time to abandon her dreams and go home to help her brother care for their ailing father. But her return coincides with an unthinkable crime: Kara, one of Esme's high school friends, is found dead in the woods behind her childhood house.

Esmé is shocked and grieving, but also uneasy. In her dreams, she still sees the man who showed up at the scene of the car accident that killed her mother—and told Esmé he was going to kill her too. Family and friends insisted the figure was a product of Esmé's imagination and a concussion. But she and Kara looked alike - could Kara's murder have been a case of mistaken identity? Day by day, Esmé discovers more about the friends and family she thought she knew. Soon, shining a light into the darkness to learn what really happened the night Kara died is the only way she can bring the nightmare to an end.

- **Polish rights sold**
- "A creepy debut most notable for the nightmares it finds beneath apparently untroubled surfaces." - Kirkus Reviews on *All the Dark Places* (2023)

## Erewhon (Speculative Fiction):

### **THE DEADENING by Nicholas Belardes – August 2024**

Stephen King's *Under the Dome* meets "The Last of Us" and T. Kingfisher's *What Moves the Dead* in this harrowing story about the downward spiral of a seaside town that becomes infected by a mysterious ocean-borne contagion: in a small fishing town known for its aging birding community and the local oyster farm, a hidden evil emerges from the depths of the ocean. It begins with sea snails washing ashore, attacking whatever they cling to. This mysterious disease starts transforming the wildlife, the seascapes, and finally, the people. Once infected, residents of Baywood start "deading": collapsing and dying, only to rise again, changed in ways both fanatical and physical. As the government cuts the town off from the rest of the world, the uninfected, including the introverted bird-loving Blas and his jaded older brother Chango, realize their town could be ground zero for a fundamental shift in the world.

Soon, disturbing beliefs and rituals emerge, overseen by the death-worshipping Risers. People must choose how to survive, how to find home, and whether or not to betray those closest to them. Stoked by paranoia and isolation, tensions escalate until Blas, Chango, and the survivors of Baywood must make their escape or become subsumed by this terrifying new normal. This eco-horror is ultimately an exploration on the disintegration of a society, the horrors of adaptation, and the immeasurable comfort found in human connection.

- "Do not eat fish from these waters. Or oysters. Really, just stay inland. Except that, in *The Deading*, that doesn't necessarily mean you're safe, either." —*Stephen Graham Jones*, bestselling author of *The Only Good Indians*

### **FALL OF THE IRON GODS: The Mechanists (#2) by Olivia Chadha – May 2022**

Second in a fast-paced, cyberpunk YA/crossover duology that is a searing portrayal of the future of climate change: despite hard-won victories, the revolutionary forces known as the Red Hand are more endangered than ever. The Planetary Alliance Commission—the PAC—has branded them public enemy number one, ramping up their efforts to eliminate the Red Hand's remaining members even as the pandemic rages on.

In order to protect the progress they have made, the team must adopt new tactics. Ashiva, armed with a new bionic upgrade, leads a team back into the fray on a dangerous mission across a toxic wasteland wracked by storms. Synch sets out to fortify their hidden stronghold, but his presence may actually hurt their cause. And Taru, determined to prove herself, attempts to bring down the regime from the inside. Greedy and unyielding, the PAC is all too willing to sacrifice people to achieve their optimal results, leaving Ashiva, Synch, and Taru to save their homeland from a government claiming to act for the greater good. Perfect for fans of Marie Lu and Zoe Hana Mikuta's *Gearbreakers*.

- *Rise of the Red Hand* (#1) was the Colorado Book Awards Young Adult winner and on the 2021 Locus Recommended Reading List. Chadha has a Ph.D in creative writing from Binghamton University and a master's in creative writing from the University of Colorado, Boulder
- "Fans of smart science fiction based in grounded, realistic science will devour this book. It's fast-paced, filled with dynamic characters, and topped with realistic issues relevant to modern life." — The Nerd Daily on *Rise of the Red Hand* (#1)

### **THE FEAST MAKERS (#3) by H.A. Clarke – April 2024**

Voice-driven YA/crossover trilogy featuring a spunky teenage lesbian witch and her close-knit group of friends. This ode to female friendship is perfect for any reader from Gen-Z to the 80s kids who grew up loving witchy icons like *The Craft* and *Buffy*: an action-packed conclusion to the *Scapegracers* trilogy, as our beloved teen coven tackle college acceptances, queer romance, and a witch trial to remember for the ages.

After restoring their powers, Sideways just wants to get on with senior year. But the covens have convened for the trial of Madeline. When this stubborn, independent witch begs the *Scapegracers* to save her from a cruel and unusual punishment, Sideways knows they have to get involved. It's the right thing to do, even if Madeline did steal their soul and wear it for a time. Right?

Sideways, Jing, Daisy, and Yates are reluctant to abandon what they've built together, but as the college acceptances (and rejections) roll in, the offer of a magical family beyond their hometown becomes increasingly tempting. Unfortunately, choosing a new coven will have to wait: witchfinders are gathering in town. Every witch—*Scapegracer* or not—is about to be in grave danger. On top of all that, Sideways thinks they just might be in love.

- *"As tender and intimate as it is ferocious and volatile, Scapegracers deserves to be this generation's go-to grimoire. May it launch a thousand covens of angry, loving, brilliant girls."* — *New York Times Book Review on Scapegracers (#1)*
- *"Witchcraft as solidarity, staunchly lesbian, and prose that sparks an absolutely sensorial delight—THE FEASTMAKERS is everything The Scapegracers Trilogy has always promised and more. If I put just one series in the hands of my younger self, it would be this one."*—Em. X. Liu, author of *The Death I Gave Him*
- *Scratch Daughters (#2)* was one of the Top 10 *New York Times Science Fiction Fantasy Books of the Year*

### **KALYNA THE CUTTHROAT (#2) by Elijah Kinch Spector – June 2024**

Second in a voice-driven fantasy adventure series following a plucky, sardonic con artist who must "prophesize" her way out of peril—discovering along the way that power and politics are nothing more than stories sold as truth. Ideal for fans of Naomi Novik's *Spinning Silver*: Radiant, scholar of curses and magical history, has spent several years on a research expedition abroad in Quruscan, one of the kingdoms of the Tetrarchia. When Tetrarchia and Radiant's home country of Loasht suddenly revoke their tenuous peace, Quruscan is no longer the safe haven for Radiant that it once was. He needs someone to help him escape: a bodyguard, perhaps, or someone with the cunning to escort him to safety. The perfect candidate is Kalyna: a crafty, mysterious mercenary with an uncanny reputation.

But the political situation is far more volatile than Radiant left it; it soon becomes clear that he may never be able to return home to his family. With a little of Kalyna's signature guile, she finds Radiant asylum in a utopian community and, for a moment, it seems like they might finally have a safe place to stay. But when the group's charismatic leader grows wary of the refugees flocking to his community, that sense of safety begins to unravel once more.

Kalyna the Cutthroat deftly imagines how the pressures of heroism can warp even the most unshakeable of survivors, asking what responsibilities human beings have to one another, and whether one good deed—of any magnitude—can absolve you of your past for the sake of a future.

- *"Delightful debut fantasy adventure. . . . Put your trust in Kalyna's hands and let her build a story around the two of you. Parts of it will speak to your own specific fears and desires; other aspects will be entertaining fictions, until you discover the devastating shard of truth within."* —*NPR*



## Historical Romance:

### **DAMNED IF I DUKE: Drop Dead Dukes (#2) by Anna Bradley – April 2024**

Bold and adventurous, Prudence is not the kind of woman to stand by meekly when someone she loves has been wronged. And she's quite certain that Jasper, Duke of Montford, somehow duped her father into racking up enormous gambling debts. When fate offers her a chance to blackmail Jasper into forgiving her father's losses, she seizes it, only to have her scheme backfire. Jasper enjoys London's illicit delights too much to wed. Too bad his grandfather has decided that a woman with the nerve to blackmail might be exactly the sort of wife to tame him. Pressed into a marriage neither wanted—and fighting a desire neither expected—Prue and Jasper torment and tempt each other beyond reason.

- **French rights sold.** Bradley's previous historicals have published in French, German, Italian, and Slovenian

### **THE LADY KNOWS BEST: Mrs. Goode's Magazine for Mischief (#1) by Susanna Craig – May 2023**

Regency series based around a ladies' magazine and the clever and often rebellious heroines behind it: serving as the advice columnist, 'Miss Busy B.', is the perfect outlet for Daphne's outspoken nature. But when she advises a young lady to break off her engagement to a notorious rake, the consequences take Daphne beyond the page and into her real life.

Miles, Viscount Deveraux, sometimes known as "that devil Deveraux" needs a respectable bride by the end of the Season, and he's bet a fortune that he can get one. Now, his fiancée has not only changed her mind—but done it publicly, in a letter to London's most infamous magazine. With the stakes high and time short, it seems reasonable to him that the columnist responsible should come to his rescue and marry him instead.

- Craig has been published in Croatian, Czech, German, Japanese, and Romanian for her *Love and Let Spy* series

### **EARL'S TRIP by Jenny Holiday – May 2024**

"Ted Lasso" meets "Bridgerton" in the 19th century in this laugh-out-loud bromantic comedy featuring three Regency-era Earls on their annual trip: even an earl needs his ride-or-dies, and Archibald counts himself lucky to have two friends that offer one another unconditional support in everything from Lady problems to family woes. The annual trip that Archie takes with his best friends Simon and Effie holds a sacred spot in their calendars. This year Archie is especially eager to get away until an urgent letter arrives from a family friend begging him to help prevent a ruinous scandal. Suddenly the trip has become earls-plus-girls, as Archie's childhood pals, Clementine and Olive, tag along.

Adult Clementine, while as frank and refreshing as he remembers, is also different to the wild girl he knew. This Clem is complex and surprising—and adamantly opposed to marriage. Which, for reasons Archie dare not examine too closely, he finds vexing. Then Clem makes him an indecent and delightful proposal, asking him to show her the pleasures of the marriage bed before she settles into spinsterhood. And what kind of gentleman would he be to refuse a lady?

Ideal for fans of Lyssa Kay Adams's *The Bromance Book Club* and Manda Collins' *A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem* this series features men who are more in touch with their softer side than their traditional Regency peers.

- Holiday is a *USA Today*-bestselling author. This is her Kensington debut

### **ACCIDENTALLY HIS: Designing Debutants (#3) by Sabrina Jeffries – February 2024**

Series featuring a trio of ladies who defy social constraints by starting a business as party planners to the *ton*. As a viscount's heir, Rafe is obligated to take a wife. But she must be the right sort of wife—not too independent, and not inclined to delve into his escapades as a spy. The forthright, perceptive Lady Verity is altogether the wrong choice. But Rafe's courtship is merely a ruse to discover whether Verity or anyone else associated with Elegant Occasions is leaking crucial information to the French. After enduring one disastrous engagement, Verity won't easily open her heart again, preferring to devote herself to Elegant Occasions. Rafe is charming, handsome, and kisses like the very devil, but she knows he's harboring secrets. Still, when Rafe offers his hand, Verity has little choice but to accept.

- Jeffries has over 9 million books in print in more than 20 languages
- **Czech, German, Portuguese (BR), Serbian, and UK rights sold to this series.** Czech, Danish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (BR), Romanian, Russian, and UK rights sold to her *Duke Dynasty* series

### **SILVER LADY by Mary Jo Putney – November 2023**

First in a duology from *New York Times* and *USA Today*-bestselling Putney: set in 19th century Cornwall and filled with intrigue, swashbuckling adventure, real-life history, and unshakable love, as a smoldering nobleman and a beautiful stranger with a mysterious gift discover they share a powerful passion, a unique legacy, and a common enemy.

A sense of duty sends Bran to Cornwall to confront his heritage of British nobility. Abandoned at birth, Bran wants nothing to do with the embittered remains of his family. But as a special agent for the Home Office, he senses trouble brewing along the coast. And he can't turn away from the vulnerable woman he encounters in the Cornish countryside. Merryn's amnesia makes her past a mystery to them both, but with her life in danger, the only thing Bran knows for sure is that the beautiful stranger needs his protection. Leaning into Bran is difficult enough, but can Merryn trust the strong bond—and the powerful passion—she feels for her rugged rescuer? She has no choice once Bran uncovers that she is at the center of a plot between French agents and Cornish smugglers. From misty woodlands to stormy shores, the two join forces with a band of loyal Cornishmen to bring down a common enemy. Yet will their growing love survive the coming peril?

- **Spanish rights sold.** Putney has been published in: Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, Estonian, French, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, and Turkish.

### **THE GROOM LIST: The Worthington Brides (#3) by Ella Quinn – July 2024**

Intelligent. Kind. Must like children. Passable looks. A man of means. Must make us laugh...For Lady Alice, these are some of the "musts" on the checklist for eligible bachelors compiled with her sisters as they husband-hunt among the ton. Yet when she encounters a striking nobleman on her morning ride in Hyde Park, Alice soon tallies another list of first impressions: shallow. Flirtatious. Without seriousness of purpose. Impossible to avoid.

Gifford, the Marquis of St. Albans, must wed in order to wrest his estate from his controlling father. Waltzing with lovely Lady Alice at the Season's whirl of balls and soirees however, defies Giff's expectations: his dance moves are smooth but their small talk is excruciating—he offers up gossip sheet tidbits while she interrogates him on his charitable works—or lack thereof! Charming. Amusing. Irresistible . . . A disastrous idea?

- **German rights sold.** Quinn has been published in Czech, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Slovakian

### **THE DUELING DUCHESS: Wicked Women of Whitechapel (#2) by Minerva Spencer – June 2023**

Regency romance series features heroines who aren't afraid to compete in a man's world: when Cecile lost everything in the French Revolution, she never imagined that she'd earn her living as a markswoman in a London circus. Another thing Cecile never imagined was becoming entangled with the man gossip columns call The Darling of the *Ton*. But mere weeks after rejecting his advances—and his infuriating engagement to an heiress—Darlington is back, this time to beg Cecile for help. And help him she will, by teaching him about honest work—and the right way to treat a woman.

- **French Rights Sold.** Spencer's previous Regency series have been published in French, German, Japanese, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, and Thai

## Nonfiction

### **THE D WORD: Making the Ultimate Decision for Your Marriage by Kate Anthony – January 2024**

Every year countless women struggle to decide whether to divorce their partners. Some are in relationships they know to be unsalvageable, yet they're terrified that divorce will hurt their kids. Others feel guilt-ridden and confused over their unhappiness with a spouse who seems, to the outside world at least, to be perfectly fine. And then there are those in between, restless and aware of problems that may or may not be fixable, with no idea how to tell the difference.

THE D WORD is an accessible guide for everyone who wants to take control of their lives, either by ending or repairing their marriage. Written in a straight-talking and empowering style, THE D WORD is more than a practical handbook for those considering divorce. It also reveals how outside influences negatively affect our relationships and expectations, stacking the odds against women. And it provides a template for confident decision-making and lasting growth and change—whether readers choose to stay in a marriage or leave it.

Anthony is the host of the *New York Times*-recommended “The Divorce Survival Guide Podcast” and the creator of the online coaching program, ‘Should I Stay or Should I Go?’ which has helped thousands of women make the most difficult decision of their lives using coaching tools, relationship education, neuroscience, community support, and deep self-work. Her writing has appeared in The Huffington Post, YourTango, MSN Living, Medium, and Solo Parent Magazine (for which she was the Senior Editor).

### **MISTRESS OF LIFE AND DEATH: The Dark Journey of Maria Mandl, Head Overseer of the Women’s Camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau by Susan Eischeid - January 2024**

First-ever biography of SS Overseer Maria Mandl, the highest-ranked woman in the Nazi killing machine and one of the few female perpetrators of the Holocaust. With new details, this unflinching examination charts her transformation from engaging country girl to “The Beast” of Auschwitz. As Head Overseer of the women’s camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, she was responsible for the murders of thousands, and for the suffering of countless more. In this riveting biography, Eischeid explores how Maria Mandl, a “nice girl from a good family,” came to embody the very worst of humanity. Born in 1912 in the beautiful, rural Austrian village of Münzkirchen, Maria enjoyed a happy childhood with loving parents—who later watched in anguish as their grown daughter rose through the Nazi system. After the war, Maria was arrested for crimes against humanity. Following a public trial attended by the international press, she was hanged in 1948.

For two decades, Eischeid has excavated the details of Mandl’s life story, drawing on archival testimonies, speaking to dozens of witnesses, and spending time with Mandl’s community of friends and neighbors who shared their memories as well as those handed down in their families. Eischeid shares details from these interviews here in print for the first time, including personal accounts of Mandl’s life in prison, her interactions with the Birkenau orchestra, an anguished letter from her father after the war, photographs, and an eyewitness account of a dramatic suicide attempt by Maria on the extradition train after her arrest. The result is a chilling and complex exploration of how easily an unlikely candidate can be turned toward evil in a climate of hate and fear.

- **Russian rights sold**

### **BLOOD: The Science, Medicine, and Mythology of Menstruation by Dr. Jen Gunter – February 2024**

The newest nonfiction by *New York Times*-bestselling author and internationally known OB/GYN Dr. Jen Gunter explores the science, myths, and fearmongering surrounding menstruation. Gunter offers a no-nonsense, fact-based overview of what the menstrual cycle is; addresses what's normal, what's not, and what requires medical intervention; and bashes the myths about menstruation which keep women uninformed and disempowered. Not knowing how your body works makes it challenging to advocate for oneself, and consequently many suffer in silence thinking their bodies are uniquely broken, when in fact what they are experiencing is typical.

Gunter discusses how the patriarchy has weaponized menstruation, either through outdated cultural norms, medical dismissal, grind culture with inadequate menstrual accommodations, or selling useless products. Covering everything from puberty to menopause, irregular bleeding and normal cramping to PCOS and endometriosis, contraception methods to the morning after pill, BLOOD will give readers the knowledge they need to make decisions for *their* bodies.

- Gunter's successful TED Talk on periods (with 3 million views) has led to a podcast on the TED network. Her CBC web series JENSPLAINING has been picked up by Amazon Prime. She has over 340k followers on TikTok and 370k on Twitter. Gunter is a vulvar and vaginal diseases expert who runs a clinic specifically for these concerns
- **Canadian, Greek, and UK rights sold.** Gunter has been published in Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, the UK, Canada, French, French Canadian, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Lithuanian, Mongol, Polish, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, and Ukrainian

### **STAR CROSSED: A Romeo and Juliet Story in Hitler's Paris by Heather Dune Macadam – September 2023**

WWII nonfiction set in 1940s Paris featuring a personal and moving story from the international bestseller and Pen Award Finalist author of *999: the City of Light* has fallen under German occupation and among patriotic Parisians, the pursuit of art, culture, and jazz have become bold acts of defiance. So has forbidden romance for talented and spirited Jewish teenager Annette, a student at the Beaux-Arts, and dashing young Catholic poet Jean. Despite their devout families' vehement opposition, the young couple finds acceptance at the famed Café de Flore, whose habitués include Simone de Beauvoir, Jean-Paul Sartre, Pablo Picasso, and other luminaries of the Latin Quarter's creative world. For a time, Annette and Jean feel they have eluded the brute might of the relentless Nazis - and their parents' demands. But as restrictions on the Jewish community escalate to arrests and deportations, the maleficent forces gathering around the young lovers set them on divergent and tragically inevitable paths.

Drawn from never-before-published family letters and other treasures, as well as archival sources and exclusive interviews, this breathtaking true story of beauty, art, liberation, and the transformative power of love resonates with an intimate story of undying devotion, seen through the prism of history. Ideal for fans of Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale* and Gwen Strauss's *The Nine*.

- **Czech, Hebrew, Slovakian, and Spanish rights sold.** Catalan, Chinese, Czech, Dutch, French, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovakian, Spanish, and UK rights sold to *999*

### **HOW TO TASTE: A Guide to Discovering Flavor and Savoring Life by Mandy Naglich – July 2023**

Whether it's a meaningful meal or a favorite nostalgic road trip snack, we know what we like to eat. But even when it comes to the most vivid and memorable dishes it's tough to say what exactly makes them so delicious. Award-winning expert certified food and beverage taster and lifestyle journalist Naglich reveals how to hone your tasting powers like a pro. This is a sumptuous behind-the-scenes tour and informative how-to that covers everything from wine and cheese to ice cream and honey, tea, chocolate, and even water, to the science within your taste buds.

Take a seat beside highly-trained cheese analysts, world-class sommeliers, competitive whiskey tasters, internationally recognized chefs, and sensory scientists as experts divulge the secrets to discerning the notes in a range of ingredients, from a dab of honey to a spoonful of olive oil—and even a sip of mineral water. A rich journey for the flavor-obsessed, this instant classic is both a practical guide and a sumptuous meditation on how to savor all things delicious—on the plate and in life. Perfect for fans of Mary Roach and Samin Nosrat's *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat*.

- **Chinese right sold.** Naglich is a food and beverage journalist, beer educator, Advanced Cicerone, AROXA Certified Taster, WSET Spirits, Certified Cider Professional, and National Homebrew Competition Gold Medalist

### **LITTLE, CRAZY CHILDREN by James Renner – August 2024**

True crime exploring the unsolved murder of 16-year-old Lisa Pruett in the real-life town of the bestselling novel *Little Fires Everywhere*: in September of 1990, in the Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights, 16-year-old Lisa, a poetry lover and member of a church youth group, was on her way to a midnight tryst with her boyfriend, when she was viciously stabbed to death only 30 feet from the boy's home. The murder cast a palpable gloom over the upscale community and sparked accusations, theories, and rumors among Lisa's friends and peers. Together they wove a damning narrative that circled back to a likely suspect: "weird" high school outcast Kevin Young. Without a shred of evidence the teen was arrested, charged, and tried for the crime. His eventual acquittal didn't squelch the anger and outrage among those who believed that Kevin got away with murder. Who had the capacity for such unchecked violence? What monsters still lurk in the dark? After more than 30 years, questions like these continue to fester among the community of Shaker Heights.

- *"Little, Crazy Children is a compelling page-turner with astounding revelations. In this intriguing account of a determined journalist's quest for justice, James Renner skillfully uncovers dark secrets of both the living and the dead."* —Leslie Rule, author of *A Tangled Web*

### **Cozy Mystery:**

#### **MUGSHOTS OF MANHATTAN: A Snapshot of NYC Mystery (#2) by Christin Brecher – September 2023**

Set in the world's most exciting city, this new cozy mystery promises photo taking fun, New York glamour—and satisfying sleuthing featuring up-and-coming photographer Liv Spyer, a millennial with a keen eye for crime, who is sure to charm readers who are young and young at heart.

#### **ANOTHER SLICE OF MURDER: Baker Street Mystery (#3) by Valerie Burns – August 2024**

Newest in the cozy series featuring social media maven Maddy Montgomery: following on the heels of a very public wedding disaster—her fiancé stood her up at the altar for all of social media to see—Maddy inherits her great aunt's bakery and house. The perfect opportunity to reinvent herself, Maddy packs up her Louboutins and flies off to a town so small the population doesn't even meet her criteria for number of reviews a restaurant must have before she'll try it.

- *"Snappy dialogue, a well-drawn supporting cast and an irresistible canine companion all add delicious flavor. Gulp this book down or savor it, but consuming it will guarantee a sustained sugar high."*— *The New York Times Book Review* on Book 1 in the series

#### **A CYCLIST'S GUIDE TO CRIME & CROISSANTS: A Cyclist's Guide Mystery (#1) by Ann Claire – June 2024**

Ideal for fans of armchair travel as you can vicariously tour the sundrenched Mediterranean Coast in this perfectly escapist cozy mystery series starring American expat-turned-bike tour company owner in Southern France. Sadie shocked everyone by ditching her sensible office job and buying a sight-unseen French bicycling tour company. Now she's living the unconventional life of her dreams in the gorgeous village of Sans-Souci-sur-Mer. Sans souci means carefree, but Sadie feels the pressure when old friends arrive for a tour, including her former boss, Dom. When Dom drags his heels on fun, Sadie vows he'll enjoy it if it kills her. That is, until Dom ends up dead.

#### **MURDER IN AN ITALIAN VILLAGE (#1) by Michael Falco – October 2023**

Set in Positano, Italy and perfect for the armchair traveler: with the grand opening of her inn approaching six months after her husband's tragic death, Bria and her young son brace for a bittersweet new beginning by the sea. Before celebrating, a lifeless stranger appears in an otherwise pristine guest room. As suspicions fall on a B&B employee, what's certain is that saving her reputation—and surviving—depend on catching the real killer before it's too late.

#### **PUMPKIN CHIFFON PIE MURDER: A Hannah Swensen Mystery by Joanne Fluke – September 2024**

*New York Times*-bestselling author and Queen of the Culinary Mystery Fluke returns with the latest installment of her mystery series featuring the charming small-town baker and her team of murder solving friends along with more delectable recipes! Six books in the series have aired as movies on the *Hallmark* channel, with another three to come.

- Rights to *Hannah Swensen* books have previously sold in Estonian, French, German, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Spanish, and the UK. Joanne Fluke is a Mystery Writer's Of America Grandmaster of the mystery genre

**A HIGH TIDE MURDER: A Cannabis Café Mystery (#2) by Emily George – March 2024**

Cannabis themed cozy mystery series: what a long, strange trip it's been for Chloe. After her dream of becoming a Parisian pastry chef crashed and burned, she returned to her seaside hometown and opened a cannabis café. Despite some residents' misgivings about how such a business may affect the community's reputation, Baked by Chloe has become a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. But when it comes to surfers, the only high they want to ride is on a wave. The annual summer Surf Competition is underway, and fan favorite Aaron is treading water. Plagued by professional and personal pressures, he finds himself no longer a top contender, and everyone is saddened when he takes his own life. But his best friend Ethan Wilson knows that despite Aaron's difficulties, suicide was not on his mind, and he begs Chloe to investigate.

**DEADLY WALK IN DEVON by Nicholas George – April 2024**

For fans of M.C. Beaton and Alexander McCall Smith: the first in a charming mystery series set in the English countryside, as a retired US police detective embarks upon group walking tours in England's most scenic counties. After a long career as a detective, Rick "Chase" Chasen has traded in his badge for a change of scenery in the coastal comforts of Devon, England, until a local murder takes him on a deadly detour.

**MURDER AT AN IRISH CHIPPER: An Irish Village Mystery (#10) by Carlene O'Connor – March 2024**

*USA Today*-bestselling author O'Connor's mystery series following Garda of County Cork, Ireland, Siobhán O'Sullivan: a belated honeymoon turns into a busman's holiday when Gardas Siobhán and Macdara Flannery find themselves investigating a dead body found in a fish and chips shop.

- Estonian, German, and UK rights sold to this series
- Over 550K copies of this series sold domestically

**REHEARSED TO DEATH: A Domestic Partners in Crime Mystery (#2) by Frank Polito – June 2023**

Polito returns with the second book in a new mystery series focusing on a gay couple who solve crimes while renovating houses: Peter's first play is having its premiere at the local community theater. His significant other, JP, has the lead and hotshot Xander Sherwood Deva, is directing. Unfortunately, the controlling, arrogant, egomaniacal diva has everyone on edge – until he is found strangled to death.

**GONE WITH THE WITCH: Witch Way Librarian Mystery Series (#5) by Angela Sanders – March 2024**

Mystery lovers with a taste for the witchy will be charmed by this spellbinding series featuring librarian witch Josie Way, her feline familiar, and, of course, murder! As the bones pile up librarian and apprentice witch Josie hits the books—and soon finds herself playing Dr. Watson to none of the than Sherlock Holmes!

**MURDER MARKS THE PAGE: Tomes & Tea Mystery (#1) by Karen Rose Smith – April 2024**

First in a new series following Jazz Swanson who has opened her own book and tea shop, providing a variety of literature and flavored beverages for her small community. But Jazz has not only inherited her mother's gift for brewing tasty drinks—she also has a nose for sniffing out murder.

Ask Us About Our Long Running Mystery Series:

**MURDER IN THE BOOK LOVERS LOFT: Book Retreat Mystery (#9) by Ellery Adams – August 2023**

**PAPER CUTS: The Secret, Book, & Scone Society (#6) by Ellery Adams – May 2023**

**FIVE FURRY FAMILIARS: Kitchen Witch (#5) by Lynn Cahoon – March 2024**

**LIMITED EDITION MURDER: Beyond the Page Bookstore Mystery (#10) by Lauren Elliott – April 2024**

**AN ART LOVER'S GUIDE TO PARIS AND MURDER: Countess of Harleigh Myster (#7) by Dianne Freeman – July 2024**

**MURDER AT A SCOTTISH CASTLE: Scottish Shire (#5) by Traci Hall – February 2024**

**MURDER AT VINLAND: Gilded Newport (#12) by Alyssa Maxwell – August 2024**

**MURDER AT THE MERTON LIBRARY: Wrexford & Sloane Mystery (#7) by Andrea Penrose – October 2023**

**GONE WITH THE WITCH: Witch Way Librarian Mystery (#5) by Angela Sanders – March 2024**

**MURDER WITH EARL GREY TEA: Daisy's Tea Garden Mystery (#9) by Karen Rose Smith – June 2023**