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Contemporary Fiction & Romance:

GOTHICTOWN by Emily Carpenter – April 2025

Kensington debut inspired by Shirley Jackson's *The Lottery* and for fans of Camilla Sten's *The Lost Village* that is a blend of suspense and horror following a woman who moves her family from their cramped New York City apartment to a seemingly idyllic town, only to discover the darkness that lurks beneath the surface of the friendly, if forced, smiles and the sun-dappled streets: the email that lands in Billie's inbox seems like a gift from the universe. For \$100, she can purchase a spacious home in Juliana, a small town eager to boost its economy in the wake of the pandemic. She can leave behind her overstuffed New York City rental and the painful memories of shuttering her once thriving restaurant and start over with her husband and daughter. Plus, she'll get a business grant to open a new restaurant in a charming riverside community laden with opportunity.

A few phone calls and one hurried visit later, and Billie, Peter, and 6-year-old Meredith are officially part of the Juliana Initiative. The town is everything promised—a world away from city living with weather as warm as its people. Between settling into their lavish home and starting her new restaurant, Billie is busy enough to dismiss niggling concerns.

Yet those misgivings grow. Billie's sleep is marred by haunting dreams, and her marriage with Peter is growing increasingly strained. Meanwhile the town elders, all descended from Juliana's founding families, exert a level of influence that feels less benevolent and more stifling day by day. There's something about Juliana—something off-kilter and menacing beneath that hospitality. And no matter how much Billie longed for her family to come here, she's starting to wonder how, and if, they'll ever leave. Would appeal to readers of Stacy Willingham, Julia Bartz, and Kiersten White.

THE BIG FIX by Holly James – April 2025

Genre-blending novel with a strong voice that is part romcom, part comedic suspense, and is ideal for fans of *Raiders of the Lost Heart* by Jo Segura, the *Finlay Donovan* series by Elle Cosimano, and *The Bodyguard* by Katherine Center. A modern mashup of screwball action and romantic attraction when a case of mistaken identity lands a college professor on the run with a mysterious—and dangerously hot—fixer.

When bookish Penny reluctantly lets her sister drag her to an estate sale at a neighbor's house, she's hoping for a little diversion rummaging through dusty antiques. Instead, she ends up in a public squabble over candlesticks with the deceased owner's (very hot) nephew, Anthony—right before a dead body tumbles out of a closet.

Penny's plan for the summer involved finalizing tenure at the university where she's a computer sciences professor. Instead, she's suddenly on the run with a man she barely knows, scaling walls, evading bullets, and accidentally stabbing henchmen. It seems the wrong people have got it in their heads that she's Anthony's girlfriend, in possession of something they desperately need—and will do anything to get.

As for Anthony, he has a top-secret occupation as a fixer—in addition to a set of impossibly ripped abs. But a recent fix went dangerously awry, and now he and Penny are dodging both a ruthless billionaire and the FBI. And it'll take all of Penny's plentiful common sense, in addition to Anthony's skills, to survive long enough for her to see the next semester.

- *"THE BIG FIX truly has it all: gripping action, page-turning suspense, laugh-out-loud humor, swoon-worthy romance—even dead bodies falling out of closets! Holly James has outdone herself with this wildly entertaining romp of a novel."* —Megan Collins, author of *The Family Plot*
- **Hebrew rights sold**

DISTANCE: A Dark Mafia Romance (#1) by Luna Mason – March 2025

Intense dark mafia romance series featuring elite criminal families, morally gray anti-heroes, and breath-stealing tension for fans of J.T. Geissinger, Sophie Lark, Rina Kent, and Shantel Tessier: from a poor, underground street fighter, Keller rose to fame as the world heavyweight boxing champion. What no one knows is that he is also trapped in the mafia until his debts were paid. A simple deal was offered to gain his freedom – or at least it seemed simple until an enchanting British firecracker arrived on the scene. Wanting Sienna was dangerous for both her and Keller, but he goes for it anyway. But when the truth is revealed, can Sienna still love Keller? Newly single and focusing on building her life in New York, Sienna has sworn off men for the foreseeable future. That is until she meets Keller – even when he repeatedly closes himself off from her. When the mask shatters and the truth is revealed, Sienna is tempted to stay, even if it means her life is at stake.

Ideal for fans of very high heat dark romance novels with lots of Booktok buzz. This series was independently published in 2023/2024 to a huge fanbase and we will now be re-releasing the four books every three months beginning March 2025, copyedited and with new bonus content.

- This series has nearly 50k Amazon reviews and 80k Goodreads ratings. With +425k likes and +21k followers on Tiktok, another +38k on Instagram (as of August 2024) and a very engaged Facebook readers group, Mason knows how to connect with her fans on social media

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME by Yamile Saied Méndez – July 2025

A young woman who's spent years traveling the globe to outrun her own grief faces a momentous decision on her 33rd birthday: all Stevie wanted was a cozy life in suburbia—a loving husband, adorable kids, a dog. That simple dream shattered when she was only 16 and she has spent the years since trying to outrun the pain and make something of herself, if only to prove to her estranged family that she's happy and successful.

So Stevie “dates” new countries, from Paris to Cairo to Cabo San Lucas, curating a gorgeous Instagram feed. Then one frigid January day in Rome she meets Paulo. He would be her perfect match—if they weren't separated by continents and obligations. Unable to say goodbye, they agree that if they're both single at 33, they'll marry each other. And then January of their 33rd rolls around and suddenly it's up to Stevie to choose happiness.

SUMMER IN A BOTTLE by Annie Rains – May 2025

Feel-good fiction from *USA Today*-bestseller Rains ideal for readers of Rebecca Searle: dumped by her fiancé, opinion columnist Lyla returns home to heal, and to help her parents prep their house for sale. When she decides to open a time capsule she buried when she was 18-years-old, she finds a diary filled with moments from the last summer she spent at home. Some of the events feel like they happened yesterday. That's normal. Not so normal is that they start happening all over again. As her current summer increasingly mirrors that last one, Lyla worries it will end just as disastrously. And when she reconnects with Travis, Lyla becomes certain that unless she does what her younger self was unable to do, she'll suffer the same regrets. But if this time around she can gather her courage, maybe the life that was falling apart when she arrived will fall back together—even better than before.

- Rains has been published in Germany

CHASING THE RING by Lauren Rowe – February 2026

Kensington debut from self-published author Rowe, who is a *USA Today* and Amazon bestselling author with a highly-engaged social media fanbase: hours before her wedding day, Iris finds out her fiancé has been cheating on her. A lot. She devises a plan for revenge with the help of her best friends and ultimately winds up finding lust, and then the great love of her life, in the most unexpected of places - with a hot, albeit mysterious, single father who was double-booked in the Hawaiian bungalow originally reserved for Iris's honeymoon. Little does Iris know, the hot stranger she barges into while he's in the shower is an elite NFL quarterback who's looking to make a change in his life - and who also thoroughly enjoys the fact that Iris has absolutely no idea who he is. Great for fans of Josie Silver's *One Night on the Island* and readers of Lucy Score and Tessa Bailey.

- One of Rowe's romances has a “Best of TikTok” badge on Amazon. Rowe's books have also been #1 in many categories, including romantic suspense, young adult, contemporary romance, family saga, and humor

ON HER TERMS by Amy Spalding – March 2025

For fans of Casey McQuiston and Alexis Hall, a sapphic romcom about a fake relationship with real emotions: fresh off breaking up with her boyfriend and swerving away from the conventional married life she never wanted, Clementine is ready to explore the alternatives. And though a fake relationship to appease family sounds like a recipe for disaster, Clem finds herself saying yes to Chloe. Before they have attended Clem’s parents’ party and Chloe’s friend’s wedding, the two of them end up spending a lot of time together. As the attraction between them grows, it begins to feel real to Clem. Chloe, however, is fine as just friends. How can Clem persuade her otherwise?

- **UK right sold**

RUSTLER MOUNTAIN by Maisey Yates – March 2025

Small-town Western spice with a bad boy/good girl trope for fans of Elsie Silver and Lyla Sage: every year, thousands of people come through Rustler for the rodeo, historic home tours, old-fashioned candy making demonstrations —and to see the site of the 1800s shootout in which notorious outlaw Austin Wilder was killed by Sheriff Lee Talbot. Now Millie Talbot, the sheriff’s descendant, wants to bring back the town’s Gold Rush Days. But she needs the current Austin Wilder’s support to make her dream a reality. The Wilders are rumored to be as true to their last name as their ancestors. Nonetheless, Austin is agreeable to helping Millie. But he wants something in return. Austin is working to clear his family name by writing the true history of his outlaw ancestors and Millie might just hold the key. When Millie wrangles Austin into helping plan Gold Rush Days, he figures it’s a chance to get to the truth of the past. But when sparks start to fly between this bad boy and good girl, will either of them come out of it unscathed?

- Yates is a *New York Times* and *USA Today*-bestselling author whose novels have sold more than 10 million copies

Historical Fiction:

THUS WITH A KISS I DIE: Daughter of Montague (#2) by Christina Dodd – July 2025

Continuation of *Romeo & Juliet* where the couple was able to live happily ever after and following their daughter as a clever and fiercely independent young woman in fair Verona: in book 2, fans of the bard will be happy to see some nods to *Macbeth* included. 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 – until she falls head over heels for Lysander. But their love is ill-fated as Escalus, the Prince of Verona, wishes to make Rosie *his* bride. When the ghost of Escalus’s father, Prince Escalus the Elder, appears to Rosie and promises to help her if she reveals the shadows lurking beneath Verona’s glittering surface, she decides to accept the risk.

- New genre from Dodd who is the author of romance, suspense, and thriller novels with more than 15 million copies in print. **Russian rights sold**. Spanish and Polish rights sold to *A Daughter of Fair Verona* (2024)

THE RESURRECTIONIST by A. Rae Dunlap – January 2025

Debut in the tradition of Caleb Carr’s *The Alienist* and for fans of ML Rio’s *If We Were Villains* and Lydia Kang’s *The Impossible Girl*. A macabre novel set during 19th century Scotland when real-life serial killers Burke and Hare terrorized the streets of Edinburgh, following a young medical student who is lured into the illicit underworld of body snatching.

Naïve but determined James has abandoned his sheltered life to pursue a dream of studying surgery in Edinburgh. A beacon of medical discovery, the university offers everything—except the chance to work on a human cadaver. For that, he needs to join one of the private schools in Surgeon’s Square, at a cost he cannot afford. In desperation, he strikes a deal with Aneurin “Nye” MacKinnon, a dashing young dissectionist. Nye is a body snatcher. And James has unwittingly become his accomplice. Intoxicated by Nye and his noble mission to learn and educate, James rapidly descends into the underground ranks of the Resurrectionists—the grave robbers infamous for stealing fresh corpses from churchyards to be used as anatomical specimens. Before he knows it, James is caught up in a life-or-death scheme as rival gangs of snatchers compete in a morbid race for power and prestige. THE RESURRECTIONIST combines fact and fiction in a tale of the risks and rewards of scientific pursuit, the passions of its boldest pioneers, and the urges of human desire.

- Featured in Netgalley’s roundup of highly anticipated upcoming releases – “30 Fall and Winter Books to Have on Your Radar”. **German and UK rights sold**

THE OTHER MARCH SISTERS by Linda Epstein, Ally Malinko, Liz Parker – March 2025

Delightfully fresh companion to the beloved *Little Women*. This imaginative historical novel shows Meg, Beth, and Amy March from behind the shadow of Jo – Louisa May Alcott’s alter-ego and the “author” of *Little Women* as vibrant characters grappling with societal strictures, chronic illness, artistic ambition, and more. Ideal for readers of Geraldine Brooks’ *March*, Sarah Miller’s *Caroline*, and Ava Reid’s *Lady Macbeth*.

Meg, pretty and conventional. Jo, stubborn, tomboyish, and ambitious. Beth, shy and good-natured. And Amy, elegant, frivolous, and shallow. But Jo, for all her insight, could not always know what was in her sisters’ thoughts, or in their hearts. With Jo away in New York, pursuing her dreams of being a writer, Meg, Beth, and Amy follow their own paths. By leaving Jo off the page, the other March sisters have the room to reveal themselves through conversations, private correspondence, and intimate moments—coming alive in ways that might surprise even daring, unconventional Jo.

BEYOND THIS PLACE OF WRATH AND TEARS by Jack Ford – June 2025

Dual timeline, fact-based historical fiction telling the remarkable story of the underrecognized life of Lee Carson, a heroic female journalist who defied convention to report from the front lines of WWII. A read for fans of Kate Quinn, Christine Mangan, and Erika Robuck.

Washington, DC, April 1954: Lee, former war correspondent, is frustrated that her journalism career has been relegated to society events and fashion stories. But when she receives a tip about a Russian spy in a high-ranking government position at the height of the Cold War, she feels the thrill of a story that she hasn’t felt since she was on the front lines of the European theater.

London, December 1943: As war rages across Europe, 22-year-old Lee is waging a private battle of her own. An American-born correspondent for the International News Service, she is determined to cover the war from the field. But no woman will be allowed near the front lines. Assigned to cover the build-up to the invasion of Nazi-held Europe, she constantly wrangles with authorities to get to the heart of the action. From talking herself onto a bomber and flying over Normandy at the start of D-Day to other feats of daring, she witnesses and reports on the war’s most pivotal moments.

- Ford has received three Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award, three American Radio and Television Awards, a National Headliner Award, and the March of Dimes FDR Award

COLONY OF LOST SOULS by Kelsey James – July 2025

Historical fiction with a Gothic edge following a woman in 1930s California who goes looking for her missing sister and is drawn into a chilling cult: born a year apart, May and June were once as close as twins. Time and a loveless marriage changed the once vibrant May into June’s timid counterpart. Now, two years after June disappeared, May receives a letter from her sister inviting her to visit a mysterious colony.

The Colony lives in a magnificent Spanish Revival-style mansion perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific and is presided over by the group’s charismatic leader, Rex. Colony members believe in an afterlife where departed souls mingle, and that the truly enlightened can summon back the spirits of lost loved ones. May is told that June has recently left on a mission, and she’s intrigued enough to accept Rex’s invitation to stay until her sister’s return. Drawn deeper into the group, and under Rex’s seductive spell, May undergoes their initiation ceremony. Yet her questions grow more urgent with June’s continued absence—and the warnings of a presumptuous but charming undercover investigator. May has longed for the daring, adventurous life her sister pursued, but her arrival has sparked a dangerous unraveling within the Colony, where nothing and no one is quite as it seems.

THE ENTIRELY TRUE STORY OF THE FANTASICAL MESMERIST NORA GREY by Kathleen Kaufman – August 2025

Atmospheric dual timeline historical fiction set in 1900 and 1866, from Scotland to Wales to Boston, this is a heartbreaking exploration of feminine rage, power, and agency: leaving behind a quiet life, Nairna traverses the Scottish countryside with her charlatan father, Tavish. From remote cottages to rural fairs, the duo scrapes by on paltry coins as Tavish orchestrates ‘encounters’ with the departed, while Nairna interprets tarot cards. But beyond her father’s trickery, Nairna possesses a genuine gift for communicating with the spirit world, one that could get an impoverished country girl branded a witch. A talent inherited from her grandmother, Lottie, whose story of imprisonment and exploitation in a notorious asylum is calling out to Nairna from four decades past—a warning to break free from the manipulations and betrayals of others.

Rescued from homelessness by a well-connected stranger, Nairna is whisked into a new life among Edinburgh’s elite Spiritualist circle, including visiting American star Dorothy Kellings. Researchers, doctors, psychics, and thrill-seekers clamor for the rising young medium. But after a séance with blood-chilling results, a shocking scandal ensues, and Nairna flees to a secluded community near Boston, where she assumes a new identity: Nora Grey.

MURDER IN Highbury by Vanessa Kelly – November 2024

Start of a Regency mystery series featuring Jane Austen’s Emma Knightly from a beloved historical romance author: less than one year into her marriage to respected magistrate George Knightley, Emma has grown content in her partnership. The height of summer sees the former Miss Woodhouse gracefully balancing the management of her family estate and a flurry of social engagements. But circumstances change in an instant when Emma and Harriet Martin, now the wife of one of Mr. Knightley’s tenant farmers, discover a hideous shock at the local church. The corpse of Mrs. Augusta Elton, the vicar’s wife, has been discarded on the altar steps.

As a murder mystery blooms and chaos descends upon the tranquil village of Highbury, the question isn’t who committed the crime, but who wasn’t wishing for the unpleasant woman’s demise. When suspicions fall on a harmless local, Emma—armed with wit, unwavering determination, and extensive social connections—realizes she must navigate an investigation of her own to protect the innocent and expose the ruthless culprit hiding in plain sight.

- Each book in the series will showcase well-known settings and beloved characters from *Emma*. Subsequent books will feature crossovers with characters and settings from other Austen novels, as Emma’s world occasionally expands beyond the village of Highbury. Kelly’s historical romances have previously been published in Czech, German, Italian, Romanian, and Russian

A BEACON IN THE LIGHT: The Secret Churchill Files (#2) by David Lewis – July 2025

A British spy works alongside her aristocratic partner to root out Nazi collaborators in this WWII caper: Britain has endured the bombing campaign of the Blitz. Caitrin, too, strives to weather each challenge that comes her way, though her banter belies deep heartbreak. But now the war has entered another phase. Instead of indiscriminate bombing, the Luftwaffe is pinpointing historic targets, including cathedrals and ancestral homes. And soon it is not just historical targets under attack, but hospitals and medical facilities too. Tasked with rooting out the saboteurs placing the beacons, she finds that all roads lead to Teddy, a charismatic Whitechapel crook with high aspirations and zero scruples.

A SLASH OF EMERALD: Dr. Julia Lewis Mystery (#2) by Patrice McDonough – March 2025

A trailblazing female medical examiner in 1867 London and a skeptical Scotland Yard detective investigate a string of art world murders in this dark, historically rich mystery. Among the genteel young ladies of London society, painting is a perfectly acceptable pastime—but a woman who dares to pursue art as a profession is another prospect, indeed. Dr. Julia Lewis, familiar with the disrespect afforded women in untraditional careers, is hardly surprised when Scotland Yard shows little interest in complaints made by her friend, Mary, about a break-in at her art studio.

Painters’ sitters are vanishing, too—women viewed by some as dispensable outcasts. But when someone close to them commits suicide and a young woman turns up dead, the case can no longer be so easily ignored by ‘respectable’ society.

- Book 1, *Murder by Lamplight*, was a #1 bestseller on Audible for Historical Mystery

THE DETERMINED by Rachel Rueckert – May 2025

Set during the Golden Age of Pirates and based on the real experiences of the era's most fascinating pirates: Anne Bonny and Mary Read. Rueckert aims to upend stereotypes of female pirates and excavates these two figures in a story of passion, fierce female friendships, and women confronting the impossible.

For Anne and Mary, life at sea offers a freedom that few women ever know. Born to an Irish gentleman and his maid, Anne leaves her beloved County Cork behind when her family emigrates to escape prejudice. Cornered in a crisis, she flees, making a bitter bargain for safe passage to the Bahamas. Across the Atlantic in England, Mary confronts her own limitations as an illegitimate daughter. Sneaking into a merchant crew, she disguises herself as a cabin boy, working harder than the men to avoid scrutiny. But when war breaks out and sends Mary into the cavalry, she meets a challenge even she might not rival. When their paths collide in Nassau, a notorious pirate den, Anne and Mary find kinship and a new life aboard the infamous *Revenge*, the fastest ship in the Caribbean. And from the high seas to the depths of a Jamaican prison, Anne and Mary must navigate impossible choices, each determined to taste freedom again.

AN UNQUIET PEACE: Bishop & Gallagher (#2) by Shaina Steinberg – May 2025

"Mr. and Mrs. Smith" meets Elizabeth Wein's *Code Name Verity* in this mystery set in late-1940s Los Angeles, as former WWII spy Evelyn and detective Nick team up as an unconventional duo: as an undercover operative during World War II, Evelyn routinely embarked on deadly missions. By contrast, civilian life should be simple. Yet Evelyn struggles with the responsibility of being the new president of Bishop Aeronautics. With Nick, at least, Evelyn can be entirely herself. Once a fellow spy, now her fiancé, Nick works as a private investigator. But the mission that first brought them together is not entirely over. Evelyn receives a call from her former commanding officer, who is overseeing the Berlin Airlift. He is concerned that the Soviets are trying to recruit a scientist Evelyn and Nick smuggled out of Nazi Germany.

- Czech rights sold to the first book in the series

DEATH ON CORFU (#1) by Emily Sullivan – May 2025

Historical mystery series perfect for fans of the television shows "The Durrells in Corfu" or "Hotel Portofino": in Greece at the turn of the 20th century British widow Minnie isn't used to putting herself first after she moved away from England only to be left raising two children alone on a Greek Island following her husband's unexpected death. When famous mystery author Stephen Dorian settles into a neighboring villa to escape writer's block and hidden scandals, she is intrigued at first by the handsome Londoner—until he proves to be nothing more than a boorish grump. Determined to avoid the man as much as possible, Minnie is shocked when he offers her a well-paid job as his typist. But before Minnie can fully regret her decision to take the job, she makes a horrifying discovery that changes everything. A young maid has been murdered, and local authorities aren't moving fast enough to bring justice to the terrible crime. Unwilling to allow the death to fade into obscurity like the stories of so many other women deemed unworthy by society, Minnie launches an investigation of her own—and reluctantly accepts Stephen's help.

- Sullivan is an award-winning mystery and romance author. This is her Kensington debut

THE HEIR: A Young Queen Victoria Mystery (#1) by Darcie Wilde – September 2025

New historical mystery set in 1830s London starring young Queen Victoria as an amateur sleuth: Victoria remembers nothing but Kensington Palace. Arriving as a baby, she has been brought up inside its musty walls. Raised with an incredibly strict regimen to follow, always watched by her mother and her prized advisor, the power-hungry Sir John Conroy, the bright 15-year-old is allowed no freedom. But one fateful afternoon, Victoria slips away from her mother to ride out on her beloved horse. But what would normally be an uneventful trot around very familiar terrain presents the mutinous princess with a most bewildering sight—a dead man on the grounds of the palace. Determined to get to the bottom of the inscrutable puzzle, young Victoria is met with shocking disrespect and any number of obstacles. But Victoria will not be deterred from solving the crime.

THE LIES THEY TOLD by Ellen Marie Wiseman – September 2025

New York Times-bestselling author Wiseman returns with her latest historical fiction: told through the eyes of an unforgettable heroine, this powerful and detailed novel explores the shocking reality behind one of the darkest episodes of the early 20th century. Silas, a widowed family relative, reluctantly brings immigrant Lena and her daughter to his weathered cabin in the mountains to care for his home and children. Though the hills around Wolfe Hollow remind Lena of her German homeland, she struggles to adjust. Worse, she is stunned to learn the children in her care have been taught to hide when the sheriff comes around. As Lena meets their neighbors, she realizes the community is vibrant and tight knit, but also senses growing unease. The government is scheming to paint them as ignorant and immoral so they can evict them from their land, seize children from parents, and deal with those possessing “inferior genes.”

After a social worker from the Eugenics Office accuses Lena of promiscuity and feeble-mindedness, her own worst fears come true. Sent to the Colony for the Feeble-minded and Epileptics, Lena faces impossible choices in hopes of reuniting with her daughter—and protecting the people, and the land, she has grown to love. Wiseman’s novels focus on women trying to find personal power and agency in situations where they have had that solidly taken away from them.

- Wiseman has been published in Albanian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Macedonian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese

Suspense, Mystery, & Thrillers:

THE PSYCHIC by Nancy Bush – September 2025

Ronnie has always experienced psychic flashes that sometimes portend the future, sometimes make her look like a fool. When she was 10 years old she was gripped by the feeling that she shouldn’t go swimming and shortly thereafter she nearly drowned. Now, 20 years later, Ronnie is planning a post-divorce future when she “sees” the body of a woman in a clearing. The woman seems familiar and, going against her own advice, Ronnie leans into the psychic message and starts her own sleuthing. That investigation leads her to Detective Sloan who is searching for a missing woman himself: the pregnant surrogate for his and his wife’s baby. As Ronnie learns more about the dead woman of her visions, she clashes with Sloan who doesn’t believe in her psychic ability. However, Cooper is willing to use whatever it takes to find his missing surrogate.

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

LOOSE LIPS: The Ghostwriter (#2) by Kemper Donovan – February 2025

Richard Osman meets Agatha Christie in this voice-driven series 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: this iteration finds our ghostwriter teaching a seminar on an invite-only literary cruise. The “Get Lit Cruise” is organized by Payton Garrett, a self-help guru—and the ghostwriter’s long-time frenemy. The guests, all female, will receive personalized instruction from experts in five different writing genres, while basking in Payton’s reflected glow.

Between dealing with guests, writing, and flirting with Payton’s ex, there’s plenty to keep a ghostwriter occupied. But there’s one activity nobody expected: solving a murder. When an attendee is found dead under suspicious circumstances and several others suffer symptoms of poisoning, there are numerous motives and suspects to choose from. But could it be that the victim wasn’t even the intended target? As the body count rises along with onboard tensions, no one is safe—except, perhaps, for a killer whose scruples have long abandoned ship.

- “*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*
- UK, ANZ, and Russian rights sold to book 1 *The Busy Body*, which was a *USA Today* bestseller and was selected as a Best Mystery & Thriller of January by the Amazon Editors

THE ANONYMOUS CONFESSION by Charlie Donlea – August 2025

Ten years ago, 17-year-old Callie vanished from her quiet lake community. Her body was never found, and the case went cold, but the echoes of Callie's disappearance still linger. On the 10th anniversary, one of the detectives makes a death-bed request to his former partner, Ethan, to re-examine the evidence. Ethan—a former renegade detective turned doctor—left law enforcement, but when his old partner asks, Ethan reluctantly agrees to look at the case with fresh eyes.

Word soon spreads and everyone in the town feels a rush of hope that answers will finally be found. No one is more invested than Lindsay, Callie's childhood best friend. Now a psychologist and the creator of a successful online counseling platform called The Anonymous Client, Lindsay has publicly and relentlessly pursued the truth about what happened to Callie. Amid a sweltering heatwave, and just as Ethan's investigation gains momentum, a new client signs in to Lindsay's online portal and makes an anonymous confession: "I killed Callie Jones, and I need your help to forgive myself."

Lindsay's business and reputation depend upon keeping her clients' privacy, so she funnels scant clues to Ethan hoping he'll pick up the trail. But when Ethan's investigation leads to another missing woman, he realizes there's more to Callie's disappearance than anyone imagined, including ties to his own dark past that some are willing to kill for.

- Donlea is a #1 international bestselling author who has been published in Australia, Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, French, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese (BR & PT), Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, and UK
- Donlea has both standalone and series novels available. They have sold over 2.2 million copies combined in the U.S. alone. Donlea has been praised for his "soaring pace, teasing plot twists" (BookPage) and talent for writing an ending that "makes your jaw drop" (*The New York Times Book Review*).

SHADOW PLAY by Sara Driscoll – September 2025

Timely standalone thriller following a woman who offers relationship advice online as she learns just how dangerous online anonymity can be: Chicago physical therapist Krista finds that her clients rely on her personal advice just as much as on her hands-on work, so why not share it on the live-stream gaming platform Twitch? Her friend Holly, an professional gamer, is willing to help Krista build her presence and cohost a biweekly show, thus 'A Word from the Wise' is born. Taking real-time questions from chat participants proves more popular than Krista thought possible, and their follower count—and income—grow. But not all attention is wanted. An account with the username Chase547 becomes enraged when Krista and Holly suggest he stop pursuing a woman who constantly rebuffs him. Unnerved by Chase547's obsession, Krista turns to law enforcement, but the little information she's able to give isn't enough to start an investigation. Soon, Krista notices things missing at home and feels as if she's being watched. And when Chase547 begins to leave clues in real life proving what he's capable of, she begins to fear for her safety.

- *"The protagonist is rife with trouble and misfortune, but, ultimately, she rises to the occasion. Sara Driscoll turns the ordinary into extraordinary in this top-notch thriller."* —Steve Berry, *New York Times*-bestselling author on *Echoes of Memory*

IT HAPPENED ON THE LAKE by Lisa Jackson – July 2025

Standalone twisty thriller following a woman suspected of murder who returns to the town where a nightmare unfolded 20 years ago: the huge Victorian house on Lake Twilight belongs to Harper, as does the private island on which it sits. Harper wants little to do with either. 20 years ago, Harper's grandmother died suspiciously on the same night that Harper's boyfriend disappeared. His body was never found, and no charges were filed, but the rumors haven't faded.

Now Harper's marriage is over, her college-age daughter is estranged, and Harper just wants to sell the property and make a fresh start. Except returning to the lake has stirred everything up again. And the persistent feeling that, as she gazes out at the houses across the water, she's being watched.

- **UK rights sold.** Jackson is a #1 *New York Times*-bestseller with over 30 million copies of her books in print. Please inquire for specific rights availability and information

YOU HAVE GONE TOO FAR: County Kerry (#3) by Carlene O'Connor – November 2024

Atmospheric series set in Ireland in the vein of Louise Penny and Tana French following local veterinarian Dimpna and Detective Inspector Cormac: after two pregnant women in Dingle receive a chilling email warning them that they're in grave danger, the two decide to meet each other. But when one of them, Shauna, a deaf woman, arrives at their meeting, she fears a trap and hurries off to meet the couple who plan to adopt her baby.

After the adoptive couple are discovered tied up in their home, telling a terrifying story of a deaf pregnant woman being abducted by a man wearing a butterfly mask, Cormac and Detective Sergeant Barbara Neely fear a repeat of a disturbing case from 20 years earlier, when a charismatic leader calling himself the Shepherd, lured poor pregnant girls into his enigmatic cult. Though allegations of baby smuggling were never proven, he'd been put away on other charges. But then they learn that the Shepherd has recently been released from prison.

- O'Connor's Irish-set cozy mystery series has been published in Estonian and German. She has received rave reviews for both her County Kerry and Irish Village series, with starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, and *Kirkus*. Book 1 *No Strangers Here* was a *USA Today* bestseller and a Barnes & Noble "Our Monthly Pick" and Book 2 *Some of Us Are Looking* was a *Library Journal* Mystery Pick of the Month

WATCH YOUR BACK by Terri Parlato – January 2025

Third novel featuring hardened female detective Rita Meyers, but each book also works as a standalone. Perfect for fans of Loretta Anne White, Freida McFadden, and Megan Miranda: amid the depths of a bleak Boston winter a recently married couple find their lives and their relationship unraveling.

Accidents happen, no matter how careful you are. Psychiatrist Eve frequently reassures her patients of that. There are even times when accidents have good consequences—like when Eve met her now-husband, Nathan, at his mechanic shop after another car ran her off the road. After a whirlwind courtship, Nathan and Eve have settled into domestic life. They have a home on a quiet street, a baby girl, and even the perfect babysitter to care for her. And yet, something isn't quite right. The stress in Eva's life is mounting, both professionally and personally. Though the clinic where she works has been remodeled since its notorious days as an institution for the criminally insane, she feels increasingly uneasy there. And in her own neighborhood, a break-in at a nearby empty house hasn't helped, either. Detective Rita Myers hasn't yet figured out whether Eve is a target or a suspect, but every disturbing discovery in this usually peaceful neighborhood seems to revolve around her. Only as a deadly ice storm crashes through does it become clear just how far from perfect Eve and Nathan's lives really are. And as the cracks in the surface come to light, so do the sinister secrets that lie beneath.

- UK and Polish rights sold to Parlato's previous novels

WHISPERS OF THE LAKE by Shanora Williams – July 2025

A peaceful lakefront cottage sets the scene for this twist-filled thriller about the treacherous lies that even love, friendship—and small towns—can hide. At the peak of her career, investigative reporter Rose is exhausted from trying to manage her seemingly perfect life. With her marriage collapsing, she desperately needs to rest, regroup, and decide which way to go next. The direction becomes clear when she discovers that her former best friend, Eve, isn't responding to attempts to contact her at the cottage where she's vacationing. Rose knows Eve can be flaky, still, Rose heads to the tranquil town to see what's happening.

Rose soon discovers that Eve has vanished without her purse and passport—even after booking a trip abroad. The cabin owners' accounts of Eve's stay just don't add up and most of the town's initially hospitable inhabitants becoming increasingly less helpful. Rose's instincts tell her the solution lies somewhere in Eve's—and Sage Hill's—past. To get answers, she'll have to ask inconvenient questions, rattle long-buried skeletons and face vicious attempts on her life. Williams is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author.

- Williams has a Red Tower Romantasy series publishing in 2025 and her suspense titles have sold more than 250k copies domestically. Williams has been published in Polish

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MY FUNNY DEMON VALENTINE: Hell Bent (#1) by Aurora Ascher – February 2025

First in a wickedly funny and warm-hearted demon romance series with just the right amount of spice from the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Sanctuary of the Shadow* (Red Tower): Asmodeus, Prince of Hell, just wants to play jazz music. Unfortunately, he's a demon, and he's supposed to be evil. Sick of playing by the rules, Ash and his brothers escape Hell in search of freedom on Earth, only to discover it's harder than they thought to keep their enemies off their tail. The four quickly become the Underworld's Most Wanted, and if they're caught the consequences will be dire.

Everything changes for Ash when he meets a violinist who can see through his curse. Evangeline is your average human. She works at a jazz bar, plays shows on weekends, and apparently hallucinates demons. At least that's what she tells herself when, moments after she meets the man of her dreams, she sees him shift into a seven-foot-tall, red-skinned monster. Not believing her own eyes, Eva decides to investigate and soon finds herself caught in the middle of a supernatural nightmare.

Each book can work as a standalone as they follow different characters within the same brotherhood. Each book includes sex scenes, profanity, and a happily ever after. Books 1-5 have previously been self-published and book 6 will be completely new. Books 1-5 will be rereleased from Kensington with new bonus scenes and possible additional materials such as playlist or author notes. *Hell Bent* is perfect for fans of Laura Thalassa, Scarlett St. Clair, and Katee Robert.

- Special edition planned with stenciled edges, interior art, and chapter headers

THE NO-END HOUSE by Jeremy Bates – July 2025

USA Today and #1 Amazon bestselling horror author Bates joins the Kensington list with a standalone escape-room horror novel following a duo who unwittingly bargain for their lives in an ill-reputed house in Barcelona's Gothic Quarter. This is a great read for fans of Heather Gudenkauf's *Everyone is Watching* and Megan Goldin's *The Escape Room*.

Those foolish enough to enter the no-end house rarely leave alive. American Joe is on a mission to walk around the world, literally. Racked with remorse after his wife died three years ago, he feels the mental and physical exhaustion that comes from his trek is the only thing he can handle. While staying at a hostel in Barcelona, he overhears a couple of backpackers discussing The No-End House—and a supposed cash prize for anyone who spends the night there. His interest is strong enough that he mentions it to his newfound friend Helen, who suggests they go.

Located in Barcelona's medieval Gothic Quarter, The No-End House turns out to be the home of an eccentric and mysterious woman who tells Joe and Helen that to win the prize they will need to progress through nine rooms in the mansion, each containing its own unique challenge. While the first two rooms are average haunted house fare, everything changes in the third room. In each room they are faced with increasingly terrifying supernatural horrors all culminating in Room 9 where Joe and Helen realize that only one of them will leave the room alive.

- Russian rights sold

THE NANNY'S HANDBOOK FOR MAGIC AND MANAGING DIFFICULT DUKES by Amy Rose Bennett – August 2025

Mary Poppins meets *Bridgerton* in a new romantic fantasy series that mixes humor and Bridgerton-esque charm. As the keepers of an ancient magic, the Parasol Academy for Exceptional Nannies and Governesses expects its graduates to be professional and discreet and new alumna Emmaline may be more high-spirited than the Academy would like. Few graduates, however, could turn a mismanaged teleportation onto a duke's rooftop into an offer of employment. But Emmaline's circumstances have made her dauntlessness. Which seems the primary qualification to work for expert horologist Xavier, Duke of St. Lawrence.

Xavier's wards have sent two nannies packing in a month thanks to their mayhem, not to mention Xavier's odd personality. Emmaline seems intrigued with his quirks—but Xavier must have peace to design London's "King of Clocks" for Westminster Palace before the competition closes. Yet with a possible saboteur in their midst, and the attraction flaring between them threatening to become a deliciously disastrous distraction, a touch of magic may be required.

MOTHEATER by Linda H. Codega – February 2025

Queer fantasy featuring witches and themes dealing with the perils of climate change: after her best friend dies in a coal mine, Bennie sacrifices her job, her relationship, and her reputation to uncover what's killing miners on Kire Mountain. When she finds a half-drowned woman in a dirty mine slough, Bennie takes her in because it's right—but also because she hopes this odd, magnetic stranger can lead her to the proof she needs.

Instead, she brings more questions. The woman called Motheater can't remember her name or how she ended up inside the mountain. She knows only that she's a witch of Appalachia. But the mystery of her fate, her doomed quest to keep industry off Kire Mountain, and the promises she bent and broke have followed her a century and half into the future. A dual timeline unfurls the mystery of Motheater's past and present day to illustrate how history affects contemporary events. And now, the choices Motheater and Bennie make together could change the face of the town itself.

- *"With a voice as unique and haunting as the Appalachian setting, Codega delivers an enchanting story of witchcraft, nature and industry, and the power of a love that can move mountains."*—Hester Fox, author of *The Book of Thorns*

TALL IS HER BODY by Robert de la Chevotiere – June 2025

A magical realism and introspective portrait of one boy's journey to manhood amidst the collapse of the West Indies banana industry. For fans of immigrant family sagas and magical realism such as Ayanna Lloyd Banwo's *When We Were Birds*, Elizabeth Acevedo's *Family Lore*, or Charmaine Wilkerson's *Black Cake*: before his mother's death, 6-year-old Fidel knew only the Guadeloupe around him. The lush greenery, the dusty roads, the sugar cane growing and the neighbors arguing, the push and pull of love and resentment between people who rely on each other—his world is small but full. Until a few moments of violence change his life forever.

Orphaned, Fidel returns to his mother's native Dominica and whirls from one relative and reality to another, learning pieces of his own story. His heritage is one of layered secrets and divisions—between the grandmothers who love him and the aunt who wants him dead, the Catholic orthodoxy of his school and the Obeah knowledge of his grandfather, and the indigenous and the colonial. The violence he's witnessed inhabits not only strangers but himself. The spirits of the dead visit him with advice, threats, and explanations. And when he sees a path toward happiness in Canada, he must reconcile his intense, bittersweet love of his home with the possibility of leaving it.

REKT by Alex Gonzalez – April 2025

Disturbing examination of the future of AI and the darkest pits of the internet, tracing a young man's algorithmic descent into toxic masculinity and depravity lead by "Squid Game"-esque puppet masters in a not-too-distant future: once, Sammy Dominguez thought he knew how the world worked. He could push away the ugly things in his head—his uncle's pathetic death, his parents' mistrust, the twisted horror stories he writes online— because he and his girlfriend, Ellery, were on track for the good life in this messed-up world. Then a car accident changed everything.

Spiraling with grief and guilt, Sammy scrambles for distraction. He finds it in shock-value videos of gore and violence. When someone messages him a dark web link to footage of Ellery dying, he watches—first the car crash that killed her, then hundreds of other deepfake deaths, even for people still alive. Accidents. Diseases. Suicides. Murders.

The host site is sadistic, vicious, impossible. It even seems to read his mind, manipulate his searches. And what in it is even real? And who is Haruspx, the web handle who led him into this virtual nightmare? As Sammy watches compulsively, the darkness in his mind blooms, driving him down a twisted path to find the origin of the site, even if he must become a nightmare himself.

WHEN THE TIDES HELD THE MOON by Venessa Vida Kelley – May 2025

Historical fantasy following a young man who captures a merman for a Brooklyn carnival: newly arrived in 1911 New York City after a lonely life in Puerto Rico, young Benny has always felt like a fish out of water. He struggles with asthma, faces prejudice for being a brown immigrant, and hides his attraction to other men. Yet Benny has an aptitude for mechanical engineering, dreaming big while working at an ironworks in Brooklyn. When a special commission from famous Coney Island theme park Luna Park arrives to build an unusual water tank, it is Benny's design that impresses the park owner, Sam Morgan. Later that night, Benny is enlisted on a mysterious mission by the staff of Morgan's sideshow, but even he can't fully believe what happens next: they entice two merpeople out of New York Harbor and capture them. The mermaid dies in the process, but the surviving merman is brought into Luna Park as its newest attraction.

Benny takes on a new job being the merman's keeper. As weeks pass, he also befriends the warm-hearted and diverse band of outcasts in the sideshow. As Benny learns how to communicate with the merman, Rio, he discovers a whole new realm: a world where Benny can find acceptance. Yet tensions mount at Luna Park and Benny soon feels torn between supporting his newfound sideshow family versus his burgeoning love for Rio and his promise to free the merman. Caught between worlds, Benny must make a life-changing decision that will transform Luna Park – and himself – forever.

- Kelley is well connected in the romance and SFF world and has worked with authors such as Casey McQuiston, TJ Klune, Everina Maxwell, and Becky Albertalli
- Special edition hardcover planned with exclusive cover art and interior art and design done by the author. All art rights included.

GRIMDARK by Shannon Morgan – August 2025

Dual timeline novel that is an atmospheric modern gothic story set in a sinister English manor house: teetering on the edge of the North Sea in Norfolk, Grimdark Hall is both grim and dark in name and nature. When Cló and Jude arrive from Toronto to claim Jude's inheritance, Cló is unsettled by the foreboding ancient building and the hostility of Jude's sisters, who stalk her every move. But Cló is drawn to the strange energy and the haunting sadness of a drowned village in the bay where ghostly church bells toll, sweeping her back into another woman's memories.

In 1645 Euphemia was accused of witchcraft and burned at the stake, screaming a curse on the Honeybornes as the flames consumed her. Now, flashes of Effie's life torment Cló at every turn. And waiting in the shadows is a darker, vengeful incarnation who has hunted them both through the centuries in search of a treasure. As echoes of Cló's past lives converge in present threats, she must confront a final reckoning of old betrayals and relentless greed to end an eight-hundred-year-old quest for vengeance.

THE BOOK OF AUTUMN by Molly O'Sullivan – September 2025

Spellbinding debut about ambition, misogyny, and magic set in a rural boarding school, ideal for fans of dark academia, Leigh Bardugo, and Olivia Blake's *The Atlas Six*. Try as she might, anthropologist Marcella can't escape the fact that she is merely one half of a magical duo, forever tied together to enable the other's powers. After a tumultuous final year at university in rural New Mexico, Cella felt more than a little prickly about returning to the sun-drenched desert campus ever again. She had cut ties both magically and romantically with her other half, the rugged rancher Max, and sworn off Magic, academia, and heartache for good.

That is until a disturbing occurrence at the college leaves a star-student dead, and Cella is drawn back into a world she's done everything to leave behind. She and Max alone possess the skills necessary to investigate the alleged murderess, also a student, held captive in the infirmary, speaking in guttural tones and sending crucifixes flying off the wall. While rumors swirl around the school like dusty tumbleweeds, Cella and Max do their best to focus on their task and not get pulled back into their history with each other.

In tune with her magic again, Cella makes a discovery: the answer to the murder lies beside another truth she's tried desperately to keep buried all this time. Though it's the last thing she wants to do, Cella must revisit the past to stop actions set in motion centuries ago, by a dark force she's not sure she can rival alone.

BLOOD SLAVES by Markus Redmond – August 2025

Alternate history that is part historical drama and part supernatural horror imagining what if a mystifying revolt precluded the Civil War and changed history as we know it? The vampire origin story is reimagined in this terrifying novel of ancient lore, startling revenge, and immortal emancipation in set in the 18th century: in the Province of Carolina, 1710, freedom seems unattainable for Willie, Gertie, and their unborn child. They live, suffer, and toil under their brutal master, Big Jim, whose plantation was built by the blood, sweat, and tears of the enslaved. To flee this hell on earth is be hunted and killed. Until one strange night Willie is offered a dark hope by Rafazi, an enigmatic slave with a blood-chilling path to liberation.

Rafazi is the lone survivor of the Ramanga, an African vampire tribe. He has roamed the world for centuries with an undying desire to replenish the power that once defined his heritage. In Willie, Rafazi has found his first subject to be turned in a bid to start a revolt. And Willie desires nothing more than to free his people from malicious bondage - whatever it takes. As an army of blood slaves thirsting for revenge is gathered, the headstrong Gertie fears that no good can come from the vampiric legacy that courses through Rafazi's veins. On the other hand, Willie believes that only evil can fight evil. And when the woman he loves stands between the reemergence of the Ramanga and the justified slaughter of the oppressors, Willie must make an irreversible decision that changes history forever.

THE MEMORY HUNTERS by Mia Tsai – August 2025

First in a duology set in a world where memories are treated as commodities, following a memory hunter and her bodyguard who unearth a terrible secret about the foundations of their society. For fans of Arkady Martine, Samantha Shannon, and Katy Hays: Key can dive deeper into blood memories than anyone, but instead of devoting her talents to the temple she's meant to lead, Key is determined to use her skill as a researcher for the Museum of Human Memory.

Valerian might look like a delicate country girl, but her lightning-fast swords protect Key from murderous rivals and her own enthusiasm alike. Vale cares about Key as a friend, but more than anything, she needs to keep her job so she can support her parents and siblings. But when Key collects a memory about the temple's founding that diverges from official history, only Vale sees the fallout. Key's mentor suspiciously dismisses the finding. Her powerful mother demands she stop research altogether. And Key, unusually affected by the memory, begins to lose moments, then minutes, then days. As Vale becomes increasingly entangled in Key's obsessive drive for answers, the two women uncover a shattering discovery. Key and Vale can remain complicit, or they can jeopardize everything to bring the truth to light; either way, Key is becoming consumed by the past in more ways than one, and time is running out.

- Tsai is a Taiwanese American author of speculative fiction and an associate editor at GigaNotoSaurus, a Hugo finalist for Best Semiprozine.

PHILOSOPHY OF THIEVES by Fran Wilde – September 2025

Parasite meets Leigh Bardugo's *Six of Crows* in an adventure story that challenges our assumptions about capitalism a near-future Earth: in a desperately unequal future where the wealthy live in exclusive, climate-controlled enclaves, the latest trend in entertainment is burglary — the more preposterous, the better. The most fashionable and lavish parties feature entertainer-thieves, who are allowed to keep their winnings if they make it out of the house. If they don't, they risk imprisonment, or worse.

Roosa and Dax are part of the best and most sought-after troupes of performance thieves whose glittering success masks deep desperation. Called back from school to work one of the most exclusive parties of the year, Roosa and her brother must give the performance of their lives, or their father will be shipped off to die. But as the heist begins, they don't know that their host, his girlfriend, his security chief and his business competitors are each playing a game of their own. And if Roosa wants to keep her family together, she and Dax must win the evening, the weeks ahead, and a game bigger than any heist they've ever done. This book is accessible to general readers while appealing to genre audiences with well-loved SFF tropes such as masquerades, high-tech gadgets, political marriages, and of course, heists.

- Wilde's YA novels and short stories have been finalists for six Nebula Awards, a World Fantasy Award, three Hugo Awards, three Locus Awards, and a Lodestar. This is her adult novel and Kensington debut

ONE DARK KISS: Grimm Bargains (#2) by Rebecca Zanetti – July 2025

Second in a spicy dark romance trilogy for fans of Katee Robert and Scarlett St. Clair from *New York Times*-bestselling Zanetti. Book 2 is a modern twist on Snow White set in a world where dueling media empire billionaires play deadly games and magic is the weapon of choice: Ambitious Rosalie runs a boarding house for disenfranchised men, forgotten by society. It teaches her what real, good men are and should be.

Until she meets Alexei, heir to one of the world's largest social media companies and convicted murderer. At least he was. For seven years he's maintained his innocence, but even if he is innocent, he's dangerous and Rosalie discovers she might kind of like danger. When he's released into Rosalie's care, she gets swept up in the chaos around him and discovers that what it means to be a good man might not be as black and white as she previously thought.

- **UK, Spanish, Portuguese (BR), and Russian rights sold to book 1 *One Cursed Rose***
- Special edition hardcover planned with stenciled edges and exclusive art and foiling
- 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 Romance:

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE HIGHLANDS (#1) by Anna Bradley – September 2025

Sweeping, adventure-filled, new historical romance series set in medieval Scotland in which three unusually gifted sisters must protect their family fortress: in the months since their father, Rory, died, the MacLeod sisters have had to contend with bands of smugglers convinced he left a treasure buried within the walls of their home at Castle Cairncross. Only the most mystifying occurrences have foiled the thieves—stirring whispers that the sisters are sorceresses. Yet, they have no treasure, nor are they witches. However, each inexplicably possesses a unique ability. The eldest, Catriona, is a brilliant healer and alchemist—a skill she is about to put to unforeseen use.

Hamish, the charismatic outlaw Marquess of Ballantyne and Rory's business partner, has come to claim his share of the treasure. When he spies fiery-haired Cat in the village, he follows her. But the tables turn, and Hamish finds himself at Castle Cairncross

- Bradley's previous historicals have published in French, German, Italian, and Slovenia

MANIC PIXIE DREAM EARL: Earls Trip (#2) by Jenny Holiday – June 2025

Ideal for readers of Evie Dunmore, "Ted Lasso" meets "Bridgerton" in *USA Today*-bestselling Holiday's historical romcom featuring three Regency-era Earls on their annual trip—ride-or-die buddies offering one another unconditional support in everything from Lady problems to family woes—especially when this trip is crashed by one earl's pen pals. The fallout from his alter ego being exposed may just be the most challenging problem the boys have to solve yet.

When not writing, poet Edward, Viscount Featherfinch, spends his time fending off the young ladies of the ton and avoiding his cruel father. As heir to the earldom, Edward knows he must marry someday. Alas, he is already hopelessly in love with someone. Hopeless because not only is Miss Julianna Evans not a member of the aristocracy, she is employed. She is a magazine editor—the only one to publish his work. Also, in all their years of increasingly personal correspondence, they've never met. Also, she thinks he's a woman. Named Euphemia.

Julianna is baffled – how could Euphemia not want to meet? Well, no more. Having extracted the details of a trip Euphemia is planning, Julianna squanders her meager savings and surprises her at the scene. He is very, very surprised. As is she. Now the two will have to decide what is true, what is not, and whether the truest thing of all—love—just might be worth an earldom.

- French and Hungarian rights sold to *Earls Trip* (2024)
- "One of the best historical romances I've read in years. I truly felt like the characters were falling in love." -Julia Quinn, bestselling author of the *Bridgerton* novels on *Earls Trip*

THE LADY TAKES ON LONDON by Madeline Hunter – July 2025

A crack shot and an accomplished rider, Caroline might have joined the fighting abroad herself if it had been allowed. Instead, she has waited for the news that her adored younger brother is coming home. But when he does, he is moody and distant, and served almost immediately with a dreadful lawsuit for defamation of character. Caroline is shocked but determined to clear his name. Unfortunately, the perfect barrister is a man Caroline cannot endure - even if he is brilliant and handsome. Clayton is willing to take on the case, but he wishes that the fiery Caroline would sit back and let him handle it. As if he needs advice from a woman! But he soon learns that Caroline is far savvier than he expected. As the two of them work together to restore her brother's reputation, Caroline finds herself tempted by the undeniable chemistry between them, and Clayton wonders if there is a very different verdict he would like to win.

- Hunter is a *New York Times*-bestselling author and has been published in Portuguese (BR & PT), Estonian, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Russian, and Spanish

HAZARDOUS TO A DUKE'S HEART: Lords of Hazard (#1) by Sabrina Jeffries – May 2025

New York Times-bestselling Jeffries debuts a new during the Napoleonic war: returning to a London he no longer recognizes, and facing astonishing changes in his own family, Lord Jonathan learns he has inherited a dukedom. But the new nobleman carries the guilt of having wronged his late mentor. Now, he vows to fulfill his promise to find a suitable match for the man's daughter, Victoria. Sharp-witted Victoria would just as soon sculpt the Greek god who has come to take charge of her future. In fact, she has her sights set on founding a school for women artists. As Jonathan matches wits with the talented beauty, revelations from his past—and their connection to her father's demise—threaten to unveil both of their closely held secrets and thrust them into a danger they can only escape together.

- Jeffries has 20 *New York Times*-bestselling historical romance novels and is also a *USA Today* and *Publishers Weekly* bestseller with more than 9 million copies sold. She has been published in over 20 languages

A WAGER AT MIDNIGHT: Betting Against the Duke (#2) by Vanessa Riley – April 2025

Diverse Regency romance in which a duke makes a wager with the now-widowed Viscountess who is the love of his life: to win a second chance with her, he will find husbands for her two sisters. Scarlett is willing to live as a spinster if it means being able to continue her medical research to help a friend in need. After all, few husbands would tolerate her dressing as a man to attend lectures at the Royal Academy of Science. When she's unmasked at a lecture on ophthalmology, Scarlett prepares to be disgraced, but she's saved by Trinidadian-born physician Stephen who claims her as a cousin. Dedicated to caring for his community, Stephen has no wish to marry a privileged lady. But Scarlett proves the opposite of any he's ever met before. Yet the pressure to marry blinds them both to the chemistry growing between them, pitting their brilliant minds against their reluctant hearts.

Nonfiction

LIGHT IN THE NORTHERN SEA: Denmark's Incredible Rescue of Their Jewish Citizens During WWII by Tim Brady – August 2025

True story of Denmark's resistance movement and the everyday heroes who banded together to help the nation's Jewish citizens escape Nazi persecution and sail to sanctuary in Sweden. In 1940, on its way to conquering Western Europe, Germany coerced the Danish government into a "cooperative" agreement that lasted three long years until the increasing brazenness of the Resistance movement prompted a crackdown. Denmark's nearly 8000 Jews, who had so far been spared Hitler's wrath, now became the focus of his rage. A roundup was ordered to begin on October 1st, 1943, the first day of the Jewish New Year. The only passage to safety was across the Oresund to Sweden. But no group existed to organize an escape. Until the last moment, Sweden didn't agree to allow the refugees into the country; and the strait between the two nations was swarming with Gestapo. What happened next was a miracle. 95% of Denmark's Jews survived the Holocaust, the highest percentage in Europe. Here are the riveting true accounts of ordinary Danes who, using their modest resources, wiles, remarkable courage, and camaraderie, quietly orchestrated their escape.

World War II history that reads like a thriller, this inspiring chronicle examines why, unlike the rest of Western Europe, these accomplishments were so uniquely managed by the Danish people.

- *Three Ordinary Girls*, Brady's first nonfiction on unsung WWII heroes, has sold over 100k copies

MATISSE AT WAR by Christopher Gorham – October 2025

First book to take a definitive look at the role of artist Henri Matisse's family during WWII, how they worked for the French resistance, and how Matisse used his art as a form of national and cultural expression: World War II and the Occupation of France coincided with a time of personal crisis for Henri Matisse. His marriage was at its end, he was haunted by doubts about his art, and he was beset by a near fatal illness. As scores of famous figures escaped France, Matisse defiantly remained.

Matisse's family, too, was doing its part during France's darkest hour. His estranged wife worked for the Communist underground. His beloved daughter was active in the French Resistance. His son Pierre helped Jewish artists escape to New York, and his other son hid dynamite in his sculptures and British agents in his attic. Matisse's former students, friends—even his grandson—secretly defied the Germans and their Vichy collaborators. All risked their lives; some did not survive.

RADICAL SENORA ERA: Ancestral Latin American Secrets for a Happier, Healthier Life by Christina Kelmon and Ann Murray Dunning– May 2025

Practical and accessible guide on how women everywhere can cultivate their own inner señora through the ways that resourceful Latina women for generations have found to refresh, renew, and take time out for themselves.

What's does #señora life really mean? Ancestral women lived the señora life because they had to. They made their own honey and oatmeal mask, or bathed in milk and chamomile, and used herbs to soothe their bellies because they didn't have the modern tools and marketplaces that we do. Anyone in any stage or walk of life can become a "radical señora." And in our post-hustle world, women everywhere are seeking ways to put self-care first—and find relatable alternatives to some of the unattainable modern wellness practices. Now authors Kelmon and Dunning turn decades of ancestral knowledge, personal lore, and research into a book that can help you learn time-tested, simple habits and rituals based on natural living. From teas to face masks to gardening wisdom, try the easy, nature-based beauty secrets and solutions that can help you feel good. Develop helpful rules for living that will lead to physical health and peace of mind.

Dunning is the co-founder and CMO at the Latina wellness brand, Vamigas. She is an Inc. Magazine Female Founders 200 winner; a top communications strategist in Silicon Valley; and an angel investor for BIPOC-led startups focused on women's health and wellness. Kelmon is the co-founder and CEO of Vamigas. She's an Inc. Magazine's Female Founders 200 winner and a Forbes100 recipient featured in People en Español, Forbes, Univision and more.

SCOUT CAMP by James Renner – March 2025

Shocking in its revelations of criminal activities, Renner's new true crime book is a page-turning masterpiece of no-holds-barred journalism mixed with memoir. In the summer of 1995, at the largest Boy Scout camp in Ohio, a night of sexual violence ended with one counselor dead and another in the hospital. The cause of death was ruled "accidental," but evidence strongly suggests suicide, or maybe even murder. Months afterward, a second violent death stunned the scouting community – and left indelible scars on the campers and staff who were there. Renner was a counselor at Seven Ranges Boy Scout Reservation that year. In this true crime memoir, Renner looks back at that turbulent summer and how a secret society within scouting contributed to this tragedy and thousands more.

As he opens up his past, Renner also shines light on the decades-long history of sexual abuse within the Boy Scouts of America. In 2022 alone, the organization was rocked by 92,000 claimants who sued them because they had been abused as children. Presenting a fresh and deeply personal perspective on incidents with disturbing repercussions, Renner reconstructs the events surrounding the case from interviews, police files, and court records, along with his own recollections.

MASTER OF DRUMS: Gene Krupa and the Music He Gave the World by Elizabeth Rosenthal – May 2025

First definitive biography of Gene Krupa, the most famous drummer on the planet, whose feverish rhythms leapt across genres to change music forever. From jazz to the Swing Era, to rock and roll, Elton John's biographer, Rosenthal, recounts the pioneering drummer's exploits, challenges, and accomplishments, while framing him against not just his fellow musicians and peers but the music industry and general culture.

From the early 1930s onward, Krupa was a drum-centric rarity in the jazz world. Never before had a drummer been in the forefront as a solo artist. His unrestrained passion for percussion demanded it. Seemingly born jazz-drum crazy in 1909 to a Polish-immigrant working-class family in South Chicago, Gene was a professional by the age of 13 and soon made his first recordings. By the early 1930s, he was New York City's most in-demand drummer, and in 1934, joined brilliant clarinetist Benny Goodman's band, helped inaugurate the Swing Era, and played the first-ever swing concert at Carnegie Hall. It made history. So did Gene, whose celebrity spread with every ride cymbal beat and bass drum bomb drop. Rosenthal crafts a celebratory, honest, and exhaustively researched portrait of a twentieth-century music legend whose acolytes would include such rock-era artists as Ringo Starr, Keith Moon, John Bonham, and Apollo 440.

SEX AFTER SEXUAL ASSAULT by Katie Simon – July 2025

Recently society has begun to confront the realities of the rampant sexual assault and harassment that permeates the world. Simon has written this to take us to the next step: healing in the aftermath. *SEX AFTER SEXUAL ASSAULT* helps survivors of sexual assault regain a positive relationship with sex through the lens of other survivors' healing journeys.

So often, survivors of sexual trauma are treated as irreparably broken. Harmful self-help ideologies reinforce this perception or impose a single path towards healing. A guide to sexual pleasure and empowerment, this book takes a different approach by deconstructing oppressive societal narratives and providing readers with the understanding and tools to create healthy, joyous sex lives on their own terms.

Sharing true stories from survivors of diverse backgrounds, this book presents the obstacles and setbacks a survivor frequently encounters while pursuing a sex life after assault. It answers what readers most want to know about trauma triggers, self-pleasure, embodied consent, disclosing trauma history to partners, and handling dating, sexual regret, break-ups, and more—including issues that survivors are sometimes too afraid or ashamed to ask about.

Simon's writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Lily*, *The Washington Post*, *BuzzFeed*, *Tin House*, *The Rumpus*, *Health*, *BUST*, *Lifehacker*, *Business Insider*, *The Independent*, *Women's Health*, *Hippocampus*, and elsewhere, including the anthology *Anatomy of Silence*. Simon earned a BA in Contemporary Storytelling at New York University, an MA in Biography and Creative Nonfiction Writing at University of East Anglia and studied Narrative Medicine at Columbia University.

Cozy Mystery:

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 VERY WOODSY MURDER (#1) by Ellen Byron – August 2024

From Agatha Award-winning author Byron and perfect for fans of "Schitt's Creel", a new series featuring a sitcom writer who has checked out of the familiar comforts in Studio City and checked in to the quaint village of Foundgold to run a motel. Running a rustic getaway in the woods sure beats LA traffic—until murder ruins the peace and quiet.

AN AMATEUR SLEUTH'S GUIDE TO MURDER (#1) by Lynn Cahoon – July 2025

New series from *New York Times* and *USA Today*-bestselling Cahoon for fans of Elle Cosimano's *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* and Kristen Perrin's *How To Solve Your Own Murder* about an amateur sleuth who doesn't just solve crimes, she writes about how to do it: Meg could use a guidebook for life. After her fiancée takes her bridesmaid on what should have been their honeymoon, Meg is forced to take the ferry ride of shame back to Bainbridge Island to live with her family. At least she has her rescue cocker spaniel, Watson, by her side. But it's Meg who could use a rescue—and she's hoping it will come in the form of a part-time gig doing research for a bestselling mystery writer.

A CYCLIST'S GUIDE TO VILLAINS AND VINES: A Cyclist's Guide Mystery (#2) by Ann Claire – June 2025

Sadie and her Oui Cycle crew vow to wow her most discerning private group yet with a trip they will never forget. Sadie worries she'll fail to impress such worldly travelers, even with the backdrop of Alsace, France, a dreamy region of rolling vineyards, delicious cuisine, and fairytale architecture. Trouble starts when a guest crashes into a corpse on a solo midnight ride. Or so she says. But when the body isn't found, Sadie hopes it was all a bad dream. However, an impromptu detour ends in a crash, and a shattered wine barrel isn't the only victim. A dead man spills out.

- Claire also writes the *USA Today*-bestselling Christie Bookshop Mystery Series, not with Kensington

A POSE BEFORE DYING: A Cat Yoga Mystery (#1) by Alex Erickson – June 2024

Entrepreneur Ashley is thrilled to open her dream business—a cat yoga studio. Ashley has a lot to prove with her new cat yoga studio, A Purrfect Pose. It's a place for humans to find inner wellness—and adopt adorable cats from the local shelter. So far, so successful. Until she discovers one of her new clients, a much-disliked college professor, dead in her studio, locked in child's pose.

MURDER IN AN ITALIAN CAFÉ: A Bria Bartolucci Mystery (#2) by Michael Falco – October 2024

Set in beautiful Positano, Italy, the latest novel in a cozy mystery series featuring a widowed Bed & Breakfast owner. Though she still misses her late husband, Carlo, Bria couldn't be happier that their dream bed and breakfast, Bella Bella, is humming along nicely. Of course, even on the stunning Amalfi Coast, things seldom run smoothly. Bria's also juggling the demands of the famous Chef Lugo, his producer, Massimo, and Pippa, a member of the production crew who is staying at Bella Bella for a nice, long-term stay. Until Lugo mysteriously dies on-camera, a victim of apparent murder.

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 LETHAL WALK IN LAKELAND: Walk Through England Mystery (#2) by Nicholas George – February 2025

For fans of M.C. Beaton and Alexander McCall Smith: 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.

THAT MISSING PIECE IS KILLING ME: Alice Pepper Lonely Hearts and Puzzle Club (#2) by Roz Noonan – August 2025

Librarian Alice had hoped to retire before turning 65, not struggle to keep her cozy home and dependable job. But even after divorce leaves her golden years a mess, the pieces always come together with a little help from her friends—a fun-loving crew who thrive on jigsaws over coffee, cocktails, and gossip. Empathetic to a fault, Alice has a natural talent for figuring out people and puzzles, but as a mystery permeates the quiet community, murder is a challenge she's not prepared to solve

MURDER AT AN IRISH GARDEN: An Irish Village Mystery (#11) by Carlene O'Connor – March 2025

USA Today-bestselling author O'Connor's mystery series following Garda of County Cork, Ireland, Siobhán O'Sullivan: Siobhan finds herself investigating another case of murder in her Irish Village when a garden competition turns deadly!

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

ONE SHARP STITCH by Allie Pleiter – April 2025

When 30-year-old Shelby returns to her quiet hometown, she reluctantly takes over her mother's Nimble Needle needlepoint shop—and gets entangled in a murder investigation in this first of a new cozy mystery series, perfect for fans of Leslie Meier and Peggy Ehrhart.

BOOKED FOR REVENGE: Tomes & Tea Mystery (#2) by Karen Rose Smith – May 2025

New series following Jazzi Swanson who has opened her own book and tea shop, providing a variety of literature and flavored beverages for her small community. But Jazzi 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 Cozy & Historical Mystery Series:

LITTLE LOST LIBRARY: The Secret, Book, & Scone Society (#7) by Ellery Adams – November 2024

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

MURDER TAKES THE STAGE: Phyllida Bright (#4) by Colleen Cambridge – November 2024

FASHIONABLY FRENCH MURDER: An American in Paris (#3) by Colleen Cambridge – May 2025

TROUBLE IS BREWING: Tea by the Sea Mystery (#5) by Vicki Delany – August 2024

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

A DAUGHTER'S GUIDE TO MOTHERS AND MURDER: Countess of Harleigh Myster (#8) by Dianne Freeman – July 2025

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

MISS MORTON AND THE MISSING HEIR: Miss Morton (#4) by Colleen Cambridge – October 2025

MURDER AT ARLEIGH: Gilded Newport (#13) by Alyssa Maxwell – September 2025

HOMICIDE IN THE INDIAN HILLS: Jane Wunderly Mystery (#6) by Erica Ruth Neubauer – April 2025

MURDER AT SOMERSET HOUSE: Wrexford & Sloane Mystery (#9) by Andrea Penrose – October 2025

DEATH AND THE RUNAWAYS: A Mary Shelley Mystery (#3) by Heather Redmond – August 2025

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