

# Keep This Off the Record

Arden Joy

## BOOK DESCRIPTION

**A vibrant LGBTQIA+ rom-com, where Shakespearean sparks ignite a contemporary lesbian love story, perfect for fans of Rachel Lynn Solomon and Casey McQuiston."**

*"Readers will delight in watching these sparring hearts lay down their weapons." - Publisher's Weekly*

*Abigail Meyer and Freya Jonsson can't stand one another.*

But could their severe hatred be masking something else entirely?

From the moment they locked eyes in high school, Abby and Freya have been at each other's throats. Fifteen years later, when Abby and Freya cross paths again, their old rivalry doesn't take more than a few minutes to begin anew.

And now Naomi, Abby's best friend, is falling for Freya's producer and close pal, Will. Both women are thrilled to see their friends in a happy relationship – except they are now only a few degrees of separation from the person they claim to despise... and they can't seem to avoid seeing one another.

After their encounters repeatedly devolve into warfare, Abby and Freya's friends decide their age-old rivalry can only mean one thing: true love. Will their friends bring them together? Or will Freya's refusal to admit who she is keep them from discovering their underlying passion?

*Keep This Off The Record* is a fun and fresh LGBTQ+ story about the freedom to be who you are, even if that means falling for the person you hate.

## AUTHOR BIO

Arden Joy turned to writing at an early age as a way to create a world as unique and different as she is. Today, she still focuses on telling diverse stories that reflect her colorful life and the beautiful spectrum of people in it. When she isn't stirring up trouble for her fictional characters, she runs Girls Who Travel, an award-winning community redefining travel to be inclusive, sustainable, and empowering for all women.



**PAPERBACK**

**On Sale: 01/21/25**

**Rising Action**

**9781998076512**

Fiction

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## AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Arden Joy / Chicago / Illinois

## MARKETING

- National Broadcast Publicity
- National Print Publicity
- Online Publicity
- Pre-Pub Online Advertising
- Early Reader Review Campaign - BookTokker Outreach
- NetGalley Promotion
- Email Marketing Campaign
- Goodreads Marketing Campaign
- Blog Outreach
- Social Media Campaign
- Full publicity plan with Books Forward that features reaching out

# If I Lose Her

## Brianne Sommersville

### BOOK DESCRIPTION

For fans of Ashley Audrain and Stacey Willingham, a gripping domestic thriller exploring postpartum depression in a suburban nightmare—ideal for those intrigued by psychological depth and real-life suspense.

*Who can you trust when you can't trust yourself?*

The pregnancy podcasts warned Joanna Baker about the baby blues, but when a near-fatal mistake places the first-time mom under the watchful eye of Child Protective Services, she receives a serious diagnosis.

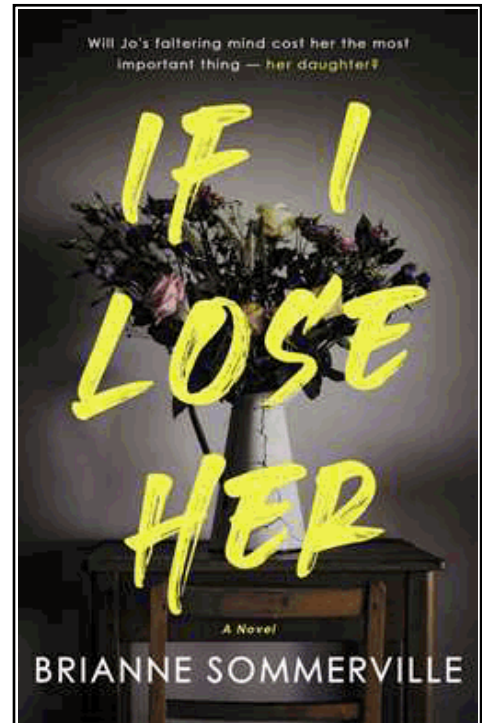
Postpartum depression. Jo hears the words, yet they don't make sense. Nothing does. Her blackouts are increasing, and she can't recall events she's been accused of.

As she fights to keep her daughter, she discovers cracks in her neighborhood, family, and her own home. With the support of her sisters, she attempts to piece together her traumatic past and uncover who is truly in control.

Jo must battle her faltering mind to save what's most important—her daughter.

### AUTHOR BIO

Brianne Sommersville is a Canadian author who writes thrillers. She studied English literature and theatre before entering the world of public relations and marketing. She lives in Toronto with her partner and three littles under five and knows every episode of Peppa Pig by heart.



### PAPERBACK

**On Sale: 02/11/25**

**Rising Action**

**9781990253690**

Fiction

First Print: 75,000

5.5 x 8.5, 336 pages

Carton quantity: 18

\$17.99 (US) / \$23.99 (CAN)

### AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Brianne Sommersville / King City  
/ Ontario / Canada

### MARKETING

*Marketing Plan*

-Influencer Campaign specifically targeted to BookTok  
-National print and online publicity campaign  
-Local Author Tour  
-Amazon sponsored ads, Kindle lock screen ads, retail network ads  
-Dedicated digital marketing campaign, including sweepstakes, social media posts, and excerpts  
-Early reader review campaign  
-ARC

# Every Fall

## Angela Douglas

### BOOK DESCRIPTION

A chilling thriller, perfect for fans of Karin Slaughter and Lisa Gardner, exploring the dark side of police culture and family trauma.

Bree knew that life married to a beat cop would be tough, especially in the crime-infested city of East Bernheim, but she believes they will be fine living in "the Burner" even after she has their first child. Family life is manageable until one day crime follows them home, threatening their safety.

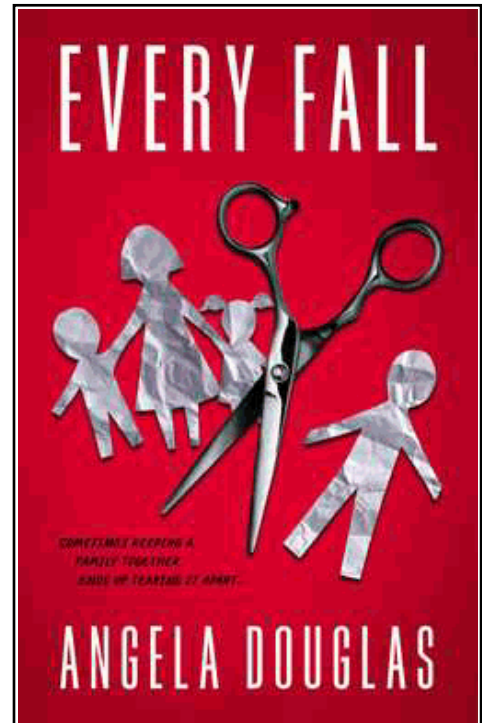
At a loss of how to keep his family safe and keep his job, Jake agrees to stretch their finances and move an hour away, to a bigger house in a somewhat better neighborhood. Their life seems to improve until Bree, heavily pregnant with their second child, begins to hear voices and suffer strange dreams. And then when tragedy strikes on the job, Jake enters a spiral of guilt and grief that degrades his grip on reality.

Bree, isolated and struggling, must protect her children from the one person she thought would always keep them safe. She and Jake are haunted in every way, and not just by whatever is lurking inside the house. A thriller that tackles toxic masculinity in police culture and trauma, *Every Fall* will have you on the edge of your seat.

Content Warnings: postpartum depression, spousal abuse, infidelity, violence, opioids, and death

### AUTHOR BIO

Angela Douglas is a Canadian author who lives in the Okanagan (British Columbia) with her husband and kids. She writes thrillers and creative non-fiction. When she isn't working, or hanging out with her family, she hides in her studio with her bulldog Frankie, writing her next book. She is a member of International Thriller Writers, Crime Writers of Canada, and is the VP of Communications of Sisters in Crime - Canada West.



### PAPERBACK

**On Sale: 01/28/25**

**Rising Action**

**9781998076819**

Fiction

First Print: 75,000

5.5 x 8.5, 384 pages

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\$18.99 (US) / \$25.99 (CAN)

### AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Angela Douglas / Summerland /  
British Columbia / Canada

### OTHER FORMATS

eBook: 9781998076826, \$10.99

### MARKETING

Marketing Overview -Influencer Campaign -National print and online publicity campaign -Local Author Tour -Amazon sponsored ads, Kindle lock screen ads, retail network ads -Dedicated digital marketing campaign, including sweepstakes, social media posts, and excerpts -Early reader review

# Beverly Bonnefinche is Dead

Kristen Seeley

## BOOK DESCRIPTION

**For fans of Gail Honeyman, a poignant book club fiction novel that delves deep into mental health and the power of resilience.**

Socially awkward, anxiety-riddled Beverly Bonnefinche only loves three things in life: her parents, books, and a homeless man named Bill. Without them, the only way Beverly manages to get by each day is with the help of a peculiar coping mechanism that allows her to dissolve her feelings.

Yet everything changes for Beverly when she meets Henry, a persistent, friendly man who sees something in Beverly most people have missed. As their relationship develops, despite her best intentions, Beverly soon finds herself stepping outside of her carefully controlled life and forging new friendships.

It's only when a series of twists and turns threatens to unravel her new life, and her mind, that Beverly must determine if she's got it in her to stop trudging through life—and finally start living it.

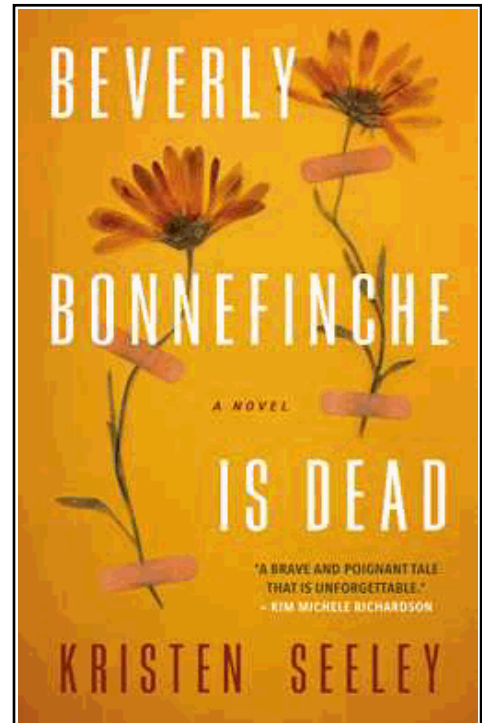
*Emotional and witty, Beverly Bonnefinche is Dead is an unforgettable story of love, loss, friendship, and what it means to find the courage to be who you are ultimately.*

Please note that Beverly Bonnefinche comes with important content warnings such as pregnancy loss, mental illness and attempted suicide.

## AUTHOR BIO

Marie Still, a New England native turned DC local, before settling into Florida life, torments her characters in thriller and horror novels. Under the pen name Kristen Seeley, she crafts tales of extraordinary women in her women's fiction novels. Her award-winning debut WE'RE ALL LYING snagged a spot on BuzzFeed's most anticipated mystery/thrillers of 2023, while her award-winning BEVERLY BONNEFINCHE IS DEAD is a 2024 Silver Falchion finalist. Her forthcoming novels include MY DARLINGS (2024), BAD THINGS HAPPENED IN THIS ROOM (2025), and SUCH A PRETTY THING (2025).

Off the page Marie can be found attempting to corral her four mostly friendly cats for a cuddle, surviving the affection from her very cuddly 150-lb Rottweiler, or keeping up with her four children. She's also known to surprise her incredibly supportive husband with a new cat, to which he doesn't complain (too much).



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Fiction

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## AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Marie Still (writing as Kristen Seeley): Pinellas Park / Florida

## MARKETING

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# Seeds

## Angie Paxton

### BOOK DESCRIPTION

**For fans of Madeline Miller and Pat Barker, a debut fantasy novel set in Mycenaean Greece that explores the myth of Persephone through the lens of mother-daughter dynamics.**

Kore has lived her entire life under her resentful mother Demeter's shadow, trying her hardest to please a woman grown bitter by betrayal. With her self-esteem in tatters and deliberately isolated by her mother, it's no surprise that Kore is flummoxed when she meets a collection of otherworldly women – the Goddesses of Olympus – who tell her that her mother is in truth a Goddess herself. Kore tells them her preferred name, Persephone, and hopes they will not only have answers for her new questions, but the friendship and love she craves. Instead, an imposing and stoic figure emerges from a nearby cave on a magical chariot and snatches Persephone away.

Upon realizing she has been taken to the Underworld by Hades, who desires she become his queen, Persephone vows to escape.

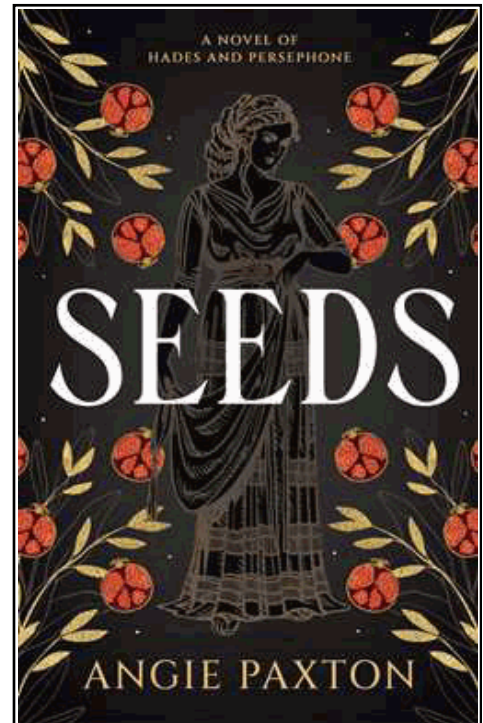
Demeter, enraged upon finding her daughter taken, goes to extreme lengths to reclaim her – putting the lives of all humanity, and even the gods, at risk.

Angie Paxton breathes new life into a myth that has been reshaped, adapted, and loved since Homer's *Hymn to Demeter*. *Seeds* is a deeply romantic story of two lonely souls finding one another, the pressure put on children to forgive their parents' abuse, and the power of resentment.

Content Warnings: References to child abuse, animal death, starvation, forcible confinement

### AUTHOR BIO

Angie Paxton is an American author who writes books that explore complex female family relationships in dark, atmospheric settings. She's a part of the North Idaho Writers' League. Angie is a stay-at-home mom who enjoys reading and research. She'll occasionally emerge from her books to run, hike or boat in beautiful Hayden, Idaho where she lives with her husband, four kids and three spoiled cats. *Seeds* is Angie's debut novel.



### PAPERBACK

**On Sale: 01/07/25**

**Rising Action**

**9781998076840**

Fiction

First Print: 50,000

5.5 x 8.5, 400 pages

Carton quantity: 20

\$18.99 (US) / \$25.99 (CAN)

### AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Angie Paxton / Idaho

### OTHER FORMATS

eBook: 9781998076918, \$10.99

### MARKETING

Marketing Overview

- Author blurbs forthcoming from Lauren J.A. Bear (Medusa's Sisters) and Rosie Hewlett (Medea)

-Influencer Campaign including: influencer Beth.Any.Book (68K) and TheBibliophileBlond (55K)

-National print and online publicity

# The Return Trip

## Maya Golden

### BOOK DESCRIPTION

**For fans of Kerry Washington and Bassey Ikpi, a gripping memoir about overcoming addiction and trauma—a powerful journey of healing and redemption.**

*At age 30, Maya Golden was living a charmed life.*

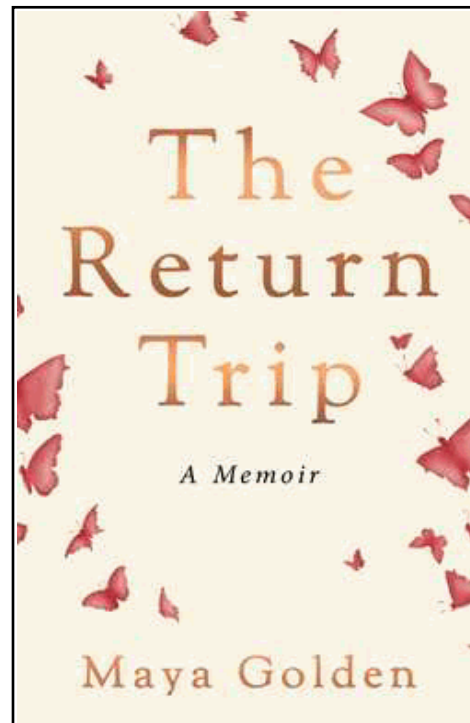
She was an award-winning sports reporter, a loyal wife, and a new mom. Privately, she was battling addiction, perfectionism, dissociation disorders, and rage due to sexual abuse endured at the hands of her cousin and many other predators.

But Maya wants to change. So, on a family road trip back to her Texas hometown she is ready to put an end to the secrets that threaten her marriage and her career. Three separate moments of divine intervention ultimately saved Maya's life.

From a suicide plan to the treatment facility to launching a non-profit organization—Maya's story chronicles and dissects her journey to find purpose out of the trauma.

### AUTHOR BIO

Maya Golden Bethany is an Associated Press winning and Emmy nominated multimedia journalist. Her debut memoir, *The Return Trip*, will release in November 2023 and her first novel, a political thriller, *The Senator*, will release in spring 2025 through Rising Action Publishing Collective. Maya is the winner of the Excellence in My Market Award (EMMA) from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. She is the founder of the 1 in 3 Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides recovery and counseling resources to survivors of sexual trauma with little to no income in East Texas. Maya has been featured on Bally Sports, Fox Sports College, ESPN 2 and 3 and other broadcast mediums including Blackgirlnerds.com. She speaks as a survivor for organizations such as the Children's Advocacy Center, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and Kids Aspiring to Dream. The Texas A&M alum's career includes experience as a sports anchor/reporter and television production editor, newscast writer, field producer and print writer. She is a member of the Writer's League of Texas. She writes fiction under Maya Golden Bethany.



### HARDCOVER

**On Sale: 03/04/25**

**Rising Action**

**9781990253669**

Biography & Autobiography

First Print: 30,000

6 x 9, 288 pages

Carton quantity: 10

\$26.99 (US) / \$31.99 (CAN)

### AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Maya Golden / Tyler / Texas

### MARKETING

*Marketing Campaign* -Influencer Campaign -National print and online publicity campaign -Amazon sponsored ads, retail network ads, and select online media ads  
-Dedicated digital marketing campaign, including sweepstakes, social media posts, and excerpts  
-Early reader review campaign  
-ARC mailings to booksellers, librarians, and media -Library marketing campaign

# Twisted

## Maggie Giles

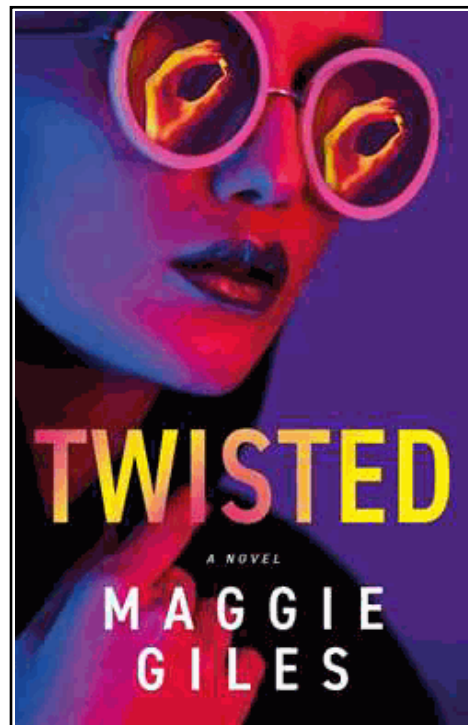
### BOOK DESCRIPTION

For fans of Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen, *Twisted* is a gripping thriller set in the underbelly of crime, perfect for those who revel in complex, dark mysteries.

Detective Ryan Boone thought the simple jewelry heist was an open and shut case. That is until he discovers an unknown drug, and this minor crime he was investigating may be tied to a string of seemingly unconnected murders. Meanwhile, Mel Parker, unscrupulous leader of a less-than-legal high-end escort service, stumbles across the same pills. On top of protecting her "investment," she has her own reasons for attempting to unravel the mystery behind the medication. Ryan knows someone has the answers he seeks, and Mel can't come forward. To complicate things further, five other women are implicated in the murders despite most having never met. As the trail turns up as many mysteries as resolutions, Ryan and Mel must discover the twisted connection before someone else ends up dead. For fans of *The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen, and *When You Find Me* by P. J. Vernon, *Twisted* will have you questioning the motive behind the murders and how exactly one can be found guilty when the evidence doesn't add up.

### AUTHOR BIO

Maggie Giles is a Canadian author who writes suspenseful women's fiction and thrillers. Her debut novel, *The Things We Lost*, was named a 2023 distinguished favourite in Women's Fiction by the Independent Press Awards. She is a member of the International Thriller Writers and currently works in Marketing. Maggie dove into writing a novel head first despite having aphantasia, a condition where one lacks a visual imagination. She lives in Ontario with her mastiff-mix, Jolene, and spends most of her days enjoying the outdoors, from swimming to hiking to skiing in the winter.



**PAPERBACK**

**On Sale: 04/01/25**

**Rising Action**

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Fiction

First Print: 35,000

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### AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Maggie Giles / Collingwood /  
Ontario / Canada

### MARKETING

Marketing Campaign

-Influencer Campaign - Booktok

-National print and online publicity  
campaign

-Amazon sponsored ads, retail  
network ads, and select online  
media ads

-Dedicated digital marketing

# Wicked

## Maggie Giles

### BOOK DESCRIPTION

**WICKED is a gripping sequel set in the heart of Canada, where a determined detective and a forensic expert uncover a chilling conspiracy with nationwide implications, making it a must-read for fans of Gillian Flynn and Lisa Gardner.**

Detective Ryan Boone just can't let this case go. While the mystery behind the robbery and murders in *Twisted* was uncovered a few months back, there is still a very large loose thread that Boone desperately wishes to tie up. He convinces his superiors to allow him to travel to Ottawa, where he's uncovered a lead into a conspiracy that hints what happened in Toronto has nation-wide, and horrific, implications.

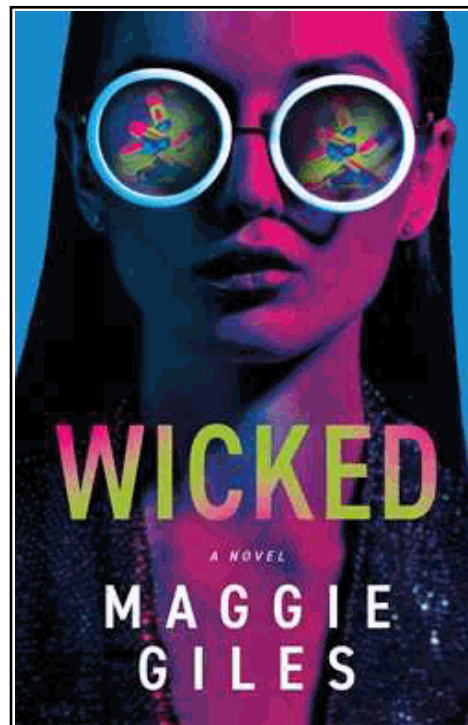
Former detective Cora Porter has moved to forensics, but when a strange case involving a murder, a runaway, and a case of mistaken identity hits close to home, she squeezes her way into the investigation. It also doesn't help that a certain visiting detective has caught her eye, and is also willing to work with her on the case.

Their suspect, Blaine Roche, always seems to be one step ahead of Ryan and Cora. What they don't know is that he's not just trying to evade arrest, but take down the conspiracy for his own purposes. Given he's already a wanted man, Blaine is willing to do whatever it takes to get revenge. He has nothing else to lose ... or so he thinks.

*Wicked* picks up where *Twisted* left off, but in a new location and with several new twists.

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**PAPERBACK**

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Fiction

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**AUTHOR HOMETOWN**

Maggie Giles / Toronto / Ontario

**OTHER FORMATS**

eBook: 9781998076673, \$9.99

**MARKETING**

*Marketing Campaign* -Influencer Campaign -National print and online publicity campaign -Author Tour -National consumer advertising campaign -Dedicated digital marketing campaign, including sweepstakes, social media posts, and excerpts -Early reader review campaign -ARC mailings to booksellers, librarians



# Nameless Things

Ernest Jensen

## BOOK DESCRIPTION

**A gripping horror thriller set in Colorado's Devil's Cup State Park where survival becomes a deadly game against subterranean terrors.**

In the aftermath of a painful breakup, Mike and his friend Wade seek solace in the remote beauty of Devil's Cup State Park, Colorado. Their quest for peace is abruptly ended when a meteor strike causes a rock to fall, trapping them and a diverse group of campers within the ancient volcanic caldera. As they grapple with their new reality, a far more sinister challenge emerges from the depths of the earth.

The sanctuary they sought becomes a hunting ground as the group discovers the ground infested with lethal, flesh-piercing worms. The situation turns dire when they realize these predators are merely the heralds of something far more terrifying: the NAMELESS THINGS. With no way to call for help, survival hinges on their ability to outsmart the unseen terror lurking beneath their feet.

As alliances form and fray under the weight of fear, Mike is propelled into a desperate bid for freedom. Facing treacherous terrain, dwindling supplies, and the psychological toll of their predicament, the campers must confront the true nature of the horror they face. In a thrilling fight for survival, Mike's journey to escape and reveal the nightmare within Devil's Cup becomes a testament to the human spirit's resilience against the unknown.

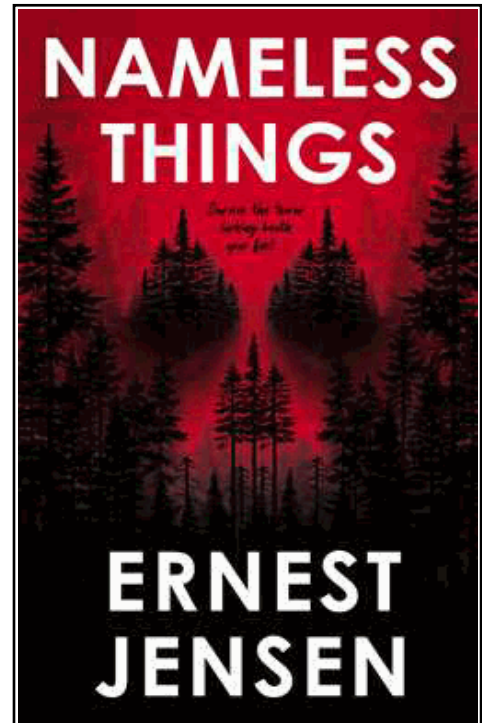
## AUTHOR BIO

Louise Jensen Duffy, writing as Ernest Jensen, is an Australian author living in Scotland who writes horror and historical fiction.

Louise won the 2023 Cheshire Novel Prize, with a previous title being longlisted for the 2022 Cheshire Novel Prize. She was longlisted for the 2023 BPA First Novel Award and was also shortlisted for the 2022 Comedy Women in Print Award, winning the CWIP Runner-up Unpublished Book to Screen Award.

To date, Louise has written five novels and, while technically they're her first foray into fiction, she spent the last twenty-odd years writing for government, which has given her a solid foundation in creative writing.

Nameless Things is her first horror novel.



**PAPERBACK**

**On Sale: 03/25/25**

**Rising Action**

**9781998076963**

Fiction

First Print: 35,000

5.5 x 8.5, 304 pages

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\$17.99 (US) / \$24.99 (CAN)

## AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Ernest Jensen / United Kingdom

## OTHER FORMATS

eBook: 9781998076970, \$9.99

## MARKETING

*Marketing Campaign* -Influencer

Campaign: HorrorTok,

BookTokkers and Instagram

-National print and online publicity

campaign -Author Tour -National

consumer advertising campaign

-Amazon sponsored ads, retail

network ads -Dedicated digital

marketing campaign, including

sweepstakes, social media posts,

# The Senator

## Maya Golden Bethany

### BOOK DESCRIPTION

For fans of Louise Penny, a riveting political thriller set in today's Washington D.C., exploring the high stakes of power and corruption.

US Senator Oliver Michaels of Maine campaigned on the hopes of changing Washington. One year after becoming the youngest senator in Congress, Oliver finds himself disheartened by systemic bureaucracy, partisan finger-pointing, the power of lobbyists, and the collapse of his marriage.

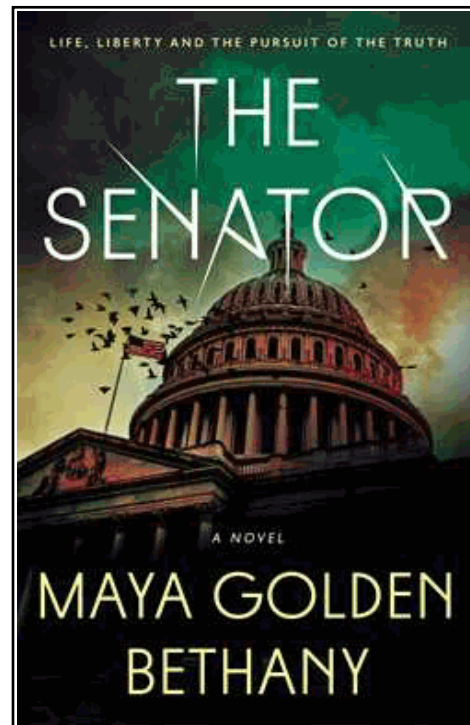
When *New York Times* reporter Alex Broussard shows up at his office, Oliver is presented with a shocking corruption scheme involving two congressmen, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, and a chemical manufacturer.

With this real opportunity to clean up dirty DC politics, Alex reignites Oliver's pledge to help people lost in messy legislative battles and abandoned by government in sacrifice zones. Yet, lofty political aspirations aren't the only things burning with passion. Working side by side, Alex and Oliver, once an item in college, realize feelings still linger for one another.

Alex and Oliver's efforts to expose the unlawful plot also uncovers the fact that they are pawns in a rigged game hosted by those who will do anything to keep their positions of power and their wallets padded - even kill. The stakes continuously rise, putting Alex, Oliver, and their family and friends in grave danger. Each must decide what's more important; the safety of their loved ones or the health of the public.

### AUTHOR BIO

Maya Golden Bethany is an award-winning multimedia journalist, recognized with an Associated Press award and an Emmy nomination. Her debut memoir, "The Return Trip," was released in November 2023. Founder of the 1 in 3 Foundation, Maya provides support for survivors of sexual trauma in East Texas. Her extensive broadcast career includes roles as a sports anchor, reporter, and television production editor, with features on ESPN, Bally Sports, and more. Additionally, she is a dedicated advocate for children's welfare organizations and a member of the Writer's League of Texas. Maya recently earned a second-place award at the Martha's Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing 2024 Parent-Writer Fellowship.



**PAPERBACK**

**On Sale: 04/15/25**

**Rising Action**

**9781998076192**

Fiction

First Print: 25,000

5.5 x 8.5, 320 pages

Carton quantity: 20

\$17.99 (US) / \$24.99 (CAN)

### AUTHOR HOMETOWN

Maya Golden Bethany / Tyler / Texas

### OTHER FORMATS

eBook: 9781998076208, \$9.99

### MARKETING

#### Marketing Overview

-Influencer Campaign -National print and online publicity campaign  
-Local Author Tour -Amazon sponsored ads, Kindle lock screen ads, retail network ads -Dedicated digital marketing campaign, including sweepstakes, social media posts, and excerpts -Early

# Boystown Heartbreakers

KC Carmichael

## BOOK DESCRIPTION

**A steamy, friends-to-lovers gay romance set in Chicago, perfect for fans of Timothy Janovsky and Sidney Karger.**

Chicago hairstylist Bastian Russo has only three things to his name: a pair of \$1,200 shears, a *Boystown* studio apartment, and a list of men's names written on his closet wall. His constant worry that he's not good enough and his chronic inability to trust are what leaves him heartbroken time and again.

After he adds the latest name, he turns to his best friend, Andres Wood, for solace. But instead of treating Bastian to dinner, drinks, and the usual effortless banter, Andres makes an interesting suggestion: that Bastian should get over the breakup by dating ... *Andres*.

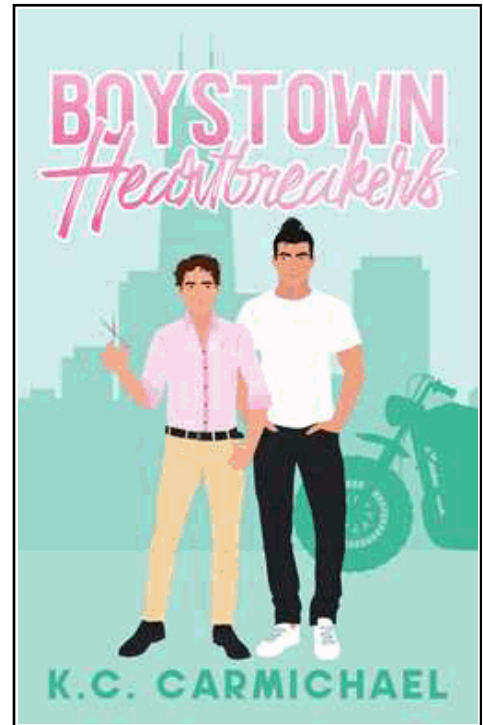
Sure, Andres is successful and attractive, but he also knows everything there is to know about Bastian—including what an insecure pain in the ass he is. Meanwhile, everyone in Bastian's life, from his mother to his co-workers, thinks he's an idiot for not having dated Andres already. So, what could go wrong?

Everything.

Now Bastian has to sort out his inadequacy and trust issues to prove he's worthy of transitioning from Andres' best friend to his lover. Otherwise, it's a matter of time before one or both of them end up on Bastian's list of Boystown Heartbreakers.

## AUTHOR BIO

KC Carmichael is an American author who writes romantic comedies. She is an ex-hairstylist who spent her time behind the chair not only styling her clients' hair but also listening to their stories and sharing her own observations about the beauty and hilarity of life and love. She lives in Chicago, where she holds two controversial opinions about her beloved city: that winter is the superior season, and the actual Chicago-style pizza is pan pizza cut into squares for easy sharing. *Boystown Heartbreakers* is her debut novel. Stay tuned for her forthcoming three-book series as well.



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Fiction

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## AUTHOR HOMETOWN

KC Carmichael / Chicago / Illinois

## MARKETING

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# The Prince's Heart

Ben Chalfin

## BOOK DESCRIPTION

*Red White and Royal Blue* meets *The Goblin Emperor* in this enchanting slow-burn LGBTQIA+ Romantasy set in the mystical realm of Soeria, where a prince must choose between duty and heart.

In the heart of Soeria, where royal bloodlines carve the paths of destiny, Prince Darien Garros, the kingdom's beloved second son, faces the age-old clash between duty and desire. For years, Darien has dodged the court's expectations to find a suitable match, yearning instead for a love that values the man behind the crown. His longing seems answered in Tag Leara, whose charm and genuine affection ignite a hope Darien dared not admit.

Yet, fate is a fickle master. A sudden tragedy propels Darien into a role he never sought, challenging his deepest convictions. As the weight of legacy and the whispers of power threaten to suffocate him, Darien confronts the ultimate test. Torn between the call of his blood and the pull of his heart, he stands at a crossroads that could reshape the future of Soeria itself.

With every choice comes a price, and Darien must decide: Will he follow the stringent demands of royalty, or will he choose the perilous path of love? In a world where allegiance and affection collide, Prince Darien's story is a testament to the enduring battle between the crowns we bear and the hearts we hold dear.

## AUTHOR BIO

Ben Chalfin is an intellectual property lawyer by day and a romance writer by night, skillfully bridging the gap between the precision of patent law and the emotional depth of storytelling. Hailing from Maryland with a loyal allegiance to the Ravens, Ben's academic journey took him from Virginia to North Carolina, culminating in a career in Philadelphia—a city that reflects his own blend of innovation and historical richness. Whether drafting patent applications or exploring the complexities of love and loss in their novels, Ben brings a unique perspective to both the legal and literary worlds, celebrating the power of creativity and the human spirit.



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# Extreme Romancing in Idaho

Bonnie Jo Pierson

## BOOK DESCRIPTION

**A heartfelt romance set in rural Idaho, perfect for fans of Robyn Carr and Jojo Moyes, exploring love's triumph over material desires.**

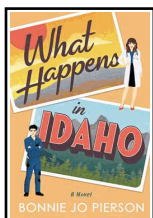
Angie Johnson wants nothing more than to keep her parents' struggling Idaho farm running, maintain her career as a NICU nurse, and find a man to marry before her father passes away from cancer. Unfortunately, even if she had time to meet someone, the online dating world is full of dead ends. That is, until she meets Daniel Smoot, a man ready to settle down on her timeline. Unfortunately, in order to reel him in, Angie may have told him a little white lie: that she, who is afraid of heights, is very into extreme sports.

Remington James the Third has his own set of problems, and finding a woman is not one. He's in town to convince Angie's parents to sell their land to his family's development company. In order to get on their good side, he takes a job at the farm and volunteers to help Angie snag Smoot by training her in extreme sports and the intricate art of seduction. What he doesn't plan on is falling for the woman whose life he's been ordered to uproot.

A wholesome romance about choosing love over your bank account, *Extreme Romancing in Idaho* will steal your heart.

## AUTHOR BIO

Gifted with a short attention span, American romance author, Bonnie Jo Pierson, wants to experience and do as much as she can. As a member of Romance Writers of America, the Storymakers Guild, Idaho Sisters in Crime, Idaho Writers Guild, and Manuscript Academy, she's won the Heart of Denver's Molly contest, placed third in the Orange Rose contest, was a finalist in the Shiela and Four Seasons contest, and placed multiple times in the contest at Storymakers. She also earned a spot in the RAMP mentorship program. She and her Navy veteran husband have four children and spent several years as military nomads. Now she's made her home in small-town Idaho, where she's attempting to resurrect her great-grandparent's one-hundred year-old farm. *What Happens in Idaho* is her debut novel.



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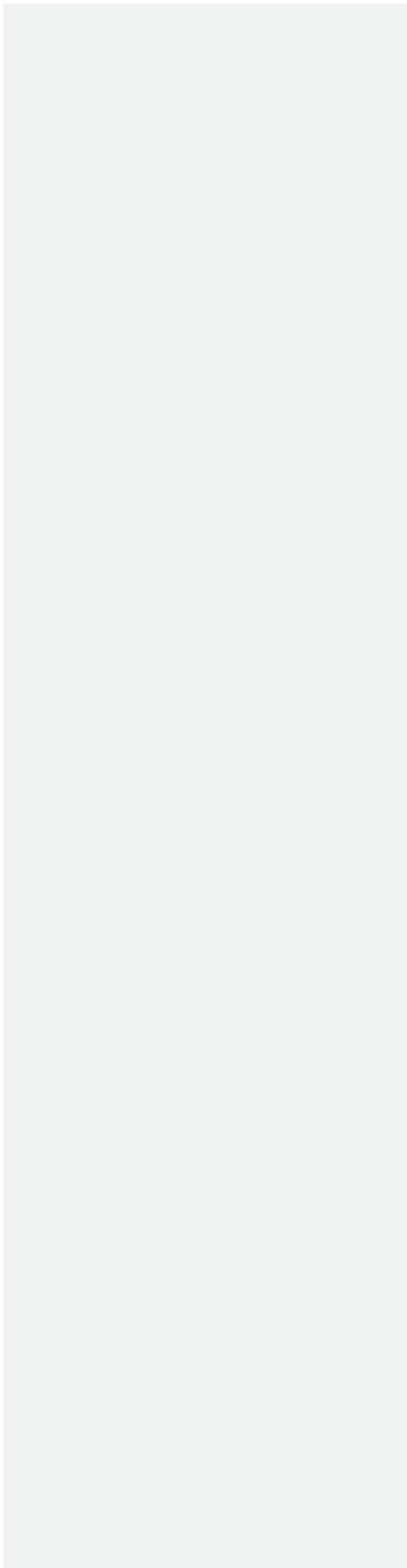
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# Again, Only More Like You

Catalina Margulis

## BOOK DESCRIPTION

For fans of Elin Hilderbrand and Jennifer Weiner, *Again, Only More Like You* offers a poignant and humorous look at friendship and reinvention at 40.

*She hadn't turned 40 yet, and already she was over it...*

Dumped. Pregnant. Fired. For best friends Carmen and Ally, the approach of their 40th birthdays is anything but a celebration. Yet, it might be exactly what they need to set their lives on the right path.

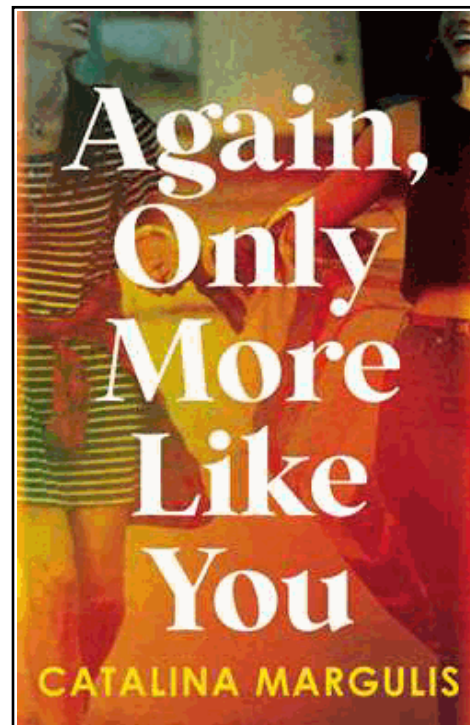
In the bustling heart of New York, Carmen has it all—a high-profile career, a loving family, and a home straight out of a magazine. But as her 40th looms, her life begins to unravel. A surprise pregnancy, a shocking job loss, and the unwelcome sight of crow's feet force her to rethink her perfect life and what it means to truly have it all.

Meanwhile, in the quiet of Maine, Carmen's best friend Ally, a spirited marine biologist, confronts her own crisis as she faces the fallout from a doomed affair with her boss. With her romantic life in shambles and her professional life no better, Ally relocates to Portland, Oregon, hoping for a fresh start and one last chance at love.

As their individual journeys to happiness lead them in different directions, the strength of their friendship is tested. Tragedy strikes, bringing hidden resentments to the surface and forcing them to confront their past—and each other. In the process, they must answer a pivotal question: Are their best years really behind them, or is turning 40 just the beginning of their greatest adventures?

## AUTHOR BIO

Catalina Margulis is an author, podcast host and mother of four who has written for many of Canada's top publications over the past 20 years. Cat was an editor at ELLE Canada, Flare, and Today's Parent, she was a regular contributor to Savvymom, Mabel's Labels, and Walmart Canada, and has written for more than 40 publications, including The Globe and Mail, Reader's Digest, and Yummy Mummy Club. She is also the host of Passion Project ([passionprojectpod.com](http://passionprojectpod.com)), a podcast about making your dreams happen. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she lives with her family in the suburbs of Toronto, Canada.



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# We're All Lying

Marie Still

## BOOK DESCRIPTION

For fans of Shari Lapena and Rachel Hawkins, a thrilling dive into domestic deceit where family secrets threaten to unravel a woman's entire existence.

*How far would you go to keep what's yours?*

Someone is hunting Cass.

Cass lives an enviable life: a successful career, two great kids, and a handsome husband. Then an email from her husband's mistress, Emma, brings the façade of perfection crumbling around her, setting off a chain of events where buried secrets come back to haunt her.

A taunting email turns into stalking and escalates into much worse. Ethan and Cass try to move on, then Emma disappears.

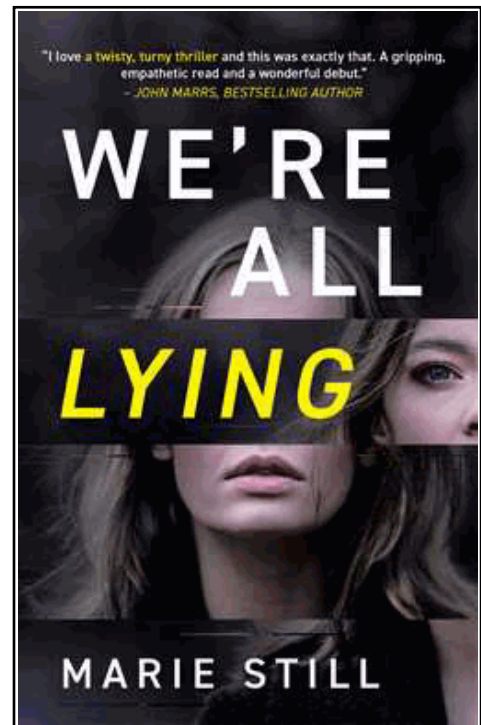
No longer considered a victim, Cass finds herself the prime suspect and center of the investigation. Her dark secrets—including ones she didn't know existed—threaten to destroy everything they've worked for.

A fast-paced psychological thriller with jaw-dropping twists, the novel examines buried family secrets and how desperation can lead to fatal mistakes when *We're All Lying*.

## AUTHOR BIO

Marie Still, award-winning thriller and horror author, torments her characters from Tampa Bay. She also writes women's fiction under Kristen Seeley. Her novels include *My Darlings* (currently in development as a television series with Amazon MGM Studios), *Bad Things Happened in This Room*, *We're All Lying* (named by BuzzFeed as one of the most anticipated mystery/thrillers of 2023), and *Beverly Bonnetfinche is Dead* (a Silver Falchion Award finalist).

Off the page Marie can be found attempting to corral her five mostly friendly cats for a cuddle, surviving the affection from her very cuddly 150-lb Rottweiler, or keeping up with her four children. She's also known to surprise her incredibly supportive husband with a new cat, to which he doesn't complain (too much).



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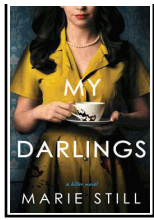
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