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Book Club Fiction

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As Long as You're Mine

NEKESA AFIA

OCTOBER 1, 2025

Beneath the glitter of 1930s Hollywood, dangerous secrets connect two generations of women in this atmospheric dual-timeline mystery about identity, sacrifice, and survival.

Professional ballerina Thea Ross's world shatters when her screen-legend father commits suicide, leaving behind a shocking confession to a decades-old murder. Determined to uncover the truth, Thea teams up with a relentless journalist, following a trail of clues that leads her back to the glittering yet treacherous world of 1930s Hollywood.

There, she discovers the story of Lorelei Davies, a struggling actress willing to endure anything for her family's sake. As Thea peels back the layers of Lorelei's life—her dreams, fears, and dangerous secrets—the connection between Lorelei's past and Thea's present challenges everything she believes about her family history. But as she untangles all the lies, she comes to know herself more truly than ever before.

As Thea navigates the glamorous facade of Old Hollywood, she must decide whether uncovering the truth about her father is worth sacrificing the life she planned—and whether some secrets are better left buried in Hollywood's golden age.

About the Author

Born in Calgary but now residing in Toronto, Nekesa Afia holds a degree in journalism from Toronto Metropolitan University and a certificate in publishing from Centennial College.

A self-proclaimed midcentury-modern fan, Nekesa loves a Saturday afternoon spent in front of the classic movie channel. When she isn't writing, you can find her sewing, swing dancing, or actively trying to pet every dog she sees.

Nekesa Afia is also the author of the Harlem Renaissance Mystery series.



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As Far as She Knew

DIANA AWAD

APRIL 7, 2026

For readers of Laura Dave, Liane Moriarty, and Lisa Jewell comes a propulsive mystery of a widow coming to terms with the unexpected death of her seemingly-perfect husband and the many things she never knew about him and their life together. An engrossing novel that explores loss, marriage, and the bonds of blood and culture as experienced by a first-generation Arab American family.

Amira Abadi is devastated when her husband of twenty-three years dies suddenly in a car accident. She is even more stunned to discover her husband Ali owned a house in another state that she knew nothing about. Amira begins to suspect Ali's college ex-girlfriend, the one he broke up with before he married Amira, lives inside.

Although their parents arranged their first meeting, Amira never considered her and Ali's union to be anything but a love match. They were the American dream, until Ali was tragically taken from her. Or so she believed. Her family and friends reach the most obvious conclusion that Ali was having an affair, but Amira doesn't believe it.

Every marriage has its secrets, and as Amira uncovers one shocking truth after another, she discovers what her husband was hiding from her. And, more importantly, why?

About the Author

This is the first work of commercial fiction by Arab American journalist Diana Awad (pen name), and is informed by her lived experiences exploring themes of loss, betrayal, family secrets and the questions that are left behind. Writing as Diana Quincy and D.M. Quincy, Diana is a critically acclaimed writer with a history of success in both historical romance and historical mystery.

Currently published by Avon/HarperCollins in romance, she regularly receives accolades for her work: *Entertainment Weekly* named *The Duke Gets Desperate* as a Top 10 romance novel of 2023; *Kirkus Reviews* designated *The Marquess Makes His Move* a Best Romance of 2022; and the *The Washington Post* named her 2018 title, *The Duke Who Ravished Me*, as a Best Book of the Year and was an Amazon Best Book of the Month.

Her debut mystery novel, *Murder in Mayfair*, was named a Best Book of the Year by *Library Journal* in 2017. Diana is active on social media. In addition to her website www.DianaQuincy.com, you can find her on TikTok, Instagram and Facebook.



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The Marriage Slip

LAURA BARROW

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The author of *Call the Canaries Home* returns with an enchanting novel about marriage, friendship, and second chances, where the power of a new perspective reveals the impact of time lost...and found.

Selling real estate full time, raising two young daughters, clinging to a slipping marriage—Audrey’s life is definitely a balancing act. But when a tumble down the stairs leaves her with more than just a bump on the head, she wakes up five years in the past, before the first tear in her marriage threatened her trust in Travis.

Her kids are babies again. Her career is full of promise. Her dog, Willow, is still alive. In this miraculous do-over, she could prevent a heartbreaking tragedy *and* land a game-changing sale. But having it all means putting her trust in Travis and owning up to the part she might have played in their separation.

As she relives and revises the past, Audrey discovers who her real friends are and what her heart actually wants. But before she can truly come home, she must decide. Is Travis the obstacle holding her back from her dreams, or the key to having it all?

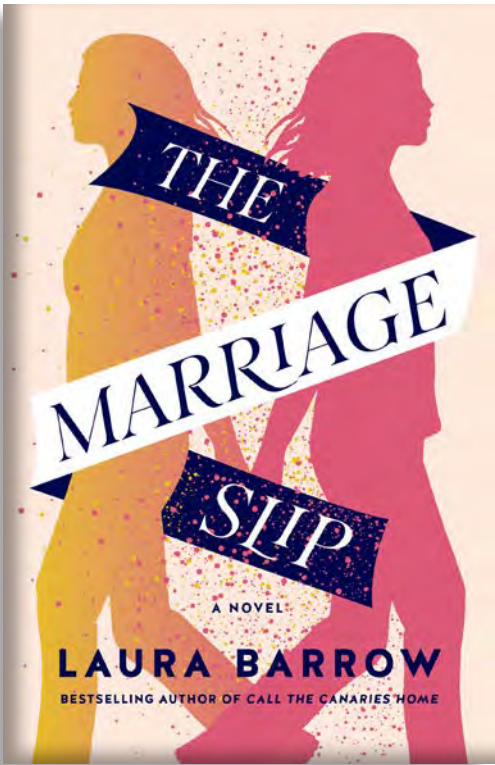
About the Author

Laura Barrow, the author of *Call the Canaries Home* and *If We Ever Get There*, is a former teacher and a lover of books. She received her bachelor’s degree in music education from Centenary College in northwest Louisiana, where she grew up. She now resides in northeast Texas, just outside Dallas, with her husband, three daughters, and one energetic labradoodle.

Praise for Laura Barrow

“In her third novel, *The Marriage Slip*, Barrow explores the intersection of expectations and reality through suburban mom Audrey’s struggle with her marriage, career, friendships, and motherhood. Readers will groan, cry, and cheer on Audrey as she navigates an inexplicable yet precious gift from the universe—a second chance. Have tissues handy because this novel will grab readers by the heart and not let go until the last page.” —**Kristin Kiskka, Agatha Award–nominated author of *The Hint of Light***

“In her delightfully engaging third novel, Laura Barrow explores what might happen when a crumbling relationship gets an unexpected do-over. I was instantly drawn in by the relatable characters and intriguing time travel, but *The Marriage Slip* also packs a tremendous amount of truth, with insights about motherhood, equal partnership, and how to find the magic in our ordinary lives. I loved this book!” —**Hadley Leggett, author of *All They Ask Is Everything***



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Three Mothers

HANNAH BECKERMAN

MAY 1, 2025

From the bestselling author of *The Forgetting*. Ideal for fans of Louise Candlish, Lisa Jewell and Liane Moriarty, *Three Mothers* is a tense, page-turning domestic suspense story with a final twist that will make you gasp.

A heartbroken mother

When seventeen-year-old Isla Richardson is killed in a hit-and-run incident, a community's lives are thrown into disarray. For Isla's mum, Abby, it is her second devastating bereavement, having lost her husband five years ago. As Abby begins to uncover secrets about Isla's life, she's forced to rethink everything she thought she knew about her family.

A supportive best friend

For Abby's best friend, Nicole, the tragic death sets in motion a chain of events that will have irreparable consequences for her husband and her two teenage sons.

A determined mum

For Jenna, Isla's death threatens to expose secrets about her son's past that she has done everything in her power to hide, to secure him a better future.

A tragedy unites them—but it could also tear their families apart

Tackling friendship, family, social prejudice and the pressures facing young women, *Three Mothers* asks: how well do we really know our children? And how far would any of us go to protect the people we love?

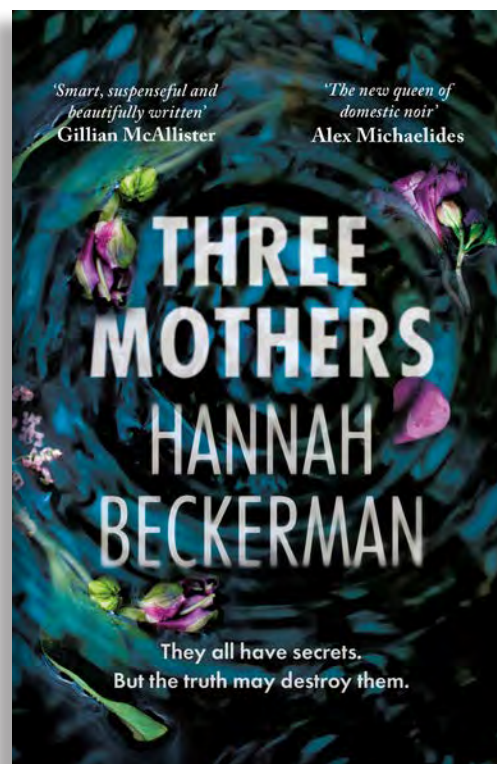
About the Author

Hannah is an author, journalist and broadcaster. She is a book critic and features writer for a range of publications including the *Observer*, the *Guardian* and the *FT Weekend Magazine*, and was the book pundit on the Sara Cox show on BBC Radio 2. A regular chair at festivals and events across the UK, she has interviewed a range of writers and celebrities from Graham Norton and Nigella Lawson to Maggie O'Farrell and Kate Atkinson. She has judged numerous book prizes including the Costa Books Awards. *Three Mothers* is her fifth novel.

Praise for Hannah Beckerman

'You've watched *Adolescence*, right? This has the same feel to it—of teenage lives gone horribly, terrifyingly astray, despite loving parents and childhoods; of parents absolutely unaware of what is going on in their children's lives.' —*The Observer*

'*Three Mothers* is the kind of novel that leaves you with a knot in your stomach, especially if you've ever asked yourself: "What would I do to protect my child?" or worse, "What wouldn't I admit to myself if it meant keeping my world intact?"' —*Cape Argus*



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The Restoration Garden

SARA BLAYDES

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

A landscape architect unearths the tangled history of a once-celebrated English garden—and all its mysteries—in a captivating novel by the author of *The Last Secret of Lily Adams*.

Julia Esdaile is hired to restore the historic gardens at Havenworth Manor—the grounds of which are now an abandoned snarl of bramble and weeds—to their original splendor. For the enigmatic lady of the manor, ninety-two-year-old Margaret Clarke, the reason for the restoration is the deeply private story of a promise made a lifetime ago, and a vow to keep it before she dies.

It's 1940, and Margaret's older half sister, Irene, an aspiring artist, dreams of an exciting world beyond Havenworth. Her only escapes are James Atherton, a handsome officer in the RAF, and her sketchbook of flower drawings. Bonding over their disdain for war, Irene follows James to London, where, irrevocably in love, she is forced to make a choice she never imagined. With that, Irene vanishes from Margaret's life forever.

Now, with the help of Margaret's godson, Andrew, Julia is determined to uncover both the long-buried secrets of the past and the truth behind a heartbreaking mystery that only restoring the gardens of Havenworth can solve.

About the Author

Sara Blaydes is the author of *The Last Secret of Lily Adams*. She has been obsessed with books ever since she demanded her parents teach her to read at four years old so she could steal her older brother's comic books. It was only natural she start crafting stories where she, a perpetual daydreamer, could escape into worlds of her own creation.

She currently lives in British Columbia with her handsome husband, two amazing children, and an overly anxious Boston terrier. She believes books are magic, summer is the best season, and parsley is never optional.

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Book Club Fiction

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All Languages

The Water Women

BONNIE BLAYLOCK

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A powerful, emotional, and redemptive novel about the interwoven lives of mothers and daughters and the bonds of an ancient craft that link them through two world wars and beyond.

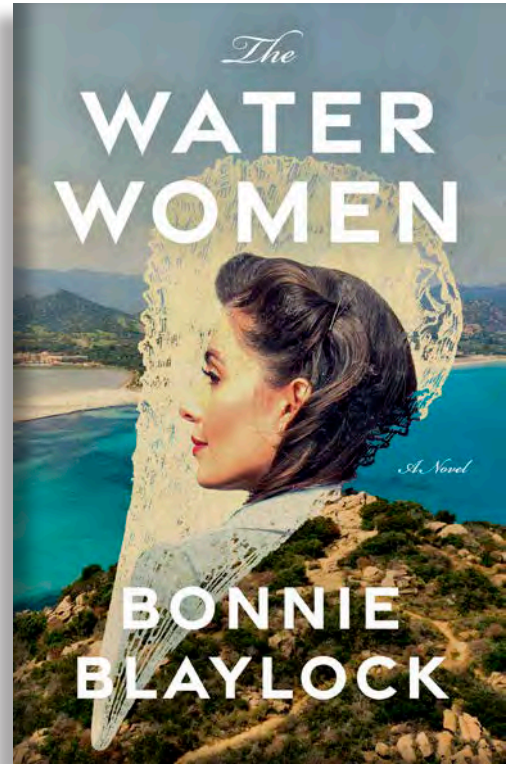
In 1930s Sardinia, Allegra and her daughters maintain the tradition of the water women. As it was for the generations of Jewish mothers and daughters before her, weaving the fine threads of mollusks into golden cloth and tapestry is an honor, a duty, and a precious gift to an outside world that seems bent on turmoil.

By 1942, a threat comes to their sleepy fishing village. Germany has pressed its boot on Italy. Allegra's daughter Zaneta notices boats she's never seen before anchored off the shore. As her family withdraws from the once-unified community, their island home sinks into a fog of fear and suspicion. Then Zaneta meets a German deserter. With the encounter comes a secret that will haunt Zaneta forever, and in the years to come, her own daughter, Mira, as well.

For three women, the threads of the byssus weave a story of love, war, loss, and hope that will challenge them and bind them through the most trying times of their lives.

About the Author

Bonnie Blaylock is the author of *Light to the Hills*, winner of the Porch Prize for fiction. She lives with her husband on a small farm near Nashville, Tennessee, where they keep donkeys, chickens, and bees. For more information, visit www.bonnieblaylock.com.



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Good Days Bad Days

EMILY BLEEKER

OCTOBER 7, 2025

A daughter reconnects with her estranged parents before it's too late in an emotional novel about memories, secrets, and finding home by the bestselling author of *When We Chased the Light*.

Charlie McFadden was fifteen years old when CPS removed her from her hoarded home. Her mother, Betty, chose her worthless collectibles. Her father chose Betty. Neither chose Charlie.

Thirty-one years later, a mother herself and cohost of a popular reality show with her husband, Charlie is proud of what she accomplished without her parents—relative strangers she never saw again. Until the day Charlie's father pleads with her to come home and to say goodbye to her mother, now confined to a memory care center. Betty has her good days, recognizing her daughter with familiar resentment. And her bad ones, lost in the past as a blissful young mother with a cherished newborn. Those days make Charlie feel loved.

For Charlie, each memory is a journey and a revelation. She sees a mother she never knew—bright and beautiful with so much promise. But hidden away is also a fiercely guarded secret. Shared, it could finally bring hope and healing to a broken family. If Betty can bear to remember it.

About the Author

Emily Bleeker is the bestselling author of nine novels, including *When We Chased the Light*, *What It Seems*, *When We Were Enemies*, and *The Waiting Room*. Emily is a former educator who learned to love writing while teaching a writers' workshop. After surviving a battle with a rare form of cancer, she finally found the courage to share her stories, starting with her debut novel, *Wreckage*, and the *Wall Street Journal* bestseller *When I'm Gone*. Emily lives with her family in suburban Chicago.

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An Inheritance of Lies

REBECCA A. CARTER

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On the eve of war, some lies are deadlier than others.

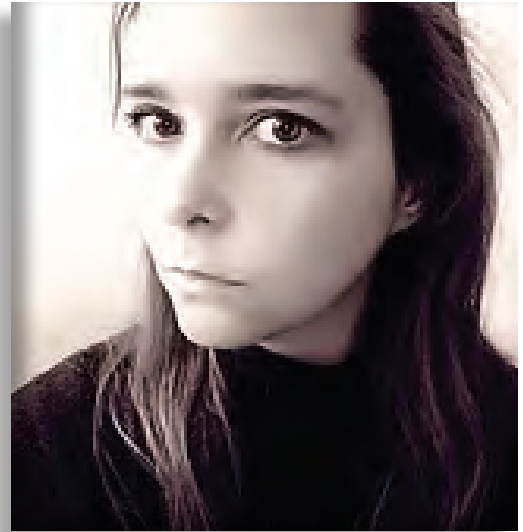
When Alexandra Benson's parents die mysteriously, their testament delivers a cruel ultimatum: marry or forfeit her inheritance to her uncle's control. Desperate to maintain her independence as war looms over Europe, the clever heiress devises a scheme—find a fake fiancé willing to play his part for a share of her fortune.

Enter Cameron, a charismatic working-class teacher with sharp wit and sharper instincts. Together, they orchestrate a perfect deception for Manhattan's elite. But their carefully crafted lie begins to unravel when Alexandra discovers a hidden photograph revealing her uncle's betrayal—the marriage clause in her parents' testament was forged, and their deaths might not have been accidents after all.

Now aboard the RMS *Lusitania* bound for England, Alexandra and Cameron find themselves trapped in a deadly game of international intrigue. As their fake engagement kindles into something real, they race to uncover her family's connection to a web of espionage before her uncle's secrets claim more than just her inheritance.

About the Author

Rebecca A. Carter is an author, editor, singer, and actress currently living in Madrid, Spain. She writes spellbinding young adult and adult fiction, focusing on historical, fantasy, romance, dystopias, speculative, mystery, and lyrical prose. When she's not writing or editing, you'll find her filming or singing. She dreams of moving to London or Paris and is currently a bilingual English and Spanish speaker—among her hobbies are lyrical dancing, baton twirling, and playing guitar.



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The Lacemaker's Fortune

ANDREA CATALANO

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Set during the Colorado Silver Boom in the late 1800s, this passionate historical drama follows the intertwined lives and forbidden loves of an Irish immigrant woman, her wealthy American husband, and the mysterious preacher they both desire. Fans of *Pineapple Street*, *Edith Warton*, and HBO's *The Gilded Age* will delight in this darkly twisted tale.

1879, New York City. Irish immigrant sisters chase a westward dream. Eileen has nimble fingers and hopes of escaping Manhattan's sweatshops. Marty knows from her nights in the Bowery that every sin has value. When Eileen and Marty cross paths with heir to a mining fortune Laurie Barnard and mesmerizing, manipulative preacher Stanley Jones, their lives forever change.

As Stanley weaves his web of salvation and seduction, all four abandon Manhattan's gilded streets for the silver-rich mountains of Leadville, Colorado. But in this booming town where fortunes rise and fall with the harsh mountain winds, Stanley's dark charisma begins to unravel both Eileen and Laurie's souls. Their shared obsession with the preacher draws them into a dangerous dance of laudanum-soaked desires and calculated betrayals.

A glittering yet gritty tale about the deadly intersections of desire, faith, and ambition.

About the Author

Andrea Catalano is a historical novelist who holds a master of philosophy in historical studies degree from the University of Cambridge, UK. Originally from the Boston area, she currently lives in Texas with her husband, children, two fluffy cats, and many, many books. Her debut novel, *The First Witch of Boston*, was published on September 1, 2025.

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Under a Greek Sky

FRANCESCA CATLOW

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Escape to sun-drenched Corfu, where family secrets and second chances bloom under endless Mediterranean skies. *Under a Greek Sky* is perfect for fans of Karen Swan, Kate Frost and Paige Toon.

When her happily-ever-after is shattered by a fiancé who disappears along with her life savings, Lorena desperately needs a new start. Then her seemingly perfect parents separate, and her mother decides to return to Corfu, the island of her birth, to renovate a family beach house. Lorena goes too, keen for a chance to shut the world out for a while.

The sun-soaked island with its stunning beaches and glittering sea is just the distraction Lorena needs. Not the least handsome, mysterious Christos. But as long-held family secrets start to emerge, clouds gather over their Greek island paradise.

Why has Lorena's mother always refused to return to Corfu until now? What secrets of his own is Christos keeping? When her father reappears on the scene, all hope of peace seems lost. Is Lorena about to watch another happily-ever-after implode, or can she learn from the past and open herself up to a new future?

Let Francesca Catlow sweep you away to enchanting Corfu—the perfect place to rediscover romance and embrace new beginnings.

About the Author

Francesca Catlow writes bestselling fiction filled with passionate love stories that feature flawed, and sometimes broken, characters as they face a crossroads in their life. She often explores heartbreaking themes while also whisking readers off to beautiful locations.

Francesca loves to travel. Born and raised in the heart of Suffolk, England, she has travelled extensively in Europe with her French husband and, more recently, their two children. In 2024 she relocated to France where she spends her days dreaming up stories and her evenings sitting in her garden relaxing with her family.

In 2023 Francesca was a finalist for the prestigious Kindle Storyteller Award, and was nominated for an Innovation Award for her work with libraries in Suffolk.

Francesca loves to hear from her readers—if you would like to contact her, you can do so on her social pages, or subscribe to her newsletter.

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The Vermilion Sea

MEGAN CHANCE

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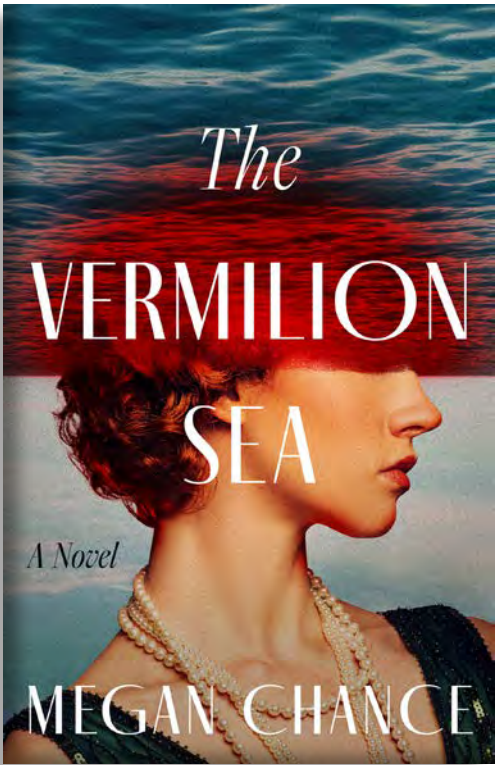
In 1925, something deadly lurks beneath the blood-red waters of the Gulf of California.

The luxurious yacht *Eurybia* sets sail with a singular mission: collecting marine specimens for the San Diego Zoo. For brilliant naturalist Billie McKennan, this scientific expedition is her last chance to salvage a career derailed by gender prejudice—even if it means working alongside her skeptical ex-husband. But as the yacht ventures deeper into the Gulf’s mysterious waters, science gives way to superstition, and collection turns to obsession.

When the crew nets an impossible creature—one that refuses to die out of water—the *Eurybia*’s elegant façade begins to crack. As blood-red tides surround the vessel and passengers start dying, the floating palace becomes a prison. Through nights of spiritualist games and days of mounting paranoia, the boundaries between natural and supernatural blur. With provisions dwindling, the crew in mutiny, and the sea itself seeming to turn against them, Billie confronts a terrifying reality: survival might cost more than just her career.

About the Author

Megan Chance is the critically acclaimed, award-winning author of more than twenty novels, including *Glamorous Notions*, *A Dangerous Education*, *A Splendid Ruin*, *Bone River*, and *An Inconvenient Wife*. She and her husband live in the Pacific Northwest, with their two grown daughters nearby. For more information about Megan and her books, visit www.meganchance.com.



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Model Conduct

IMOGEN CLARK

MAY 12, 2026

From the million-copy bestselling author of *In a Single Moment* comes a gripping story of trust, family and the secrets we keep.

When Harriet Carmichael leaves her husband, she is determined to begin again: new home, new life, a chance to live on her own terms.

A life drawing class seems harmless enough, until she finds herself drawn to Mac, the charming but elusive model.

Her adult children disapprove of her every move, and when Mac – significantly younger and apparently homeless – moves in with her, their suspicions reach fever pitch. Yet there is an undeniable spark between Harriet and Mac, one that makes Harriet question what she truly wants from this new chapter.

While her family is convinced she's being manipulated by a conman, Harriet longs to believe in his genuine affection. But she has secrets of her own, shaped by experiences she has never dared to share.

As buried memories rise to the surface – along with a friend she thought lost forever – Harriet must weigh her heart against her judgement. Is she finally ready to reveal who she really is, or is she making the biggest mistake of her life?

About the Author

Imogen Clark writes contemporary book club fiction about families, secrets and the choices that shape us. Her novels have topped the Amazon Kindle charts eight times and are now translated into ten languages, reaching readers all over the world.

Originally a lawyer, Imogen left her legal career to raise her four children before returning to her first love – books. She studied English Literature part-time at university and soon began writing stories of her own.

When she's not writing, Imogen is usually planning her next adventure. A passionate traveller, she finds inspiration for her novels everywhere from Yorkshire, where she lives with her husband, to the far corners of the globe.

You can connect with Imogen at www.imogenclark.com, where you can also sign up for her monthly newsletter. She is active on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok as Imogen Clark Author.

Praise for Imogen Clark

"A moving novel about long-held secrets and loyalties between sisters . . . an intriguing family mystery [that] transports the reader from the quiet streets of Ripon to the heat and savage beauty of a Sicilian summer."—**Fiona Valpy, bestselling author of *The Dressmaker's Secret***



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Loon Point

CARRIE CLASSON

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Set against the rugged beauty of the northern woods, the heartwarming first novel by columnist Carrie Classon explores how chosen family can sweeten bitterness into surprising joy.

Alone in the Northwoods, Norry Last settles in for another springtime lull at the remote resort she inherited from her father. She's content with the solitude, maybe resigned. But when a blizzard hits, those little cabins by the lake start to fill up fast.

First to arrive is Lizzie, an eight-year-old with resilience and wisdom beyond her years, neglected by a mother struggling with addiction. Next comes Wendell, a cantankerous old fellow whose house collapses in the storm, the same way hope collapsed inside him long before. And then there's Bud, the helpful handyman who's always buzzing around, his kindness thawing something Norry thought she'd buried deep in the Minnesota snow.

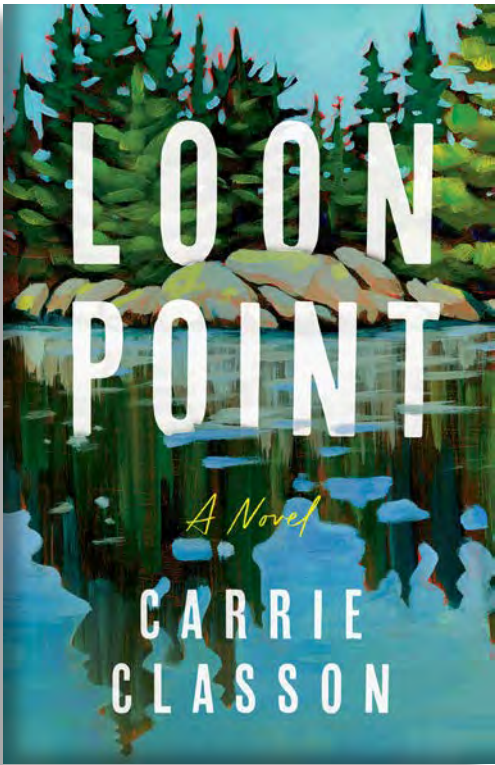
As white melts to green, the Last Resort's unlikely companions learn to share space, stories, and quiet comforts—an unexpected family that makes perfect sense. After all, Lizzie needs to be cared for. Wendell needs to care. Norry needs to open up. And Bud? Bud just might fix everything.

About the Author

Carrie Classon is a performer and nationally syndicated columnist with Andrews McMeel Universal. She was born in Minnesota and had a 14-year career in the theater, performing in dozens of shows from Oregon to Maine.

After founding and running a professional Equity theater for seven years, she got her MBA and worked in international business. She has an MFA in creative nonfiction from the University of New Mexico and has written a memoir, several plays, and more than 600 columns.

Carrie and her husband, Peter, and former street cat, Felix, split their time between St. Paul, Minnesota, and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. *Loon Point* is her debut novel.



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My Ex-Husband's Ex-Husband

RACHEL COHN AND MELISSA DE LA CRUZ
NOVEMBER 18, 2025

From *New York Times* bestselling authors Rachel Cohn and Melissa de la Cruz comes a freewheeling journey through Vienna where two estranged friends search for their mutual ex—and a long-lost bond.

Audrey and Ian were best friends—until they fell in love with the same man. To be precise, they fell in love with, married, and divorced the same man. And there's no coming back from that.

Twenty-odd years later, they're right back at the beginning: Vienna, where their university study abroad turned into a love triangle from which they never quite recovered. But it's Christmas, and Audrey's daughter is getting married. Time to let bygones be bygones.

Not for the sake of the holiday or even because they've matured with age...but because their mutual ex is nowhere to be found. It's up to Audrey and Ian to track him down.

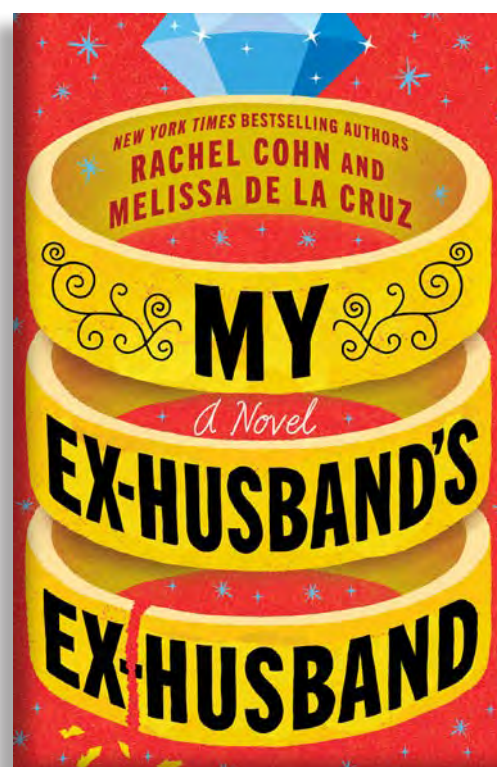
As wedding plans go further awry, the former besties race to find the father of the bride. Juggling complicated family dynamics (and the cocktails required to cope), they learn that, sometimes, it's not about the search but the friendships rediscovered along the way.

About the Authors

Rachel Cohn is the Emmy-winning screenwriter and *New York Times* bestselling author of numerous acclaimed books for young adults. Translated into twenty-three languages, her novels have been honored as Best Books of the Year by the American Library Association, the New York Public Library, *Publishers Weekly*, *School Library Journal*, and *Kirkus Reviews*, among others. Three of Cohn's books have also been adapted for the screen: *Dash & Lily* (Netflix), *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist* (Columbia Pictures/Sony), and *Naomi & Ely's No Kiss List* (independent film).

Melissa de la Cruz is the #1 *New York Times*, #1 *Publisher's Weekly*, and #1 IndieBound bestselling author of critically acclaimed and award-winning novels for readers of all ages. Many of her more than seventy books have also topped the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Los Angeles Times* bestseller lists, and her work has been published in over twenty countries.

She is the author of the *Disney Descendants* series with four of the biggest movies on Disney Channel and Disney+. Her *Witches of East End* series was an hourlong drama for Lifetime. Her Hallmark movies include *Christmas in Angel Falls*; *Angel Falls: A Novel Holiday*; *Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe*; and *Sense, Sensibility & Snowmen*. She lives in West Hollywood with her husband and daughter.



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Off the Record

SARA GOODMAN CONFINO

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In 1962 Washington, typing pools hide spies, nightclubs hold secrets, and one ambitious secretary is about to crack the story of her life.

Judy Greenberg wants to be a journalist, not a bride. When a mysterious phone call at her typing pool job leads her to an exclusive bar where power brokers and pretty girls mix, she stumbles upon something bigger than office gossip: a Cuban-Russian plot targeting the President himself, with the Vice President's mistress at its center.

With fellow reporter Jack Fields as her reluctant partner, Judy dives into a world of Cold War intrigue. Armed with nothing but determination and help from an unexpected Cuban nightclub singer, they pose as spies to catch real ones. But in a city where everyone has a cover story, Judy discovers that the biggest secret might be hiding in plain sight—in her own typing pool.

As romance blooms between the pretend couple turned real, Judy must decide: is she ready to trade her typewriter for a life of espionage, or can she find a way to have it all?

Perfect for fans of *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* and *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*, this sparkling historical spy caper proves that sometimes the best disguise is exactly who you are.

About the Author

Sara Goodman Confino is the bestselling author of five novels: *Don't Forget to Write*, *Behind Every Good Man*, *She's Up to No Good*, *For the Love of Friends*, and the upcoming *Good Grief*. After spending more years than she's willing to publicly admit teaching high school English and journalism, she is currently writing full time and trying to make a living off of the crazy stories in her head.

She lives in Montgomery County, Maryland with her husband, two sons, two miniature schnauzers, and a goldfish that seems to be vying for the world record of longest living fish. When she's not writing or frantically parenting, she can be found on the Peloton, at the beach, or at a Bruce Springsteen concert, sometimes even dancing onstage.



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This Song Is About Me

MELISSA DE LA CRUZ

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From *New York Times* bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz comes a dazzling novel in which the biggest pop star in the world disappears and a journalist with a secret personal connection to the star tries to uncover the mystery.

When Ryan Holding vanishes on the night she's set to receive the industry's highest honor, the world doesn't just lose a pop star—it loses its mirror. For two decades, her life has been everyone's favorite story: the small-town girl who became a global phenomenon, whose carefully curated image reflects back our deepest desires and dreams.

But as the hours tick by and theories multiply, a more complex portrait emerges. A journalist with a secret personal connection to Ryan starts to investigate. Behind the platinum records and perfectly filtered photos lies a woman suffocating under the weight of her own mythology. In a world where privacy is extinct and authenticity is currency, did Ryan choose freedom over fame—or did someone else make that choice for her?

Perfect for fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid, *This Song Is About Me* weaves celebrity intrigue, secret romance, and the universal search for what's real and the desire to be truly known in a world built on illusion.

About the Author

Melissa de la Cruz is the #1 *New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *IndieBound* bestselling author of *Isle of the Lost* and *Return to the Isle of the Lost*, along with numerous acclaimed novels for all ages. Her work has topped major bestseller lists and has been published in over twenty countries.

As a former fashion and beauty editor, she has contributed to prestigious publications including the *New York Times*, *Marie Claire*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *Teen Vogue*. She has appeared as an expert on CNN, E! and Fox News.

Born in Manila, Melissa later moved to San Francisco, graduating as salutatorian from the Convent of the Sacred Heart. She studied art history and English at Columbia University and now resides in Los Angeles and Palm Springs with her family.



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Whispers of Ink and Starlight

GARRETT CURBOW

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Some love stories are written in ink. Others must be written in blood.

In a sleepy Georgia town, Nelle lives a life scripted by the reclusive author Wallace Quill—literally. Born from ink and imagination, her every breath is dictated by his pen, her future already written on pages she’s never seen. Until a Fourth of July night when she meets James, whose dreams burn brighter than any firework, and suddenly she glimpses a story that hasn’t been written yet.

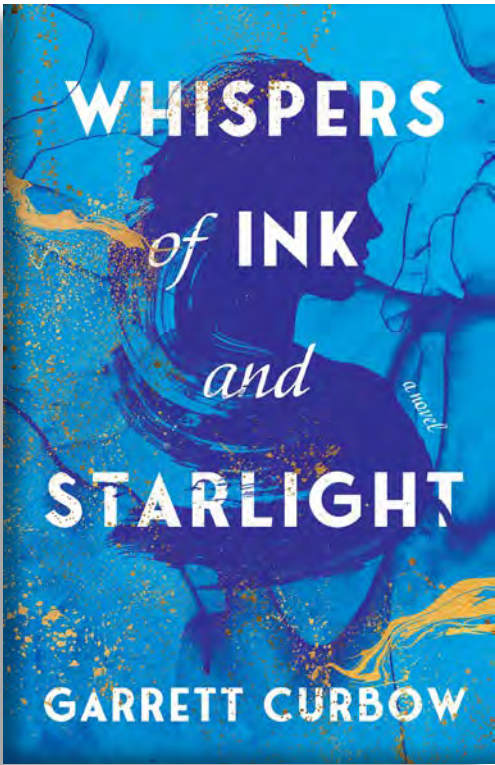
Together, they flee across Europe, each new adventure a rebellion against her predetermined fate. But with every step toward freedom, the ink in Nelle’s veins threatens to pull her back to the page. As train tickets become chapters and kisses turn to paragraphs, she realizes that defying your creator comes at a terrible cost.

Now, with her story racing toward its conclusion, Nelle must make an impossible choice: accept the ending written for her, or fight for the right to write her own—even if it means sacrificing everything, including the boy she loves.

Perfect for fans of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* and *The Night Circus*, this enchanting tale asks what happens when a character refuses to follow the script.

About the Author

Garrett Curbow is the author of the Daughter of Light trilogy which was shortlisted for the *Publishers Weekly* Selfies Award. He lives in Savannah, Georgia. For more information, visit www.garrettcurbow.com.



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The Master Jeweler

WEINA DAI RANDEL

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From the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *Night Angels* comes the epic story of a brilliant young woman's dangerous rise to fame in the perilous world of jewelry in 1920s Shanghai—and the power of love and friendship.

Harbin, China, 1925. Fifteen-year-old Anyu Zhang discovers a priceless Fabergé egg in the snow and returns it to the owner, Isaac Mandelburg, a fugitive and former master jeweler for Russia's imperial palace. In gratitude, he leaves her his address in Shanghai and a promise of hospitality, forever altering her fate.

A dazzling world of jewelry shrouded in secrecy and greed awaits, when later Anyu arrives at Mandelburg's jewelry shop as an orphan. Single-minded and relentless, Anyu will stop at nothing until she masters the craft of jewelry making. But she soon finds herself entangled in the treacherous underbelly of the city, where violent gangsters stalk the streets, vicious rivals seek to exploit her, and obsessive collectors conspire to destroy the people she loves.

From snow-crowned land to diamond-sparkling showrooms to a pristine island on the brink of war, *The Master Jeweler* chronicles an exciting journey of a bold prodigy artisan—including her losses and triumphs—in a glamorous yet perilous world of treasure.

About the Author

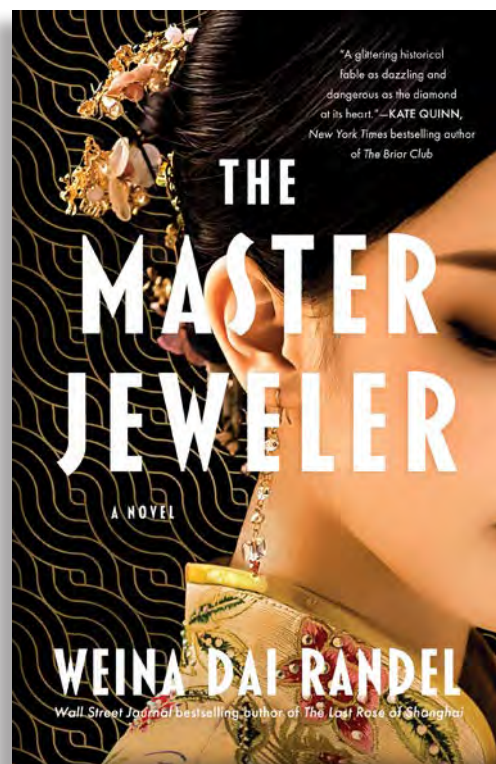
Weina Dai Randel is the acclaimed author of five historical novels, including the *Wall Street Journal* bestseller *The Last Rose of Shanghai*; *Night Angels*, long-listed for the Massachusetts Book Awards; and the Empress of Bright Moon duology. She is the winner of the RWA RITA Award, a National Jewish Book Awards finalist, and a two-time Goodreads Choice Awards Best Historical Fiction nominee.

Her novels have been translated into seventeen languages, including German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Italian, and Hebrew. Weina was born in China and now lives in Boston with her family. For more information visit weinarandel.com.

Praise for Weina Dai Randel

"Weina Dai Randel carves out a glittering historical fable as dazzling and dangerous as the enchanted diamond at its heart. On the remote snowy border between China and Russia, fifteen-year-old Anyu collides with a master jeweler and the priceless Fabergé egg in his care, setting into motion a chain of events that will propel her to untold heights and unimaginable dangers. Anyu remakes herself in Shanghai as a jeweler in her own right, but her success is shadowed by three men (a loving mentor, a shadowy gangster, a jealous rival) and three enemies (a secret society, a mad princess with twisted dreams of power, and the rising threat of war). Watching the clever Anyu negotiate her way through bomb-torn streets and gold-dusted workshops alike with nothing more than the skill in her fingers and a mysterious lucky diamond around her neck is a true delight. *The Master Jeweler* is a real gem!" —**Kate Quinn, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Briar Club***

"*The Master Jeweler* is Weina Dai Randel's best book yet. An unforgettable heroine, a relentless plot among the criminal rings of 1920s Shanghai, and prose that shines like a cut gem make this novel impossible to put down." —**Olivia Hawker, bestselling author of *October in the Earth***



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Chasing Stardust

ERICA LUCKE DEAN

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A funny and heartfelt novel about learning who your parents are as people, finding yourself, and falling in love in the strangest places—with a David Bowie soundtrack of a lifetime.

A crazy promise is still a promise. Zoey Jones is spreading her late mother's ashes along a path her eccentric grandma G-Lo followed in 1972: David Bowie's Ziggy Stardust tour. G-Lo was no ordinary groupie. According to her, Zoey's mom was conceived somewhere between Memphis and Malibu, and Zoey's grandpa is the glam rock icon himself. Revving up G-Lo's old Cutlass, complete with her mother's journal and a Ziggy Stardust 8-track, Zoey hits the open road.

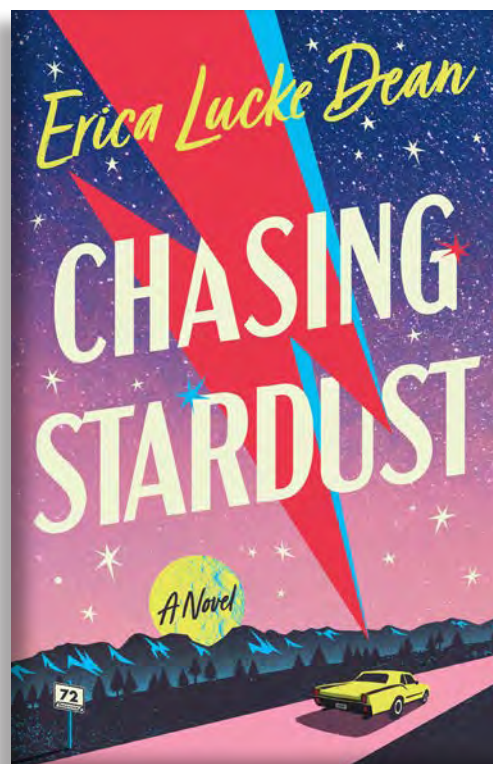
After breaking down outside Nashville, Zoey is weighing her next move when she makes an immediate connection with Dash Hammond at an all-night diner. Dash is a college graduate fleeing the expectations of his family just as fiercely as Zoey tries to make sense of her own family's colorful past. He offers to drive Zoey on the remainder of a life-changing road trip, and it's more epic than Zoey ever dreamed.

What lies ahead is a cross-country journey of self-discovery, first love, glittering revelations, and finding the heart of a rebel that's been beating inside Zoey the whole time.

About the Author

Erica Lucke Dean writes stories that explore the complexities of relationships, with engaging and relatable female characters who navigate the ups and downs of life and love. For over a decade, her novels have captivated readers of romantic comedies and paranormal romances alike, thanks to her ability to blend humor and authentic emotions.

Erica was born in the Twin Tiers of upstate New York and lived on both coasts before ultimately settling in the scenic north Georgia mountains, where she and her family live with two ginormous English mastiffs and a diabolical Frenchie hell-bent on world domination. For more information, visit www.ericluckedean.com.



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Daughters

CORINNE DEMAS

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From award-winning author Corinne Demas comes a moving story about the sometimes volatile but ultimately unbreakable bonds between mothers and daughters.

When Meredith flies home to New England, daughter Eloise in tow, she leaves her husband and a life back in L.A. A heartbreaking loss is killing their marriage. So she looks to her mother and siblings for the support she desperately needs, and the love her daughter surely deserves—two things her husband can't seem to provide.

Meredith's mother, Delia, is thrilled by their sudden arrival at the family farm. But her husband braces for the chaos his stepdaughter and granddaughter will surely bring. Meredith's announcement that she's moved home for good takes the whole family by surprise and turns everything upside down.

While wrestling with her future, artist Meredith is forced to confront her past—and the disappointment she believes her mother, a violin teacher, felt when musically gifted Meredith abandoned the violin.

As Meredith works to repair relationships with members of her family, an old flame turns up and further complicates her life.

Delia, in a desperate attempt to rescue her daughter's marriage, does something unforgivable, and Meredith has to decide if she should uproot Eloise and take off. When Eloise goes missing, help arrives from an unexpected quarter.

About the Author

Corinne Demas is the award-winning author of thirty-eight books, including six novels (among them *The Road Towards Home* and *The Writing Circle*), two short story collections, a memoir (*Eleven Stories High: Growing Up in Stuyvesant Town*), a poetry chapbook (*The Donkeys Postpone Gratification*), a play, and numerous books for children (among them *Saying Goodbye to Lulu*, *The Littlest Matryoshka*, and *The Perfect Tree*). Her short stories have appeared in more than fifty publications. She is the editor of *Great American Short Stories: From Hawthorne to Hemingway*.

Demas is a professor emerita of English at Mount Holyoke College and a fiction editor for *The Massachusetts Review*. She divides her time between western Massachusetts and Cape Cod. To learn more, visit the author's website at www.CorinneDemas.com.



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Such a Bad Influence

GRACE DEMYAN

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In this humorous and heartfelt novel, a blueberry farmer teams up with a teenager in need to start a revenge business. What could possibly go wrong?

In rural Ohio, the last connections lonesome Felicity Lavigne has to her late mom are the blueberry farm she inherited and her mom's old phone number—which Felicity still calls every day. Until she gets a call back. It's the number's new owner, Alex Norse, a surly, homeless teenager who has aged out of the foster care system with no one to turn to except the stranger who's been leaving rambling voicemails for a dead woman.

Felicity takes Alex in on one condition: She has to help scare off some kids vandalizing the fields. Not only does it work, but news spreads, and soon locals are lining up to solicit justice for their own grievances. Best of all, an unexpected friendship blooms for the two young women, who have found in each other the family they've been yearning for.

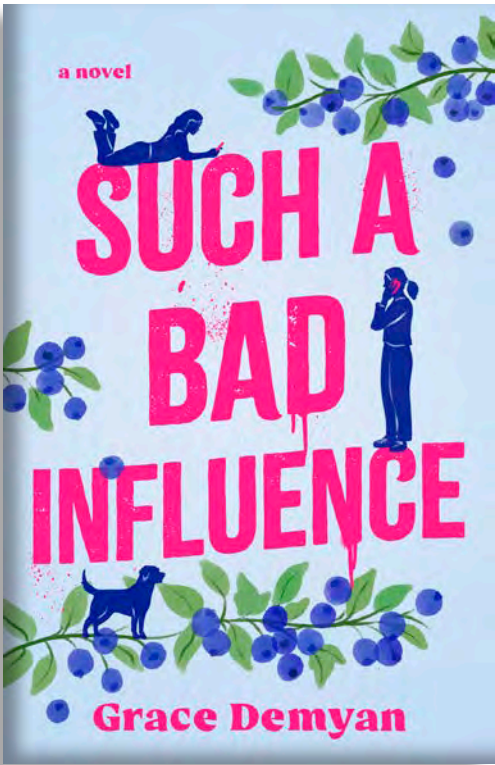
But revenge has a funny way of getting out of hand, and when things go a bit too far, Felicity and trouble-prone Alex must stick together to confront the heartbreak of their pasts and whatever new calamities may lie ahead.

About the Author

Grace Demyan was born and raised in rural Ohio and currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia. After graduating from Tufts University and Tulane University Law School, Grace began her career working for the US Department of Defense.

When she's not writing or reading, she loves visiting historical landmarks, exploring the great outdoors, and listening to country music. She writes contemporary women's fiction with heart and humor.

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So Very Lucky

CAITLIN DEVLIN

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How well do we really know the people we love?

When celebrated singer Calista apparently falls to her death during a performance in Rio, her former girlfriend Stevie Stone watches it happen through a tiny phone screen. Devastated, Stevie mourns both the singer she admired and the girl she once loved. Then comes a miraculous invitation: Calista has survived and wants to see Stevie.

Invited back into Calista's inner circle, Stevie encounters a woman both familiar and strange. As she delves deeper into Calista's life, she uncovers a history of secrets: a chronic illness, unfulfilled plans, and questions about what really happened that night in Rio.

Stevie thought she knew Calista better than anyone. Now, she's not sure she ever knew her at all. As the truth unravels, Stevie realises that uncovering Calista's secrets might be the most dangerous act of all.

A mesmerising and compelling novel from bestselling author Caitlin Devlin, *So Very Lucky* explores the reality behind fame and asks how far we will go to uncover the truth about those we love.

About the Author

Caitlin Devlin studied English and Creative Writing at Warwick University before graduating to work in music and theatre journalism. As a teenager, she started writing novels as Christmas presents for her younger sister and brother. Her work has been recognised by competitions such as the IGGY & Litro Young Writers' Prize, the Flash 500 short story competition and the Exeter Writers short story competition. She is also a performed playwright.

Her debut adult novel, *The Real Deal*, was published by Lake Union Publishing in 2024.

Follow Caitlin on TikTok at @catmdevlin.



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Ten Thousand Light Years from Okay

TRACY DOBMEIER AND WENDY KATZMAN

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A widowed and grieving young novelist believes her words create realities—both tragic and charmed—in a hopeful and surprising novel about family, newfound love, and moving on.

Four years after her husband Sam's tragic death mirrored a fatal plotline in her debut novel, Thea Packer hasn't written another word, afraid that what she writes could come true again. Resigned to raising her young daughter in her in-laws' guesthouse, Thea is on the verge of abandoning her literary career when inspiration strikes.

Her new book is a fairy-tale romance featuring a long-lost astronaut who miraculously returns home to his family, with the hero loosely drawn from Thea's memories of Sam. Thea considers the fantasy a harmless way to process her grief.

That is, until a charismatic man walks into her life—and he's an astronaut.

Thea can't believe it's happening again. Or is it? Her mother-in-law doesn't think so—she sees only a woman increasingly detached from reality. Now, as coincidences between Thea's writing and reality pile up, Thea must unravel the secrets of her past and tackle her grief head-on before she loses more than she imagined.

About the Authors

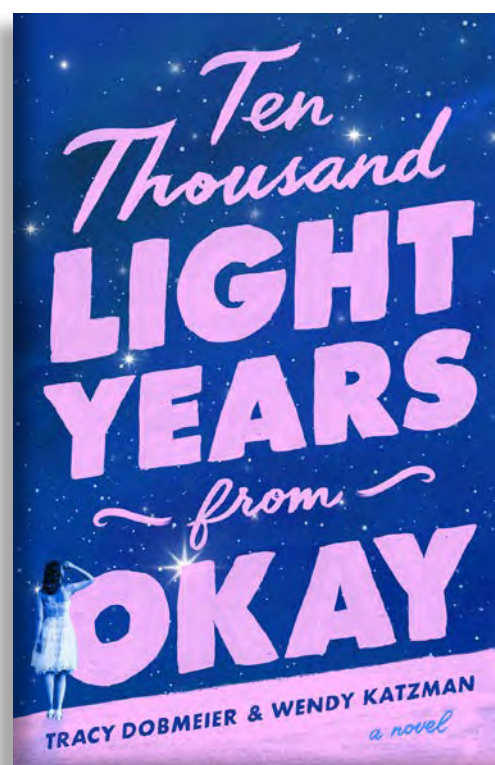
Tracy Dobmeier and Wendy Katzman have been great friends for more than twenty-five years. Their debut novel, *Girls with Bright Futures*, was a suspenseful journey into the cutthroat world of college admissions that earned starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*, was named a Book Club Winner by *Real Simple*, and was selected as an Apple Best Book.

Tracy holds an undergraduate degree from Princeton University and a JD from UC Berkeley and worked in biotechnology law and nonprofit leadership.

Wendy was a nationally ranked youth tennis player and went on to play at the University of Michigan, where she earned her undergraduate degree before pursuing a career in medical marketing.

Tracy and Wendy both live in Seattle with their husbands. They enjoy sports, reading (obviously), civic engagement, and spending time with their amazing families and friends.

You can often find them together brainstorming and walking their dogs, Shadow and Josie. Connect with Tracy and Wendy on Instagram at @katzndobs.



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Hemlock Lane

MARSHALL FINE

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In this riveting story of family bonds and buried truths, a young woman's homecoming becomes a reckoning as four days together threaten to shatter the comfortable lies that have held her family together.

In the summer of 1967, the Levitsky family convenes for a long weekend at their home in the suburbs—an idyllic holiday for the perfect family.

But Nora has always known better.

Growing up, she learned to tiptoe around her mother Lillian's explosive temper. Her father did the same. Nora's sole confidante was their housekeeper, Clara, and their bond has only strengthened through the years. In fact, it's all that's keeping Nora together for her homecoming. But under that lifetime of pressure, the facade is beginning to splinter.

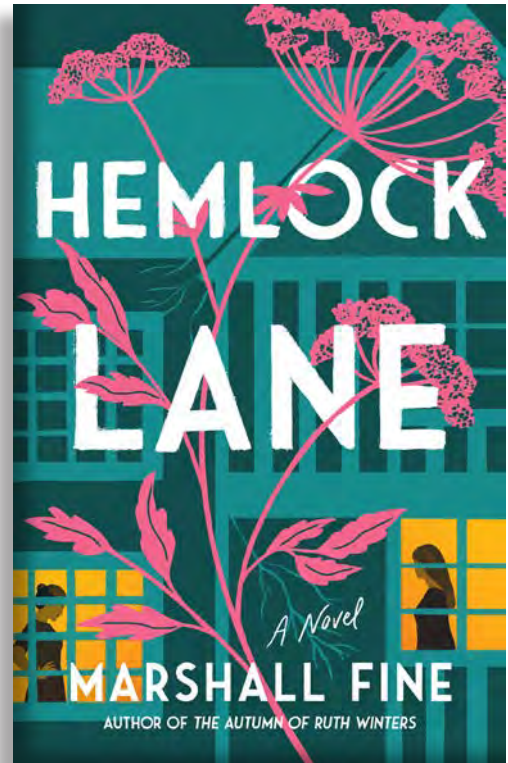
Over the next four days, everyone's secrets are at risk. None more so than what Nora really wants for her life, how Clara has helped her get it...and how they've orchestrated it all behind Lillian's back.

As the family grapples with the complex ties that bind them, Nora discovers that facing the truth—however painful—might be the key to finally breaking free. This weekend, Nora's bravest act may be in knowing which bonds to cherish and which ones need to be gently set aside, making room for a future of her own choosing.

About the Author

Minneapolis native Marshall Fine's career as an award-winning journalist, critic, and filmmaker has spanned fifty years. Before his bestselling 2024 fiction debut, *The Autumn of Ruth Winters*, Fine wrote biographies of filmmakers John Cassavetes and Sam Peckinpah, directed documentaries about film critic Rex Reed and comedian Robert Klein, conducted the *Playboy* interview with Howard Stern, and chaired the New York Film Critics Circle four times.

The author currently lives in Ossining, New York. To learn more about the author, visit his website: www.marshallfine.com.



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What Comes Next

CAITLIN FORBES

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An empowering and heartfelt novel about the complexities of family, the power of sisterhood, and the bravery it takes to choose happiness when all seems lost.

My life is perfectly fine.

Alex has pretended this for years—despite an emotionally absent father, a best friend drifting away, and a floundering dog-training business. At least Alex has her sister, Meredith, a driven polar opposite. But both their lives are upended when their estranged mother dies of a genetic condition that the sisters have a fifty-fifty chance of inheriting. For Alex, a world without her mother is uncomfortable. But a world without Meredith is unthinkable.

Alex suggests a pact to which Meredith tentatively agrees: In three months they'll get tested. Until then they go after everything they've ever wanted. Alex is finally stepping out of her comfort zone and opening herself up to new relationships. Or maybe reconnecting with an old one. Nathan, a boy who once broke her heart, needs a trainer for his mixed-breed rescue. Alex can't resist.

As sparks rekindle, and time passes much too quickly, Alex discovers more about herself, her sister, and her mother than she ever imagined. And that everything in life—especially happiness—comes with a risk worth taking.

About the Author

Caitlin Forbes is a health care strategist, dog lover, and ski-racing adrenaline seeker who grew up in the mountains of western Maine. She received her bachelor's degree from Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire and her master's degree in English literature from the University of Connecticut.

Forbes lives in Saco, Maine, with her husband, son, and one-hundred-pound Shiloh shepherd.



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Now That I Know You by Heart

AMY HAGSTROM
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Sometimes it takes leaving everything behind to finally come home to yourself.

When Shelby Wright fulfills her late husband’s dying wish by taking over the Captain Merrick Inn on San Juan Island, she’s not just inheriting their honeymoon destination—she’s claiming the chance to finally live her truth. After twenty years of marriage in the Portland suburbs, running this shuttered inn isn’t just about proving she can make it on her own. It’s about becoming the person she’s always had to hide.

As Shelby throws herself into renovations, she meets Holly Caster, a charismatic local winemaker who stirs feelings she can no longer ignore. With the support of the “San Juan Sisters,” a welcoming group of local queer women, Shelby begins to imagine a new kind of future. But embracing her authentic self means confronting the attachments of her past—including the best friend she left behind.

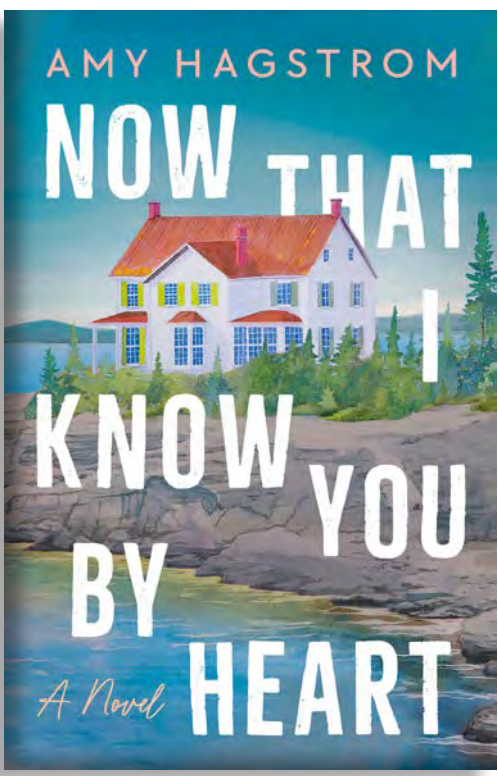
Between fresh paint and old memories, wine tastings and hard truths, Shelby discovers that sometimes the most beautiful renovations aren’t the ones you make to an inn, but the ones you make to your heart.

About the Author

Amy Hagstrom is the author of *The Wild Between Us* and *Smoke Signals*. She is also a writer and travel industry editor whose work has appeared in *US News*, *OutdoorsNW Magazine*, *Travel Oregon*, and *Huffington Post*, among others.

A lifelong outdoors enthusiast, she served as a volunteer EMT with her local county search-and-rescue unit before launching her writing career. After raising three children in the Pacific Northwest, Amy traded the Cascade, Siskiyou, and Sierra Nevada mountain ranges for the Sierra Madre mountains, making her home in central Mexico with her wife.

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Just Add Happiness

JULIE HATCHER

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From the author of *Not Quite by the Book* comes a deliciously witty novel about second chances, secret identities, and the art of rising above life's bitter moments.

At forty-six, Sophie Bianco's life is half baked—trapped in a controlling marriage and estranged from her critical mother. Her only solace? The Invisible Baker, her secret business helping overwhelmed moms create Pinterest-worthy moments.

When her mother's death coincides with the last straw in her marriage, Sophie grabs her chance. Armed with divorce papers and her savings, she reclaims her childhood home. But freedom comes with complications: hoarder-level chaos, plumbing disasters, and an ex-husband plotting revenge. When her daughter announces an engagement that echoes Sophie's own mistakes, the past threatens to repeat itself.

Desperate for income, Sophie takes a position as a pastry chef, finding unexpected sweetness in both the work and the charming restaurant owner. But as family drama and professional opportunities collide, Sophie must finally answer the question she's been avoiding: Who is she when she's no longer invisible?

About the Author

Julie Hatcher is an award-winning author of over sixty novels spanning mystery and romantic suspense. Writing as Julie Anne Lindsey, Hatcher has earned many accolades for her work, including the 2020 National Readers' Choice Award for Romance Adventure and the 2019 Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense, among others.

When she's not creating new worlds or fostering the epic love of fictional characters, Julie can be found in Kent, Ohio, enjoying her blessed Midwestern life—and probably plotting murder with her shamelessly enabling friends. Today she hopes to make someone smile. But one day she plans to change the world.



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Through All Our Heavens

OLIVIA HAWKER

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In this captivating journey through time, an art historian makes an extraordinary discovery from the past that may foretell our future—if she can keep her connection to the woman who started it all.

2053. Haverford College.

Nineteenth-century art expert Derryn Witt documents an impossible find: gorgeously detailed paintings depicting the modern world . . . from circa 1859. Her work is jeopardized when a massive solar flare forces a shutdown of all integrated technology.

The threat intensifies with a rebel attack by Sovereigns, whose Human Heritage Movement rests upon the rejection of technology. Derryn flees to New York with the help of a sympathetic Sovereign, under the guise of being one herself.

But those Civil War-era paintings continue to confound her. Helen Bywater was surely more than an artist—but what? How could she possibly know what the world would look like beyond her own lifetime?

As Derryn ponders the ethereal tie binding them, she begins to see what perhaps Helen did too. That no matter the time, the space between us isn't so vast. The struggles we face aren't so different. And the connection we need isn't so out of reach.

About the Author

Olivia Hawker is the *Washington Post* bestselling author of *October in the Earth*, *The Fire and the Ore*, *The Rise of Light*, *The Ragged Edge of Night*, and *One for the Blackbird*, *One for the Crow*. She has been honored as a finalist for both the Washington State Book Award and the WILLA Literary Award. Olivia resides in Victoria, British Columbia, with her husband and several naughty cats.

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Five Oaks

JULIE HENSLEY

MAY 27, 2025

In the Arkansas mountains, three generations of fiercely determined young women are poised for self-discovery in a decades-spanning novel about the bonds of family and secrets.

Spending summer away from home for the first time, fifteen-year-old Wren Pritchard and her younger sister, Sylvie, arrive at Five Oaks, their grandparents' Arkansas lake house. As it was for their grandmother and mother before them, it's a place for coming of age, first love, triumphs and failures, and keeping secrets.

This year, it's Wren's end-of-girlhood season. And Sylvie vows to keep all her secrets: Wren slipping away in the middle of the night, the boy on the dock, racing with him on the dark back roads, and slipping quietly into bed before dawn, carrying the scent of adventure. And still, as Wren's behavior begins changing and the moonlit escapes become more daring, Sylvie holds her tongue. Even when it feels like Wren is speeding toward disaster. Then one night, Wren doesn't come home.

The halcyon days in the Ouachita Mountains are not what they appear. When the truth comes to light—about mothers, daughters, and sisters—no one in the family will ever be the same.

About the Author

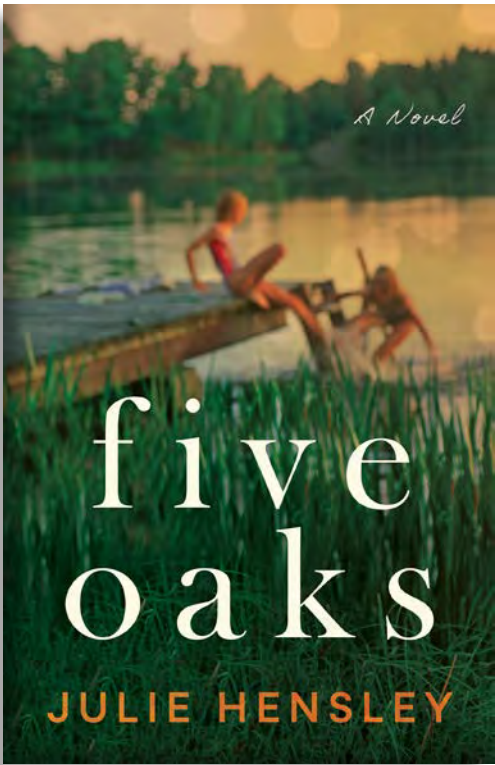
Julie Hensley is an Appalachian writer, raised in the mountains of Virginia. She earned an MFA from Arizona State University and is the author of *Viable*, a collection of poetry, and *Landfall: A Ring of Stories*. Hensley's poems and stories have also appeared in dozens of journals, including the *Southern Review*, *Indiana Review*, *Crab Orchard Review*, and *Quarterly West*. She is a core faculty member of the Bluegrass Writers Studio, the low-residency MFA program at Eastern Kentucky University. She lives in Kentucky with her family.

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Praise for Julie Hensley

"Five Oaks is a gorgeous novel. Hensley's lush imagery reveals her prowess as a poet, while the characters pull you close to them and hold on long after you've read the final page. This compelling novel beautifully illustrates how life is a series of beginnings and endings, and there is always a next chapter in our stories." —**Bobi Conn, author of *In the Shadow of the Valley* and *Someplace Like Home***

*"Without our knowledge, our ancestors' stories take up residence inside us. Julie Hensley has written a multigenerational novel that reminds us of the secrets families often harbor and the consequences they produce. Part mystery and part family saga, *Five Oaks* is a gripping and beautiful book."* —**Lee Martin, author of the Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Bright Forever***



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Two Lives with You

LAUREN HO

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What if they never married? For an overwhelmed husband and wife, that what-if wish comes true in an emotional and bittersweet novel about choices, sacrifice, and finding a way back to those you love.

When Dana and Nigel got married, they had such promise. After sixteen years, the cracks are showing.

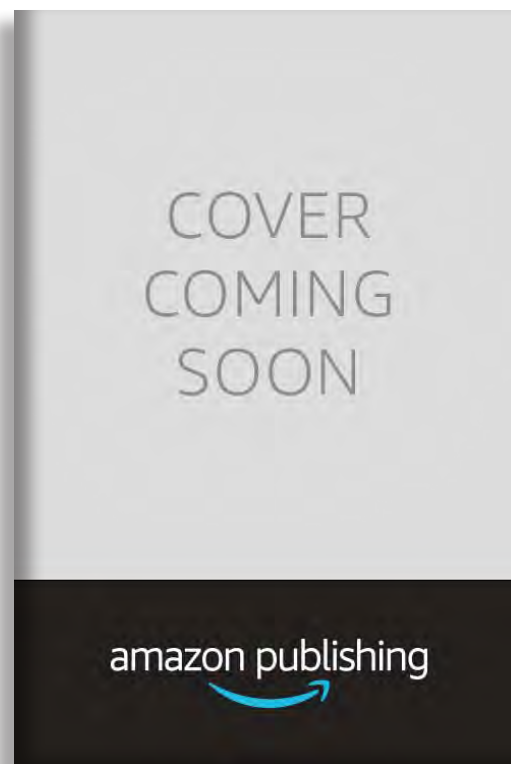
Dana is a burnt-out ER nurse, and Nigel is a recently unemployed stay-at-home dad whose professional identity is disappearing. Questioning their directions, Dana and Nigel are granted a wish from a mysterious stranger. For one week they can escape the pressure of their lives for ones in which they never married.

Waking up in an alternate reality where their youthful, individual dreams have come true is, at first, a marvel. Then one day, Dana and Nigel meet again by chance at a beach club in Bali, and navigate a newfound attraction with no memory of what they share. When it all comes back, Dana and Nigel are in for a surprise.

There is a hitch to their wishes. Returning to normal—and to the long-haul love they vowed would be forever—won't be as easy as they thought. And the next choice they have to make can mean the world.

About the Author

Lauren Ho is the author of *Bite Me*, *Royce Taslim*, *Lucie Yi Is Not a Romantic* and *Last Tang Standing*. She is a former legal counsel turned author whose writing explores the messy, heartfelt, and often humorous realities of modern life. Originally from Malaysia, she has lived across Europe and now resides in Singapore with her family. When she's not writing multi-genre fiction for both adults and children, Lauren can be found watching stand-up comedy, belting out karaoke, or hunting down the perfect bite. For more information, visit www.hellolaurenho.com.



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Falling Apart and Other Gifts from the Universe

CATHERINE RYAN HYDE

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Two disparate people—lost in their own way—find an unexpected healing connection in a poignant novel about redemption and chosen family by *New York Times* bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde.

An army veteran with a career as a beat cop behind her, security guard Addie Finch is tough—on the outside. Internally, she's in crisis mode. She's lonely, introverted, struggling through AA, estranged from her son, and, at sixty-two years old, questioning her role as a protector. She also has a soft spot for the underdog that's about to change her life.

Addie finds Jonathan, a homeless teenager abandoned by his mother, holed up in a warehouse and vulnerable to the elements and to predators. Touched by the boy's gentle nature and a wisdom beyond his years, Addie offers him temporary shelter in her garden shed in exchange for maintaining the sprawling property. It's an act of kindness and purpose that means the world to Jonathan. But when Addie faces a situation that sends her internal world tumbling, the emotional connection with Jonathan, once the unlikely of strangers, becomes her lifeline as well.

As both process past traumas, Addie and Jonathan forge a surrogate grandmother-grandson bond—a chosen family that could restore trust and heal hearts they thought were broken forever.

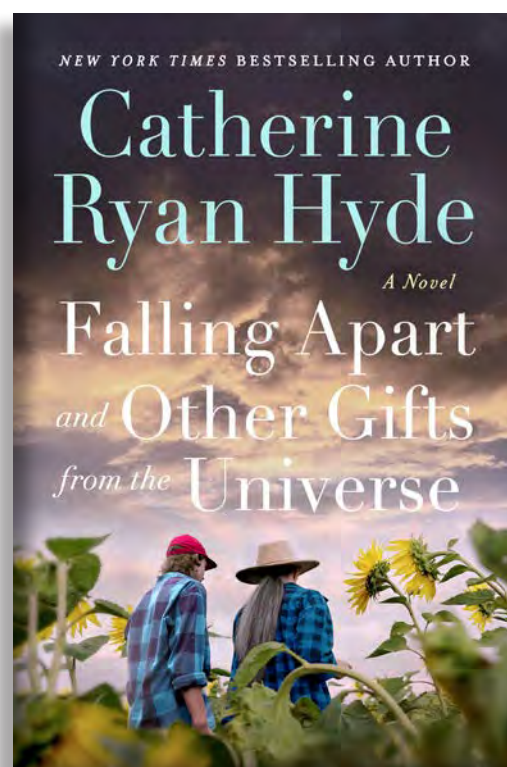
About the Author

Catherine Ryan Hyde is the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of fifty books and counting. An avid traveler, equestrian, and amateur photographer, she shares her astrophotography with readers on her website.

Her novel *Pay It Forward* was adapted into a major motion picture, chosen by the American Library Association (ALA) for its Best Books for Young Adults list and translated into more than twenty-three languages for distribution in over thirty countries. Both *Becoming Chloe* and *Jumpstart the World* were included on the ALA's Rainbow Book List, and *Jumpstart the World* was a finalist for two Lambda Literary Awards. *Where We Belong* won two Rainbow Awards in 2013, and *The Language of Hoofbeats* won a Rainbow Award in 2015.

As a professional public speaker, she has addressed the National Conference on Education, twice spoken at Cornell University, met with AmeriCorps members at the White House, and shared a dais with Bill Clinton.

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Yours for the Season

UZMA JALALUDDIN

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For an ambitious attorney and a rising-star chef, a cross-cultural fake romance takes an unexpected detour in a heartwarming and funny novel by the author of *Much Ado About Nada* and *Ayesha at Last*.

When Sameera Malik and Tom Cooke meet at a ho-hum holiday party, neither is looking for romance. Sameera's working ridiculous hours at her law firm and healing from heartache while navigating a recently resolved family estrangement. Tom's hustling to turn his social media stardom into a real career while fending off his family's demands to give up his chef dreams and move back home. The two share a few laughs and a samosa-making lesson and go their separate ways.

But when one of Tom's posts starts a viral rumor that they're a couple, he suggests they keep up the ruse for a few months. It's a good proposal, and a fauxmance will help Tom grow his popularity, and, in return, he can help Sameera land a wealthy client. The only problem? Their parents.

When Sameera's very Muslim parents insist on meeting Tom's very *not* Muslim family over Christmas in rural Alaska, the stage is set for misunderstandings, holiday hijinks, and an epic culture clash. As the Maliks and Cookes exchange holiday traditions and endless opinions on their children's lives, Sameera and Tom realize they have a lot in common—including an attraction that's starting to feel very real.

About the Author

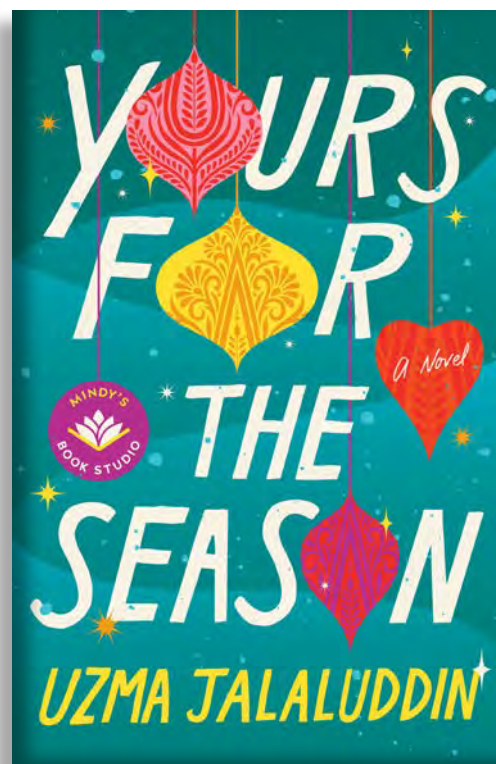
Uzma Jalaluddin is the critically acclaimed and internationally bestselling author of *Detective Aunty*, *Much Ado About Nada*, *Ayesha at Last*, and *Hana Khan Carries On*. Uzma is a former contributor at the *Toronto Star* and has also written for *The Atlantic*. She lives outside Toronto, Canada, with her husband and children.

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Praise for Uzma Jalaluddin

"As ever, Jalaluddin expertly balances explorations of family, faith, and love in a smart and authentic way. I am such a fan."—**Emily Henry**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Happy Place*

"Uzma Jalaluddin is one of the best writers in romance today—and this gorgeous book proves it."—**Sarah Maclean**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Heartbreaker*



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The Probable Son

CINDY JIBAN

DECEMBER 2, 2025

A mother secretly believes she's raising the wrong son, mistakenly switched at birth. But secrets unravel in a gripping and affecting novel about parental love, impossible choices, and what it means to truly be there for someone.

For fourteen years, teacher Elsa Vargas has hidden her belief that she's mothering the wrong child, accidentally switched at birth. Her beloved son Bird is not like the rest of the family. He's the introvert among extroverts, the optimist among skeptics. But Elsa knows love is more important than truth, and the best way to keep Bird is to leave well enough alone.

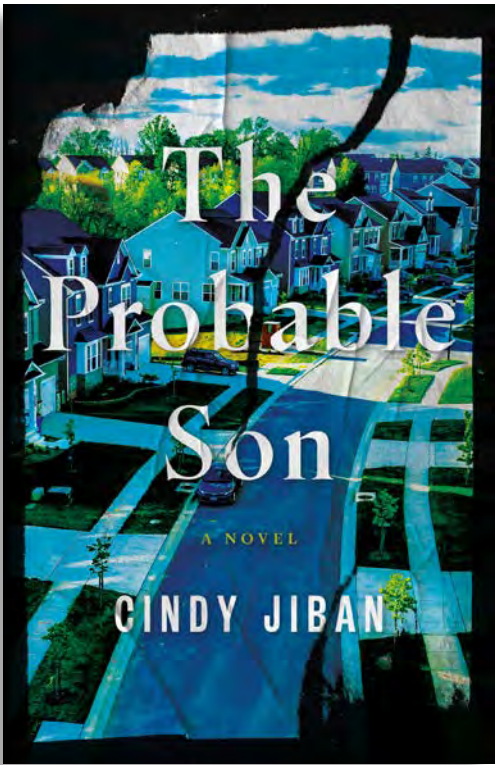
Then the odds catch up with her. A student named Thomas in Elsa's math class is suddenly uncannily familiar, an older version of Bird's little brother. When she realizes Thomas shares a birthday with Bird, Elsa has a terrible realization: Thomas is probably her long-lost son.

Soon Elsa is on a clumsy journey to get to know Thomas—and to confirm the truth. Testing the bonds of family, friendship, and even community will surely all be worth it if she gains a son. But what if she loses Bird, the boy she has loved and mothered since his first days of life?

About the Author

Cindy Jiban holds a PhD in educational psychology, and like the novel's protagonist, she was a member of an elite team of professionals: middle school teachers, or the Navy SEALs of the education world. She was awarded a Mentor Series Fellowship funded by the Jerome Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts through the Loft Literary Center in Minnesota.

She grew up in the Seattle area and now lives in Saint Paul with her family. *The Probable Son* is her debut novel.



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The Two Deaths of Lillian Carmichael

PAULETTE KENNEDY

MARCH 10, 2026

A young woman, perceived dead, plots to reinvent herself in a gripping historical gothic about secrets, superstition, and murder by the bestselling author of *The Devil* and *Mrs. Davenport*.

South Carolina, 1853. Lillian Carmichael, privileged daughter of a disgraced Charleston family, is due to be hanged for the murder of her sister when fate gives her a second chance at life.

After a catatonic episode on the long walk to the gallows, Lillian is declared dead and entombed in the family mausoleum. Three days buried alive, Lillian awakens and flees to the Lowcountry marshes to survive on her wits and to reinvent herself. All the while, a series of exsanguination murders holds a terrorized city in thrall. As do the superstitions that the vanished Lillian is some craven creature, resurrected and out for blood.

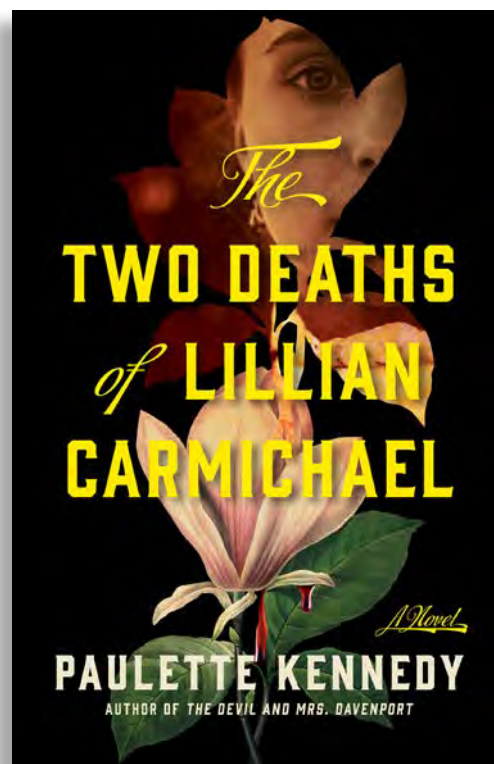
In a crumbling former plantation, Lillian finds sanctuary and a friend in Kate O'Malley, a charismatic actress adept at fashioning new identities. Between them, an intimate and powerful alliance is formed. But as the body count rises, the manhunt for Lillian reaches a fever pitch. It will take the cunning of both women for Lillian to escape the gallows again. That means crossing paths with the real killer and confronting Lillian's deepest and darkest family secret.

About the Author

Paulette Kennedy is the bestselling author of *The Artist of Blackberry Grange*, *The Devil* and *Mrs. Davenport*, *The Witch of Tin Mountain*, and *Parting the Veil*, which received the HNS Review Editor's Choice Award. Her work has been featured in *People Magazine*, *The Mary Sue*, *Paste Magazine*, and *BookBub*.

Originally from the Missouri Ozarks, she now lives with her family and a menagerie of rescue pets in sunny Southern California, where sometimes, on the very best days, the mountains are wreathed in gothic fog.

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Peter Pulaski Must Pay

JEN LANCASTER

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

In this twisty, hilarious novel, *New York Times* bestselling author Jen Lancaster explores what happens when a marriage, friendship, revenge, and the human capacity for deception collide.

Call to order the Friday Night Doom Crew.

They're an eclectic group of true-crime enthusiasts—a forensic psychologist, historian, and popular Instagram presence among them—dedicated to sleuthing out nefarious offenders and doing whatever it takes to set things right. But when dark secrets threaten one of their own, the Doom Crew grapples with how far they are willing to go to protect her.

Diana Pulaski is the crew's meticulously organized beating heart whose physician husband, Peter, is secretly a swindler behind an illegal pill mill, not to mention a loathsome cheater involved in an online romance. When they discover the truth, the amateur vigilantes have a plan to make Peter pay. Unfortunately, the closer Diana's friends are to hunting Peter down, the closer they get to discovering a secret Diana has been hiding.

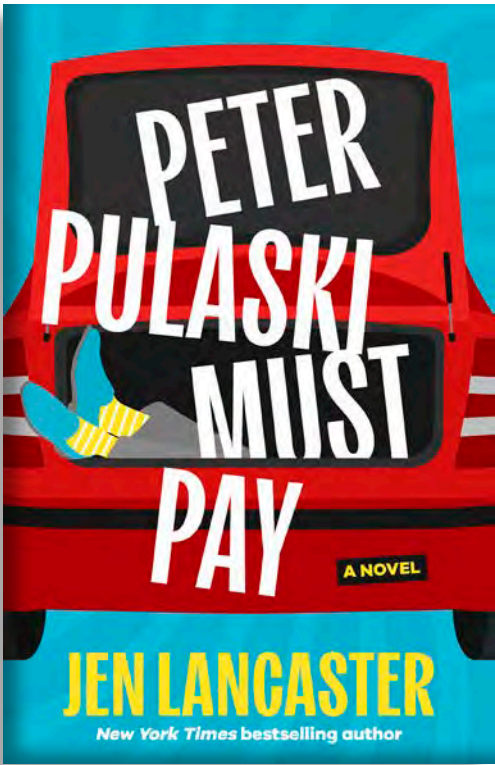
As the fumbling Doom Crew's wild ride of vengeance goes awry, they must navigate the consequences of their actions. And Diana, forced to confront the past, must decide to whom she will remain loyal—no matter the cost.

About the Author

Jen Lancaster is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the novels *The Anti-Heroes*, *Housemoms*, *Here I Go Again*, and *The Gatekeepers*, and the nonfiction works *Welcome to the United States of Anxiety*; *Bitter Is the New Black*; *The Tao of Martha*; *Such a Pretty Fat*; *Bright Lights, Big Ass*; *Stories I'd Tell in Bars*; *Jeneration X*; *My Fair Lazy*; *Pretty in Plaid*; and *I Regret Nothing*, which was named an Amazon Best Book of the Year. Regularly a finalist in the Goodreads Choice Awards, Jen has sold well over a million books documenting her attempts to shape up, grow up, and have it all—sometimes with disastrous results.

She has also appeared on the *TODAY* show, *Oprah*, *CBS This Morning*, Fox News, NPR's *All Things Considered*, and *The Joy Behar Show*, among others. She lives in the Chicago suburbs with her husband and many ill-behaved pets.

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The Secret Librarian

SORAYA M. LANE

AUGUST 15, 2025

From the bestselling author of *The Secret Midwife* and *The Berlin Sisters* comes an inspiring story of friendship, hope and courage.

New York, 1942: Avery is engaged to be married. Longing for adventure instead, she jumps at an unexpected offer to trade her library job for undercover intelligence-gathering in Portugal. But her new life in Lisbon, known as the Capital of Espionage, challenges everything she thought she knew about herself.

Local bookshop owner Camille, a French widow with access to the enemy newspapers and magazines Avery needs, befriends her. But are the rumours that swirl around Camille true—does she really have a Nazi boyfriend? And what secrets did she bring with her when she fled France? Avery must decide—fast—if she can fully trust Camille. Millions of lives depend on it.

As Avery discovers more about Camille's world, she realises that living in a city of spies will take all her courage. With suspicions growing, they are both playing a terrifyingly dangerous game. And not everyone will live to tell their story. Can Avery and Camille stay far enough ahead of their enemies to survive?

Threaded through with daring, sacrifice and love, this is the inspirational story of two women prepared to risk everything to help others survive the horrors of World War II.

About the Author

Soraya M. Lane graduated with a law degree before realising that law wasn't the career for her and that her future was in writing. She is the author of historical and contemporary women's fiction, and her novel *Wives of War* was an Amazon Charts bestseller. Soraya lives on a small farm in her native New Zealand with her husband, their two young sons and a collection of four-legged friends. When she's not writing, she loves to be outside playing make-believe with her children or snuggled up inside reading.

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All Languages

What Tomorrow Will Be

JULIANNE MACLEAN

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From *USA Today* bestselling author Julianne MacLean comes a captivating tale of a life caught between the past and the present...and a true love unbound by space and time.

Some loves never die. But only one will shape her future...

At nineteen, Sienna MacKay believed she had it all—a promising career ahead of her and a young love destined to last forever. But a tragic accident shatters that idyllic existence, leaving her with a heartbreaking loss.

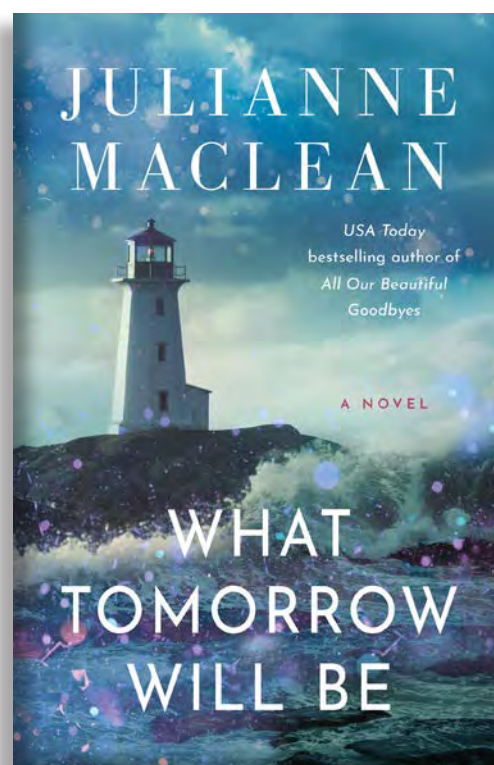
Years later, Sienna has rebuilt her life. She's a successful designer, a devoted mother, and a woman who has dared to love again—with Nate, a passionate, rising-star chef. But as Nate drifts further into ambition, cracks surface in their once-bright marriage. A stormy confrontation ends in disaster, and Sienna becomes caught between two worlds—her near-perfect past and her more complicated present—where she must ask herself: What is the price of true love...and is she willing to pay?

Set on the majestic, rugged coastline of Nova Scotia, *What Tomorrow Will Be* is a magical, emotional novel about first love, second chances, and finding the courage to stay...or the will to go.

About the Author

Julianne MacLean is a *USA Today* bestselling author of more than forty novels, including *These Tangled Vines*, *Beyond the Moonlit Sea*, *A Fire Sparkling*, and the popular *The Color of Heaven* series. Readers have described her work as “breathtaking,” “soulful,” and “uplifting.” She has sold millions of books worldwide in more than a dozen languages.

MacLean studied in Nova Scotia, earning a degree in English literature from the University of King's College in Halifax and a business degree from Acadia University in Wolfville. She loves to travel and has lived in New Zealand, Canada, and England. She currently resides in Nova Scotia, Canada. Please visit the author's website at www.juliannemaclean.com for more information about her books and writing life and to subscribe to her mailing list for all the latest news.



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Incidentals

SHEILA YASMIN MARIKAR

MARCH 31, 2026

A couple's luxury vacation in the Maldives takes a sinister turn when they're befriended by two strangers in a twisty and darkly comic novel by the author of *Friends in Napa*.

Sarah and Sam have lost the very spark that brought them together. In an effort to save their marriage, they embark on an anniversary trip to the Maldives where a week at a luxury resort might remind them of why they fell in love. At the airport bar, they meet Krista and Kevin, a happy, older, and generous couple headed to the same destination and eager to make vacation friends.

They could be just the marriage mentors Sarah and Sam need. But Sam senses that something is off. What could these very wealthy, too-fast friends possibly want from a modest couple like them? Then, only days into the vacation, a dead body is pulled from the crystalline waters and a dark pall is cast over the sunny coral isles.

The official story is a tragic accident. Is it such a crime for Sarah to suddenly question everything? But the answers could destroy what's left of her marriage. Then again, a murder in the Maldives might be the best thing that ever happened to it.

About the Author

Sheila Yasmin Marikar is the author of *Friends in Napa* and *The Goddess Effect*. Her work has been published in *The New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, *The Economist*, *Fortune*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Vogue*, and many other publications. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband.

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The Flightless Birds of New Hope

FARAH NAZ RISHI

JANUARY 1, 2026

Three estranged siblings—and a high-maintenance cockatoo—reunite in a luminous novel about forgiveness, connection, and the complexities of family by the author of *Sorry for the Inconvenience*.

Upon the sudden deaths of their bird-obsessed parents, the three Shah siblings reunite.

Aliza has spent years holding their crumbling family together, caring for their younger brother, Sammy. And Aden, named executor of the estate, finds himself resentfully facing the one member of the family who always got their parents' undivided love: their famous Bollywood-bopping cockatoo, Coco.

One reckless night, Aden opens Coco's cage, letting her do what he did a decade ago—fly away from home.

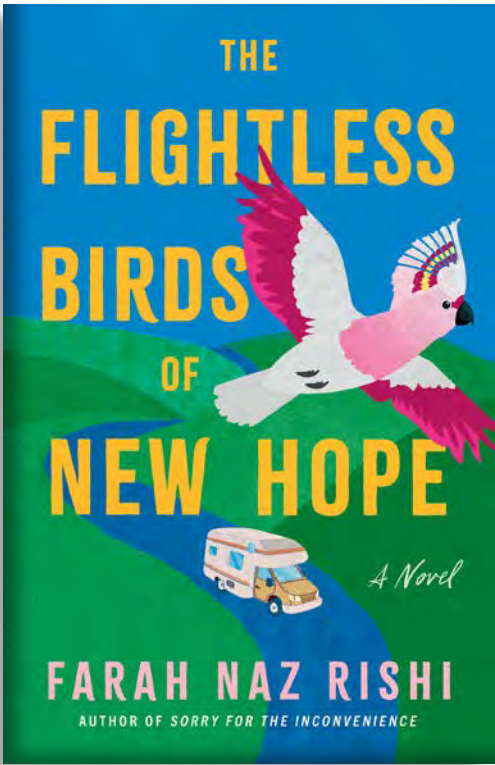
In a panic, the siblings set off to recover her, armed with only Coco's tracking chip and the fragile hope they might set things right. What they think will be a quick search and rescue becomes a two-week cross-country road trip, where old grudges resurface, relationships are tested, and long-buried dreams stir awake.

As Coco, meanwhile, forges her own path to the past, Aden, Aliza, and Sammy follow—not just the bird, but the possibility of something more: a way back to each other.

About the Author

Farah Naz Rishi (she/they) is the author of *I Hope You Get This Message* and *It All Comes Back to You*. A Pakistani American writer and voice actor, she received her BA in English from Bryn Mawr College, her JD from Lewis & Clark Law School, and her love of weaving stories from the Odyssey Writing Workshop. When Farah is not writing, she's probably hanging out with video game characters.

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All Languages

Your Next Life Is Now

NAMRATA PATEL

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

A mother and daughter—their lives in turnaround—navigate their next move on a road trip in a captivating novel about choices and self-discovery by the author of *The Candid Life of Meena Dave*.

Life is built on single decisions. Choose wisely.

It's one of life coach Nikki Parekh's mottos. That and being open to opportunities and taking leaps without fear. But when Nikki accepts her boyfriend's casual proposal of marriage, she wonders if it's just too soon, too spontaneous—and so sudden that she seeks out the advice of her not-so-nurturing mother, Tara.

To Nikki's surprise, Tara, who raised her daughter to be self-sufficient, urges Nikki to trust her decision. Maybe that's because Tara has made a headstrong decision of her own. After nearly forty years of marriage, she's divorcing Nikki's father. She's already packing up an RV to search for her first love, who still looms large in Tara's memories. So what's a daughter to do with a runaway mother? Join her.

Their romantic lives in flux, Nikki and Tara hit the road. Mile by mile, they're reliving past mistakes, learning more about each other, and rebuilding faith in themselves and in the choices they've made—wherever it all may lead.

About the Author

Namrata Patel is the bestselling author of *The Curious Secrets of Yesterday*, *Scent of a Garden*, and *The Candid Life of Meena Dave*. Her writing examines diaspora and dual-cultural identity among Indian Americans, multigenerational tensions tied to assimilation, and historical awareness of Indian American achievements. She has led writing and publishing workshops for several organizations, sat on panels discussing craft and theme, and participated in various mentoring programs. Additionally, she has taught courses at Emerson College and Boston College.

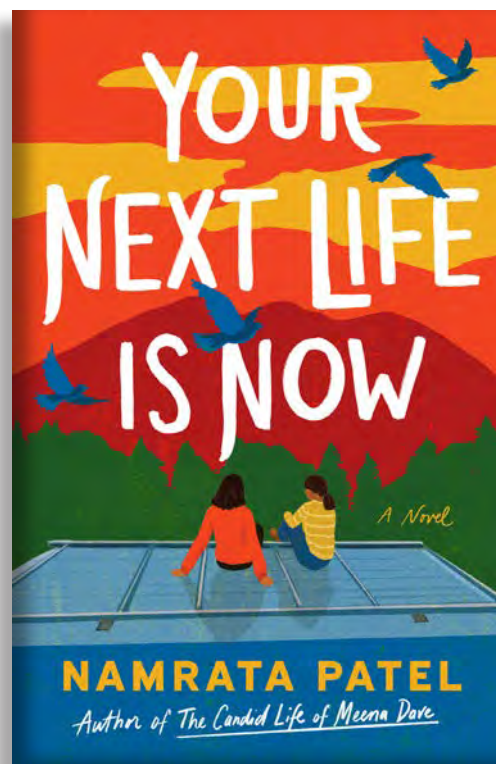
Namrata has lived in India, New Jersey, Spokane, London, and New York City and currently calls Boston home. For more information, visit www.nampatel.com.

Praise for Namrata Patel

Scent of a Garden

"Patel has written a touching tale of one young woman's reckoning with her family's generational legacy, staying true to her roots and traditions while at the same time forging a path for herself. Full of warmth and humor, this book is recommended for all fiction collections." —**Booklist**

"Full of softly beautiful descriptions and remarkably rendered characters, Patel's sophomore novel grapples with familial pressures and legacies. It's a sensual read, full of details pertaining not only to scents, as might be expected, but also to foods and visual descriptors." —**BookRiot.com**



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Life as Planned

AMANDA PROWSE

JANUARY 6, 2026

From bestselling author Amanda Prowse comes a spellbinding story about two sisters, one choice—and a lifetime of consequences...

For identical twins Remy and Ashleigh, everything changes with one childhood decision. A simple act of love that unwittingly alters the paths they will both walk—an act of love that will echo through decades...

As the years unfold, their lives take dramatically different courses. Ashleigh soars through a glittering London career with the perfect house and family, but beneath her success lies a gnawing truth: her whole life is built on a lie. Meanwhile, Remy stays close to home, finding joy in simple pleasures, yet forever feeling the weight of being 'the other twin'—the one who didn't shine.

Both sisters long for the uncomplicated closeness they once shared, but can they find their way back to each other? And after a lifetime shaped by that single childhood choice, is it too late to become the people they were meant to be?

This emotionally compelling story asks challenging questions about paths not taken, and about making peace with the life you have, rather than the one you might have expected.

About the Author

Amanda Prowse is a multi-million-copy bestselling author who has published more than thirty novels and is one of the most prolific writers of contemporary fiction in the UK today. Crowned 'the queen of family drama' by the *Daily Mail*, she writes about life's challenges—from heartbreak and loss to dysfunctional family dynamics—but also about the pockets of delight that can be found in our relationships with others, often when we need them most.

Amanda is known for her relatable characters, emotionally compelling plots, and the sense of connection that readers feel with her stories. She is an ambassador for The Reading Agency and feels passionately about supporting other women, spending as much time as possible outdoors (preferably by the sea!), and her family.

Praise for Amanda Prowse

"A moving, romantic tale about finding your place in the world and the people who can help you get there." —**Libby Page, bestselling author of *The Lido* (praise for *Swimming to Lundy*)**



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Call of the Camino

SUZANNE REDFEARN

OCTOBER 1, 2025

From the bestselling author of *In an Instant* comes a deeply moving novel following the transformative journeys of two women walking entwined paths on a legendary route across Europe a generation apart.

Reina Watkins lost her father when she was eight. Seventeen years later, she still carries that grief. When her budding journalism career takes an unexpected turn, it leads her to the ancient five-hundred-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain. Now she finds herself embarking on the same pilgrimage that her father made at her age, unaware of how profoundly it will change her.

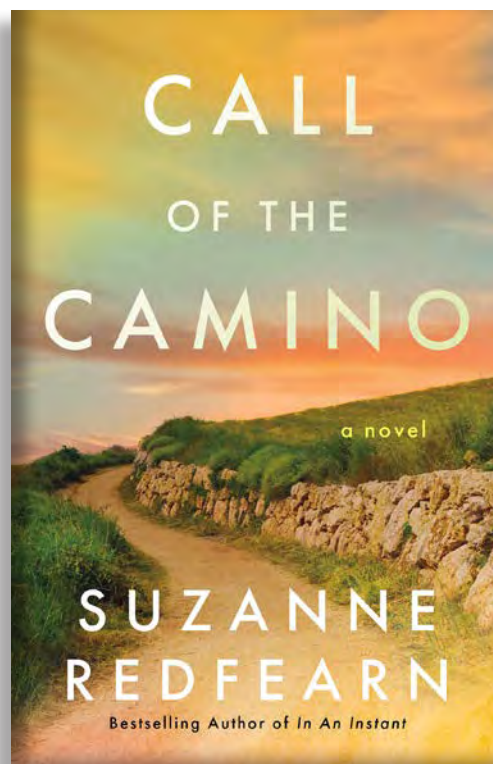
Back in 1997, Isabelle Vidal is a teenager on the run. Fleeing from her boarding school, she heads straight for the Way of Saint James. She's heard *the Camino* will provide. And so it does, in the form of a handsome young American and the promise of a new life. But it could all fall apart if her troubles catch up with her.

One woman is coming to grips with her past; the other is grasping for her future. But as each treads the same hallowed trail, it will knot their destinies together in a most miraculous way.

About the Author

Suzanne Redfearn is the award-winning author of six novels: *Hush Little Baby*, *No Ordinary Life*, *In an Instant*, *Hadley and Grace*, *Moment in Time*, and *Where Butterflies Wander*. In addition to being an author, she's also an architect specializing in residential and commercial design. Suzanne lives in Laguna Beach, California, where she and her husband own two restaurants: Lumberyard and Slice Pizza and Beer.

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Land of Dreams

GIAN SARDAR

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

In the 1930s, scandal, secret loves, and murder shatter a woman's Hollywood dream in a gripping novel by the *USA Today* bestselling author of *When the World Goes Quiet*.

It's 1933, and though the country is stuck in the Great Depression, movies are the ultimate escape. But Hollywood is skilled at selling lies, and nothing is as it seems.

Frankie Donnelly is scrappy, smart, and ambitious. Her knack for spinning any story into stellar publicity has made her an invaluable "fixer" at RCO Studios, where she works under the tutelage of powerful Nico Marconi. Frankie's latest fix is the upcoming marriage of Hollywood royals Jack Sawyer and June Finney, and millions of fans can't wait to see their favorite silver-screen lovers tie the knot. But Frankie knows the truth: The marriage is an artful cover for Jack and June's darkest secrets.

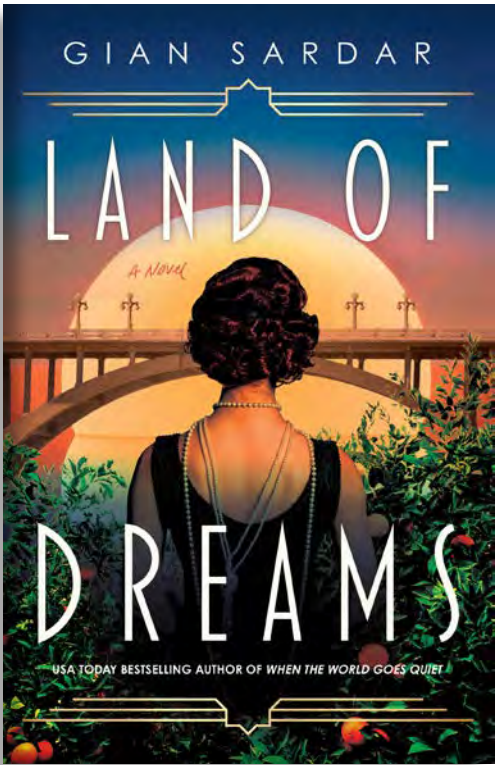
When a shocking murder occurs, allegiances fracture, the tabloids go wild, and a devastated public is left reeling. Frankie uncovers new layers of scandal and deception and is forced to choose which Hollywood player to protect and who to destroy. Now, more than ever, the country needs a happy ending—but at what cost?

About the Author

Gian Sardar is the author of the novels *When the World Goes Quiet*, *Take What You Can Carry*, and *You Were Here*, and is the coauthor of the memoir *Psychic Junkie*. She studied creative writing at Loyola Marymount University, and her work has appeared in the *New York Times* and *Confrontation Magazine* and on Salon.com, among other places. Gian was born in Los Angeles, California.

Her father is from Kurdistan of Iraq, and her mother is Belgian American and from Minnesota. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, son, and dog, where she enjoys gardening, cooking, and other forms of procrastination.

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Book Club Fiction

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Our Common Thread

KAHLI SCOTT

JUNE 2, 2026

For fans of *The Midnight Library* and *Maybe in Another Life*, this enchanting romantic comedy follows a costume designer who discovers a magical portal in her wardrobe that allows her to visit alternate timelines of her life.

Working as a wardrobe assistant on a Christmas rom-com in Casey River wasn't exactly Mattie Bridges' dream at twenty-eight. But when she discovers a mysterious portal in her wardrobe that allows her to explore alternate versions of her life, she finds herself on an unexpected journey of self-discovery. In each timeline—whether she's a successful journalist or a quaint bookstore owner—one constant remains: her path always crosses with Austin Farrow, the charming actor from her film set.

As Mattie's feelings for Austin deepen in her real life, her adventures through the portal help her confront the self-doubt left by a toxic past relationship. But when she shares the truth about her magical experiences, Austin's own history with loved ones' mental health struggles leads him to question everything they've built together.

With both their hearts on the line, Mattie must decide if she's ready to stop chasing other versions of herself and embrace the life—and love—right in front of her.

About the Author

Kahli Scott works as the manager of Film Queenstown Lakes, the local government film commission. Her job involves promoting the region's filming locations, facilitating film permits, and helping to strategically grow the local film industry. Their little mountain towns have played host to major international productions like *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Mission: Impossible*, *Mulan*, *The Power of the Dog* and *Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power*.

She has combined her passions for writing and film into initiatives that support local screenwriters and filmmakers, such as coordinating screenwriters' residencies and workshops. When she's not writing or working, Kahli enjoys exploring the South Island's many amazing trails and national parks, eating too much popcorn at the local cinema, and playing ice-hockey.



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The Last Sunday in May

KATE CLARK STONE

APRIL 21, 2026

A hopeful second-chance story about a female racer given a last opportunity to compete in the Indy 500 perfect for readers of *Carrie Soto is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid and the hit movie *F1*.

Once a rising star of motorsports, Mack Williams now spends her days managing a struggling family business in rural Indiana while raising her nine-year-old daughter and caring for her disabled father. When she gets a last-chance shot at qualifying for the Indianapolis 500, she can't say no—even though chasing her dreams means leaving her daughter behind and moving in with the sister who abandoned their family a year ago.

Working with a ruthless new boss is challenging enough, but Mack's teammate Leo proves an even greater distraction—handsome, kind, and impossible to resist. As their attraction grows, so does the media scrutiny, threatening Mack's focus on the track. When her fame-hungry ex shows up demanding custody and her father announces plans to sell the family business, Mack's shot at racing glory becomes a fight for everything she loves.

Each lap brings higher stakes: her relationship with her daughter, her family's fracturing trust, and a blossoming romance she can't afford but can't deny. With qualification day approaching and her past threatening to destroy her future, Mack must decide if she's willing to risk it all—heart included—for one final chance at the checkered flag.

Because sometimes the bravest thing you can do is get back behind the wheel and open your heart to the possibility of winning it all.

About the Author

Kate Clark Stone attended her first Indianapolis 500 at six years old, and wrote her first book at eleven. A proud Vanderbilt alumna and former attorney, Kate is nerdy about fast cars, swimming, clogs, desserts, and her goldendoodle. Forever a Hoosier at heart, she lives with her family in the mountains of Tennessee.



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The Quitters Club

JESSICA STRAWSER

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Four successful women at a crossroads. One bold pact that changes everything.

Marie teaches women how to say “no” but can’t say it to her failing marriage. Collins is drowning in her late husband’s legacy and his demanding adult children. Lucy’s writing career is on life support, and her bank account isn’t far behind. And Brooke’s dream of motherhood has become an expensive nightmare that’s testing both her marriage and her sanity.

When these lifelong friends reunite in a sun-soaked weekend getaway, they make a daring decision: quit everything that’s holding them back. But life has other plans. Just as their fresh starts gain momentum—including a viral essay, a budding romance, and a surprise pregnancy—a tragic accident and a devastating diagnosis force them back together under one roof.

As they navigate love, loss, and unexpected turns of fate, these four friends discover that sometimes quitting is the bravest choice of all—and the first step toward the life you were meant to live. A witty, warm-hearted novel about friendship, courage, and the power of starting over, *The Quitters Club* reminds us that our biggest victories often come from knowing when to walk away.

About the Author

Jessica Strawser is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Last Caretaker*, *The Next Thing You Know*, *A Million Reasons Why*, *Forget You Know Me*, *Not That I Could Tell* (a Book of the Month selection), and *Almost Missed You*. She was editorial the director at *Writer’s Digest* for nearly a decade before becoming a novelist. Jessica is also a Career Authors contributing editor, popular speaker at writing conferences across the US, and freelance editor and writer with bylines in the *New York Times* Modern Love column, *Publishers Weekly*, and other venues.

A Pittsburgh native and Outstanding Senior alum of the top-ranked E. W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University, she lives with her husband and two children in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she served as 2019 Writer-in-Residence for the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library and received a 2024 Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award.

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The Naysayers

LIZ FENTON AND LISA STEINKE

JANUARY 13, 2026

From bestselling authors Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke comes a witty, sharp-edged tale of corporate greed, unexpected romance, and the quiet power of our shared humanity. For fans of *Barbie* and *The Good Place*.

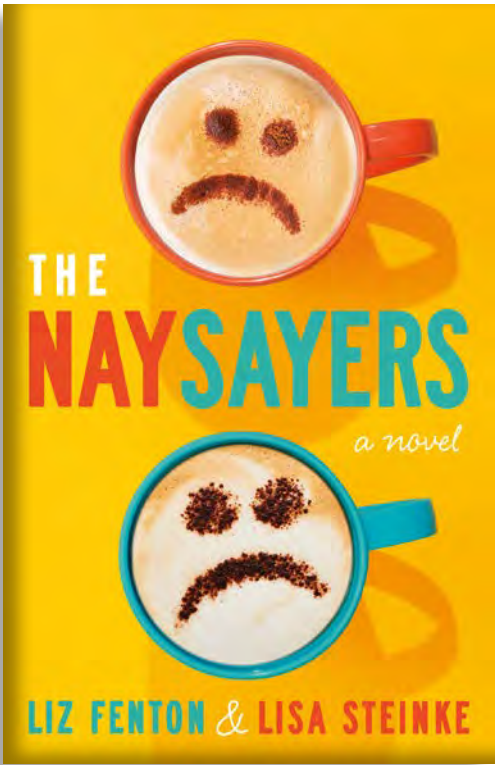
At Naysay, Inc., rising star Megan's job is to whisper negative thoughts straight into the minds of clients in the Real World. It's all in a day's dirty work in Naysayland, the parallel reality where your negativity is manufactured and self-doubt is a commodity.

But when she is assigned to sabotage a romance between lifestyle influencer Lily and author Jasper, Megan's carefully constructed reality begins to unravel. The project teams her with Ben, the smug but cute whisperer in the next cubicle. As they work to tear down Lily and Jasper's situationship, Megan and Ben are catching feelings for each other. And it's making them lose their negative edge.

As their empathy grows, and they start rooting for the relationship they're tasked with destroying, dreaded HR is sniffing around. Now they're facing a choice: keep crushing dreams for a paycheck, or risk everything for their own fairy tale. Who knew professional pessimists could be such hopeless romantics?

About the Authors

Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke have been best friends for over thirty-five years and survived high school and college together. They've coauthored nine novels, including *The Good Widow*, an Amazon charts bestseller, and *Forever Hold Your Peace*, which is optioned for film. They both reside with their families and several rescue dogs in San Diego, California.



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Girls Our Age

PHOEBE THOMPSON

MAY 5, 2026

Three women navigate their late twenties together in a bittersweet novel about female friendship, identity, and growing up—from the hope and promise of college to the realities that lie beyond.

In their first year of college, roommates Lily, Ana, and Margot became best friends. So lucky to know each other, they thought nothing would ever change.

Ten years later, Lily is engaged to an endlessly supportive Harvard law student with whom love came easily and inevitably. Now they're about to be married, barreling confidently toward the future. Ana is a fourth-grade teacher at a prestigious academy, the alma mater of her long-term boyfriend who's finally asked her to move in. Relationships aren't a priority for Margot, a career-focused advertising executive so close to a promotion and the fulfillment of her professional dreams.

It looks good from here.

Then they all reconnect for Lily's wedding, and everything they've hidden for too long begins to surface. It's time to reevaluate their choices, to face the challenges they've avoided, and rediscover everything they think they know about themselves and each other as Lily, Ana, and Margot navigate an illuminating new direction in their lives.

About the Author

Phoebe Thompson is from Mill Valley, California. She writes about female friendship, mothers and daughters, and money. She studied English Literature at Bowdoin College, got her MFA in Fiction at The University of Wisconsin-Madison, and runs a marketing agency in Brooklyn, New York. *Girls Our Age* is her debut novel.



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All Languages

The Room of Lost Steps

Theo Sterling Series Book 2

SIMON TOLKIEN

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An American boy with impossible dreams is thrust into the cauldron of the Spanish Civil War in this arresting and thrilling historical coming-of-age epic and sequel to *The Palace at the End of the Sea*.

Barcelona 1936. Theo helps the Anarchist workers defeat the army that is trying to overthrow the democratically elected government, and he is reunited with his true love, Maria. But all too soon, his joy turns to terror as the Anarchists turn on him, led by a rival for Maria's affection.

Lucky to escape with his life, Theo returns to England to study at Oxford. But his heart is in Spain, now torn apart by a bloody civil war, and he is quick to abandon his new life when his old schoolmate Esmond offers him the chance to fight the Fascists. He is unprepared for the nightmare of war that crushes his spirit and his hope until, back in Barcelona, Theo is confronted with a final terrible choice that will define his life forever.

As Theo's tumultuous coming-of-age journey reaches its end, can his dream to change the world—so far from home—still hold true?

About the Author

Simon Tolkien is the author of *No Man's Land*, *Orders from Berlin*, *The King of Diamonds*, *The Inheritance*, and *Final Witness*. He studied modern history at Trinity College, Oxford, and went on to become a London barrister specializing in criminal defense. Simon is the grandson of J.R.R. Tolkien and is a director of the Tolkien Estate. In 2022 he was named as series consultant to the Amazon TV series *The Rings of Power*. He lives with his wife, vintage fashion author Tracy Tolkien, and their two children, Nicholas and Anna, in Southern California.

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Praise for Simon Tolkien

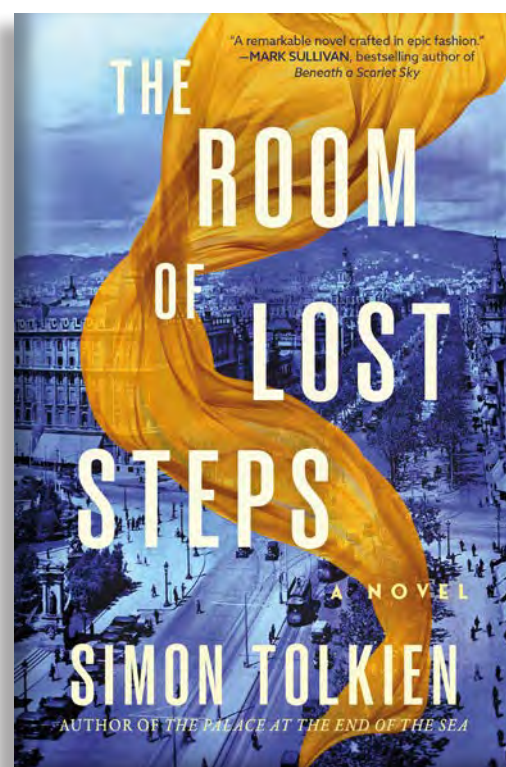
"In epic fashion worthy of his namesake, Tolkien crafts a remarkable novel of an American boy swept up by love and circumstance and cast into the crucible of the Spanish Civil War. Intense, vivid, and moving." —**Mark Sullivan, bestselling author of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* and *All the Glimmering Stars***

Prior Praise for Simon Tolkien

"[A] delight to read and deserves the success [he] will surely achieve." —***The Washington Post***

"Simon Tolkien knows how to keep a story moving, and he does it well." —**NPR**

"Tolkien's skill as a storyteller is worthy of notice." —***The Philadelphia Inquirer***



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Greek

Soft Launch

SARAH VACCHIANO

MARCH 10, 2026

A delightful coming of adulthood story about starting over, re-defining her finding passion in life and love, this novel is based on the true-life experience of the entertainment lawyer who worked on *Molly's Game*.

Nineteen-year-old college student Samantha hit the jackpot with Ben. A few years older and a lifetime wiser, he was the perfect catch. But when her hopes and dreams start fading into their lackluster marriage in the suburbs, she wonders if she made the wrong choice.

On the cusp of thirty, Sam knows she wants more. So she trades her home in DC for an apartment in New York City, ready to start anew at a prestigious Manhattan law firm. But the strain of passing the bar and filing for divorce leaves her feeling like an impostor. She's forced to fake it until she feels like she actually belongs.

Sam's always wanted to be an entertainment lawyer. Thanks to a high-profile client, that dream is finally coming true. But when she falls for a charming coworker, she's terrified she'll lose herself all over again. Balancing career and romance, Sam takes her first real steps into adulthood—and a second chance at love.

About the Author

Sarah Vacchiano is an entertainment lawyer based in Los Angeles. A graduate of Duke Law School, she began her legal career as a litigator representing Molly Bloom—the subject of the Oscar-nominated biopic *Molly's Game*, written and directed by Aaron Sorkin—and other high-profile clients in the media and entertainment space. Sarah has served as an adjunct professor of entertainment law at Duke and is a frequent guest lecturer for NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and Stern School of Business.

She lives in Los Angeles with her husband Matt, their son Gus, and pup Josephine (JoJo). *Soft Launch* is her first novel.



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In the Great Quiet

LAURA VOGT

MARCH 24, 2026

A pioneer strives to build a life for herself on the Oklahoma frontier in an epic historical novel about a woman's fortitude, indomitable spirit, and secrets.

A cannon's boom at high noon and the race is on in the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1893.

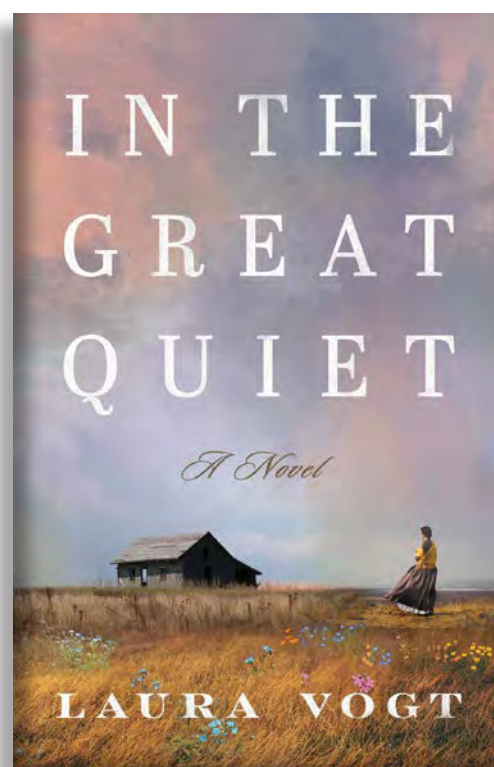
Amid the crowd is Minnie Hoopes. Unmarried and fiercely independent, she stakes her claim, determined to withstand backbreaking work and the harsh turns of nature to create a life that is hers. Guarding her solitude, she keeps her distance from the bordering homesteaders and finds peace under the starry nights in the vast frontier. But this is outlaw country, and Minnie soon has the blood of two renegade cowboys on her hands. And a witness in a gunfighter named Stot—an unlikely kindred soul and the only man in Oklahoma Territory Minnie can trust with a secret. One that grows more haunting with each passing season and threatens the future she has risked everything to build.

Based on the true story of the author's great-great-grandparents, this sweeping and transportive survival story explores a woman's communion with the land, her reconciliation with the past, and her elemental search for home against the odds.

About the Author

Laura Vogt is a historian, storyteller, and poet who studied literature and history in undergrad and graduate school, focusing on Shakespeare, folktales, and the history of mentalities, which informed her writing about the worldviews of the past. She also attended the University of Iowa Writing Workshop writing program in Ireland, and has been published in various journals, including *Fourteen Hills*, *Pleiades*, *Enchanted Living Magazine*, and *South Carolina Review*.

Laura lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with her husband and three children. For more information, visit www.lauravogt.com.



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The Epicenter of Forever

MARA WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

A moving story about family, forgiveness, and unexpected love—where the fault lines of a fractured past become the foundation for building something new.

Eden Hawthorne spent idyllic childhood summers in Grand Trees, a mountain town perched along a restless earthquake fault in the heart of California's fire country. But her family and future were shattered there, and she vowed never to return—until news of her estranged mother's illness forces her back twenty years later.

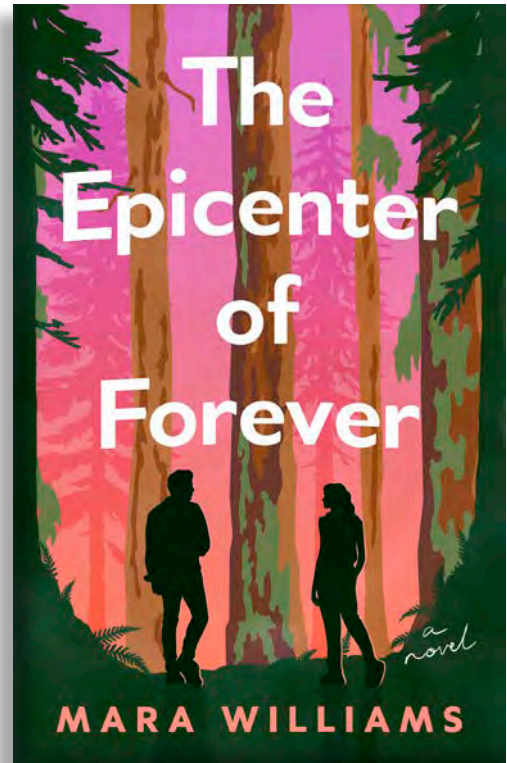
Still reeling from her recent divorce, Eden has to confront her mom's found family, including single father Caleb Connell, who blames Eden for the seismic rift that drove her away. But as they move beyond a battle of wills, Eden and Caleb discover shared wounds and intertwined histories—and succumb to an attraction that feels fated.

When her mother's condition worsens, Eden faces an impossible choice between the man she's falling for and the mother she's just beginning to forgive. And with time running out, Eden fears her decision will doom her to relive the aftershocks of past heartbreak.

About the Author

Mara Williams is the author of *The Truth Is in the Detours*. She drafted her first novel in third grade in a spiral notebook—a story about a golden retriever and the stray dog who loved her. Now she writes novels about strong, messy women trying to find their way in the world. When not writing or reading, Mara can be found enjoying California's beaches, redwoods, and trails with her husband, kids, and disobedient dog.

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The Lives of Others

ELLEN WON STEIL

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A young woman is drawn into the lives of a seemingly perfect New England family. But not everything is as it appears in a riveting novel of psychological suspense by the author of *Becoming Marlow Fin*.

After ten hectic years in Seoul, burned-out expat Radley Asher is promised a change—working the fall season at an apple farm in idyllic Fox Isle, Maine. Hoping for solitude, Radley is instead welcomed by the effusive Clark family as one of their own. A loner like Radley finds it almost disarming.

But what's not to like? Beau and Livia are doting parents, and their three children are absolute delights. Still, Radley prefers to keep her distance and just watch the lives of the Clarks unfold from her window. For Radley, as she's pulled deeper into the family dynamics, watching becomes an obsession.

Then one night the orchard is set ablaze and the family is thrown into chaos. Who would do such a terrible thing? When one of the Clark children suddenly goes missing, the veneer of the perfect family is set to shatter. And in the aftermath, too many secrets stand to be exposed—including Radley's.

About the Author

Ellen Won Steil is the bestselling author of *The Lives of Others*, *Becoming Marlow Fin*, and *Fortune*. She grew up in Iowa in a Korean American family and earned her BA in journalism from Drake University and law degree from William Mitchell College of Law. She lives in Minnesota with her husband and two young sons. Ellen believes most good stories have at least a hint of darkness.

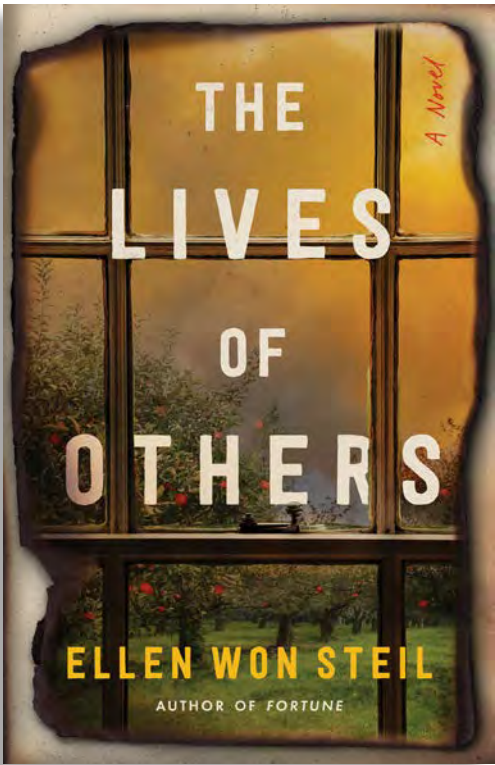
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Praise for Ellen Won Steil

"The Lives of Others is a slow burn suspense about dark obsession and how secrets can rot us from the inside out. Through the eyes of a compelling unreliable narrator with a hidden past of her own, Ellen Won Steil keeps up the tension while delivering twist after delicious twist. It all leads up to a shocking climax that, just like the protagonist, you won't be able to look away from." —**Jamie Lee Sogn, author of *Salthouse Place***

*"Full of lush prose and long held secrets, *The Lives of Others* is a searing psychological tale and a thoughtful exploration of motherhood that builds to the very last twist."* —**Jen Marie Wiggins, author of *The Good Bride***

*"An emotionally layered meditation on motherhood, guilt, and grief, *The Lives of Others* is at once a life-affirming family drama and a suspenseful story filled with shocking secrets."* —**K.T. Nguyen, author of *You Know What You Did***



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Mystery & Thriller

Behind These Four Walls

YASMIN ANGOE

JANUARY 1, 2026

From the author of *Not What She Seems*, Yasmin Angoe's thriller explores revenge, morality, corruption, and wealth as a woman sets out to uncover the truth behind her friend's disappearance and expose the powerful family behind it.

Isla Thorne had a rough start in life. Orphaned young, she spent her formative years in a group home where she met her best friend, Eden Galloway. At sixteen, they decide to run away to LA...but Eden never makes it.

It's been twelve years since Eden vanished. And Isla's determined to find her.

She begins at the last place Eden visited: the Corrigan mansion in Virginia. Eden claimed to have unfinished business there. Posing as an aspiring journalist, Isla insinuates herself into the wealthy family's home and begins searching for the truth.

The more she digs, the more Isla discovers Eden isn't who she thought she was. Was she even a victim, or did Eden plan this all along? Desperate for answers and to keep her identity hidden, Isla finds an ally in one of the Corrigan sons. But as she wades deeper into this power-hungry family's secrets and lies, she finds herself in the crosshairs of a bloodline that's more lethal than loyal.

About the Author

Yasmin Angoe is the author of *Her Name Is Knight* and a first-generation Ghanaian American currently residing in South Carolina with her family. She has served in education for nearly twenty years and works as a developmental editor. Yasmin received the 2020 Eleanor Taylor Bland Crime Fiction Writers of Color Award, was a Goodreads 2024 People's Choice nominee for Mystery & Thriller, and was a finalist for the Library of Virginia's People's Choice Award for Fiction. She's a member of several organizations like Crime Writers of Color, Sisters in Crime, and International Thriller Writers.

To learn more about the author and her work, visit her website (<https://yasminangoe.com>) or follow her on X (@yasawriter) and Instagram (@author_yasminangoe).

Praise for Yasmin Angoe

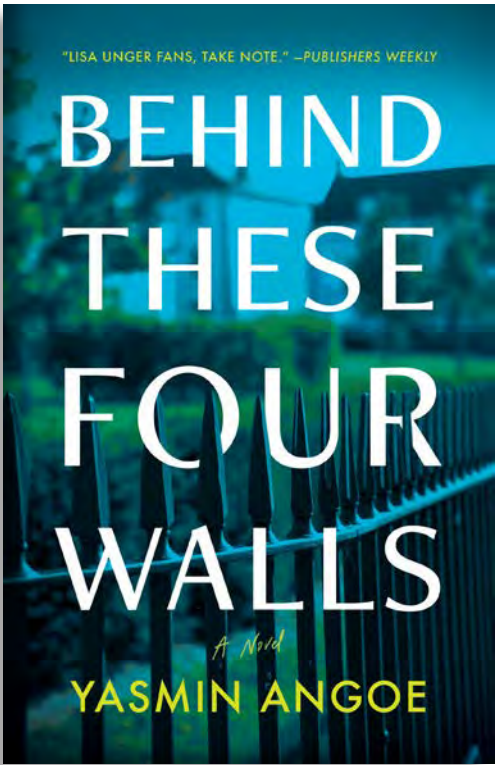
Not What She Seems

"Endless skeletons in the family closet..." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Angoe grounds the plot's surprising twists with lovable, fully realized characters. Lisa Unger fans, take note." —*Publishers Weekly*

It Ends with Knight

"Watch your back, Liam Neeson. This avenger is tough." —*Kirkus Reviews*



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Mystery & Thriller

The Mediator

Max Ringo Series Book 1

ROBERT BAILEY

MAY 12, 2026

In this heart-stopping legal thriller, former attorney Max Ringo thought mediating high-profile divorces was safer than litigation. She was wrong.

When Max takes on the contentious Strassburg divorce case, she's thrust into a deadly game of power, greed, and revenge. At stake is the control of a billion-dollar government contracting empire. But when ruthless businessman Jackson Strassburg kidnaps Max's teenage son to force her hand in the negotiations, the case becomes terrifyingly personal.

Racing against time to save her son while navigating sexual harassment, corporate intrigue, and a series of mysterious explosions, Max forms an unlikely alliance with the enigmatic Colonel Satch Tonidandel. As shocking secrets emerge about terminal illness, family betrayal, and hidden agendas, the body count rises and the lines between justice and revenge blur.

With severed hands, suicide, and a multi-million-dollar merger hanging in the balance, Max must decide how far she'll go to protect both her son and her principles. In this pulse-pounding thriller where mediation becomes a matter of life and death, the final settlement may cost more than anyone bargained for.

About the Author

Robert Bailey is the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of the Jason Rich series, which includes *Rich Justice*, *Rich Waters*, and *Rich Blood*; the Bocephus Haynes series, which includes *The Wrong Side* and *Legacy of Lies*; and the award-winning McMurtrie and Drake legal thriller series, including *The Final Reckoning*, *The Last Trial*, *Between Black and White*, and *The Professor*.

He also wrote the inspirational novel *The Golfer's Carol*. *The Boomerang* is Bailey's eleventh novel. The author lives in Huntsville, Alabama, with his wife, Dixie, and they are the proud parents of three children, two dogs, and two cats.

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The Brood

REBECCA BAUM

OCTOBER 28, 2025

A fascinating blend of horror and magical realism, this spine-tingling thriller explores the complex relationship between women, their bodies, and the natural world.

Cutthroat NYC lawyer Mary Whelton just buried her problematic old mentor. But as she leaves the mourners and protesters behind, the press stays hot on her heels. Desperate to escape, she unwittingly barrels deep into a remote forest in upstate New York. Until a collision—with a buzzing, oozing throng of cicadas—stops her dead in her tracks.

She awakens in a crude cabin, held captive by Girl, a simple, hulking woman who mistakes Mary for her derelict mother and obsesses over a mysterious Brood. While tortured echoes from Mary's past feed her growing sense of fear, it becomes clear that she's destined to bear an unthinkable role in the cicadas' cyclical reemergence. But when Girl's grisly past comes back to haunt them both, Mary is thrust into a violent battle of wills.

Confoundingly creepy and atmospheric, *The Brood* peels back the hurt and pain of the female experience, laying bare the messy necessity for transformation and growth.

About the Author

Rebecca Baum is a novelist, ghostwriter, and content marketer. While her ghostwriting has served founders of global nonprofits and mission-driven businesses, Baum wades into the wonderfully troubled waters of horror with her novel *The Brood*. Her prior book, *Lifelike Creatures*, was longlisted for the Crook's Corner Book Prize Foundation's 2021 best debut novel set in the American South.

A native of rural Louisiana, Baum feels she has almost earned the right to call herself a New Yorker after more than twenty-five years in the city. She lives in Greenwich Village with her husband and favorite karaoke partner, Gary.



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Missing

City Streets Mysteries Series Book 1

D. E. BECKLER

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When a woman disappears, a homeless man is the only person who can find her.

On a cold Manchester night, Victor Mitchum and his loyal-ish dog witness something they were never meant to see. Living on the streets has made Victor good at watching people—which is exactly why private investigator Kasper Dabrowski recruits him to help find a missing woman.

But as Victor watches from the shadows, he realises he has stumbled into something far more dangerous. Working alongside Kasper and his sister, Victor discovers he's not just tracking kidnappers—he's watching killers. And now they know someone is watching them.

With time running out for their victims, Victor must rally his unlikely allies—the forgotten people of Manchester's streets—in a desperate fight for survival. But in a city where the powerful prey on the vulnerable, can a man society has chosen to ignore become the hero these families need?

Book 2 in the series, *Hunted*, will release in Spring 2026.

About the Author

D. E. Beckler writes fast-paced action thrillers populated with well-rounded characters. Born in Addis Ababa in 1960, Beckler spent his first eight years living on an agricultural college in rural Ethiopia where his love of reading developed. After dropping out of university he became a firefighter and served nineteen years before leaving to start his own business.

Beckler began writing in 2010 and uses his work experiences to add realism to his fiction. Beckler lives in Manchester, his adopted home since 1984. In his spare time, he tries to keep fit—an increasingly difficult undertaking—listens to music, socialises and feeds his voracious book habit.



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Her First Lie

LUCINDA BERRY

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Some cycles of abuse aren't just repeated—they're perfected.

Becky Watson thought she'd escaped her mother's shadow when she fled her abusive home at fifteen. Now a promising pre-med student, she's determined to be everything her mother wasn't. But when an unplanned pregnancy threatens to derail her carefully constructed future, Becky makes a desperate choice: hide her newborn daughter in her dorm room.

As the pressure of her double life mounts, Becky turns to Owen, the only person who knows the dark truth about her past—together, they once covered up her mother's death. But their attempt to protect Becky's baby leads them down a spiral of addiction and desperation. When a tragic accident forces Becky to seek help from her estranged grandmother Lillian, she discovers that sometimes the most dangerous monsters wear the masks of saviors.

In this haunting exploration of intergenerational trauma, one young mother must confront the terrifying possibility that in trying to escape her mother's legacy, she may have become its most perfect evolution.

About the Author

USA Today bestselling author Lucinda Berry is a former psychologist and leading researcher in childhood trauma. She's written multiple bestsellers reaching millions of readers worldwide. Some of her bestselling works include *The Perfect Child*, *Saving Noah*, *When She Returned*, *The Best of Friends*, and *Keep Your Friends Close*. Her books have been optioned for film and translated into several languages.

If Berry isn't chasing after her son, you can find her running through Los Angeles, prepping for her next marathon. To hear about her upcoming releases and other author news, visit her on social media (@lucindaberryauthor) or sign up for her newsletter at <https://lucindaberry.com>.



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The Ex

SHALINI BOLAND

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A dark past. A fresh start. A new nightmare waiting to begin.

Willow McAllister is desperate to start over. Quiet town. Blank slate. No attachments. When she meets her friendly new neighbour, Priya, it feels like a lifeline: the start of something good.

And then there's Gabe: charming, funny, easy to talk to. Maybe she's allowed a little happiness. Maybe she can trust again.

But Willow's instincts have been wrong before. And when she discovers that Gabe and Priya share a past, the cracks start to show. Willow can't help wondering if Priya's arrival next door really was by chance. Because coincidences like this? They don't feel like coincidences at all.

Is she imagining the tension between them? Or ignoring something she shouldn't?

Someone is lying.

And Willow can't afford to get it wrong again.

About the Author

Shalini Boland is the Amazon and *USA Today* bestselling author of over twenty psychological thrillers. To date, she's sold three million copies of her books.

Shalini lives by the sea in Dorset, England, with her husband, two children and their increasingly demanding dog, Queen Jess. Before kids, she was signed to Universal Music Publishing as a singer/songwriter, but now she spends her days writing (in between restocking the fridge and dealing with endless baskets of laundry).

She is also the author of two bestselling sci-fi and fantasy series as well as a WWII evacuee adventure with a time-travel twist.

When she's not reading, writing or stomping along the beach, you can reach her via Facebook at www.facebook.com/ShaliniBolandAuthor, on TikTok @shaliniboland, on Bluesky @shaliniboland.bsky.social, on X @ShaliniBoland, on Instagram @shaboland, or via her website: www.shaliniboland.com.

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The Replacement

DS Liam Kilshaw Series Book 2

MATT BROLLY

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A body on the beach. A myth come to life. And a killer who won't stop...

When a mutilated body washes up on Sennen Beach, DS Liam Kilshaw is plunged into a case as dark and unforgiving as the Cornish winter. With the victim's face so severely disfigured that identification is impossible, whispers of a local superstition begin to surface—the killing bears a chilling resemblance to the legend of Bucca Dhu, a vengeful sea demon said to demand human sacrifice.

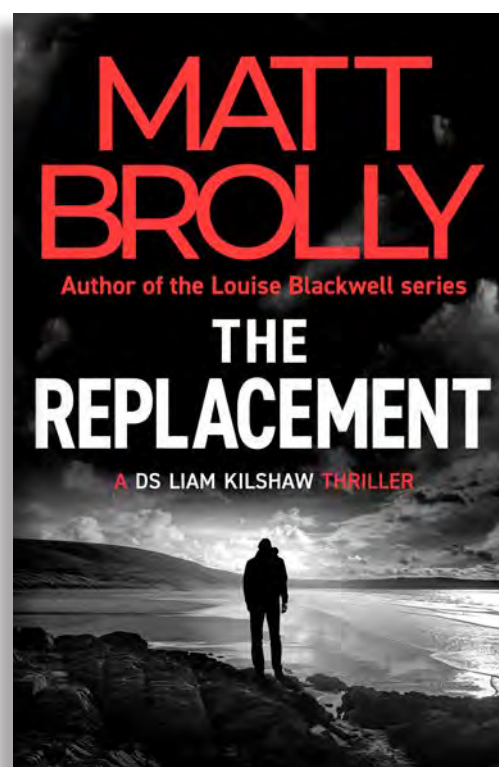
But myths don't murder people. When a second body is discovered just above the high-tide line, Kilshaw knows he's racing against time. A missing crew member, a lost shipping container and a trail of cryptic clues all point to something far more sinister.

In a place where folklore and reality blur, Kilshaw must uncover the truth—before the killer strikes again.

About the Author

Following his law degree, where he developed an interest in criminal law, Matt Brolly completed his Masters in Creative Writing at Glasgow University. He is the *Wall Street Journal* and Amazon bestselling author of the DI Blackwell novels, the DCI Lambert crime novels, the Lynch and Rose thrillers *The Controller* and *The Railroad*, and the standalone thrillers *Zero*, *The Running Girls* and *The Alliance*. *The Replacement* is the second in a new series set in Cornwall, featuring DS Kilshaw. Matt lives in London with his wife and their two children.

You can find out more about him at www.mattbrolly.com or by following him on X: @MattBrollyUK.



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What She Saw

MARY BURTON

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An investigative reporter returns to the scene of a decades-old crime to put her own unsettled past to rest in this chilling suspense novel by *New York Times* bestselling author Mary Burton.

Cold case reporter Sloane Grayson has come to a small mountain town in Virginia to solve a mystery.

Thirty years ago, her mother was one of four women who vanished during a music festival. The event's promoter was eventually convicted of their murders, and Sheriff CJ Taggart closed the case. But for Sloane, it's still open. Because the bodies were never found.

With Taggart now long dead, Sloane must make do with questioning the victims' families and the few remaining witnesses once again. If they're still willing to dredge up memories of a crime that made their town notorious. As for the incarcerated killer, he has always maintained his innocence. Sloane isn't entirely convinced he's lying.

Somewhere nearby, unmarked graves conceal the bones and secrets of the dead. Sloane will do anything to find them and unearth the truth, even if that means playing a dangerous game of cat and mouse with someone determined to stop her...

About the Author

Mary Burton is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of more than forty romance and suspense novels, including *Another Girl Lost*, *The House Beyond the Dunes*, and *The Lies I Told*. She currently lives in North Carolina with her husband. For more information, visit www.maryburton.com.



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How to Fake a Haunting

CHRISTA CARMEN

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A desperate woman's plot to frighten her husband out of her life takes a nightmarish turn in a chilling novel of modern horror by a Bram Stoker Award-winning author.

Lainey Taylor is being pushed to the brink by her alcoholic husband, Callum. Prone to hallucinations and erratic behavior, it's only a matter of time before he puts Lainey's life—and that of their daughter, Beatrix—in jeopardy. A divorce and full custody is out of the question. In Callum's words: *Over my dead body.*

Lainey's sympathetic friend Adelaide has a wild solution. They'll stage a haunting so convincing it will drive Callum out of Lainey's life for good. Nothing too over the top: strange smells, noises in the walls, and flies unleashed along the windowsills. It could work. Considering Callum's alcohol-induced night terrors, he's already close to broken. With each new scare, Lainey is closer to seeing the haunting through to its bitter, freeing end.

But in a house filled with so much rage, resentment, and fear, is it any wonder that Lainey and Adelaide's plan goes horribly wrong? As their fake haunting spirals into something no one can control, Lainey discovers that the only way out of this frightening trap is to join forces with Callum, or die trying.

About the Author

Christa Carmen is the author of *Beneath the Poet's House*; *The Daughters of Block Island*, winner of the Bram Stoker Award and a Shirley Jackson Award finalist; *Something Borrowed, Something Blood-Soaked*, an Indie Horror Book Award winner; and numerous short stories, including the Bram Stoker Award-nominated "Through the Looking Glass and Straight into Hell." She has a BA from the University of Pennsylvania, an MA from Boston College, and an MFA from the University of Southern Maine.

Christa lives in Rhode Island with her husband, daughter, and bloodhound-golden retriever mix. When she's not writing, Christa keeps chickens and uses a Ouija board to ghost-hug her dear, departed beagle. Most of her work comes from gazing upon the ghosts of the past or else into the dark corners of nature, those places where whorls of bark become owl eyes, and deer step through tunnels of hanging leaves and creeping briars only to disappear.

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Praise for Christa Carmen

"Christa Carmen delivers the goods in this twisty, clever domestic horror novel that Rachel Harrison fans will love! A twenty-first-century Amityville, haunted by marital strife and the meddling best friend we all need. Now I want the film version of this, immediately!" —**Christopher Golden, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Night Birds* and *Road of Bones***

"*How to Fake a Haunting* is a poignant, frightening, and utterly original story about the ghosts that haunt families and the homes they create. By turns darkly funny, emotionally devastating, and memorably chilling, this book twists the horror genre in ways I never saw coming." —**Tracy Sierra, author of *Nightwatching***



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The Ravine

MAIA CHANCE

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For a devoted wife and mother, a restful getaway descends into an inescapable nightmare in a novel of dark psychological suspense by the author of *The Body Next Door*.

Harlow Sullivan has a nearly ideal life with her husband, Gregor, and her stepson when Gregor suggests they uproot their routine for a six-month stay at his family's cottage on an island in Puget Sound. It's where Gregor spent his boyhood summers. Home to him. For Harlow, it's something else.

Not long after arriving, Harlow sees disturbing connections between Gregor and a group of local women led by charismatic influencer Kirsten Blakeley. But Kirsten, with her beautiful fixed smile and popular brand of subservient wife and nurturing mother, isn't the only thing that's unnerving Harlow.

There's the evidence of an unspeakable murder that Gregor claims is all in Harlow's mind. And then there's the well-worn footpath in the woods that leads, perilously, to the edge of a deep ravine. As Harlow fears her perfect marriage holds deadly secrets, her paranoia screams *run*. From what, Harlow can't begin to imagine.



About the Author

Maia Chance is the national bestselling author of *The Body Next Door*. She was born in Colville, Washington, and grew up in Moscow, Idaho. She graduated from Eastman School of Music with a BM in violin performance and earned a master's in violin performance from Longy School of Music.

After a brief career as an orchestral musician in the Boston area, Maia returned to the Northwest to earn a PhD in English literature from the University of Washington. Along the way she began to write fiction, eventually publishing nearly a dozen mysteries and thrillers. She lives on an island in Washington state with her husband, two children, and one naughty dog.

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Edge

Detective Harriet Foster Series Book 4

TRACY CLARK

DECEMBER 2, 2025

When a tainted drug starts claiming lives across the city, Detective Harriet Foster and her team race to track down the source...before it takes one of their own.

Chicago's finest are scouring the city for a tainted new opioid making the rounds, but they're coming up empty. With five people already dead—a college kid, a new mother, and three poker players—all they really know is the drug's name: Edge. Where it's coming from is still anyone's guess.

Detective Harriet Foster doesn't have time for guessing games. She needs answers. And when the next overdose hits Homicide where it hurts most, Harri is determined to get what she wants. But keeping her eyes squarely on the prize proves harder than expected.

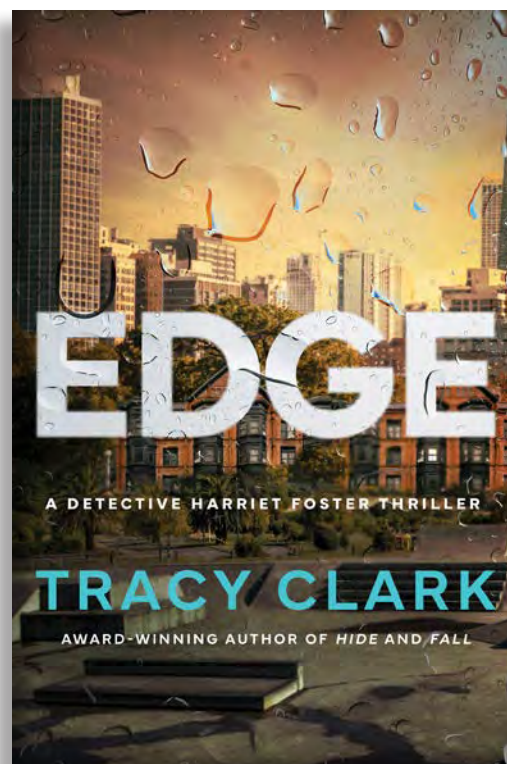
Still reeling from her last case (and the stain of suspicion it left on her career), Harri finds herself at a tipping point. The drug isn't the only *edge* she needs to worry about. If she can't come back from her own, there's no telling whether this investigation will lead to a satisfying conclusion...or her own demise.

About the Author

Tracy Clark is the author of the Cass Raines Chicago Mystery and Detective Harriet Foster series, award-winning books that feature tough, smart, Black female characters working the mean streets of the Windy City. Her debut novel, *Broken Places*, was CrimeReads' Best New PI Book of 2018 and made *Library Journal's* Best Crime Fiction list that same year.

A finalist for Anthony, Lefty, Macavity, Edgar, and Shamus Awards, Tracy has won two G. P. Putnam's Sons Sue Grafton Memorial Awards and one Sara Paretsky Award. She is a proud member of Crime Writers of Color, Mystery Writers of America, and Sisters in Crime and sits on boards at Bouchercon and the Midwest Mystery Conference.

When not writing, Tracy watches old black-and-white movies, reads, or putters around. She roots equally for the Cubs, White Sox, Bears, Blackhawks, Sky, and Fire. As a proud Chicagoan, it's deep-dish and hot dogs, no ketchup—vegan schmegan. And she can toss a (fictional) dead body anywhere and make it work. *Dare her.*



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The Trip

AUDREY J. COLE

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From *USA Today* bestselling author Audrey J. Cole comes a locked-room thriller at sea about image and influence, guilty secrets that won't sink, and the lies we cling to in the storm.

A luxury sailing trip is the perfect escape from Palmer's shattered marriage. Until the Pacific Coast cruise—a chance for old friends to mend old wounds—descends into a harrowing fight for their lives.

Twenty years ago, the five of them were inseparable. But after a rafting accident their senior year, only four of them returned. Volleyball captain Courtney's body was never found. And their lives were never the same.

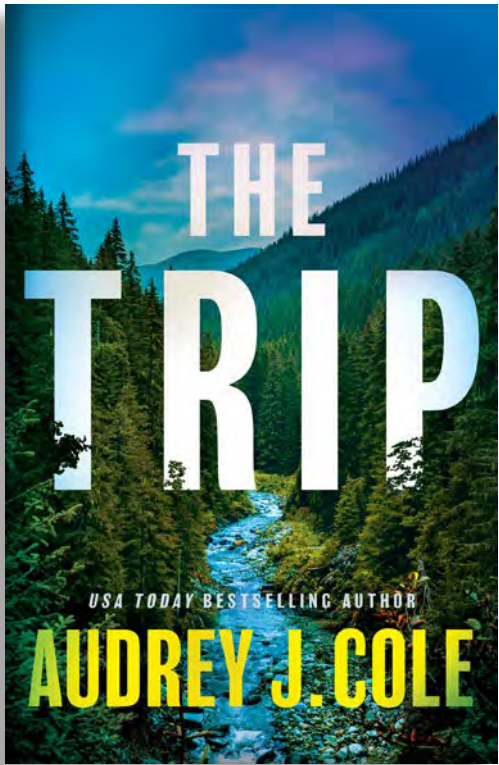
Now Palmer, her ride-or-die Beth, and home renovator Emma are on an all-expenses-paid trip with mega-influencer Gigi. But a mysterious note and a violent storm soon push them dangerously off course. The radio's down, the captain's missing, and the first officer's woefully inexperienced. And in a chilling echo of the past, Gigi gets swept away. Perhaps on purpose.

Someone doesn't want them to make it back. Palmer's not sure who to trust, but she knows the truth lies in the murky depths of what really happened that day on the river.

About the Author

Audrey J. Cole is a *USA Today* bestselling thriller author whose work has been translated into multiple languages. Before she began writing full time, Cole worked as a neonatal intensive care nurse for eleven years. She resides in the Pacific Northwest with her two children.

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The Roaring Ridleys

K.M. COLLEY

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In 1920s Harlem, seven heirs. One dead body. And a fortune worth killing for.

New York's most enigmatic family hosts the social event of the season—a night of champagne, jazz, and deadly secrets. When a notorious gossip columnist is found murdered at their legendary soiree, seven adopted heirs of the city's most powerful dynasty must confront the possibility that one of their own is a killer.

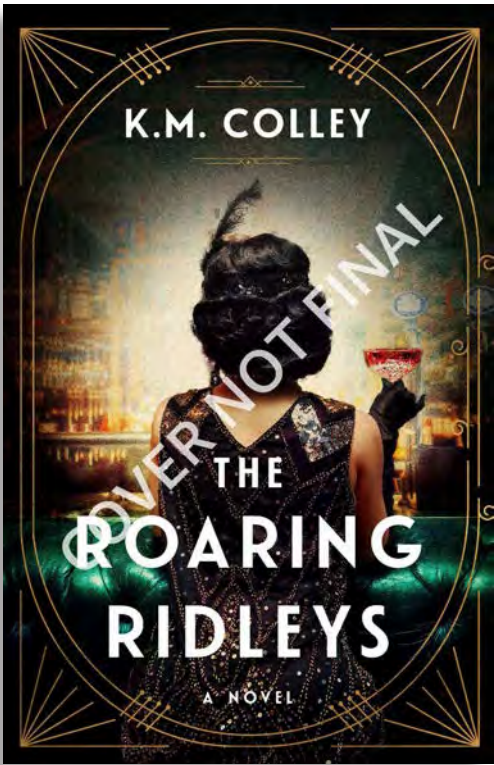
Behind the glittering façade of their Harlem mansion lies a web of rivalries, resentments, and ambitions. Each heir has something to gain. Each has something to hide. And as the night unfolds, they'll discover that in their world of power and privilege, family ties can be the deadliest bonds of all.

Perfect for fans of *The Great Gatsby*, *My Sister, the Serial Killer*, and HBO's *Succession*, this stylish mystery-thriller drips with Jazz Age decadence while unraveling a family's dangerous game of inheritance, loyalty, and murder.

About the Author

K.M. Colley writes thrillers, contemporary mysteries, and cinematic stories that explore legacy and ambition. Her stories often center around powerful families, glamorous settings, and complex characters.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, she's currently based in Tampa and Philadelphia and when not writing or reading, K.M. enjoys traveling, learning new languages, and building her creative legacy through Castle Colley, hoping to make more books, films, and TV series that she wished she got to see growing up. She's also passionate about raising her autistic daughter, who dreams of creating her own comic book one day.



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Cold Island

Detective Tommy Kelly Series Book 1

PETER COLT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

When the remains of a young murder victim on Nantucket Island are discovered after thirty-five years, a detective begins to unearth the dark secrets of a community gone silent.

Massachusetts State Police detective Tommy Kelly is called to Nantucket Island, where a boy's skeletal remains have been discovered at a construction site—interred for thirty-five years. The crime is especially gutting for Tommy, the father of two boys. It's also the beginning of a grim mystery. Because no child during that period was even reported missing.

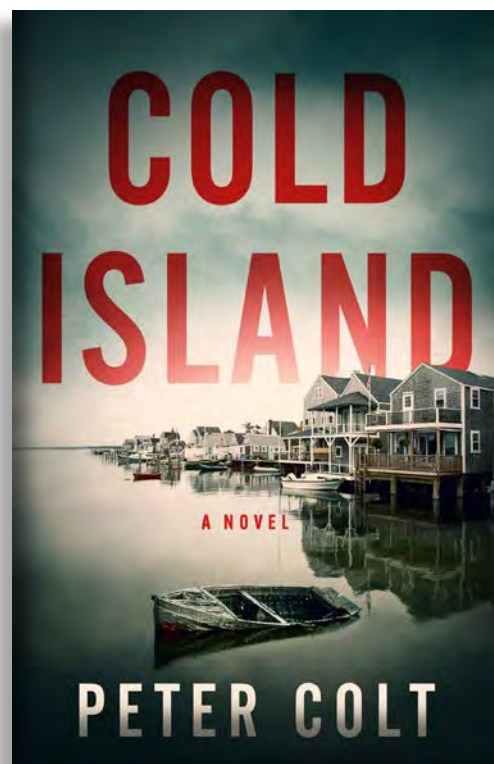
Tommy is partnered with Nantucket PD's best detective, Jo Harris, who first chafes at the idea of a mainlander encroaching on her territory. And their work together is only raising more troubling questions. Then a possible link is found to the decades-old case of a serial killer—a vigilantly hidden part of the past that this tight-knit community would prefer to forget and never speak of again.

The secrets in their silence are so shocking they soon pull Tommy into a very dark place. Suddenly, offseason on Nantucket has never felt so cold, so isolating, or so dangerous.

About the Author

Peter Colt is the author of the Andy Roark mysteries. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1973 and is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. Peter spent twenty-four years in the army reserve, with deployments to Kosovo in 2000 and Iraq in 2003 and 2008. He is currently a police officer in Providence, Rhode Island, where he lives with his family and two perpetually feuding cats. Colt's hobbies include cooking, camping, and kayaking. He also writes a near-weekly Substack.

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Sisters Before Misters

The Finch Sisters Series Book 2

AMELIA DIANE COOMBS

OCTOBER 7, 2025

A missing husband, a sister acting sus, and a tantalizing tangle of lies—well, there goes Remi’s plan for a chill Halloween.

Remi and her sisters, Maeve and Eliana, have a knack for stumbling into murder mysteries. And after a killer family camping trip last year, they’re back together for a Halloween they’ll never forget.

Remi is living her best life in Seattle until Eliana’s husband, Chad, who refused to sign their divorce papers, disappears on the spookiest night of the year. Eliana swears she has no idea where he is, though her obvious motive and weird behavior don’t really weigh in her favor. Nor does the severed finger they find in his house...

Torn between loyalty to her sister and mounting suspicions she can’t ignore, Remi and her boyfriend, Leo, embark on a manhunt to find Chad—or the rest of him. But the further Remi digs into Chad’s movements on Halloween, the more trouble she finds. With a ruthless detective on their tail, threatening texts, a mysterious flash drive, and dubious legal advice from a kooky aunt, the Finch sisters are in over their head. But Remi is determined to prove her sister’s innocent, even though the bloody evidence points right at her.

About the Author

Amelia Diane Coombs is the author of the Mindy’s Book Studio pick *Drop Dead Sisters*, as well as *All Alone with You*, *Exactly Where You Need to Be*, *Between You, Me, and the Honeybees*, and *Keep My Heart in San Francisco*. She’s a Northern California transplant living in Seattle, Washington, with her spouse and their Siberian cat.

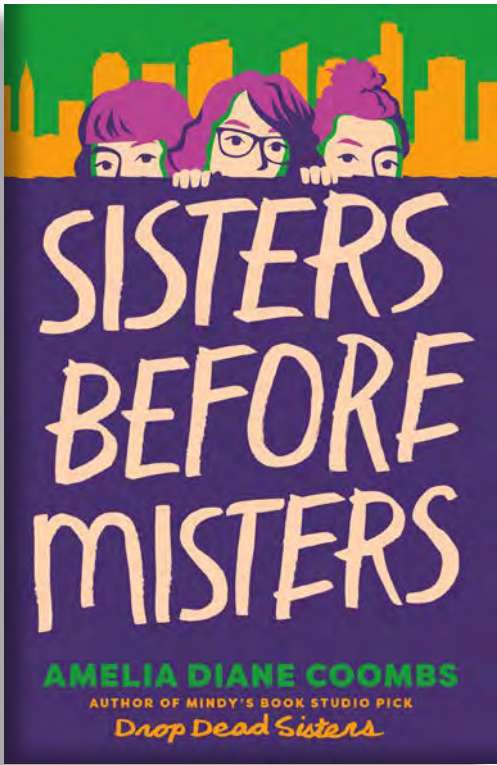
Praise for Amelia Diane Coombs

“Compulsively readable, *Drop Dead Sisters* is perfect for readers who love shows like *Bad Sisters* and *Dead to Me*. A mystery about three estranged sisters who accidentally kill someone? Yes, please.” —Mindy Kaling

“Three siblings scramble to dispose of a dead body in this delightful mystery debut...Coombs laces the proceedings with plenty of black humor, à la Alfred Hitchcock’s *The Trouble with Harry*, and works in surprisingly moving meditations on sisterhood. Here’s hoping a sequel is in the works.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

“[Amelia Diane] Coombs makes her adult debut with this delightful series starter with Hiaasen-level wacky characters and plot twists and a heroine readers will root for.” —Booklist

“*Drop Dead Sisters* is a delightfully twisted romp through the woods with an all-too-real cast of quirky and endearing characters that leap off the page. While the mystery of what happened to Guy Moran’s missing body keeps the pages turning at a quick clip, the Finches infuse the story with humor and warmth, along with the bizarre frustrations that seem to always accompany large family gatherings. Amelia Diane Coombs beautifully captures just how messy and complicated family, and especially sisters, can be, while simultaneously weaving a captivating caper that kept me on my toes from beginning to end!” —Lauren Thoman, author of *I’ll Stop the World and You Shouldn’t Be Here*



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The Grave Artist

Sanchez & Heron Series Book 2

JEFFERY DEAVER AND ISABELLA MALDONADO

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Perfect couples are his perfect victims. Now he's hunting those hunting him in a riveting thriller by *New York Times* bestselling author Jeffery Deaver and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Isabella Maldonado.

A wedding reception is coming to a close in the Hollywood Hills when the blissful day is shattered by the death of one of the newlyweds. Though the incident appears to be an accident, Homeland Security Investigations agent Carmen Sanchez and her partner, security expert Jake Heron, discover that the tragedy is the third in a series of similar deaths and conclude something far more sinister is at play.

The two uncover chilling evidence pointing to a serial killer who has taken evil to the next level. Dubbed the Honeymoon Killer, this man isn't interested in his victims but in creating his own macabre masterpiece from their graves—focused on the survivors and reveling in their grief. And now his dark obsession has turned to Carmen and Jake...

The Honeymoon Killer has decided they are the perfect next target. Take one out and delight as the other crumbles. Time is running out as a deadly game between predator and prey begins.

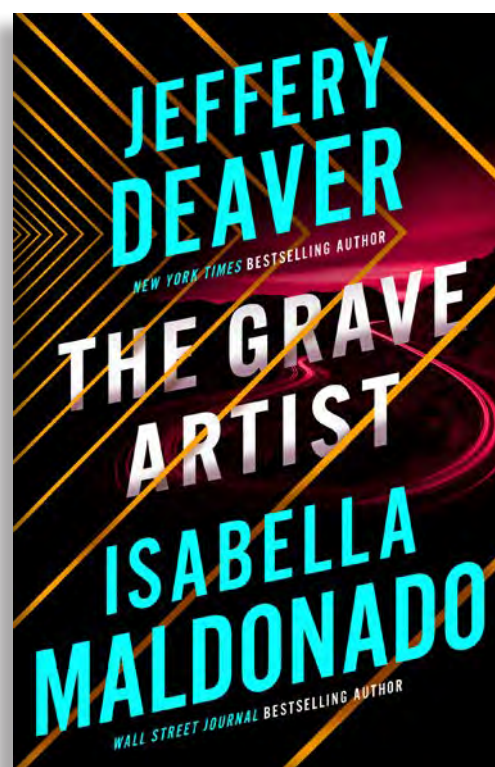
About the Authors

Jeffery Deaver is the award-winning #1 international and *New York Times* bestselling author of numerous series, including Lincoln Rhyme, Colter Shaw, and Kathryn Dance, as well as the Sanchez & Heron series with Isabella Maldonado. Deaver's work includes fifty novels, more than one hundred short stories, and a nonfiction law book. His books are sold in 150 countries and translated into twenty-five languages. A former journalist, folk singer, and attorney, he was born outside Chicago and has a bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Missouri and a law degree from Fordham University. He was recently named a Grand Master of Mystery Writers of America, whose ranks include Agatha Christie, Elmore Leonard, and Mickey Spillane.

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Isabella Maldonado is the award-winning and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of the Nina Guerrero, Daniela Vega, and Veranda Cruz series, as well as the Sanchez & Heron series with Jeffery Deaver. Her books are published in twenty-four languages. Maldonado wore a gun and badge in real life before turning to crime writing. A graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico and the first Latina to attain the rank of captain in her police department, she retired as the Commander of Special Investigations and Forensics. During her more than two decades on the force, her assignments included hostage negotiator, department spokesperson, and precinct commander. She uses her law enforcement background to bring a realistic edge to her writing.

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Her Cold Justice

Keera Duggan Series Book 3

ROBERT DUGONI

JANUARY 27, 2026

To save a client accused of murder, defense attorney Keera Duggan must fight a complex web of corruption in a riveting novel of suspense by *New York Times* bestselling author Robert Dugoni.

In a quiet South Seattle neighborhood, a suspected drug smuggler and his girlfriend are murdered in their home. When a young man named Michael Westbrook is accused of the brutal double homicide, his uncle JP Harrison turns to Keera Duggan to defend him. JP is Keera's trusted investigator, and he desperately needs Keera to save his nephew against escalating odds.

The evidence is circumstantial—Michael worked with one of the victims, drugs were found in his possession, and he bolted from authorities. Ruthless star prosecutor Kim Tran has gotten convictions on much less. With the testimony of two prison informants, the case looks grave. But Keera never concedes defeat. To free her client, she must dig deep before Tran crushes both of them.

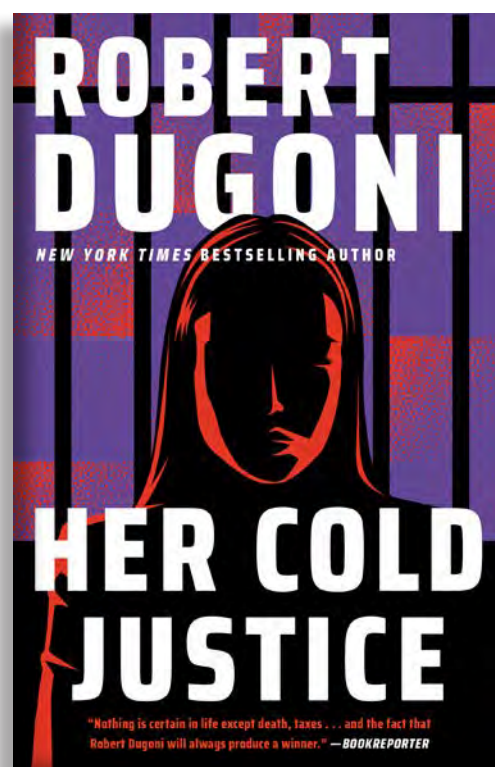
As the investigation gets more twisted with each new find, Keera is swept up in a mystery with far-reaching consequences. This case isn't just murder. It's looking like a conspiracy. And getting justice for Michael could be the most dangerous promise Keera has ever made.

About the Author

Robert Dugoni is the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and Amazon Charts bestselling author of several series, including Tracy Crosswhite, Charles Jenkins, David Sloane, and Keera Duggan. His stand-alone novels include *A Killing on the Hill*, *Hold Strong* (coauthored with Jeff Langholz and Chris Crabtree), *Damage Control*, *The 7th Canon*, and *The World Played Chess*. *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, a *Newsweek* magazine staff pick for favorite books of all time, was *Suspense Magazine's* 2018 Book of the Year and won Dugoni an *AudioFile* Earphones Award for his narration. The *Washington Post* named his nonfiction exposé *The Cyanide Canary* a best book of the year. Dugoni is the recipient of the Nancy Pearl Book Award for fiction and a multitime winner for best novel set in the Pacific Northwest.

He has been a finalist for many other awards. Dugoni's books are sold in more than twenty-five countries and have been translated into more than thirty languages, reaching over twelve million readers worldwide.

He lives in Seattle. Visit his website at www.robertdugonibooks.com.



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Hawai'i Rage

Ranger Makalani Pahukula Mystery Series Book 2

TORI ELDRIDGE

MAY 19, 2026

From critically acclaimed author Tori Eldridge comes the newest installment in the Ranger Makalani Pahukula Mystery series.

Now transferring from Oregon to Hawai'i, ranger Makalani Pahukula finds herself far from the law enforcement career she loved. When her cousin's father-in-law dies in a suspicious bull accident at Hiapo Ranch, Makalani discovers an opportunity to help that draws her deep into the cowboy world of the paniolo.

As she assists the grieving family with their cattle operations, Makalani uncovers dangerous truths about generational feuds, drug dealers, and murder. Although her investigation may not be welcomed by all, she knows she must act when an eight-year-old boy becomes the next target. The ranch's rugged landscape and complex family dynamics challenge everything she believes about belonging and justice.

The case will open her eyes to new possibilities, strengthen unexpected friendships, and help her find her place in the community she now calls home. Because for Makalani, solving this case is more than about climbing the corporate ladder—it's about serving the land and protecting her community.

About the Author

Tori Eldridge is the Hawaiian, Chinese, and Norwegian author of the Lily Wong mysteries, *Dance Among the Flames*, and numerous short stories. Born in Honolulu, she graduated from Punahou School with classmate Barack Obama before performing as an actress, singer, and dancer on Broadway, television, and film, and earning a fifth-degree black belt in To-Shin Do ninja martial arts.

Her literary works have garnered Anthony, Lefty, and Macavity Award nominations and the 2021 Crimson Scribe for Best Book of the Year. Tori lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband, near her precious mo'opuna (grandchildren).

For more information about Tori, her book club extras, and her reading 'ohana, visit www.torieldridge.com.



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No One Knew

Noelle Marshall Series Book 2

KENDRA ELLIOT

JANUARY 6, 2026

For a detective and an FBI agent, two seemingly disparate murder investigations collide with a twist in an explosive novel of suspense by a *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author.

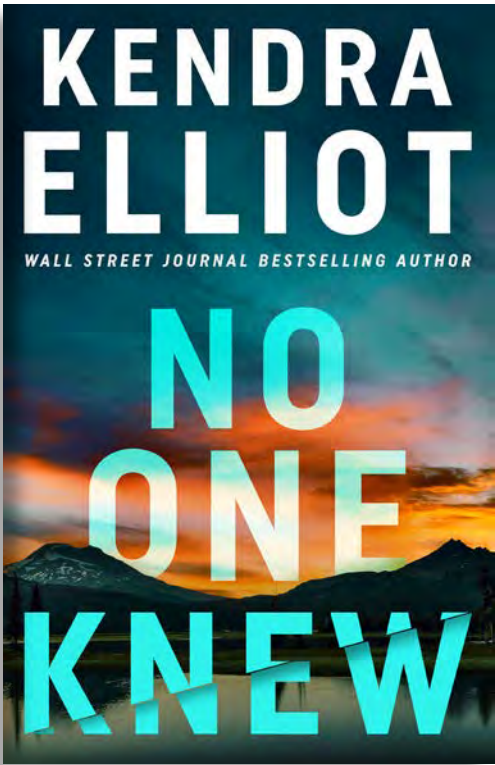
In the crisp mountain air of central Oregon, a teenage girl’s search for discarded cans led to a horrifying discovery: a body, brutally murdered and abandoned in the woods. The case fell to Deschutes County Detective Noelle Marshall, who found herself navigating a community steeped in secrets, suspicion, and distrust of outsiders—especially law enforcement.

Miles away, FBI Special Agent Max Rhodes investigated a different kind of darkness—chatter about a violent uprising from a shadowy militia group preparing for war. The two cases seemed worlds apart. But as Noelle dug into the case, and Max closed in on the source of the terror plot, their paths began to converge in a terrifying way. This had been no random killing. It was a message. A merciless killer and a hidden army were operating in the same shadows, and finding the link between them was the only thing standing between a single murder and a full-blown massacre.

About the Author

Kendra Elliot is the *Wall Street Journal* and Amazon Charts bestselling author of the Mercy Kilpatrick novels, the Columbia River novels, the Bone Secrets series, and the Callahan & McLane series. She is a three-time winner of the Daphne du Maurier Award an International Thriller Writers Award finalist, and an RT Award finalist.

Kendra was born and raised in the rainy Pacific Northwest but now lives in flip-flops. For more information, visit www.kendraelliot.com.



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Mystery & Thriller

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The Lodge

PAUL FINCH

JANUARY 15, 2026

From *Sunday Times* bestseller Paul Finch comes a totally addictive thriller that will leave you utterly breathless as you race through the pages. Perfect for fans of Lucy Clarke, Ruth Ware and Lucy Foley.

It's the perfect getaway. Until there's no way out.

You have been dreaming of an unforgettable weekend escape, and Black Tarn Lodge seems to offer everything – a magnificent Gothic mansion with towering turrets nestled in the misty Lancashire hills.

Expecting elegant dinners, vintage wines and a screening of a legendary lost film in the private cinema, all seems perfect. Until night falls and a thick fog isolates you from the world. Your phones go missing. Guests start vanishing. And then you find the body.

Someone, it seems, fell from the roof. But you can't help wondering if he was pushed. Totally cut off, you cannot leave or call for help. You don't know these people. But you need to decide who you can trust soon. Because someone is going to be next – will it be you?

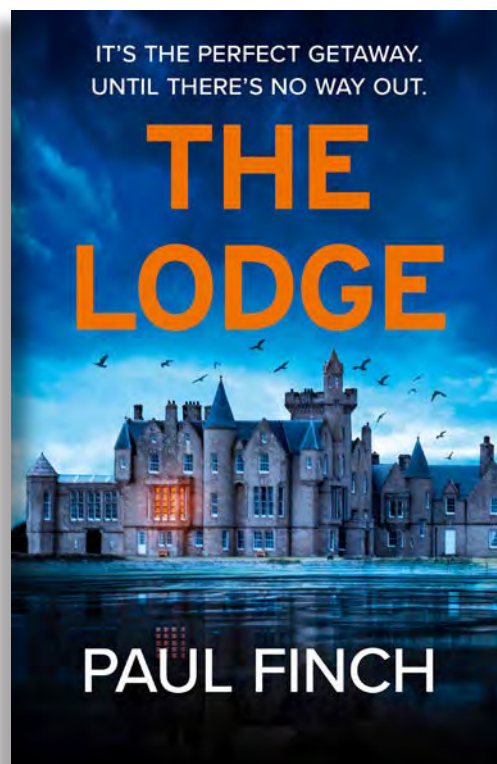
About the Author

Paul Finch is a number one eBook bestseller and a top-ten *Sunday Times* bestseller. He first worked as a policeman in the north-west of England and then as a journalist.

His writing career commenced with episodes of the hit television drama *The Bill*, and since then, he has written extensively in the horror, fantasy, historical epic and sci-fi genres, including for *Doctor Who*. He is a two-time winner of the British Fantasy Award and a recipient of the International Horror Guild Award. However, Paul is probably best known for his dark crime thriller novels, including the Heckenburg and Clayburn series. In this capacity, he has twice been shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association Dagger Awards.

The Island is Paul's first novel for Thomas & Mercer, and is based on an idea he had while holidaying in the south-west of England. At the time he was contemplating new, different locations in which to set his action thrillers rather than the more familiar inner city, and suddenly found that the answer lay in front of him.

Paul lives in Lancashire with his wife and business partner, Cathy.



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Fallen Star

Eve Ronin Series Book 6

LEE GOLDBERG

OCTOBER 14, 2025

A spiraling case of betrayal, corruption, and murder could destroy Eve Ronin if she exposes it in a gripping thriller by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lee Goldberg.

A fifty-five-gallon drum washes up in the Malibu Lagoon stuffed with the corpse of Gene Dent, the key player in a bribery scandal that ensnared several local politicians. LASD detectives Eve Ronin and Duncan Pavone know the case—and all the likely suspects—well. Just as they begin their investigation, the sheriff publicly reveals evidence linking the crime to LA's mayor.

But Eve and Duncan realize the bombshell allegation, true or not, arises from corruption within the sheriff's own office...because they helped cover it up years ago. If the sheriff goes down, so will they.

Eve is agonizing over her moral dilemma when a helicopter crashes in the hillside below her Calabasas home. It's not a coincidence. Eve soon discovers among the twisted wreckage and dead passengers shocking connections to her own past...and they lead straight to a fight for her life.

About the Author

Lee Goldberg is a two-time Edgar Award and two-time Shamus Award nominee and the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than fifty novels, including the Eve Ronin series, the Ian Ludlow series, and the Sharpe & Walker series. He has also written and/or produced many TV shows, including *Diagnosis Murder*, *SeaQuest*, and *Monk*, and is cocreator of the *Mystery 101* series of Hallmark movies. As an international television consultant, he has advised networks and studios in Canada, France, Germany, Spain, China, Sweden, and the Netherlands on the creation, writing, and production of episodic television series.

You can find more information about Lee and his work at www.leegoldberg.com.

Praise for Lee Goldberg

"Whether *Fallen Star* is your first time reading Eve or your sixth doesn't matter. In either case, Goldberg has done it again with a compelling and complex mystery." —**FirstCLUE**

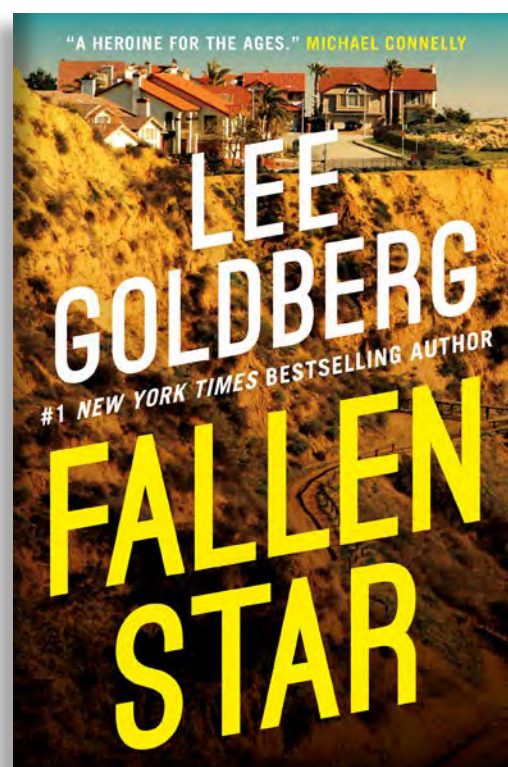
Dream Town

"Old bones, paparazzi, rappers, sex tapes, the whole nine yards—topped off with a surprisingly Big Reveal." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Fans of fast-paced police procedurals will enjoy Goldberg's trademark humor and his insight into the entertainment world in his latest Eve Ronin novel (following *Movieland*)." —**Library Journal (starred review)**

Movieland

"Goldberg's compelling follow-up to *Gated Prey* is a fast-paced, riveting police procedural influenced by actual events in California. A character-driven series entry that skillfully depicts Hollywood corruption." —**Library Journal (starred review)**



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Hollywood Hit Men

Cassidy Clarke Series Book 1

MICHELE DOMINGUEZ GREENE

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In this gritty police procedural set in sunny Los Angeles, one detective retires just as his daughter joins the force—but when a serial killer case goes awry, they both have work to do.

When Cassidy Clarke joins the LAPD, she doesn't plan on following in her father's footsteps. Veteran detective Bill Clarke has big shoes to fill, but Cassidy has her own path to forge through the department's tarnished reputation.

She's just getting started when a string of murders plagues the city: Young women are being strangled in their homes. The media incites an uncontrollable frenzy. And no matter how many newspapers they're splashed across, the Hollywood Hit Men are no closer to being found.

While Cassidy takes to the streets, Bill is knee-deep in cold cases—and conversation with another killer. He's sure that Tyler Derby committed more murders than they've pinned on him, and Derby's convinced that, without his badge, Bill is no different from him.

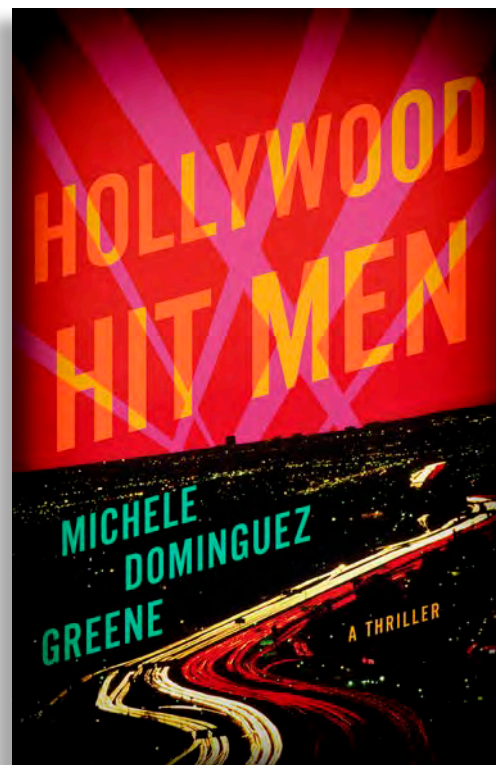
As their investigations escalate, Cassidy and Bill find themselves embroiled in a dangerous game without a playbook. And if they can't figure out the rules, their reputations aren't all they could lose...

About the Author

Michele Domínguez Greene is a Southern California native with a long-standing career in the arts. As a working actress, she has appeared in numerous television, theater, and indie film productions, including *The Kill Floor*, a 2023 festival favorite. She received an Emmy nomination for her work on the groundbreaking NBC series *L.A. Law*.

Greene's debut novel, *Chasing the Jaguar*, was nominated for an American Library Association Award. Her second YA title was *Keep Sweet*. Her first novel for adults, part of a three-book series, is slated for a May 2025 release in the UK. *Hollywood Hit Men* kicks off the author's Cassidy Clarke series in the US.

Greene lives in California with her family and serves as artistic director of Adelante Arts Collective, a performing and language arts program for at-risk youth and underserved communities. She enjoys cooking, hiking, art, and roller-skating. She has too many rescue pets but will stop for stray dogs, yard sales, and weird stuff by the side of the road.



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I Become Her

JOE HART
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A wife's search for her husband's true identity spirals into a nightmare of fear and paranoia in a twisting novel of psychological suspense by the Edgar Award-winning author of *Or Else*.

Only ten days into their marriage, Imogen and Lev Carmichael are on a honeymoon cruise in the Mediterranean when Imogen suspects her husband of being unfaithful. Amid the recriminations, denials, and rage, Lev falls overboard into the water. It's a miracle he's found alive. And with no memory of what pushed him—and Imogen—over the edge.

Back home among family and friends, Imogen and Lev are finally starting to readjust. As terrified as Imogen is of Lev's memories returning, it's her suspicions of infidelity that get the best of her. Then, searching for clues, she discovers a woman from Lev's past he never told her about...a woman who has been missing for years. More alarming is that Imogen soon has reason to believe that Lev remembers more than he's letting on. But why would he lie?

The man Imogen loved, married, and trusted is a man she's now beginning to fear. And she must decide how far she's willing to go to uncover the truth.

About the Author

Joe Hart is the Edgar Award-winning and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of seventeen novels, including *Now We Run, Or Else*, *The River Is Dark*, *Obscura*, and *The Last Girl*, as well as many novellas and short stories. His work has been translated into eight languages and has been optioned for film. He lives with his family in Minnesota.

For more information, visit www.joehartbooks.com.

Praise for Joe Hart

"Hart gleefully explores his characters' dark sides while keeping questions about their capacities for violence wide open until the book's explosive finale. With simmering suspense, slick sleight-of-hand, and a pitch-black view of modern relationships, this offers an acidic summertime thrill." —*Publishers Weekly*



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Mystery & Thriller

The Trophy Wife

MINKA KENT

OCTOBER 7, 2025

Getting to know her new friend's secrets is becoming a dangerous obsession in a twisting novel of psychological suspense by *Washington Post* bestselling author Minka Kent.

What are friends for?

Wallflower Cate Cabot has always been content to keep the world at arm's length, particularly from behind the register at the upscale Floridian boutique where she's worked for the last nine years. Her days are filled with old-moneyed locals and nouveau-riche tourists, most of them paying her no mind as she rings up their lavish hauls. Until Odessa DuVernay.

At first glance, Odessa is just another picture-perfect Palm Shores trophy wife—until she proves herself personable, humble, and unassuming. She even goes so far as to take a genuine interest in Cate, inviting her for lunch dates, matinees, and girl talk—a refreshing change of pace for the woman who never quite mastered the art of making (and keeping) friends.

But what begins as an unlikely friendship detours into the unthinkable when Odessa leaves Cate a panicked voicemail asking to meet—and then ghosts her. And worse, when Cate attempts to find her, it's as if the enigmatic Mrs. DuVernay never existed at all. Consumed, Cate refuses to stop searching. But the truth won't come easy. In fact, it could cost her everything.

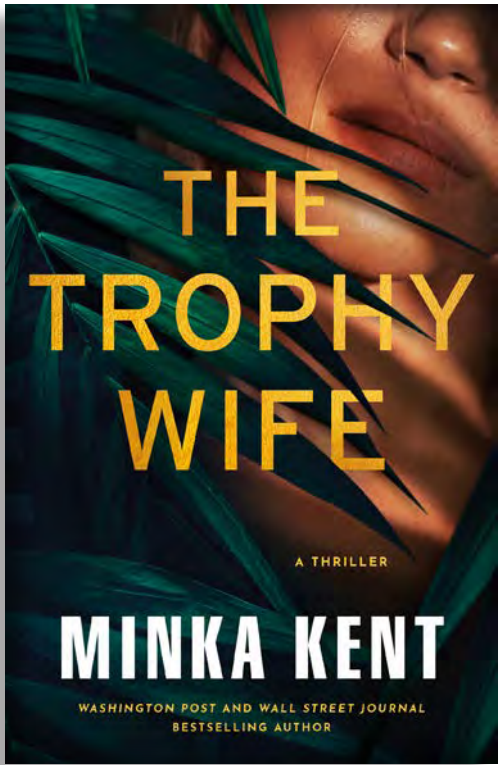
Revised edition: Previously published as *The Trophy Wife* by Sunday Tomassetti, this edition of *The Trophy Wife* includes editorial revisions and a new ending.

About the Author

Minka Kent is the *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *Imaginary Strangers*, *After Dark*, *The Watcher Girl*, *When I Was You*, *The Stillwater Girls*, *The Thinnest Air*, *The Perfect Roommate*, *The Memory Watcher*, *Unmissing*, *The Silent Woman*, *Gone Again*, and *People Like Them*. Her work has been featured in *People* magazine and the *New York Post* and has been nominated for two International Thriller Awards, an Audie, and a Shirley Jackson Award. Her novel *Unmissing* was adapted for Lifetime in 2024.

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All Languages, excluding Polish

You Have to Believe Me

MINKA KENT

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A wronged woman must do the impossible—prove herself innocent of her ex-husband’s murder—in a shocking novel of suspense by *Washington Post* bestselling author Minka Kent.

She has every reason to hate her ex. It doesn’t mean she wants him dead.

Every day on her way home from work, Dove Damiani drives past her ex-house, where her ex-husband lives with her ex-dog and her ex-yoga instructor, next to her ex-neighbors and the ex-life she once affectionately described as “frighteningly perfect.”

To outsiders, Dove is bitter and resentful. The divorce left her alone, with nothing but a set of car keys and 50 percent of a paltry savings account. So when the lifeless body of her former husband is discovered in the birch grove outside Dove’s apartment on what would have been their fifth wedding anniversary, investigators waste no time making Dove a person of interest.

She swears she didn’t do it. She’s never so much as killed a spider in her thirty-four years. But as evidence mounts against her, Dove finds herself questioning her memory, her sanity, and even...her innocence.

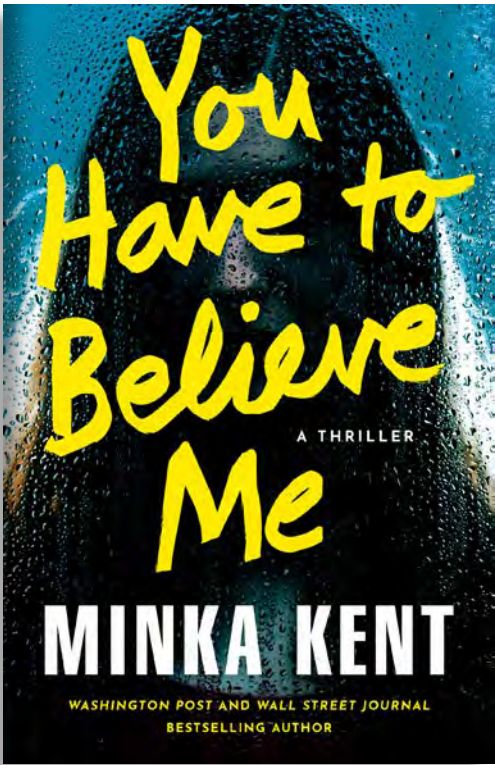
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About the Author

Minka Kent is the *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *Imaginary Strangers*, *After Dark*, *The Watcher Girl*, *When I Was You*, *The Stillwater Girls*, *The Thinnest Air*, *The Perfect Roommate*, *The Memory Watcher*, *Unmissing*, *The Silent Woman*, *Gone Again*, and *People Like Them*. Her work has been featured in *People* magazine and the *New York Post* and has been nominated for two International Thriller Awards, an Audie, and a Shirley Jackson Award. Her novel *Unmissing* was adapted for Lifetime in 2024.

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Mystery & Thriller

The Beast of Littleton Woods

A Lady Hardcastle Mystery Series Book 12

T E KINSEY

MAY 6, 2025

They're used to solving murders. But until now the killer has always been human...

October 1912. The inhabitants of Littleton Cotterell emerge from their homes after a week of torrential storms to the gruesome news that one of Sid Hyde's prized sheep has been mauled to death. As rumours abound of a vicious beast stalking the Gloucestershire countryside in search of prey, Lady Hardcastle and her fearless lady's maid, Florence Armstrong, set out to find what is surely a rational explanation.

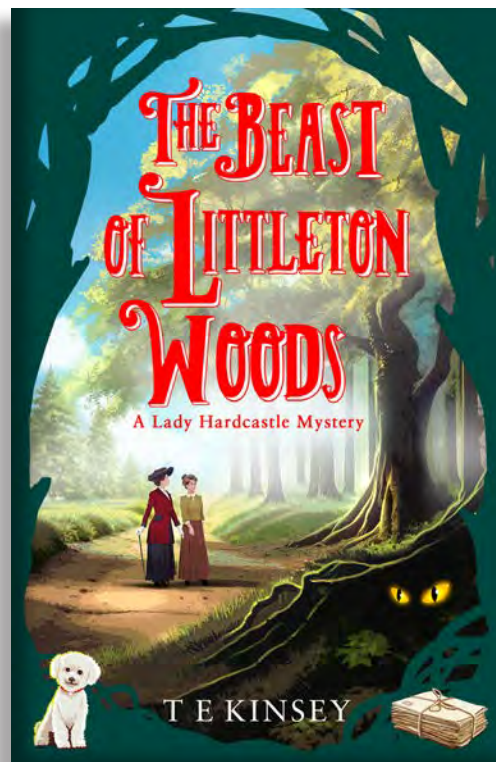
Then Hyde himself is brutally killed in a similar attack, and the villagers go from curious to terrified. Littleton Cotterell isn't exactly unaccustomed to murderers—but a ferocious animal capable of tearing a man to shreds? That's entirely different.

When another man dies and a third is injured, it's clear that whatever is behind the attacks needs to be caught, and fast. But are the villagers really seeing what they think they are? Is there actually a beast on the loose? Or is what's out there something more sinister—and much more human?

About the Author

Tim Kinsey grew up in London and read history at Bristol University. *The Beast of Littleton Woods* is the twelfth story in the Lady Hardcastle Mystery series, and he is also the author of the Dizzy Heights Mystery series.

His website is at tekinsey.uk and you can follow him on: Facebook at www.facebook.com/tekinsey, Bluesky at bsky.app/profile/tekinsey.uk, Instagram at www.instagram.com/tekinseymysteries, and Threads at www.threads.net/@tekinseymysteries.



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Trailbreaker

Prairie Nightingale Series Book 2

RUTHIE KNOX AND ANNIE MARE

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Suspensions that a serial killer is terrorizing a pristine tourist spot draw a single mom and budding private investigator into a twisting and deepening mystery of secrets and murder.

Single mom and newly minted private investigator Prairie Nightingale has opened the doors of her Green Bay, Wisconsin, agency and is ready for work. She and her crew aren't quite prepared for their first client, though: Bernie Dubicki, a notorious online journalist and not-altogether-reliable provocateur, who claims the idyllic vacation destination of nearby Door County is home to a serial killer.

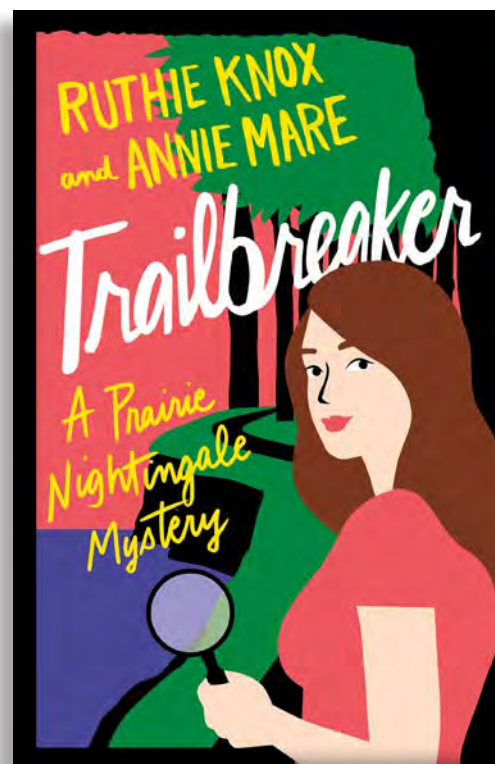
She's pinpointed four seemingly unrelated deaths that haven't raised suspicions for anyone else. But when a college student vanishes, Bernie's sizable retainer convinces Prairie to help connect the dots. And trusted, flirty FBI agent Foster Rosemare thinks Bernie might be onto something. Prairie never expected her first investigation to be so big—like *Dateline* big—but she does have an inquiring mind and a knack for seeing things no one else can.

In this case she'll have to look deep—not only into the secrets of strangers, but into Door County's woods—to solve a mystery decades in the making.

About the Authors

Ruthie Knox and Annie Mare are authors of more than a dozen novels between them, including *Homemaker* in the Prairie Nightingale series. Together they write contemporary queer romance as Mae Marvel. Ruthie and Annie live in a very old house with a garden in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with two teenagers, two dogs, multiple fish, two cats, four hermit crabs, and a bazillion plants.

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The Seventh Sister

DAWN KURTAGICH

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From the author of *The Madness* comes a haunting folk horror fable of lost sisters, old gods, and the terrible power of belief left to rot in the woods.

After the tragic death of their parents, the seven Ward sisters are sent to live with their grandmother on the remote forest island of Beltane, a place suspended between time and shadow. What begins as an attempt to mend their fractured lives soon twists into a waking nightmare, where grief bleeds into childhood fantasy and ancient rites awaken a dark and eerie devotion to Daudir, the Forgotten God of the Wood.

When another cruel tragedy strikes, the sisters are left to fend for themselves, learning to live with death as a constant, lurking presence. The fragile world they've carved splinters beneath the weight of isolation, and the forest around them grows restless . . . Years later, a cryptic letter summons the surviving sisters home.

Drawn back into the wild embrace of their dangerous faith, they confront a truth more terrible than memory, and the dreadful secret that waits, silent and sentient, in the depths of the all-seeing trees.

This lyrical and haunting folk horror explores how trauma can root itself in the soil of childhood, how love can curdle into obsession, and how gods, especially forgotten ones, never stay buried for long. But at its heart, it's about sisters: how they fracture, survive, return, and reckon with what they've made together.

About the Author

Dawn Kurtagich is the award-winning author of several YA horror novels, including her acclaimed debut *The Dead House*, *And the Trees Crept In (The Creeper Man)*, *Teeth in the Mist*, and *Blood on the Wind*. *The Madness* and *The Thorns* are her first books for adults.

The daughter of a British globe-trotter, Kurtagich grew up all over the world, but her formative years were spent in Africa—on a mission, in the bush, in the city, and in the desert. She leaves her North Wales crypt after midnight during blood moons. The rest of the time, she exists somewhere between mushrooms, maggots, and mold.

You can find the author on her website at www.dawnkurtagich.com.



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Her Beautiful Life

BRIANNA LABUSKES

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

The truth of one woman's private life reveals the terrifying depths to which people will go to deceive in a twisting novel of suspense from *USA Today* bestselling author Brianna Labuskes.

When journalist Holland Tate is granted an interview with Catriona Bouchard, her former best friend turned mega-popular tradwife, she jumps at the chance to also possibly rewrite their bitter ending. But at the Bouchards' gated compound, what she finds is not the independent woman she once knew. Cat may have six beautiful children and be married to the man she calls the love of her life, but she's a ghost of her former self.

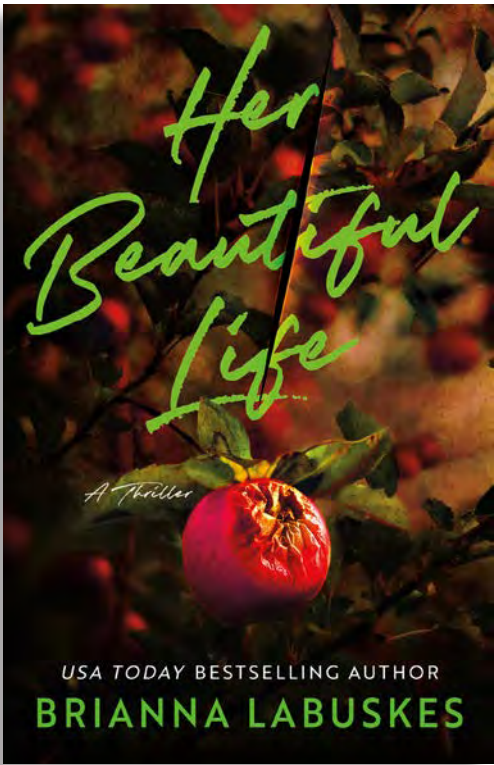
With each passing hour behind those locked gates, Holland uncovers dark secrets, darker obsessions, and hidden motives that shine a new light on the events that ended their friendship. Cat's beautiful life, it seems, is nothing more than an ugly lie.

Even as danger mounts, Cat sticks to the narrative she's selling: She lives a perfect life with her perfect husband. Holland came to the compound to get the killer story behind that glossy image. Now all she cares about is getting out of there alive.

About the Author

Brianna Labuskes is the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Lies You Wrote*, *The Truth You Told*, and *By the Time You Read This* in the Raisa Susanto series; *See It End*, *What Can't Be Seen*, and *A Familiar Sight* in the Dr. Gretchen White series; and *Her Final Words*, *Black Rock Bay*, *Girls of Glass*, and *It Ends with Her*. She lives in Pennsylvania with her puppy, Jinx.

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You Can Tell Me

Olivia Cruz Series Book 1

MELINDA LEIGH

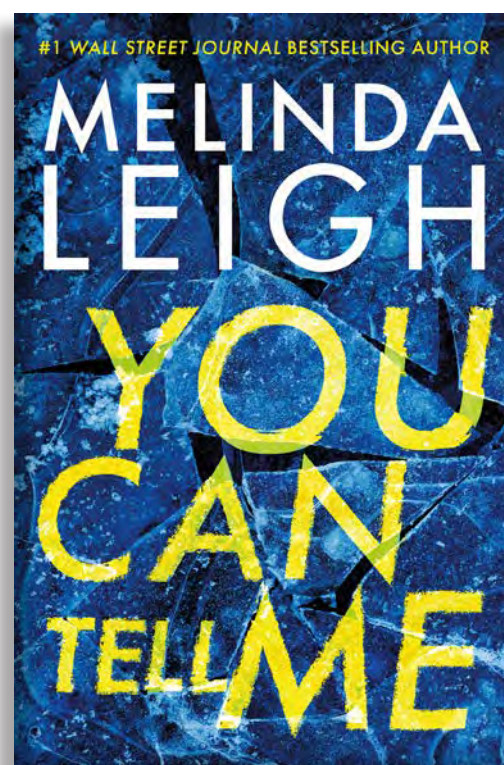
MAY 12, 2026

Crime writer Olivia Cruz is drawn into the dark secrets of a missing friend in a terrifying novel of suspense by #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Melinda Leigh.

On the three-year anniversary of true crime writer Olivia Cruz's horrific kidnapping, she's scheduled to walk her podcaster friend Zoe March through the crime scene, but Zoe fails to show. Olivia knows Zoe would never stand her up—not today.

Zoe's husband, who claims she never came home the night before, has reported her missing. But marital conflicts make the police suspect she has left him. Olivia thinks otherwise. The police aren't looking for Zoe, so Olivia begins her own investigation. Retracing her friend's last steps, she finds Zoe's phone and a text with one chilling word: *Run*.

It soon becomes apparent that Zoe has been keeping secrets, and with her true crime podcast, there's no telling what she has unearthed. To find her, Olivia must dig into her friend's past. Did Zoe vanish to escape a killer, and is Olivia walking into a deadly trap?



About the Author

Melinda Leigh is the #1 Amazon Charts and #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *Echo Road*, the *She Can* series, the *Midnight* series, the *Scarlet Falls* series, the *Morgan Dane* series, the *Bree Taggart* series, the *Olivia Cruz* series, and numerous short stories, as well as the *Rogue* series novellas and the *Widow's Island* series novellas. Melinda has garnered numerous writing awards, earned two RITA nominations, and been an International Thriller Award nominee for Best First Novel. She also holds a second-degree black belt in Kenpo karate and has taught women's self-defense.

Melinda lives in a messy house with her family and a small herd of rescue pets. For more information, visit www.melindaleigh.com.

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A Novel Crime

DEBORAH LEVISON

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She wanted to write the perfect novel. Instead, she became the perfect villain.

Struggling romance writer and recent divorcée Marcy Jo Codburn feels like a failure. She's green with author envy and longing for a book deal, a launch party with cupcakes, and the admiration of her daughter. But her dream of literary success is fading faster than her beige hair dye. Then she witnesses celebrated author Francesca Barber in a compromising position, and Marcy sees her chance. Transforming into Summer Branigan, her bolder, blonder pen name, she leverages Francesca's secret to secure the ultimate coauthor.

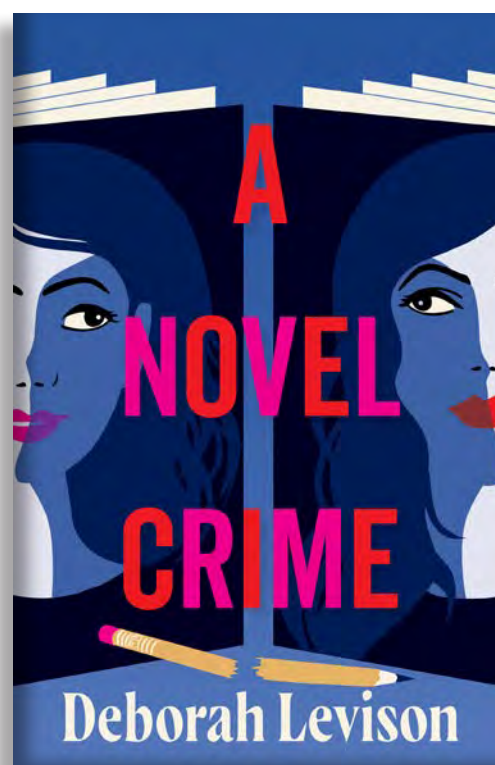
As their collaboration spirals from Marcy's modest Connecticut home to Francesca's lavish Hamptons estate, both women discover that in the cutthroat world of publishing, every story has its price. With looming deadlines, a kidnapping plot gone awry, and more than one fraud to hide, their twisted partnership careens toward a surprise ending neither could have written.

In this darkly comic page-turner, critically acclaimed author Deborah Levison skewers the publishing industry with razor-sharp wit, *A Novel Crime* asks just how far an aspiring writer will go to see her name on a book jacket—and what happens when the stories we tell start to write themselves.

About the Author

Deborah Levison is the award-winning author of the novel *A Nest of Snakes* and the true crime book *The Crate*. Her life has two parts: the first in Canada, where she attended the Royal Conservatory of Music and the University of Toronto, and the second in Connecticut with three children, two doodles, and one husband. Her love of storytelling began one summer night by a camp bonfire, listening to the ghost story "The Monkey's Paw." The memory still makes her shiver.

Visit her at www.debbielevison.com. She loves connecting with readers!



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Reasons to Lie

EMILY LISTFIELD

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When a private school field trip ends with one student dead, three mothers must face the darkest secrets lurking beneath their lifestyles, their friendships, their children, and themselves.

In the privileged world of Manhattan's elite Dearborn Academy, three mothers—Abby, Kara, and Hollis—form an unlikely bond. Until a student is murdered on a class trip their teenagers attended, and every parent has something to hide.

Artistic single mom Abby and career-challenged Kara have always felt like outsiders among Dearborn's rich, powerful families. When glamorous, enigmatic Hollis arrives with her son and a picture-perfect life, they take her under their wing—despite nagging doubts about her past.

Their friendship only deepens after tragedy strikes on a school retreat. But as a determined detective edges closer to the truth of what happened in the woods that night, cracks begin to show—in their stories, their alliances, and their trust.

Each woman is keeping secrets. And so are their children.

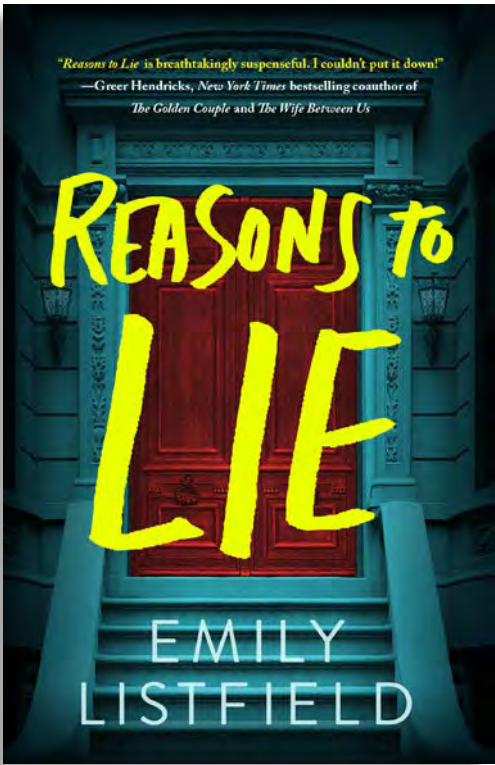
Now, with everything at stake, Abby, Kara, and Hollis must decide how far they'll go to protect their families—even if it means turning on one another.

Because everyone has a reason to lie.

And someone will stop at nothing to keep the truth buried.

About the Author

Emily Listfield is the author of seven novels, including a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. Her books have been published in numerous foreign countries. She is the former editor-in-chief of *Fitness* magazine and executive editor of *Parade's HealthyStyle*, and her writing appears frequently in *Elle*, *Harper's BAZAAR*, *Allure*, *The New York Times*, and many other national publications. Listfield has served as a panelist at SXSW, has worked across media platforms, and was the cofounder of Jyst, a crowd-sourced relationship advice app for women. She lives in New York City.



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The Blackthorn Women

JESS LOUREY

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In Faith Falls, Minnesota, family secrets are sewn with silver thread—and sealed with blood.

When Katrine Blackthorn's life unravels—betrayed by her husband and stripped of her career—she's forced to return to Faith Falls, Minnesota. But the Blackthorn mansion, with its centuries of secrets, was never meant to be a refuge. It's a place where magic and malice have always intertwined, where four generations of Blackthorn women have wielded powers that both enchant and unsettle their small town.

The locals have never forgotten their mistrust of the Blackthorn women, even as they covet their mysterious creations—garments that shimmer with unseen threads, confections that awaken forgotten desires, and elixirs that whisper of love's renewal. Now Katrine's return has awakened something darker: a curse that threatens to consume everything in its path.

To survive, four generations of Blackthorn women must do the impossible—heal ancient wounds, face long-buried truths, and forge an alliance despite decades of betrayal. Because if they fail to break the curse, their cherished home won't be the only thing that crumbles.

About the Author

Jess Lourey writes about secrets, fosters kittens, and travels. She's surpassed over a million readers, had her books translated into a dozen languages, been twice shortlisted for the Goodreads Choice Awards, twice shortlisted for the Edgar Award, and won the International Thriller, Anthony, and Minnesota Book Awards.

Find out more on her website, and please join us over at Lourey's Literati on Facebook for giveaways, book talks, and community.



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Mystery & Thriller

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Blood's Echo

Veranda Cruz Series Book 1

ISABELLA MALDONADO

MARCH 24, 2026

Winner of the Mariposa Award for Best First Novel.

Detective Veranda Cruz harbors a secret vendetta against Phoenix's most dangerous crime family—one that's about to explode into the deadliest game of cat and mouse the city has ever seen.

For Phoenix PD's Detective Cruz, bringing down the Villalobos cartel isn't just another case—it's personal. But when her obsessive pursuit of the enigmatic heir Bartolo Villalobos spirals into chaos, even her fellow officers begin to question her motives. As the body count rises and department politics threaten to derail her investigation, Veranda must decide how much she's willing to sacrifice in her quest for justice.

With her family in the crosshairs of an increasingly unhinged cartel heir, backup from an intriguing arson investigator who ignites unexpected feelings, and enemies lurking within her own department, Veranda sets a trap that could end the Villalobos empire forever—or cost her everything.

In this pulse-pounding thriller, one detective's mission for vengeance could be her last. The question isn't whether she'll risk her badge—it's whether she'll risk her life.

About the Author

Isabella Maldonado is the award-winning and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of the Nina Guerrero, Daniela Vega, and Veranda Cruz series, as well as the Sanchez & Heron series with Jeffery Deaver. Her books are published in twenty-four languages. Maldonado wore a gun and badge in real life before turning to crime writing. A graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico and the first Latina to attain the rank of captain in her police department, she retired as the Commander of Special Investigations and Forensics.

During her more than two decades on the force, her assignments included hostage negotiator, department spokesperson, and precinct commander. She uses her law enforcement background to bring a realistic edge to her writing.

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No One Is Safe

ELLIE MARNEY

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Dexter meets *The Bourne Identity* in a gritty thriller about the unkillable past, the first in a pulse-pounding new series from *New York Times* bestselling author Ellie Marney.

Simon Noone is a serial killer...but he doesn't know it. Pulled from a river in Guatemala in 1982 with nothing—not even his memories—he returns to America five years later, looking for answers. He finds work at an NYC meatpacking plant and meets rebel ex-cop turned private investigator Nomi Pace. But she has problems all her own.

Nomi agrees to help Simon, *if* he lends his mysterious talents to solving a child kidnapping case. The two team up and make headway on both investigations, growing closer with every step. But when Nomi discovers the dark truth about Simon's murderous past, he quickly turns from asset to liability.

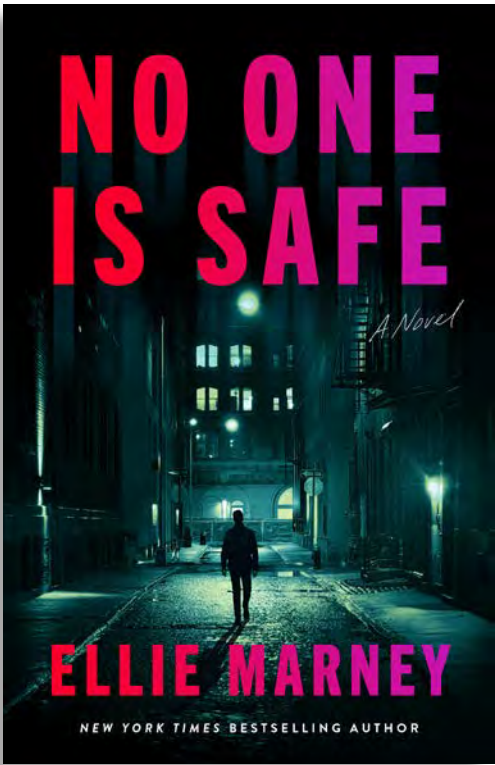
Nomi contemplates her next move. Meanwhile, the weight of Simon's deeds hangs like a dripping carcass on a meat hook. Were his homicidal urges erased along with his memory, or is there a sinister reason why his deft hand itches for the butcher's cleaver?

About the Author

Ellie Marney is an internationally bestselling author of thrillers. Her titles include *New York Times* bestseller *None Shall Sleep*, *Kirkus Reviews*-starred sequel *Some Shall Break*, and fan-favorite finale *All Shall Mourn*, as well as Australasian Horror Writers Association-nominated *The Killing Code*, and many more. Published worldwide, her work has been optioned for the screen.

Ellie has spent a lifetime researching in mortuaries, interviewing law enforcement and autopsy specialists, and asking former spies how to make explosives from household items. Now she lives quite sedately in southeastern Australia with her family as she writes her next book.

Find out more about Ellie on social media, at her website, or through her newsletter *The Black Hand*.



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The Lie She Wears

ELLE MARR

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A daughter inherits her mother’s deadly secrets in a chilling novel of psychological suspense by Elle Marr, the #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Alone Time*.

Museum curator Pearl Davis always had a strained relationship with her mother, Sally. Growing up, she rarely felt her mother’s love. So many things about her mother’s behavior never added up. But when Sally dies unexpectedly, she leaves Pearl a letter from the grave... confessing to murder.

Suddenly, Pearl has even more questions than she has answers. She suspects the letter is just a sign of her mother’s diminished state of mind—until she finds human remains in Sally’s garden. With the help of a friend, Pearl begins searching for the truth of her mother’s actions—and as she does, more cryptic notes emerge. But these letters aren’t just clues behind a confession. They’re a warning. Sally was terrified of something.

When more remains are discovered, it’s clear whatever secrets Sally died with are now Pearl’s to bear. And as darkness closes in, Pearl fears that her mother’s past could be the death of her.

About the Author

Elle Marr is the #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of *Your Dark Secrets*, *The Alone Time*, *The Family Bones*, *Strangers We Know*, *Lies We Bury*, and *The Missing Sister*. Originally from Sacramento, Elle graduated from UC San Diego before moving to France, where she earned a master’s degree from Sorbonne University in Paris. She now lives and writes in Oregon with her family.

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Dead in the Water

JOHN MARRS

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From the multi-million copy bestselling author comes a chilling tale about life flashing before your eyes—including terrifying scenes you don't remember.

When Damon survives a near-drowning, his life flashes before his eyes. Every memory is crystal clear—except one. A dead boy. A face he can't place. A moment he doesn't remember living. At first he tells himself it's a trick of the mind. But everything else he saw was real. So why not this?

With his waking life stalked by the disturbing scene, confusion quickly turns to obsession. Desperate for answers, Damon digs into his fractured past, and becomes convinced that the only way to remember...is to die again. And again. And again. When he meets a perfect stranger who's all too willing to help, the stage is set for his dice with death.

But if this is what it takes to uncover the truth, maybe some memories are better left buried...

About the Author

John Marrs is an author and former journalist based in Northamptonshire, England. After spending his career interviewing celebrities from the worlds of television, film and music for numerous national newspapers and magazines, he is now a full-time author. This is his fourteenth book.

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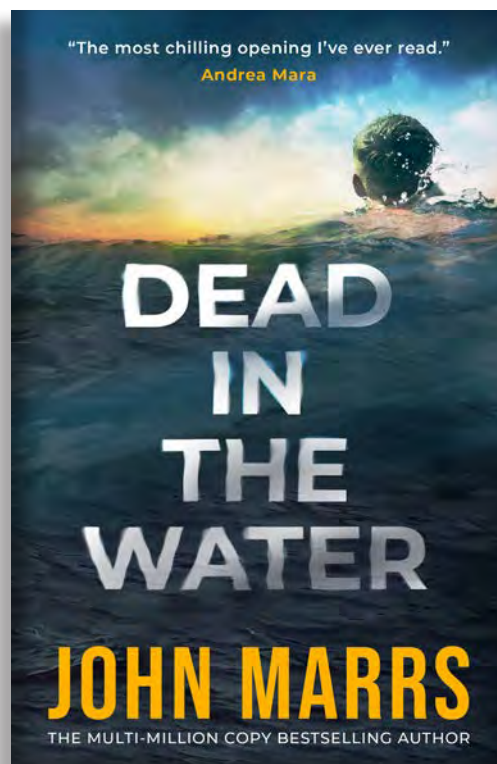
Praise for John Marrs

"The most chilling opening I've ever read in any book—a superb start to a stellar thriller. This is trademark John Marrs and then some! Clever, twisty, dark, surprising, propulsive—an elevated thriller that readers will devour. I loved it." — **Andrea Mara, *Sunday Times* bestselling author**

"Three deliciously devious women and a suburban setting alight with toxic secrets makes for an absolute scorcher of a read. Taut, smart, and breathlessly twisty—a surefire hit." — **Ellery Lloyd**

"I am such a fan of John Marrs' books and *You Killed Me First* is another five star read. Twisty, arch, dark, and delicious, I loved it. Read it! That's an order!" — **Sarah Pinborough**

"The pace is electric with characters you love and hate at exactly the same time." — **Darren O'Sullivan**



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The Dead Room

CATRIONA MCPHERSON

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In this atmospheric thriller from Catriona McPherson, a young widow seeking refuge from her grief wades into the mists at the far end of memory lane—where something even darker awaits.

Reeling from the death of her husband, thirty-something audiobook narrator Lindsay Hale retreats to her Scottish hometown and the comforts of old times. The bungalow where she grew up is just as she left it, next to the scrapyards her family still owns. But something is wrong . . . something beyond grief.

Something she can only glimpse from the corner of her eye.

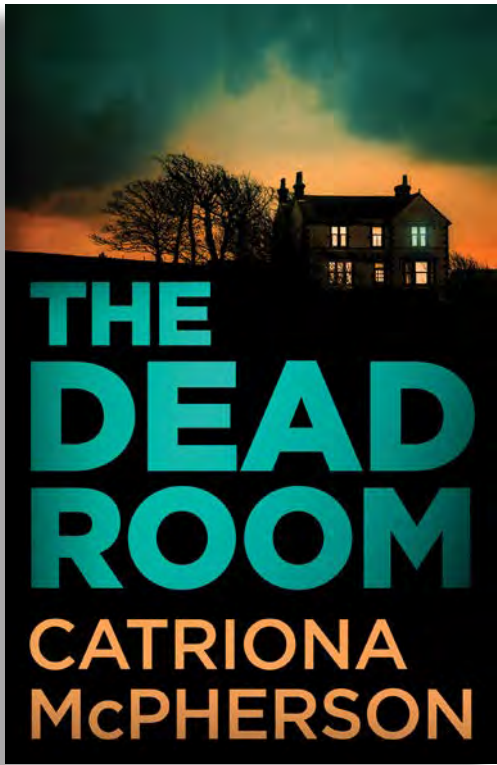
Lindsay's brother and best friend are there to welcome her back. An elderly widow helps Lindsay make sense of her new normal, and a kind man hints at unexpected possibilities. But when her widow friend vanishes, only Lindsay seems to notice. And while she starts "recognizing" strangers, she begins forgetting familiar faces.

Every night, as Lindsay's dream house fills with nightmares, she wonders whether she's truly unraveling—or if something more sinister's at play. Buried secrets surface and reality bends, forcing Lindsay to face the terrifying truth that her new haven isn't so safe after all.

About the Author

Born in Scotland, Catriona McPherson (she/her) studied at the University of Edinburgh, where she earned her PhD in linguistics. She worked briefly as an academic but has been a full-time fiction writer since 2005. Catriona has written all over the mystery genre—historicals, comedies, dark psychological thrillers—and her work has won Anthony, Agatha, Lefty, and Macavity awards. Her novels have also been short-listed for Edgar and Mary Higgins Clark awards, as well as the UK Dagger. Catriona is a proud lifetime member and former national president of the Sisters in Crime writing association.

In 2010, she immigrated to the US, settling in Northern California. There, she lives on twenty scruffy acres with her scientist husband and an elderly black cat. When not writing (or reading), Catriona likes to garden, cook, bake, ride her bike, do yoga, go open-water swimming, and visit the old country—especially in the summer, when California is just too hot.



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All Languages

The Water Lies

AMY MEYERSON

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Internationally bestselling author Amy Meyerson takes readers on a harrowing journey where two mothers—one of a woman who drowned and the other of a toddler who might know what happened to her—are the only ones searching for the truth.

Heavily pregnant with her second child, Tessa Irons has enough on her mind without her toddler throwing tantrums at the local coffee shop. The boy is inconsolable, shouting “Gigi!” to a woman Tessa’s never seen before—and never will again. The next morning, the woman’s body is dredged up from the canal outside the Ironses’ posh Venice Beach home, and Tessa’s gut tells her it’s no coincidence.

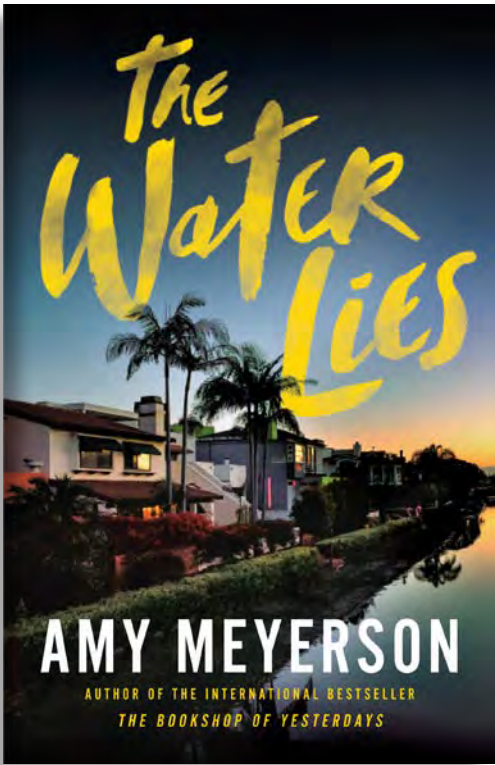
Barb Geller refuses to believe that her daughter’s death was just some drunken accident. She heads to California for answers, where she crosses paths with Tessa. Together they hunt for the truth, certain they’ll find a connection between their children.

But the police don’t believe them. Tessa’s husband dismisses her worries as pregnancy jitters, and even though people are always watching along the canals, no one saw a thing. Tessa and Barb only have each other, their intuition, and the creeping sense of danger that grows with every shocking revelation.

About the Author

Amy Meyerson is the acclaimed author of the internationally bestselling *The Bookshop of Yesterdays*, *The Imperfects*, and *The Love Scribe*. Her books have been translated into eleven languages and are frequently chosen for best-of lists, including lists from *Good Morning America*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Library Journal*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the Texas Library Association’s Lariat List, among others. Meyerson completed her graduate work in creative writing at the University of Southern California, where she now teaches in the writing department.

You can keep up with her books and other news by following her on Instagram (@amy.meyerson) or on her website (www.amymeyerson.com).



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The Weight of Glass

TAMARA L. MILLER

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In this chilling thriller set deep in the icy wilderness of Lake Superior's North Shore, a mother goes missing after receiving a mysterious gift—and a daughter risks everything to bring her back.

Emma Meadows has a secret. One she's been carrying for over twenty years, too terrified to tell even her devoted husband.

The reserved mother of one likes to blend in, stay out of the fray. That's easy most days in their sleepy Canadian town, but on Christmas, Emma's boisterous in-laws make it nearly impossible. When a strange package arrives bearing a sinister message, her nerves threaten to shatter. The next day, she disappears.

Although the police and her dad think Emma just walked away, twenty-one-year-old Jaden believes there's more to it. Searching for answers, she begins with the gift: a glass music box. But as Jaden's questions open a window into her mother's past, they spark attention from a stranger too, forcing her on the run.

Following a brutal ice storm, Jaden, Emma, and the stranger face off in the wilderness. On a collision course with a dangerous truth, they'll fight to protect the people they love—no matter what.

About the Author

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Tamara L. Miller earned her PhD in Canadian history before embarking on a career working for the federal government. Miller began as a doe-eyed policy analyst and eventually moved into an executive role with the Government of Canada. She later left public service, older and perhaps a little wiser, to become a writer. Tamara is past president of Ottawa Independent Writers and has written several articles published online by the likes of *CBC* and *Ottawa Life Magazine*.

Over the years, the author has called many Canadian cities home but now lives in Ottawa with her family and two long-suffering cats. She's always been fascinated by the raw beauty of the wilder places in the world and escapes to them whenever possible.



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All Languages

If You Knew Me

S.P. MISKOWSKI

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In this twisted psychological thriller from acclaimed horror author S.P. Miskowski, a novice reporter walks a perilous tightrope between ambition and obsession.

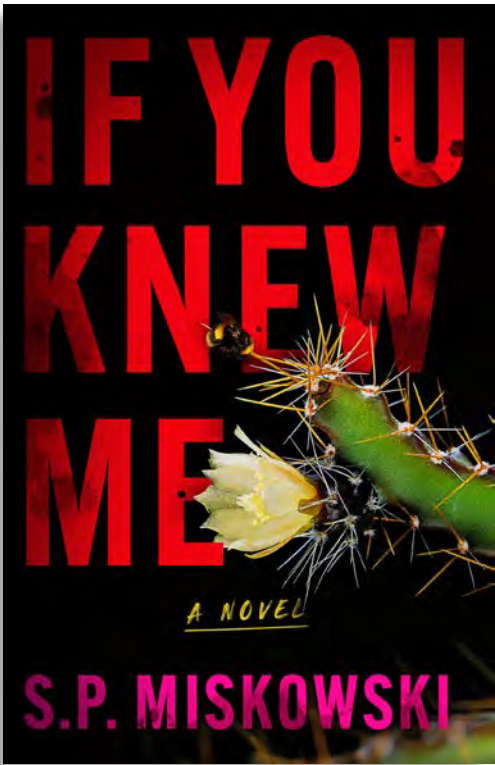
Parker Dillon can't win. Just as she's trying to start her journalism career, her aunt sells the website where she works, and the new owner is keen to replace employees with AI. But her luck seems to turn when she discovers an intriguing cold pitch buried in her aunt's files.

Ann Mason claims she did something terrible and never got caught. She's also weirdly infatuated with a long-forgotten TV star. Desperate for a spectacular feature, Parker tracks Ann from Seattle to her home in Arizona. But as she interviews neighbors, coworkers, and friends, her quarry grows increasingly elusive, and her story turns deadlier than she ever imagined.

Parker can't shake the feeling that she's the subject, not the author, of this macabre piece—the prey, not the hunter. The more she learns about Ann's obsessions and drives, the more it's like looking in a cracked mirror. And Parker's not sure she likes what she sees...

About the Author

S.P. Miskowski is the recipient of two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships: one for literature and one for drama. Her books have been recognized with four Shirley Jackson Award nominations and two Bram Stoker Award nominations, while her stories have appeared in numerous anthologies and magazines. The author's grunge-era noir novel *I Wish I Was Like You* was named This Is Horror Novel of the Year 2017.



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All Languages

Poison Wood

JENNIFER MOORHEAD

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From the author of *Broken Bayou*, a haunting psychological thriller about how far we'll go to seize our dreams and shield our secrets—and the devastating consequences when we can't do both.

Ambitious crime reporter Rita Meade is riding high after her docuseries on the Broken Bayou serial killer. But when an anonymous tip promises the story behind a skull found deep in the Louisiana forest, she hesitates. Because this one strikes too close to home.

As a teenager, Rita attended Poison Wood Therapeutic Academy for Girls in that forest, but the school shuttered its doors after a series of disturbing incidents. Now the man who confessed to the murder of her classmate has recanted, and Rita's father, the judge who put him away, has fallen ill.

Summoned back to those haunted woods, Rita sorts through the mysteries of a rotting schoolhouse basement. She digs up emotions she buried along with her mother—and secrets she's tried hard to forget. But when her investigation spreads to her family tree, the TV cameras swing her way. How far will she go for a story that could threaten everything and everyone she loves?

About the Author

Jennifer Moorhead is the Amazon bestselling author of *Broken Bayou*. She has written and produced three indie short films, all of which made the top twenty at the Louisiana Film Prize and won awards at festivals worldwide. Moorhead lives in Louisiana with her husband, two needy goldendoodles, and one un-needy shelter kitty. Her grown daughters are off creating their own stories. When she's not writing, she's playing mahjong or on a tennis court, laughing and providing job security for her coach.

Praise for Jennifer Moorhead

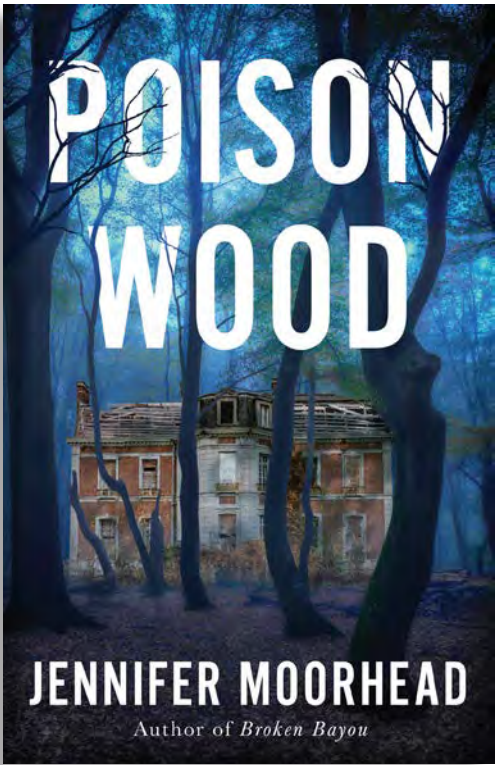
"Helmed by an iron-willed protagonist, this book is a wild, absorbing ride through the vicious world of teenage girls, buried secrets, and original wounds, guaranteed to keep you racing through the pages."

—**Ashley Winstead, *USA Today* bestselling author of *This Book Will Bury Me***

"This evocative, creepy page-turner proves Moorhead is no one-hit wonder. *Poison Wood* will have you looking over your shoulder and counting down the minutes until you can get back to reading." —**Liz Talley, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Deconstructed***

"Jennifer Moorhead has done it again! As much as I loved *Broken Bayou*, I enjoyed *Poison Wood* even more. A character from *Broken Bayou*, reporter Rita Meade, takes the lead in Moorhead's new novel. This time, it's personal. Moorhead takes us down a path of remembering, discovery, and keeps us guessing as to who did it. The unexpected answer doesn't come until the end and made me stay up late reading page after page until I had answers." —**Lee Adams, author of *Love on Tour***

"Suspenseful, atmospheric, with twists that kept me guessing until the very end. I couldn't put it down!" —**Emma C. Wells, *USA Today* bestselling author of *This Girl's a Killer***



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Two Bodies Are Better Than One

ERICA RUTH NEUBAUER

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

From Agatha Award-winning author Erica Ruth Neubauer comes the criminally witty story of a septuagenarian advice columnist who reports a murder...but buries the lede.

Until 1989, the wildest thing to happen in the sleepy town of Sheboygan Bay was surfers catching waves on frigid Lake Michigan. Then one summer morning, Lorraine Highsmith wakes up to find a corpse on her lawn.

Detective Michaela “Mike” Zenoni is on the case immediately, eager to make a name for herself in a male-dominated precinct. And Lorraine is close behind—as the local advice columnist, everyone knows she’s always looking for a scoop.

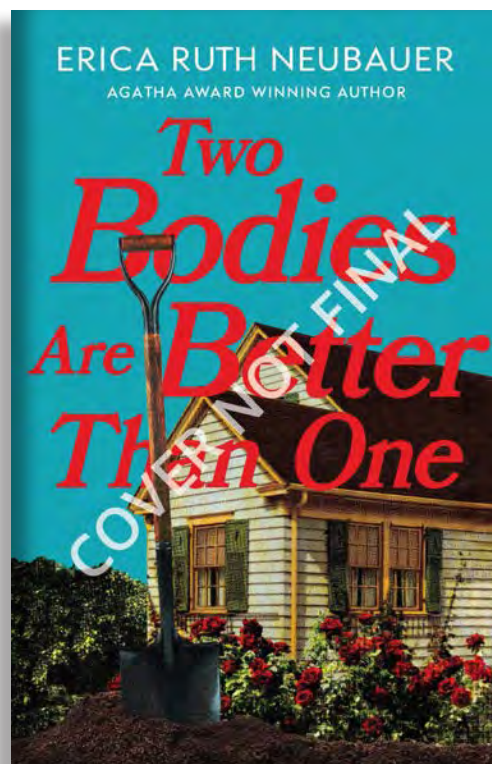
What they don’t know is that Lorraine once had ties to the mob, and those connections could be coming back to haunt her. A recent transplant to Wisconsin, she keeps her past shrouded in mystery, and she’d like to keep it that way.

Mike might be working with her to find the killer, but Lorraine knows that alliances can change on a dime. She needs to get ahead of this story . . . no matter who’s trying to put an end to hers.

About the Author

Erica Ruth Neubauer is the Agatha Award-winning author of the Jane Wunderly mysteries. She spent eleven years in the military, nearly two as a Maryland police officer and one as a high school English teacher before finding her way as a writer.

She has been a reviewer of mysteries and crime fiction for publications such as *Publishers Weekly* and *Mystery Scene Magazine* for several years, and she’s a member of Sisters in Crime and Mystery Writers of America. Erica Ruth lives outside Madison, WI.



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The Girl in the Lake

Dept. of Unexplained Phenomenon Series Book 1

LAUREN OLIVER

MAY 5, 2026

A young girl who claims to remember a past life draws a psychologist into a decades-old mystery in a haunting novel of suspense by *New York Times* bestselling author Lauren Oliver.

Kate Willis, consultant for the Division of Perceptual Studies at the University of Virginia, is tasked with interviewing six-year-old Henley Haskell about the girl's alleged past-life recollections. The evaluation also marks a return for Kate to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and to troubling recollections of her own.

Here, twenty-four years ago, Kate's friend Becca McGuire vanished from her bunk at a now-shuttered summer camp and was never seen again—presumably drowned in Lake Sauquamet. But the mystery of her disappearance is only deepening. Because Henley's memories of her “other life” are ones that could only belong to Becca.

For Kate, Henley's recurring, suffocating nightmares, and her disturbing illustrations of places she has never been, seem to spell out the unbelievable. Somewhere, somehow, the truth about what really happened to Becca is locked inside this little girl. As Henley's uncanny memories surface, so do old secrets—each one drawing Kate inexorably back to that terrible long-ago summer by the lake.

About the Author

Lauren Oliver is a screenwriter, media entrepreneur, and author of multiple *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Delirium*, *Pandemonium*, and *Requiem* in the *Delirium* trilogy; *Before I Fall*, which was adapted into a feature film; *Panic*, which was adapted into an Amazon Prime series for which Lauren wrote every episode and served as executive producer; and the *Replica* duology. Lauren founded the IP companies StoryGiants and DubFrog Technologies, helping to package and edit nearly one hundred other novels. She also cofounded the self-scaling digital-media engine Incantor AI.

Raised in Westchester, New York, Lauren attended the University of Chicago and got her MFA from NYU. She now divides her time between Maryland and Los Angeles.

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All Languages, excluding English

Payback

ELIZABETH ROSE QUINN

MAY 5, 2026

For seven inmates, their luxury weekend prison sentence comes with concierge service—and complimentary homicide.

Welcome to Pay to Stay, Los Angeles' premier minimum-security facility where the privileged serve time Friday to Monday only.

But this New Year's weekend, seven inmates—including a driven campaign manager, a disgraced nurse, a party girl, and one mysterious male transfer—discover their abusive guard dead, wrapped in an ironic "Community Payback" vest. Now they must solve his murder before their cushy arrangement becomes a permanent stay in maximum security.

As a storm rages outside and the power fails, alliances shift within. With police knocking at their door and an emotional support iguana named Nacho as their witness, these inmates hustle to collect evidence and plan a killer party—all while dodging suspicion.

Because someone in this concrete block is a murderer. And everyone is a suspect. But as New Year's Eve approaches and bodies pile up, these unlikely allies discover that in Pay to Stay, some debts can only be paid in blood.

About the Author

Elizabeth Rose Quinn is a novelist and screenwriter. She graduated with a BA in English from UC Berkeley and a master's degree in marriage and family therapy. Born and raised in Berkeley, California, Elizabeth lived in Los Angeles for fifteen years while working in production and writing for television.

Her novel *Follow Me* was optioned by Amazon MGM Studios and is currently in production as a feature film. She is married with two children and lives in New Mexico. In addition to traveling and exploring nature with her family, Elizabeth loves rolling fresh pasta, swimming in the Pacific Ocean, and looking for rainbows in the desert sunsets. For more information, visit www.elizabethrosequinn.com.



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The Dark Below

SHERRY RANKIN

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Not all secrets stay buried. Not all deaths are what they seem.

When Chase Loudermilk, a troubled veteran, is found dead, everyone assumes it's suicide.

Everyone except his criminology professor, Teddy Drummond. A former cop haunted by painful memories, Teddy suspects Chase has been murdered, and that the answers lie hidden in his shadowy past.

Drawn reluctantly into the case, Teddy teams up with Detective Raina Bragg—a woman with every reason to hate her. As the two dig into the town's buried secrets, what they uncover is more than a motive. It's a chain reaction of choices, each darker than the last.

Then another body turns up.

Now, in a place where everyone's lives are tangled and few are truly innocent, Teddy and Raina find themselves in a race against time to stop a killer and expose the truth: that some consequences take years to surface—and the most dangerous secrets are the ones nobody sees coming . . .

About the Author

Sherry Rankin grew up in New Jersey and has taught creative writing and literature in West Texas since 1997. After winning the Crime Writers' Association's Debut Dagger Award and being shortlisted for the Daniel Goldsmith First Novel Prize in 2017 (for an as-yet-unpublished novel), she went on to be shortlisted in the Margery Allingham Short Mystery Competition in 2019.

Sherry has a daughter in New Mexico and enjoys gardening and walking her three dogs.



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The Killer in the House

LAUREN REDING

MARCH 24, 2026

In this chilling domestic thriller debut, a young woman working as a housekeeper—for the subject of a trending true crime podcast—finds herself in a deadly mess when the truth catches up to the hype.

Renee Beale is done settling for dead-end jobs and living on her parents' tree farm in rural Virginia. But just as her life starts to look up, personal tragedy knocks her back down. Desperate for an escape, her only prospect is working for a wealthy Richmond couple with a deadly backstory.

Ed Weatherup is a podcaster's dream: handsome, successful, and quite possibly a murderer. He served five years for his wife's death before Innocent Blood helped overturn his conviction. Now he's back home with his second wife and blended family, vowing publicly to find the real killer.

With her past coming to collect, Renee has no choice but to become the Weatherups' new housemaid. Suddenly privy to their family secrets and furtive phone calls, she turns to the podcast to learn more about her mysterious employers. But the details don't add up. And the closer Renee gets to the truth, the closer the killer gets to her . . .

About the Author

Lauren Reding grew up in rural Virginia. She graduated with honors from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, earning a BA in English, and holds an MFA in fiction from Johns Hopkins University. Lauren enjoys planting native perennials, playing video games, going for walks, and shooting the breeze.



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Mystery & Thriller

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Hooked

Katrina & Goode Series Book 1

CAITLIN ROTHER

JANUARY 13, 2026

In this suspenseful thriller by Caitlin Rother, a journalist and cop fight a sexual attraction as they join forces to expose a layered scheme of dark and dangerous secrets.

When investigative reporter Katrina Chopin and surfing homicide detective Ken Goode lock eyes, there's an immediate attraction. Sparks fly as they bond over cocktails, sharing their common experiences of being orphans and losing loved ones to suicide.

But the next time they meet, it's from opposing sides of a high-profile case. Two biotech execs, whose company is developing a groundbreaking sexual enhancement drug, turn up dead in the wealthy seaside enclave of La Jolla Farms, where Goode can readily see that the forensic evidence doesn't add up.

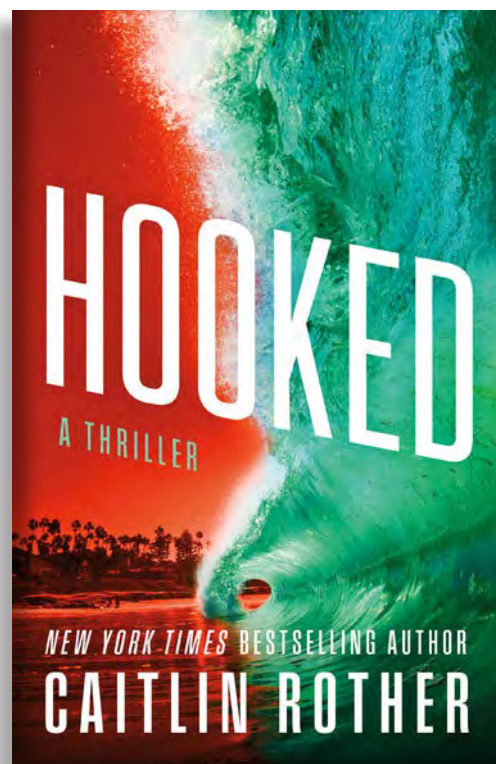
As they work their own angles, sometimes together and sometimes at odds, their growing attraction threatens to cost them their jobs—and their lives. As Katrina and Goode pursue answers behind these mysterious events, a secret stalker taunts Katrina with details of her tragic past, which takes her to the brink of death. But once the duo rips the mask away from this beautiful paradise, the corrupt underbelly behind all that glitters is revealed.

About the Author

New York Times bestselling author Caitlin Rother, an award-winning investigative reporter for nineteen years, has published sixteen books, from crime novels to crime narrative nonfiction and memoir. Rother's journalistic work has been published by *Cosmopolitan*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, and *The Daily Beast*. Her more than 250 media appearances include *20/20*, *People Magazine Investigates*, *Crime Watch Daily*, Australia's *World News*, and numerous shows on Netflix, Investigation Discovery, Lifetime, HLN, and REELZ.

A popular speaker, the author also works as a writing-research coach and consultant. For fun, she binges on limited series, sings and plays keyboards in a jazzy bluesy trio with her partner, and swims in the ocean. Rother holds a BS in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley and an MS in journalism from Northwestern University.

To learn more, please visit <https://caitlinrother.com>.



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A Place to Die For

A.M. STRONG AND SONYA SARGENT

MARCH 17, 2026

A young couple's dream apartment hides a deadly secret in a terrifying novel of psychological suspense by the authors of *Gravewater Lake*.

Jordan and her fiancé, Sam, can hardly believe their luck when they are accepted into the Glendale, an exclusive Boston co-op dripping in historic turn-of-the-century splendor. Still reeling from a devastating personal loss, the couple hopes their new digs will let them heal the past and build a brighter future. But Jordan's joy soon turns to unease.

Spending long hours alone while her fiancé is at work, she starts to suspect that all is not right with the Glendale. There is the empty apartment on the ground floor that nobody wants to talk about, and the unnerving sensation that she is being watched. The haunting cries of a baby—even though there are none in the building—don't help, either.

As their relationship falters and Sam grows ever more distant, Jordan comes to a terrifying conclusion. The Glendale won't let her go...at least, not alive.

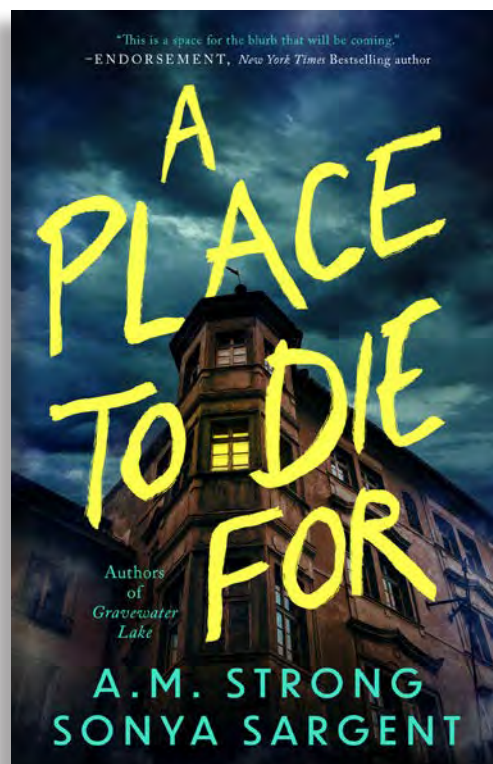
About the Authors

A.M. Strong is the coauthor of ten novels, including *Gravewater Lake*, *The Last Girl Left*, and *I Will Find Her*. He has worked as a graphic designer, newspaper journalist, artist, and actor. Born in the United Kingdom, he currently resides most of the year on Florida's Space Coast, where he can watch rockets launch from his bedroom balcony, and part of the year on an island in Maine, along with his wife and two furry bosses, Izzie and Hayden. A.M. Strong also writes under the pen name Anthony M. Strong.

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Sonya Sargent is the coauthor of ten novels, including *Gravewater Lake*, *The Last Girl Left*, and *I Will Find Her*. She has a degree in design; a passion for anything dogs, travel, and the arts; and a love for reading and cooking. Born in Vermont, Sonya now splits her time between the coast of Florida and an island in Maine, along with her husband and two adorable rescue mutts.

For more information, visit www.twistedthrillers.com.



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Vicious Cycle

Corey in Los Angeles Series Book 1

JAIME PARKER STICKLE

OCTOBER 21, 2025

A former reporter gets a new spin on life in this gripping debut from author Jaime Parker Stickle, whose psychological roller-coaster ride set in sunny Los Angeles tackles motherhood and murder.

New mother Corey Tracey-Lieberman wakes up to nightmarish news: two teenage girls found hanged in a nearby park. Even more unsettling is how the news casually casts the tragedy as the result of increasing street crime, as if the victims' lives didn't really matter.

Corey knows better. In the six years she's lived in Highland Park, she's seen gentrification but no uptick in criminal activity. A former broadcast journalist, she knows all about spin—and not just the media kind. She now teaches spin classes in the neighborhood, between caring for her nine-month-old son and battling postpartum anxiety.

When police efforts fall short, Corey launches her own investigation into the hangings, flexing her idle sleuthing skills with baby in tow. And after a third murder strikes too close to home, she knows she's onto something big.

An emotional gut punch tempered by belly laughs, *Vicious Cycle* is a tour de force certain to thrill all readers.

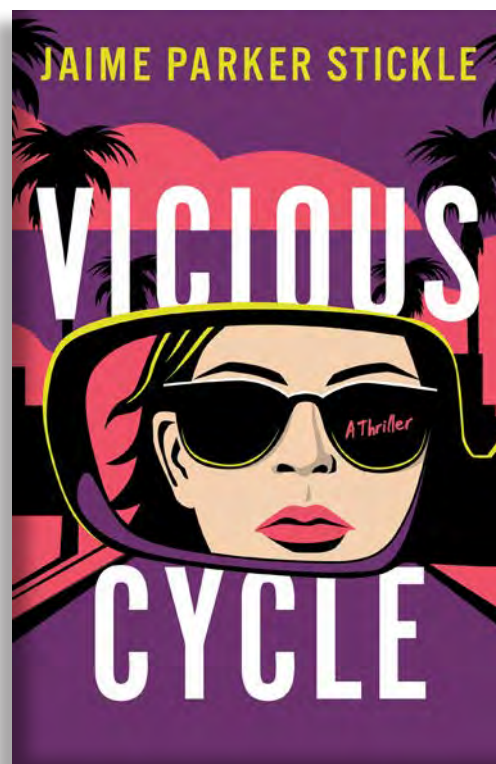
About the Author

Jaime Parker Stickle is a writer, actor, podcaster, and professor of film and television at Montclair State University. She's also the creator and host of the true crime investigative podcast *The Girl with the Same Name*, as well as the hilarious podcast about side hustles, *Make That Paper*. Jaime lives in Los Angeles with her husband, son, and fur babies.

Praise for Jaime Parker Stickle

"Jaime Stickle's debut, *Vicious Cycle*, is a layer cake of enjoyment. Any former reporter can investigate murder, but Stickle's protagonist, Corey Tracey-Lieberman, does it with a baby strapped to her chest while fighting postpartum anxiety. Funny in spots, heartbreaking in spots, Stickle brings the humanity—and lands the plane without nary a bump." —**Tracy Clark, award-winning author of the Cass Raines and Detective Harriet Foster series**

"Jaime Parker Stickle's debut is both a love letter to the everyday people of Los Angeles and a kick-ass mystery. Corey Tracey-Lieberman is a vibrant, often-delirious, and surprisingly moving investigator who never stops being herself, even in the most hilarious and harrowing circumstances. *Vicious Cycle* is an absolute delight." —**Tod Goldberg, New York Times bestselling author**



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The Missing Ones

A. R. TORRE

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Three disappearances. Two marriages. One deadly truth beneath the surface of a perfect neighborhood.

In the exclusive enclave of Crestmore, where manicured lawns hide buried secrets, the discovery of human remains in a golf course pond shatters the community's carefully maintained façade. The body belongs to Steven Batcher—one of three people who vanished without a trace. But his death is just the beginning of a darker story.

Behind Crestmore's pristine gates, two marriages harbor twisted secrets. The Morrows' picture-perfect union masks a relationship steeped in obsession and violence. And the Kendals' devoted partnership conceals an elaborate deception decades in the making—one born of desperation and unspeakable trauma.

As investigators unravel the connections between these three disappearances, they expose a web of privilege, power, and depravity that will leave no reputation untarnished. Because in Crestmore, the most dangerous lies aren't the ones we tell others—they're the ones we tell ourselves.

About the Author

A. R. Torre is a pseudonym for *New York Times* bestselling author Alessandra Torre. Alessandra resides in Key West, Florida, where she spends her free time on the water, roasting coffee, and doing crossword puzzles. In addition to writing, she is the cocreator of Inkers Con, an educational community for more than thirty thousand authors.

Learn more at www.alessandratorre.com.



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Mystery & Thriller

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Blade

WENDY WALKER

JANUARY 6, 2026

From *USA Today* bestselling author—and former competitive skater—Wendy Walker comes a chilling psychological thriller set in the cutthroat world of elite figure skating.

Ana Robbins was an Olympic star in the making—until tragedy forced her to leave that world behind. At the age of sixteen, she gave up her dream and never looked back. Fourteen years later, she's a successful defense attorney, revered for her work with minors. But when her former coach turns up dead, Ana lands right back where it all began, and abruptly ended: The Palace, a world-renowned skating facility nestled high in the mountains of Colorado.

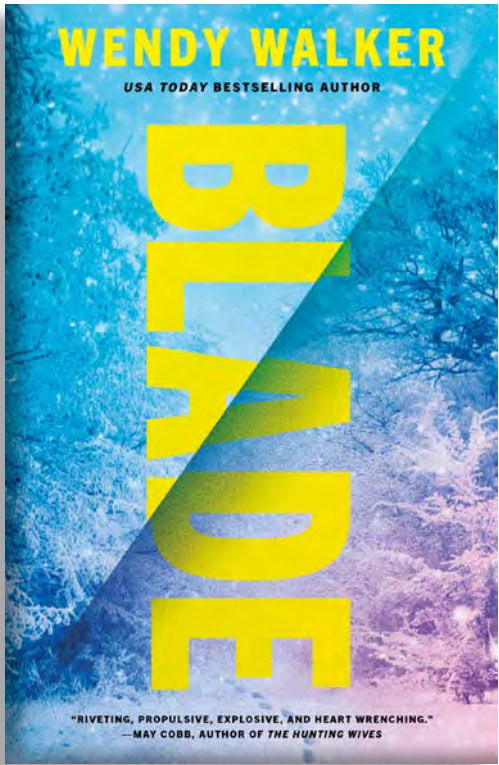
Ana returns to The Palace to defend the young skater accused of the brutal crime—Grace Montgomery. Despite her claims of innocence, all evidence points squarely at Grace's guilt, and she's days away from facing charges of first-degree murder.

But Ana's investigation dredges up childhood memories of her own, triggering the fear that permeates this place where she once lived and trained far from home as an "orphan." With a blizzard raging outside, and time running out for Grace, Ana is determined to uncover the truth—even if it means exposing her own secrets that she buried here long ago.

About the Author

Wendy Walker is the author of the psychological suspense novels *All Is Not Forgotten*, *Emma in the Night*, *The Night Before*, *Don't Look for Me*, *What Remains*, and the Audible Originals *Hold Your Breath*, *American Girl*, *Mad Love*, and *The Room Next Door*. Her work has been translated into twenty-three languages, topping bestseller lists both in the US and abroad, and featured by *The Today Show*, the Reese Witherspoon Book Club, and the Book of the Month club. Six of her titles have also been optioned for television and film.

Wendy holds degrees from Brown University and Georgetown University Law School. Prior to her writing career, Wendy trained for competitive figure skating, worked as a financial analyst at Goldman Sachs, and practiced both corporate and family law. She resides in Connecticut where she raised her three sons.



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All Languages

Wanting Daisy Dead

SUE WATSON

OCTOBER 1, 2025

They all had a reason. Only one had the nerve.

Twenty years ago, student Daisy Harrington went out for the evening and never came home. Her body was found a week later. The killer was caught. Case closed.

Now, on what would have been her fortieth birthday, her five university housemates are invited to a weekend gathering. None of them want to go. But none of them can refuse—the invitation makes it clear that if they don't attend, the past they've spent two decades hiding will finally come to light.

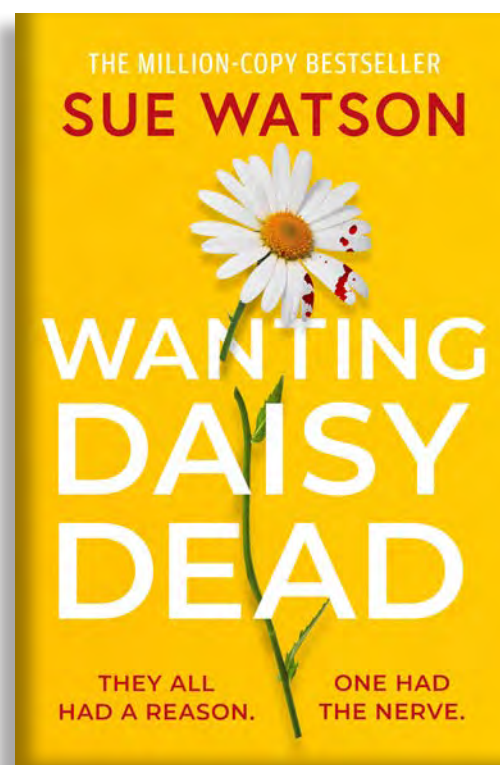
Because the man convicted of Daisy's murder was innocent. And one of the five has known this all along. As the weekend unfolds, the truth threatens to finally be revealed...

They all wanted Daisy dead, but one wanted it more. The question is...who? And why?

About the Author

Sue Watson was a TV producer at the BBC until she wrote her first book and was hooked.

Now a *USA Today* bestselling author, she has sold almost 2 million books exploring the darker side of life, writing psychological thrillers with big twists. Originally from Manchester, Sue now lives with her family and Cosmo the cat in leafy Worcestershire where much of her day is spent writing—and procrastinating.



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The Devoted Game

DEBRA WEBB

JANUARY 6, 2026

A disgraced FBI agent is challenged to a match by a deviously clever kidnapper in a propulsive novel of suspense by *USA Today* bestselling author Debra Webb.

Former FBI agent Ryan McBride crashed and burned three years ago when he was fired after a case took a fatal turn. He thought he was through with the Bureau. Then Special Agent Vivian Grace comes calling. She needs him.

Six-year-old Alyssa Byrne has disappeared. Her kidnapper, alias Devoted Fan, will help facilitate the search for the girl—puzzle by puzzle—on one condition: that McBride plays his twisted game of cat and mouse. Should McBride refuse, then Alyssa dies.

But the stakes are raised when another victim goes missing with a promise of more to come. Working ever more closely with Grace, McBride follows the clues, each more challenging than the last, teased by an apparent stranger who's taken his deranged obsession with McBride to the next level.

And time is running out. To find the missing victims, McBride must play Devoted Fan's life-and-death game to win—no matter into what dark corner of the past it leads him.

About the Author

Debra Webb is a *USA Today* bestselling author of more than 170 novels. She is the recipient of the prestigious *Romantic Times* Career Achievement Award for Romantic Suspense, as well as numerous Reviewers' Choice Awards. In 2012, Webb was honored as the first recipient of the esteemed L. A. Banks Warrior Woman Award for her courage, strength, and grace in the face of adversity. After publishing her hundredth novel, she also received the distinguished Centennial Award. The author has sold more than ten million books in numerous languages and countries.

Debra's love of storytelling goes back to her childhood, when her mother bought her an old typewriter at a tag sale. Born in Alabama, she grew up on a farm and spent every available hour exploring the world around her and creating stories.

To learn more about the author and her work, visit her website at <https://debrawebb.com>.



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All Languages

I Came Back for You

KATE WHITE

JANUARY 27, 2026

A mother begins to challenge everything she's been told about her daughter's murder in a shocking novel of suspense by a *New York Times* bestselling author.

Ten years after her daughter, Melanie, was murdered, Bree Winter is finally moving on with a new love, a new home, and a new beginning. Then a deathbed confession from the convicted killer throws Bree's life into a tailspin all over again. He readily confesses to murdering four girls. But not Melanie.

At first, Bree and her ex-husband don't buy a word of it. Until inconsistencies about the crime emerge. So does the dreadful feeling that the monster who shattered Bree's family isn't lying. The only way she can get to the truth is to power through the trauma and return to the town in upstate New York where Melanie's life came to a brutal end.

Bree will do anything to find justice for her daughter and finish this nightmare forever. Instead, it's just beginning. Not only could the real killer still be in their midst, but as Bree begins to dig through Melanie's past, what she discovers calls into question everything she has believed—about the crime and about Melanie herself.

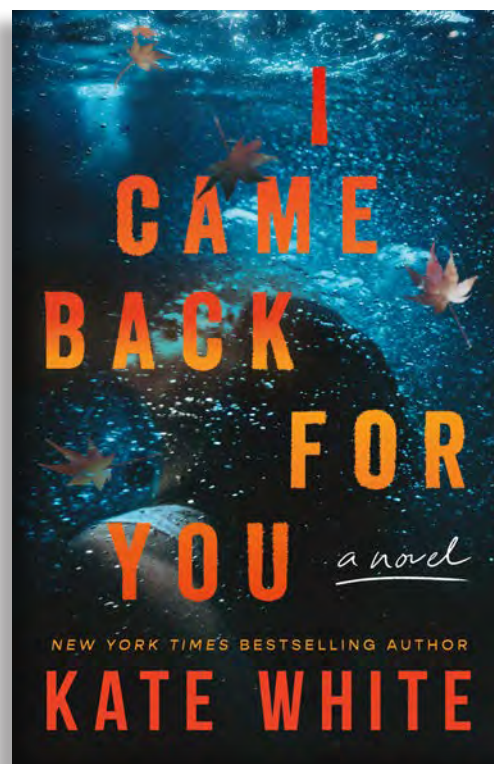
About the Author

Kate White is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of nineteen novels of suspense, including the stand-alone thrillers *The Last Time She Saw Him*, *Between Two Strangers*, *The Second Husband*, and the Bailey Weggins mysteries.

A former editor-in-chief of *Cosmopolitan* for fourteen years, Kate decided to pursue another passion: writing suspense fiction. Her first mystery, *If Looks Could Kill*, was a Kelly Ripa Book Club pick, a #1 Amazon bestseller, and an instant *New York Times* bestseller. She has been nominated for an International Thriller Writers Award, and her books have been published in over thirty countries.

Kate is an avid traveler and spends each winter with her husband at their home in Uruguay. She holds an honorary doctorate of letters from her alma mater, Union College, where she gave the 2022 commencement address.

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Silent Creek

TONY WIRT

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The bestselling author of *Just Stay Away* and *Pike Island* returns with the pulse-pounding story of a prodigal son sorting friend from enemy in a small town trembling with secrets.

Jim McCann was a high school basketball star destined for the NBA. Then an injury shattered his knee and his dreams. Disillusioned, he cut ties with his stifling hometown.

Years later, he returns for his father's funeral. Finding that his mother has dementia, he reluctantly takes over the family propane business. But there's a silver lining: reconnecting with Kyle, his childhood best friend, and meeting Kelli, the only one who understands his struggle to fill his own big shoes.

There's a dark cloud too. Colton Reid, a troubled former classmate, still holds an old basketball grudge. And after Kyle convinces Jim to fire him, the disturbing incidents begin. Nothing too serious at first—until the stalking hits Jim where he lives, unleashing a cascade of grave revelations.

Now there's no denying things have gone too far. As the stakes spike, Jim learns what he'll do to protect himself, his loved ones, and the home that won't let him go.

About the Author

Tony Wirt was born in Lake Mills, Iowa, and got his first taste of publication in the first grade, when his essay on *Airplane II: The Sequel* appeared in the Lake Mills Elementary School's *Creative Courier*. Since then, he has published three thrillers: *Pike Island*, *Just Stay Away*, and *A Necessary Act*. *Silent Creek* is his fourth novel.

Wirt graduated from the University of Iowa and spent nine years doing media relations for the Hawkeye Athletic Department. He's also worked as a sportswriter, a movie ticket taker, and a Dairy Queen ice-cream slinger who can still do the little curly thing on top of a soft-serve cone. He currently lives in Rochester, Minnesota, with his wife and two daughters.



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Ransom

LESLIE WOLFE

JUNE 9, 2026

For readers of Alex Michaelides and Colleen Hoover’s *Verity*, this twisty thriller follows a socialite who made her living blackmailing wealthy married men, until she fell in love with a target and is being framed for his murder. *Gone Girl* meets *The Firm* as she must outplay a master manipulator in a deadly game of power and deception.

Behind every perfect con is a perfect lie. And Olivia Taylor has mastered both. Reinvented from her small-town Texas roots, she’s now a sophisticated Las Vegas socialite who’s turned blackmailing wealthy, cheating husbands into an art form. But when she targets Winston Donovan, she breaks her own cardinal rule: never fall in love with the mark.

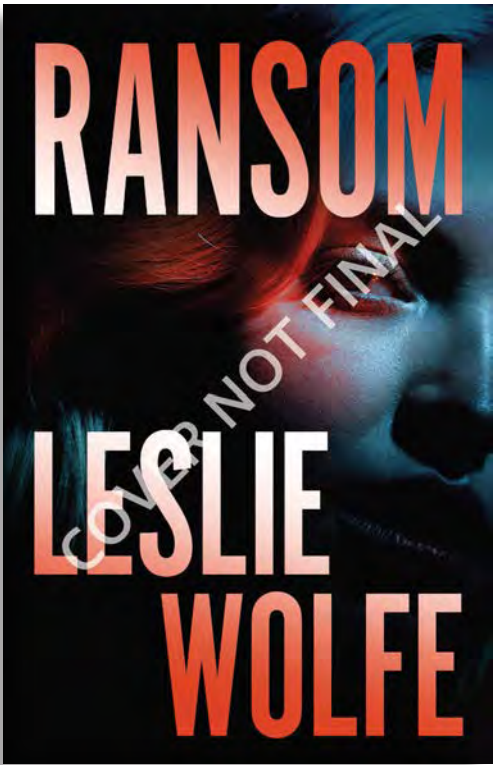
Just as Olivia decides to walk away from her biggest score yet, Winston turns up dead, killed by a lethal dose of meth-laced eye drops. All evidence points to her, and she’s now facing a murder charge in a city where money talks and secrets are currency.

Her carefully buried past resurfaces in the form of Billy Ray Walker and Colton Blake—her brother and the defense attorney who still carries a torch for the girl she used to be. As they dig deeper into Winston’s death, it becomes clear that Olivia’s old life as Hattie Walker holds the key to her survival. His widow Claire knows more than she’s telling, and the truth about Olivia’s transformation could either save her or become her ultimate undoing.

About the Author

Meet Leslie Wolfe, bestselling author and mastermind behind gripping thrillers that have won the hearts of over a million readers worldwide. She brings a fresh and invigorating touch to the thriller genre, crafting compelling narratives around unforgettable, powerhouse women.

Her books are not only an adrenaline-packed ride, but they’re also sprinkled with psychological insights, offering readers an immersive, authentic experience that goes beyond conventional suspense.



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All Languages

Mystery & Thriller

Romance

No Knight

My Kind of Hero Series Book 3

DONNA ALAM

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Bestselling author Donna Alam burns up the page with this sizzling opposites-attract romance, where mistaken identity and role-play bring two strangers together for a night they'll never forget.

Desperate times call for desperate measures. And there's nothing more desperate than turning up to my ex's wedding alone.

My cheating ex.

My current boss.

The reason I hired a professional to be my plus-one.

When I spot Mr. Temptation-in-a-Tux at the hotel, I assume I've found my man. Charming, attentive, and protective, he's the perfect boyfriend experience. The way he looks at me has even *me* fooled.

After the most passionate night of my life, I slip away before he wakes. But there's a price to pay for all that pleasure...

Months later, our eyes lock across a boardroom table. The shock is real. Because Matt is no escort—he's a powerful billionaire investor. And he's determined not to let me get away this time.

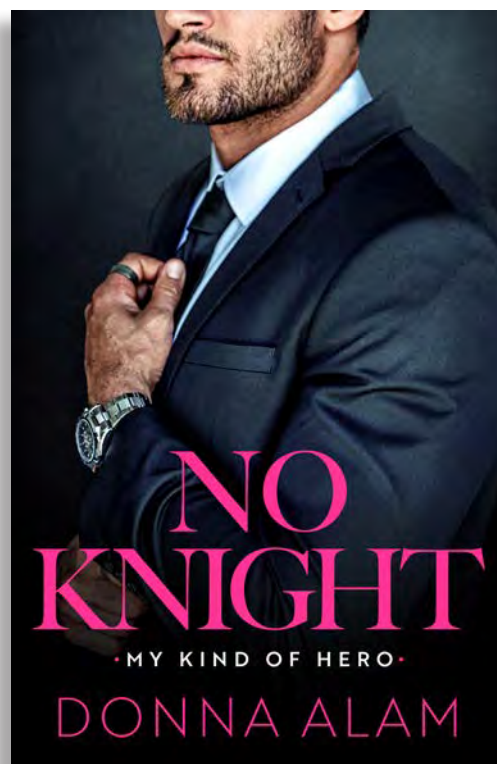
But there are things about me he doesn't know. Secrets I can't share.

I'm no damsel in distress, and Matt's no white knight.

Could he be my kind of hero?

About the Author

Donna Alam is a #7 Amazon Kindle Store and *USA Today* bestselling author. A writer of love stories with heart, humor, and heat, she aspires to sprinkle a little joy into the lives of her readers. When not bashing away at her keyboard, Alam can often be found hiding from her responsibilities with a book in her hand and a mop of a dog at her feet.



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Romance

Wicked Believer

Original Sinners Series Book 2

KAIT BALLENGER

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Author Kait Ballenger whips up a spicy sequel to *Original Sinner*, a no-holds-barred dark romance where the devil and his queen-to-be explore the bounds of kink, even as they stand on the brink of war.

I wasn't always immortal. And I'm not sure I'll ever get the hang of it. Not like Lucifer, a.k.a. Pride. He and the other seven deadly sins, the high-profile billionaires who run this city, make the divine life look easy.

I came to New York a good, if damaged, Christian girl. Then Lucifer opened my eyes to the darkness. To the hunger burning inside me. To a world of pain and pleasure like nothing I've ever known. Now it's all I crave. *He's* all I crave.

But as I grapple with this new existence—and the events that led me to it—unseen forces push me and Lucifer apart. Paparazzi track my every move, Lucifer's family plays their wicked games, and I hardly know who I am anymore. Or who I'm meant to be.

A celestial war is brewing, and Lucifer's siblings are out for blood—and the dark power inside me calls me to join the fight.

About the Author

Kait Ballenger is an award-winning author of dark romantasy and paranormal romance. She is obsessed with tales of morally gray, sometimes villainous heroes and can't resist a spicy redemption arc. When she's not busy writing kinky paranormal fantasy, Kait can usually be found with her nose buried in someone *else's* naughty books. She lives in Florida's Bible Belt with her husband and two adorable sons—and will gladly use that belt to whip you.

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The Summer of Lost and Found

TONI BLAKE

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

For a woman at a turning point, a small Kentucky town offers a summer of healing, unexpected romance, and rediscovery in a bittersweet novel by *USA Today* bestselling author Toni Blake.

Recovering from cancer, Cincinnati news anchor Jessica Fox has no choice but to take a summer leave. Her boss's proposal: for Jessica to take it easy and recharge at his late grandmother Mabel's cottage in the Kentucky mountains.

The town of Lost and Found lives up to its name. Resistant at first, Jessica grows to appreciate the slower pace, the spectacular sunsets, the affable locals, and even Matt Cordray, the laid-back, too-friendly police chief next door. Most engaging of all is Mabel, who left behind a treasure map that leads Jessica to a collection of lost items—mementos and love letters—people have mailed to the town over the years. Jessica needs something to help pass the time, and she finds it in reuniting these precious things with the distant strangers who lost them.

Lost and in flux herself, Jessica has no idea just how connected to life this town will make her feel again or, by summer's end, how transformative a season it will be.

About the Author

Toni Blake is a *USA Today* bestselling author of more than forty contemporary romance novels published by Montlake, Avon Books, Harlequin, Penguin Books, and more. Her books have received the National Readers' Choice Award and Booksellers' Best Award, and her work has been excerpted in *Cosmo*. She is a two-time nominee for the prestigious RITA Award and a two-time recipient of the Kentucky Women Writers Fellowship. Toni lives with her husband in northern Kentucky and enjoys traveling, crafts, and spending time outdoors. For more information, visit www.toniblake.com.



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Romance

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The Reveal

Bloodlore Series Book 1

MEGAN CRANE

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In the wake of a monstrous world war, a mortal woman's submission to an enigmatic vampire is the only way to live in this enthralling paranormal romance from *USA Today* bestselling author Megan Crane.

It's a different world now, Winter Bishop. Get used to it. Or die.

For the three years since the Reveal, when monsters rose from the shadows, I've been just another human trying to maintain normalcy in a world where life is short and brutal. Coexisting with werewolves, zombies, and vampires—each alarmingly true to their myths— isn't easy.

Now I've been summoned by Ariel Skinner, the charismatic king of the vampires, who holds my missing brother's life in his hands. To save him, I must do everything Ariel says. His quicksilver gaze and the way he makes my body hum should scare me, but the wildfire chemistry is just too hot.

I should have known that Ariel would want more.

Because there's a greater cataclysm to come, and it will make everything worse. To help stop it, Ariel needs me. And whatever fresh hell arises, with every beat of my disastrously mortal heart, I need *him*.

After all, I'm only human.

About the Author

USA Today bestselling, multi-award-nominated, and critically acclaimed author Megan Crane has written more than 150 books and shows no sign of slowing down.

Megan has a master's and PhD in English literature. She has taught many creative writing classes, including through UCLA Extension's prestigious Writers' Program and in a great many workshops. She has a black belt in Krav Maga and a blue belt in jiu-jitsu, and spends more time in martial arts studios than she ever imagined possible. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her comic book artist husband, though, at any given time, she is likely to be either huddled in a coffee shop somewhere or off traveling the world. Preferably both.

You can find out more than you ever wanted to know about her at www.megancrane.com.



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My Dark Ever After

My Dark Mafia Romance Series Book 2

GIANA DARLING

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Wrapping up this daring duet, bestselling author Giana Darling takes readers back to Tuscany for another tantalizing mafia romance, where dark players and passions collide to reveal explosive secrets.

Guinevere

My trip to Italy shattered my dreams. I just wanted to connect with our family's roots, but that meant defying my father's wishes. I was looking for truth and goodness. All I found was darkness and deceit. And one man who embodies it all: the capo dei capi, Raffaele Romano.

Raffaele saved my life—then stole my trust. But my broken heart still pulses for him. When his enemies follow me home to Michigan, I realize I'll never be free of him. Now I'm right back where it started.

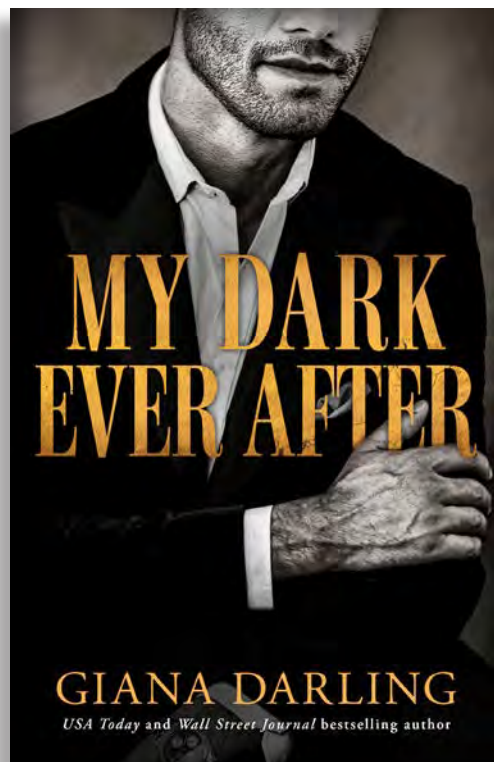
Raffaele

I will do anything to keep Guinevere safe, even abduct her back to Italy and earn her hatred forever. I know the villain never gets the girl. But as ghosts from our families' pasts arise to haunt us, I decide there is only one thing worth fighting for: a dark ever after with my brave, beautiful American girl. And I will raze everything else to the ground to get it.

About the Author

Giana Darling is a *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and Amazon Top 40 bestselling Canadian romance writer who specializes in the forbidden and angsty side of love. She currently lives on an island in beautiful British Columbia, where she spends time riding on the back of her husband's bike, baking pies, and reading while snuggled up with her golden retriever, Romeo.

To get the latest info on her books, upcoming events, bonus content, and more, visit Giana's website at <https://gianadarling.com>, where you can also sign up for her newsletter. Connect with the author on social media via Instagram (@GianaDarlingAuthor), X (@GianaDarling), or YouTube (@gianadarlingauthor). You can also find her on Facebook (check out her readers group, Giana's Darlings), TikTok, Goodreads, and BookBub.



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The Art of Burning Heather

DEVRIE BRYNN DONALSON

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A daughter's escape to the Scottish Highlands becomes a mother's reckoning, a sister's choice, and a grandmother's last chance in this witty, bittersweet novel about first loves, old ghosts, and the courage it takes to change.

When floral designer Deli MacDonald's heart is broken by unrequited love and her best friend's abandonment, she flees to the Scottish Highlands and her estranged aunt Mo's cliffside cottage by the sea. There, embraced by a village of eccentric locals and her aunt's unconditional, unfamiliar love, she finds herself drawn to brooding pub owner Lachlan Scott—whose path once crossed hers twenty years ago on these same heather-strewn hills.

As Deli fights to find her footing in the Highland soil among the wreckage of her life, she wakes family ghosts and accidentally reopens a decades-old rift. And when her mother and grandmother arrive unexpectedly, three generations of women must finally confront the painful patterns of love, lies, and grief that once drove them apart.

Through a tapestry of wildflowers, family secrets, and fierce hearts, Deli must reckon with the truth of how she learned to be loved. But choosing between the familiar ache of her old life and the uncertain promise of a new one means finding the courage to let her family's legacy, and the world she built, burn away completely.

About the Author

Devrie Brynn Donalson is a slinger of words, lover of wit, and teller of stories great and small. She got lucky when she ran away to Scotland, and its magic gave her the courage to do something new. Now Devrie is a writer, speaker, and performer known for her authentic and relatable balance of heart and humor.

She loves a cold Scottish day and a warm California night, plus flowers, cheese, and dogs. She is the author of *You're Gonna Die Alone (& Other Excellent News)*. For more information, visit www.devriewrites.com.



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Fixed Asset

Downrange Series Book 1

RILEY EDWARDS

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From *USA Today* bestselling author Riley Edwards comes a steamy, action-packed romance where danger and desire fuel a high-stakes game neither party is prepared to lose.

Catarina Keys doesn't play it safe—and to hell with anyone who gets in her way. A free agent now, she takes a risky mission in Honduras, delivering high-stakes intel to a woman with an ironclad reputation. Reckless? Absolutely. But the peril of her current situation isn't all that's on her mind. She's dangerously preoccupied with burning thoughts of *him*.

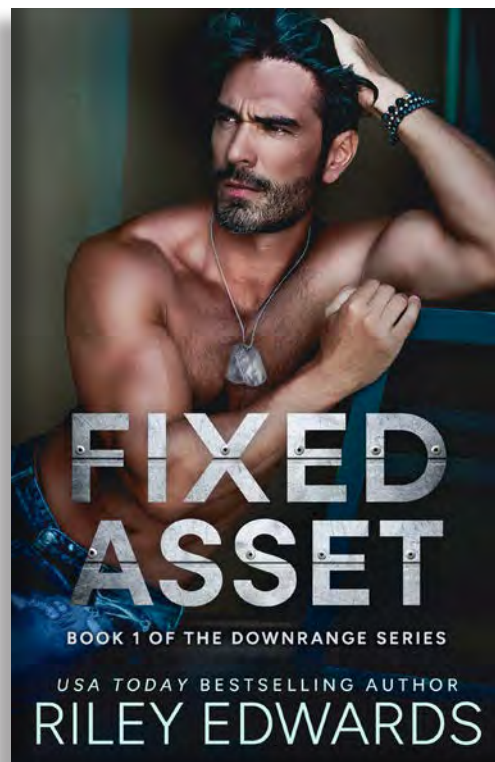
After a successful op together last year in Vegas, ex-Navy SEAL Jack Donovan thought leaving Catarina behind was the right move. It wasn't. Now she's back in the line of fire, and he can't decide whether to save or spank her delectable ass. But first, he vows to uncover her mission. And whoever's behind it.

When their paths cross again, they realize they're pawns in a much bigger game. Jack's desperate to protect her, but Catarina won't give up her freedom. As the heat intensifies, will they play by the rules... or risk losing it all?

About the Author

Riley Edwards is a *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author, wife, and military mom. She writes heart-stopping romance titles featuring sexy alpha heroes and even stronger heroines. Her favorite genres to write are romantic suspense and military romance.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Edwards now resides on the East Coast with her husband and children.



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Dance of the Phoenix

Cloak of the Vampire Series Book 3

SAPIR A. ENGLARD

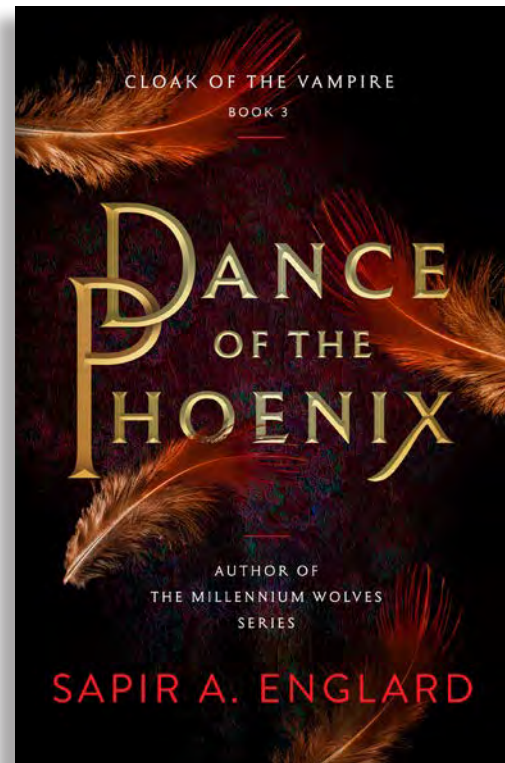
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

In a tantalizing follow-up to *Blood of the Gods*, author Sapir A. Englard returns underground to the dangerous world of vampires, where war looms on the horizon and jealousy courses through cold veins.

Aileen Henderson is still finding her bearings among the vampires. After a nightmarish introduction to their world through death, then the Auction, she's finally found favor—and more carnal pleasures—with Lord Ragnor Rayne. But not even the head of the Rayne League can stave off the dark brutality of this place.

Fearful of sharing her Sacred status, Aileen passes for a Common, deep beneath the city where she took her last breath. After the Hecatomb is announced, it's harder to hide her secret. The deadly tournament pits two warring Leagues against each other. And its rules are binding.

As the combatants prepare for battle, Aileen finds her allegiance torn. Powerless against Ragnor's fiery appeal, she's caught between the present and the past when a former lover appears. And as jealousies rage and loyalties shift, there's no telling which side will win...or what might be lost.



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Run For Your Life, Callie Kingman

ALLI FRANK AND ASHA YOUMANS

DECEMBER 30, 2025

A blindsided soon-to-be divorcée rediscovers herself in this witty, celebratory novel about a hard-fought comeback by the authors of *The Better Half*.

Two decades have passed since Callie Kingman begrudgingly followed her husband, Thomas, across the country in pursuit of his career at the expense of her own. Today, Callie is an empty nester with no job prospects, a declining mother, and a spouse who announces his intention to leave her—in Sacramento, the dullest city in America. His parting potshot: “It’s not me, it’s you.”

Taking to bed, Callie relies on delivery for food, her neighbor for booze, and her college best friend for commiseration. When an overdue annual exam leads to a health scare, Callie is forced to contend with her fractured and unfulfilled life by revisiting the vibrant, indomitable woman she used to be.

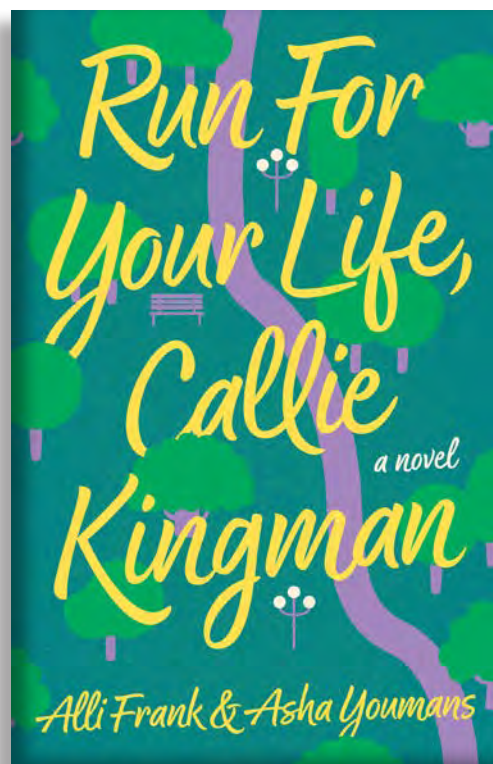
From her idyllic years at Princeton and an extraordinary first love to the pressures all women face to strive, serve, and be sexy as hell, once again she’s face-to-face with it all. Callie is running for her life, determined to forge a path ahead that is better than the one she’s leaving behind.

About the Authors

Alli Frank is the coauthor of *Tiny Imperfections*, *Never Meant to Meet You*, *The Better Half*, and *Boss Lady*, as well as an essayist in *Moms Don’t Have Time To: A Quarantine Anthology* and the *USA Today* bestseller *On Being Jewish Now*. She has worked in public and private schools for over twenty years. A graduate of Cornell and Stanford University, Alli lives in Sun Valley, Idaho, with her husband and two daughters.

Asha Youmans is the coauthor of *Tiny Imperfections*, *Never Meant to Meet You*, *The Better Half*, and *Boss Lady*. The daughter of an educational pioneer and children’s hospital administrator, after graduating UC Berkeley, Asha spent the next twenty years teaching elementary school. Asha continues to work in schools in Seattle, Washington, believing children keep her youthful, as do her husband and two sons.

For more information, visit the authors at www.alliandasha.com.



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The Chemistry Test

GEORGINA FRANKIE

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She's ready to experiment with life... What about love?

Incredibly resilient and determined to rewrite the possibilities of life with a chronic illness, Penny is ready to leave her family behind and go to college by herself, accompanied by a snazzy new wheelchair and a backpack full of confidence.

When she meets the charming actor CJ, who is studying the same course, there's an immediate spark. But Penny worries that her life isn't fast-paced enough for CJ and assumes they're better off as friends.

But Penny and CJ find themselves inspiring each other, and gradually discover, as they put their feelings under the microscope, that leaning on another person can be a sign of strength, not weakness. Because when it comes to the science of romance, the first rule is: never ignore your own chemistry...

A swoonworthy and utterly gorgeous STEM college romance that will melt your heart and have you flying through the pages. If you love forced proximity and grumpy/sunshine, *The Chemistry Test* is for you!

About the Author

Georgina was born in Kent and has been on a quest to empower people with chronic illnesses and disabilities since 2017. Driven by her own experiences, she uses social media to raise awareness of both invisible disabilities and ambulatory wheelchair users, as well as sharing her life and, at times, unwavering hope with her followers. When she's not writing, she enjoys volunteering in animal groups online and doting over her own pets.

She wrote her first draft of her debut novel *The Chemistry Test* during six months of homelessness in 2021 and is excited to see where this adventure will take her!



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Never After

ALEXIS HALL

APRIL 7, 2026

From fan-favorite author Alexis Hall comes a story of faith, redemption, and love—a melancholic tale of queer romance set in nineteenth-century England.

On the grim streets of London, a young man succumbs to his demons. Discarded by his lover and left penniless and alone, Michael “Micha” Dashwood uses sex to pay the bills and opium to numb the pain.

When a sudden illness strikes, all seems lost. But hope finds Micha in the shape of the Reverend Thomas Mandeville. Haunted by grief of his own, Thomas cannot bear to ignore another man’s plight. He brings the ailing Micha home to heal in his parish at Nettlefield.

As Micha recovers under Thomas’s care, he begins to realize that some people in this world are worthy of trust. Thomas, in turn, learns the truth of his own needs and desires. Between the secrets of the past and the burdens of the present, their future together seems impossible. Questions of faith and the shadow of opium continue to haunt them both.

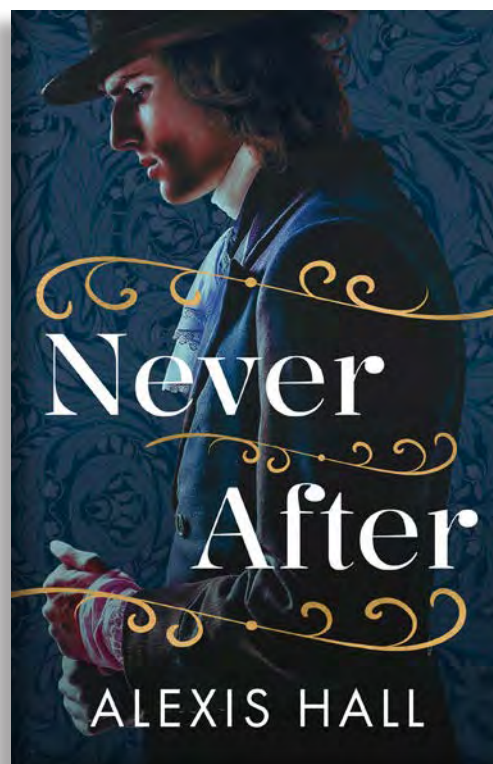
Yet possibilities, like miracles, can be found wherever you look for them.

About the Author

Alexis Hall has Bette Davis eyes.

He’s determined to marry into money, as his grandfather drank half the family fortune and gambled the rest. He lives in a tumbledown mansion in a fictional county, and his valet doesn’t even have a humorous name.

Keep up with Alexis and his latest endeavors by visiting his website at www.quicunquevult.com or subscribing to his newsletter at www.quicunquevult.com/contact. You can also find Alexis on Instagram (www.instagram.com/quicunquevult).



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Romance

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Things That Break Us

MICHELLE HEARD

MARCH 17, 2026

From *USA Today* bestselling author Michelle heard comes a soul-stirring romance about a woman learning to trust again and the Hollywood star who shows her that some hearts are worth the risk.

I'm an actor who hates the limelight. Everyone wants Easton Rowe's attention—my money, my fame. It's impossible to have a real relationship with a woman, so I don't even try.

But then here's Nova. My sister's best friend. She's been there our whole lives, and she's here now to help us when we need her most. When *I* need her most.

I should keep my guard up, focus on my dying sister and her daughter. But I can't ignore Nova. Not with the way she carries this grief with me. The way she flinches when I move too fast, the ghost of something lurking in her eyes. The way she blushes when I get too close, making me wonder how close I can get.

For once, I don't want to keep my distance. Nova thinks she has nothing to give, but all I need is a chance. I know we can take our broken pieces and make something whole.

About the Author

Michelle Heard is a *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and Amazon #3 bestselling romance author. She writes emotional, heart-shattering stories with a whole lot of angst and romance that will leave you smiling with satisfaction. Every book shows the strength of the characters who will burn down the world for each other.

Before becoming an author, Michelle had a career in banking. She lives in South Africa with her son, Sheldon, who's also her right-hand man when it comes to all things publishing, and her daughter-in-law, Tayla, who's her best friend.



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The Nightmare Keepers

VIENNA JAMES

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In this atmospheric urban fantasy perfect for readers who loved the supernatural intrigue and forbidden romance of *The Vampire Diaries*, a dream wielder in modern-day Salem finds herself caught between duty and desire after she saves the grandson of her people's greatest enemy.

In modern-day Salem, dream wielder Azalee Saunders saves the wrong person—and perhaps exactly the right one. When she rescues Gabriel Ford, grandson of the High Witch who has long oppressed her kind, their lives become eternally bound. As mysterious deaths plague the city and victims appear to die in their sleep, dream wielders are blamed and an ancient prejudice threatens to turn deadly.

Investigating the murders together, Azalee and Gabriel uncover a sinister plot involving Nightmares—corrupted dream wielders who transform their ability to shape dreams into living terrors. With Gabriel manifesting unexpected powers and Azalee fighting her own transformation into a Nightmare, they race to expose the conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of power. Facing choices between family loyalty and justice, together Azalee and Gabriel must find a way to break the cycle of fear and build a future where dream wielders can live without persecution.

About the Author

Vienna James has been a storyteller since a young age when she would spend hours coming up with intricate lives for her dolls. When she is not lost in her world of stories, she can be found drawing digital art, cooking, and binge watching her favorite TV shows for the hundredth time. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah.



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Romance

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Playing for Possession

Playing the Field Series Book 5

SASHA LACE

OCTOBER 15, 2025

"You don't have to follow other people's rules all the time. And you don't have to break them all the time either."

Joanie

People assume Joanie's a nepo baby, but they have no idea how hard she's worked to get back on the pitch after injury.

She just wants to play football. The last thing she needs is to film an ad in Menorca with Kieran Earnshaw, the men's team bad boy.

Kieran *is* gorgeous, though—and he seems different with her. Maybe it's time this good girl finally experimented with her wild side...?

Kieran

Joanie's dad is on the board. He's warned Kieran off his daughter, but wants him to watch out for her on their trip. He can get Kieran on the England squad, his lifelong dream, so he'll have to play by the rules—just this once.

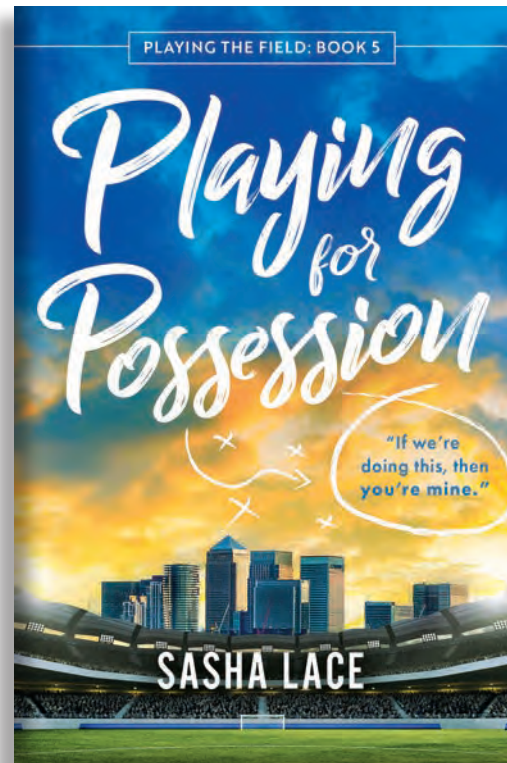
Quiet Joanie likes to stay in the background. But Kieran's realized anyone overlooking this woman is making a mistake. She's the total package, beautiful inside and out.

He knows what he wants on *and* off the pitch—and he always plays to win. He's risking everything, but sometimes opposites attract. And together, he reckons they could rewrite the whole rulebook...

***Playing for Possession* is the fifth book in the *Playing the Field* series—addictive romances full of heart and steam, perfect for fans of T L Swan.**

About the Author

Sasha Lace used to be a very serious scientist before she ditched the lab coat and started writing kissing books. Sasha lives in the North of England and is a mom of two young boys. Everyone in her family is soccer mad, so she knows way more about soccer than she ever wanted to know. As a scientist and mom, her hobbies include: mulling over the complexities of the universe, treading barefoot on Lego, chipping dried Play-Doh from fabric surfaces, dried-flower arranging (because you can't kill something twice), and writing about herself in the third person.



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Margin of Error

RACHEL LACEY

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From Rachel Lacey, author of *Learning Curves*, comes an emotional romance about finding love and your true self later in life—where fate has hidden them in the least expected places.

Two years after Marin almost died in Manhattan, she thought she'd never run into the stranger who read her horoscope moments before the accident. So it seems like fate when they remeet in the small town where she's teaching statistics, healing from a painful divorce, and feeling that she's been in the wrong kind of love all along.

Charlotte came back to Vermont for two reasons: to sell homes, and to make one for herself by solving the mystery of her mother's disappearance long ago. As she house hunts for Marin, who's started coming out to friends and family with mixed reactions, she feels a spark she'd never dared to imagine. After sharing family secrets and a night with just one bed, new feelings emerge.

But as they get to the heart of the mystery—and the heart of who they are—what brought them together could tear them apart...if Charlotte's reluctance to speak her truth doesn't do it first.

About the Author

Rachel Lacey is an award-winning contemporary romance author and semi-reformed travel junkie. She's climbed a mountain in Japan with a monkey, gone scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef, and camped out overnight in New York City for a chance to be a movie extra. These days, the majority of her adventures take place on the pages of the books she writes. She lives in the mountains of Vermont with her family and a variety of rescue pets.

Rachel loves to keep in touch with her readers! Check out her website at <http://RachelLacey.com> for information about the author, her books, and more. For exclusive news and giveaways, subscribe to her e-newsletter at www.subscribepage.com/rachellaceyauthor. You can also connect with the author on Instagram @rachelslacey and on Facebook.com/RachelLaceyAuthor.



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The Diamond Puck-Up

Dirty Puckers Series Book 1

LAUREN LANDISH

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

A brooding hockey enforcer and a spirited jewelry designer find love—and trouble—when a stolen ring brings them together in this steamy romance from *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestselling author Lauren Landish.

NHL enforcer Griffin Mahoney has spent years protecting his team on the ice—and his heart off it. The one woman who makes his stone-cold exterior melt? His best friend's sister, Penny Lee. But when a stolen ring entangles her with the mob, Griffin's protective instincts override his promise to stay away, even if it means taking a penalty for interference.

As a custom jewelry designer, Penny transforms family heirlooms into modern treasures. She's always thought her brother's best friend was grumpier than a bear with a hangover—until she discovers the brooding hockey player's hidden soft side. Their undeniable chemistry catches them both off guard, even as danger circles closer.

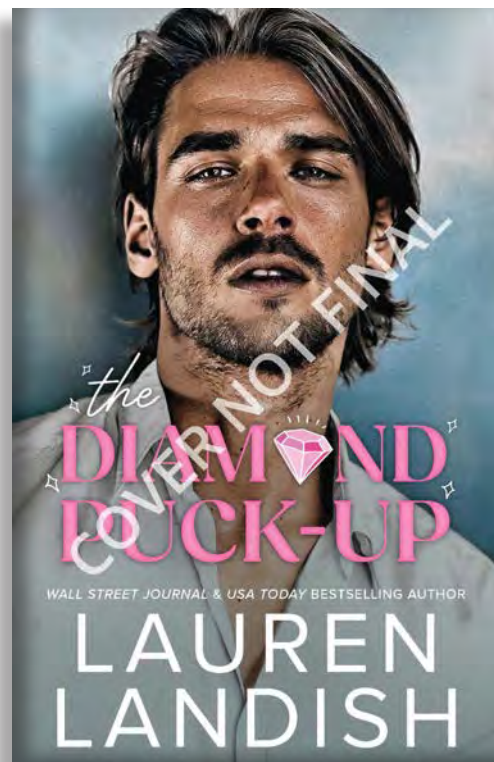
With playoffs looming, mob threats escalating, and her overprotective brother ready to cross-check them both into the next season, Griffin and Penny's path to happiness is anything but smooth. But some loves are worth fighting for—even if it means risking everything.

About the Author

Lauren Landish is a *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestselling author who captivates readers with irresistibly steamy contemporary romance. Her stories feature alpha heroes who meet their match in bold, unforgettable heroines, delivering all the swoon-worthy tension romance readers crave. Whether crafting tales of grumpy billionaires, protective bad boys, or dominant athletes with a secret soft side, Lauren's stories always promise heat, heart, and a satisfying happily ever after.

Her sexy contemporary romances have garnered a legion of devoted readers who know that when they pick up a Lauren Landish book, they're in for a wild, wickedly fun ride. When she's not writing steamy scenes or dreaming up new book boyfriends, Lauren can be found enjoying oversized mugs of coffee and plotting fresh ways to make readers blush.

For updates on upcoming books, visit www.LaurenLandish.com or follow her on TikTok (@laurenlandish), Instagram (@Lauren_Landish), and Facebook (@Lauren.Landish).



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A Million Times, Yes

The Billionaires of Boston Series Book 1

MARNI MANN

OCTOBER 14, 2025

The only way an alpha billionaire can hold on to the perfect woman is to keep his identity a secret in an emotional and blisteringly hot romance by *USA Today* bestselling author Marni Mann.

Maya and Jordan can't keep their eyes off one another. They see each other on their daily runs, exchanging heated glances and lingering smiles as part of their routine. What's not to notice? Maya with her perfect body and teasing smile. Jordan, a former professional hockey player, with his chiseled muscles and undeniable alpha personality. First comes the hello, then a kiss, followed by an uninhibited desire that sets their mornings on fire.

Jordan normally doesn't date, but this Boston nurse is a beauty he wants to know inside and out. She's gorgeous, sassy, and keeps him on his toes. He's falling fast. She is too. There's just one problem: Maya loathes the rich. She has her reasons. She also has no idea that Jordan is actually a billionaire CEO who owns the most expensive penthouse in the city, a collection of exotic cars, and half of Boston.

The only way for this grumpy alphahole to hold on to Maya is to keep his secret hidden. Because once the truth is out, everything about this addictive, sensuous, once-in-a-lifetime connection will come crashing down.

About the Author

Marni Mann is the Audie Award-winning and *USA Today* bestselling author of more than forty novels, including the *Hooked* series, the *Dalton Family* series, the *Weston Group* series, and the stand-alone novels *Even If It Hurts*, *Before You*, *The Better Version of Me*, and *Lover*. Marni has known she was going to be a writer since middle school. While other girls her age were daydreaming about teenage pop stars, Marni was fantasizing about penning her first novel. She crafts unique stories that weave together her love of darkness, mystery, passion, and human emotions. A New Englander at heart, she now lives with her husband in Sarasota, Florida.

When she's not nose deep in her laptop and working on her next novel, she's sipping wine, traveling, boating along the Gulf, or devouring fabulous books. For more information visit www.marnismann.com.



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Maybe It's Fate

HEIDI MCLAUGHLIN

MARCH 17, 2026

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Art of Starting Over* comes a heartfelt portrait of what it means to build a family, as a young woman navigates grief, guardianship, and the bittersweet gift of falling in love.

The only thing that could pull Antonia Bernardi away from her high-powered career is her lifelong best friend. And with two children and a cruel prognosis, Miriam Vaughn needs her now more than ever.

Antonia drops everything—her job, her relationship—to be there for the Vaughns. Playing mom to Miriam's teenage son and seven-year-old daughter is a tall order made heavier by grief. But the kids need her, and she needs them.

Then there's the boy's coach and mentor, former MLB star Weston Schmidt. He's a pillar of support, a safe space for Antonia to rest. But there's too much going on to even think about romance ... or maybe that's exactly why they should.

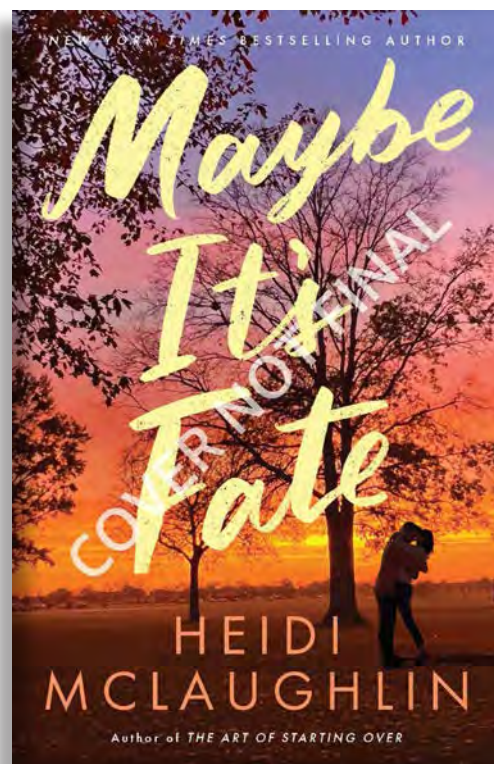
Adjusting to life without her best friend, Antonia leans into her new role as guardian, doing work she loves and repairing the old farmhouse Miriam cherished. Nothing can stop the world from spinning—but Antonia has every reason to keep on going.

Perfect for readers of *Every Summer After* and *The Things We Never Got Over*, *Maybe It's Fate* delivers emotional depth and small-town, slow-burn romance.

About the Author

In 2012, Heidi McLaughlin turned her passion for reading into a full-fledged literary career. She is now the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Beaumont Series*, *The Boys of Summer*, and *The Archer Brothers*. McLaughlin has written more than twenty novels, including her acclaimed first novel, *Forever My Girl*, which was adapted into a 2018 film starring Alex Roe and Jessica Rothe.

Visit the author at www.heidimclaughlin.com, and keep up with her latest releases by subscribing to her newsletter.



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Joyride

ELLEN MEISTER

APRIL 22, 2025

In this poignantly quirky ride through Brooklyn, an idealistic young woman shares her earnest joy with her Uber clients, her cranky father, and the Wall Street hotshot who started it all.

Joybird Martin—an Uber driver with cheerfulness to spare—desperately wants to be a life coach.

She's so sunny about her chances that even her snarky father—a has-been TV writer with a failed third marriage—can't dim her light. So when he shows up broke on her doorstep, Joybird takes him in with no questions asked, trying to find a balance between her bright optimism and his sarcastic pessimism.

It works, and she continues sharing her earnest wisdom with her Uber riders. After she helps handsome Wall Street exec Devon Cato, he convinces her to become a life coach from the front seat of her Honda.

As Joybird's dreams take the wheel, she finds direction for her clients...and herself. She's not sure what to do about her attraction to Devon, but she soon learns exactly what she can do for her father. And a journey into his past might just pave the way for her own bright future.

About the Author

Ellen Meister is a novelist, book coach, screenwriter, and creative writing instructor who started her career writing advertising copy. Her novels include *Divorce Towers*, *Take My Husband*, *The Rooftop Party*, *Love Sold Separately*, *Dorothy Parker Drank Here*, and *Farewell, Dorothy Parker*, among others. Meister's essays have been published by the *New York Times*, *Newsday*, the *Wall Street Journal* blog, the Huffington Post (now HuffPost), the Daily Beast, *Long Island Woman*, *Writer's Digest*, and *Publishers Weekly*. Career highlights include interviews on NPR, being selected for the prestigious Indie Next List by the American Booksellers Association, having her work translated into foreign languages, and receiving a TV series option from HBO.

Meister lives in New York and publicly speaks about her books, fiction writing, and America's most celebrated literary wit, Dorothy Parker.

For more information, visit her website at <https://ellenmeister.com>.



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Scorched Skies

Way of Wings Series Book 1

E.J. MELLOW

APRIL 15, 2025

From the award-winning author of the Mousai series comes book one in an epic duology inspired by the Icarus myth, about an outcast woman and a winged prince torn between forbidden love and born duty.

In the divided world of Cādra, where the winged Volari rule over the earthbound Sūra, Tanwen has never relished her life of secrecy, but hiding is her only means of survival. As the child of a forbidden union, her very existence is punishable by death.

As the Crown Prince, Zolya is forced to fulfill his father's every whim. Acting on orders, he captures Tanwen's father and brother, whisking them away to his kingdom in the sky. Determined to save her family, Tanwen infiltrates the royal court disguised as a servant.

Amid the palace's intrigue, she realizes there's more to save than just her family and more to Prince Zolya than meets the eye. As their worlds collide, their star-crossed relationship intensifies under the king's oppression. With their loyalties pulling them in opposite directions, Tanwen and Zolya must decide if their love can bridge the divide or if they have flown too close to the sun.

About the Author

E.J. Mellow is an award-winning and bestselling author of magical mayhem. Her work has been translated into multiple languages and has appeared on best-of lists such as BuzzFeed and Gizmodo, reaching number one on multiple Amazon charts and receiving medals from eLit Book Awards and Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Readers have said her "lyrical, vibrant, and imaginative" writing sweeps them into "stunning worlds." Mellow is also the cofounder of She Is Booked, a literary-themed fundraising organization that supports women's charities.



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Play It Off

Kings of Campus Series Book 2

MONICA MURPHY

APRIL 29, 2025

From bestselling author Monica Murphy comes a sweet, sexy story about the secret crush between a college QB and his teammate's sister, and the obvious chemistry that keeps them in the huddle.

Sienna

I've had a thing for Gavin Maddox ever since I was a freshman, but it's a mission doomed to fail. Of all the guys I could have picked on campus, I had to go too far with the quarterback, my brother's best friend.

We've spent the last two years avoiding each other. It's not that easy when you have the same friends, not to mention I can't forget the way it felt to be with him. But I can be civil. Polite. Detached.

I think...

Gavin

Sienna Cooper is off limits—except for that one time. I can't forget it, but I need to forget *her* if I want to keep my head in the game. This is my senior year and, more importantly, my last season of college football. I can't let anything distract me.

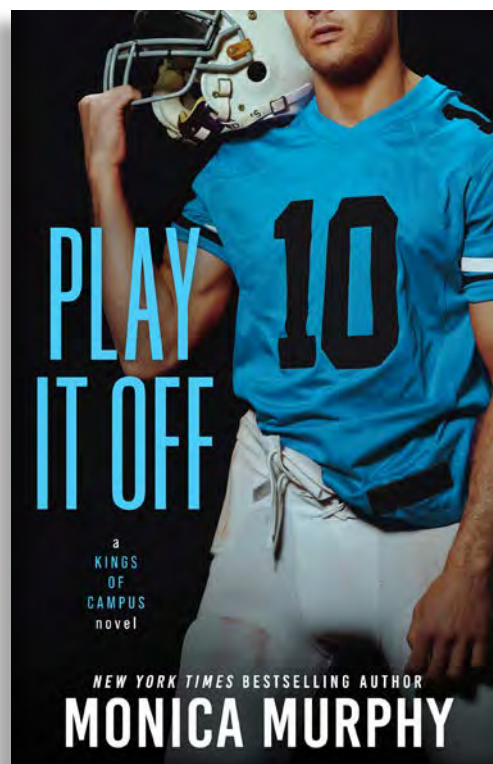
I've respected Sienna's boundaries for this long. I can do it for another year.

...Can't I?

About the Author

Monica Murphy is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of over sixty novels. She writes mostly contemporary, new adult, and young adult romance. Both traditionally and independently published, her work has been translated into more than ten languages.

Murphy lives in central California near Yosemite National Park with her husband, children, one dog, and four cats. When she's not writing, she's thinking about writing. Or reading. Or binge-watching something.



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All Languages

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Turkish

Falling for the Fake Lumberjack

Axes & Endzones Series Book 1

SARA NEY

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

A playful spin on the fake-identity trope, this romantic comedy features a football player pretending to be a lumberjack to impress a yoga instructor during his team's mandatory retreat, leading to hilarious mishaps and unexpected love.

NFL linebacker Harris Bennet can tackle anything. But, when his team's "relaxing" mandatory retreat lands him in Star Lake, Washington, he faces his most daunting challenge yet: convincing a gorgeous, charming yoga instructor that he is a lumberjack.

Lucy LeBrandy's life is complicated enough living above her parents' garage and teaching yoga to tourists without adding an impossibly hot "lumberjack" to the list, especially one who can't tell an axe from a hammer. But watching Harris fumble his way through woodsman basics—while nearly drowning, falling into trash cans, and scaling her house like a deranged Romeo—is oddly endearing.

Five days. That's all they have before Harris returns to his real life. Five days of pretending he knows power tools. Five days of trying not to fall for someone who's leaving. What could possibly go wrong?

Warning: one very determined fake lumberjack, multiple water-related disasters, a best friend who lives for the drama, parents who ship the couple harder than TikTok, and enough sexual tension to power a chain saw.

About the Author

Sara Ney is the *USA Today* bestselling author best known for her laugh-out-loud, sexy sports and contemporary romances. When she's not writing banter-filled love stories, she's scouring resale shops, planning her next travel adventure, or daydreaming about that fixer-upper in the French countryside.

A self-proclaimed "Cool Mom," Sara shares her home (and let's be honest—her Wi-Fi, hair masks, and clothes) with four young adults and the most nauseatingly romantic fiancé on the planet. The man does the dishes, plans cute date nights, and gazes at her as if she weren't occasionally unbearable. Pfft, as if. Sara thrives on the chaos—unless her favorite crewneck goes missing—and loves a good plot twist.



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All Languages

Fruit of the Flesh

I.V. OPHELIA

JANUARY 20, 2026

Behind the glamour of Gilded Age New York, a marriage of convenience between an artisan and a ballerina masks their shared appetite for revenge in this darkly seductive gothic romance.

In early 1900s New York, former ballerina Petronille De Villier makes an unconventional choice: Marry struggling sculptor Arkady Kamenev. For her, it's an escape from her family's unsavory legacy. For him, the De Villier name promises the patronage his art desperately needs. It should be a simple arrangement.

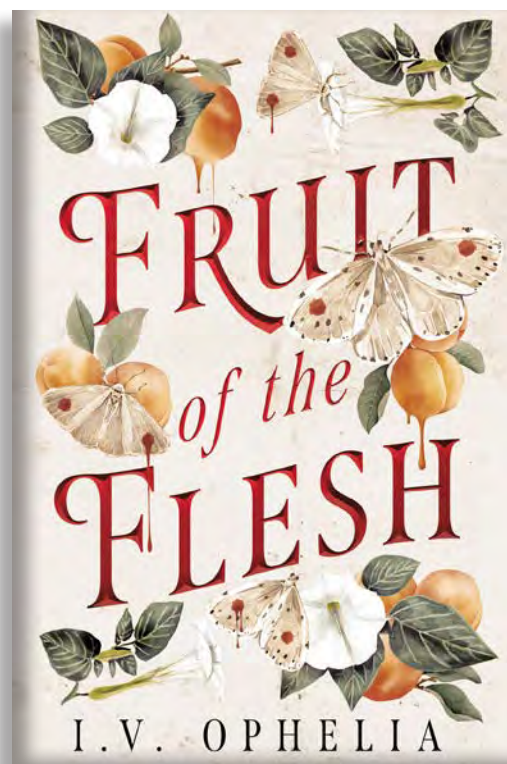
But beneath their marriage of convenience lurks a darker recognition. In each other, they see a reflection of their own dangerous appetites. As buried secrets surface and bodies begin disappearing, Petronille and Arkady discover their union runs deeper than social advantage. Their shared obsessions draw them into an intoxicating dance of predator and prey, though it's never quite clear who is which.

Bound by law, God, and blood, they must decide if their monstrous natures will tear them apart or forge them into something terribly wonderful together. In a world where nothing is quite what it seems, two creatures of shadow learn that true love requires a taste for the macabre.

About the Author

I.V. Ophelia is the author of *The Poisoner* and *The Arachnid* in the gothic vampire series *The Poisoner*. Born in small-town New England, she now haunts the streets of New York City, writing the most unhinged tales she can conjure. When not crafting gothic romance, she works as a full-time artist, hoards nineteenth-century gowns and antique furniture, dotes on her menagerie of pets, and plots her next literary transgression.

Discover more of her deliciously dark world at www.ivophelia.com.



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Romance

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All Languages

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German

Love You, Mean It

Blushing Series Book 2

LAURA PAVLOV

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

From *USA Today* bestselling author Laura Pavlov comes a story about found family and the power of acceptance, all wrapped up in a sizzling romance set in the frozen north.

My new landlord's a real hard-ass. *And I can't keep my hands off him.*

Charlie Huxley's the best—and grumpiest—general contractor in Blushing, Alaska. He built the venue for the wedding-planning business my bestie and I share. After I accidentally flood my home, he offers me his guesthouse while he handles the repairs. But when he starts to take charge, I feel myself losing control.

Unable to resist, we casually hook up. We both know once will never be enough.

Between us, we carry plenty of baggage. I've got the absent father, drunk mother, and estranged sister. He grew up in foster care and is single-handedly raising a daughter whose mom visits just once a year.

But Charlie makes me feel like I belong. And for the first time ever, I picture myself with a *real* family.

Before I go all in, I need to learn to set some boundaries. Question is: Am I strong enough?

About the Author

Laura Pavlov is best known for writing swoony, emotional stories with a side of angst and a dash of humor. A hopeless romantic at heart, she likes to take her characters on a journey that always leads to happily ever after. Pavlov is happily married to her college sweetheart and devoted to her two amazing kids who are now adulting. She's also a dog whisperer to one temperamental Yorkie and one wild Bernedoodle.

The author resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she is currently living her own happily ever after.



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All Languages

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German

Bluebird Gold

DEVNEY PERRY
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In this slow-burn romance from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Devney Perry, a small-town teacher and the local sheriff get caught up in passion, mystery, and a brutal Big Sky Country winter.

Dalton, Montana—1983.

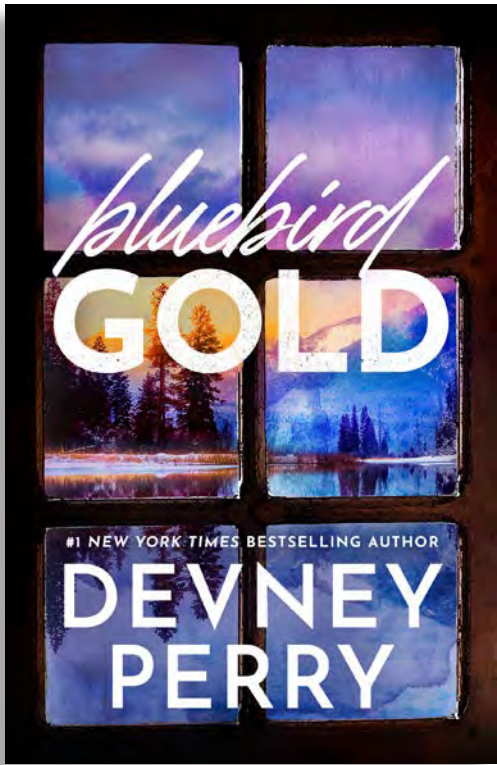
After her father's sudden death, Ilsa Poe returns to her hometown to get his affairs in order. Taking a job at the high school, she settles into the old family cabin for the time being, no intention of staying too long. It's simply a temporary means to an end.

Then she meets Sheriff Cosi Raynes, and Ilsa starts to wonder whether she should make her move permanent. He and his son could be the purpose she's been searching for, the answers to all her old doubts and pain. And maybe she could be what they need too.

But someone doesn't want Ilsa to find what she's looking for. Closure, peace, the truth about what really happened to her father—it all comes at a price. And as local legends intertwine with bona fide threats, Ilsa must make a choice. Is the cost of asking questions really worth her weight in gold...or her heart?

About the Author

Devney Perry is the #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and Amazon bestselling author of over fifty romance novels. After working in the technology industry for a decade, she abandoned conference calls and project schedules to pursue her passion for writing. Born and raised in Montana, she now lives in Washington with her husband and two sons.



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All Languages

Romance

Safe Haven

Triple Creek Ranch Series Book 1

KRISTEN PROBY

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

From *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Kristen Proby comes an emotional romance where two best friends reunite at Triple Creek Ranch, proving that home is where love finds its way.

Fifteen years ago, my best friend found salvation at the Triple Creek Ranch, transforming from an angry foster kid into a hockey legend. Now, with his adoptive father's death forcing him home, Ryker's trading his hockey stick for ranch life—and I'm not sure my heart can handle having him this close again.

I've spent the past decade raising my troubled nephew alone while building my career as an audiobook narrator. When my boy needs a fresh start, Ryker offers us sanctuary at the ranch. But living under the same roof with the man who's always owned my heart ignites feelings I've tried hard to bury.

Between helping manage a struggling ranch, watching my nephew find his way, and dealing with the shadows of Ryker's fame, we discover our connection is stronger than ever. But when threats from his past surface, we'll have to decide if our second chance is worth fighting for.

About the Author

Kristen Proby is the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of more than seventy titles. Making her publishing debut in 2012, she continues to captivate fans with spicy contemporary romances about families and friends, packed with plenty of swoony love. She also writes paranormal romances and recommends leaving the lights on while reading them.

When not under deadline, Kristen enjoys spending time with her husband and their fur babies, riding her bike, relaxing with embroidery, trying her hand at painting, and of course, enjoying her beautiful home in the mountains of Montana.



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All Languages

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It's been two years since Evie and Chase clawed their way out of the real-life horror movie that would define most people. They've finally moved on.

Or so they thought.

Evie's doing special effects for a new slasher film. Chase is preparing to open his own restaurant. But it's not work that's getting to them—it's each other. While Chase still has his heart-eyed sights set on Evie, she's got hers on the nearest exit. And she's dreaming up the best comeback to whatever annoying thing he says next.

So what if he saved her life? She's already kissed him more than enough times. They're even now, right?

But when fate (or some nefarious plot) forces them into the same living quarters, things between Evie and Chase go from lukewarm to red hot. Trouble is, their romantic rendezvous aren't as private as they think.

Someone's watching. And if they don't figure out who, their next brush with death could be their last.

About the Author

Trilina Pucci, a #1 Amazon and *USA Today* bestselling author, is a connoisseur of pop culture and Sanpellegrino, but her true passion lies in crafting tantalizing romantic novels that delve into the depths of desire, emotion, and hearty belly laughs.

When she's not penning steamy love stories, you'll find Trilina indulging in Netflix marathons and Korean dramas. To connect with the author and learn more about her work, follow her on Instagram (@authortrilinapucci), Facebook (<https://facebook.com/trilinapuccibooks>), TikTok (@authortrilinapucci), and BookBub (www.bookbub.com/authors/trilina-pucci).



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Romance

Love Grows Wild

WINTER RENSHAW

MARCH 24, 2026

From *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Winter Renshaw comes a heartfelt romance about a romance novelist and single mother who returns to her hometown and the brooding farmer seeking to buy her property.

After hitting a wall with both her writing and personal life, romance novelist Wren Jensen packs up her life and her five-year-old son Atticus for a fresh start in Colton Valley. The forty-acre farmhouse by the river seems perfect—a place to heal, write, and build a new life. But her slice of paradise comes with an unexpected complication: Hunter McCrae, her intensely private neighbor who'd been planning to buy her property for years.

As Wren settles into small-town life, she finds herself increasingly fascinated by the brooding farmer next door. Despite his initial coldness over losing the land he wanted, there's something about Hunter that sparks her creativity in ways she never expected. Soon, her red notebook fills with secret letters to him—words she'll never send but can't stop writing.

About the Author

Winter Renshaw is a *Wall Street Journal* and #1 Amazon bestselling author of contemporary romance novels that have sold nearly 5 million copies all over the world. An Iowa native and a graduate of Iowa State University, Winter still calls Iowa home, where she resides with her three children and an extremely spoiled dog.

Winter also writes psychological suspense under her Minka Kent pseudonym. Her debut, *The Memory Watcher*, hit #9 in the Kindle store and is currently being screen-adapted in South Korea. Her follow-up, *The Thinnest Air*, hit #1 in the Kindle store and spent five weeks as a *Washington Post* bestseller.

Over the years, her suspense work has been nominated for two International Thriller Writer awards and one Shirley Jackson award, mentioned by *The New York Post* and *People Magazine*, as well as optioned for film and television. Her novel, *Unmissing*, was adapted for Lifetime in 2024.



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All Languages

We Are the Match

MARY E. ROACH

JULY 29, 2025

Two women in love and in danger. Mob families at war. An explosive and enthralling contemporary reimagining of the Helen of Troy myth set against the splendor of the Grecian islands.

Paris is a fixer for mob families on the Grecian islands when a powerful crime lord hires her to investigate a bombing. Insinuating herself into Zarek's circle is the chance for revenge that Paris has been waiting for since she was a child. Years ago, Zarek wiped out everyone she loved. Now it's Paris's turn. Her target? Zarek's beautiful daughter, Helen.

Helen wants nothing more than to abandon the violent world in which she was raised—and worse, an arranged marriage to a man she barely knows. In Paris, Helen sees the perfect tool to help her escape. And in Helen, Paris sees a desperate woman who will be the perfect revenge. As the two work together to find the bomber, and their connection becomes increasingly intimate, Zarek's empire grows more fragile and their own bonds of loyalty and purpose are tested.

When murder sends them fleeing to Troy, danger only brings Paris and Helen closer together—in love, in fury, and in the will to survive. If Zarek wants a war, Paris and Helen are ready to ignite it.

About the Author

Mary E. Roach is a former teacher who now writes thrilling romances and romantic mysteries.

When she is not writing stories for and about powerful women, Mary enjoys running, teaching martial arts, and disappearing into the wilderness. Mary lives in Saint Paul with her wife and their very disagreeable cat, Lulu.



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Romance

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All Languages

Dating After the End of the World

JENEVA ROSE
OCTOBER 1, 2025

There's nothing like the undead to bring the living together in an action-packed and apocalyptically romantic genre-shattering novel by a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author.

Casey Pearson grew up with a doomsday-prepping father. At eighteen, tired of living an unconventional life, she left home, vowing never to return.

More than a decade later, a mysterious viral outbreak changes everything, including the people it infects, turning them into zombielike creatures. It's the end of the world, and no one saw it coming—well, except for Casey's father. With no place left to run and danger lurking around every corner, Casey is forced to return home.

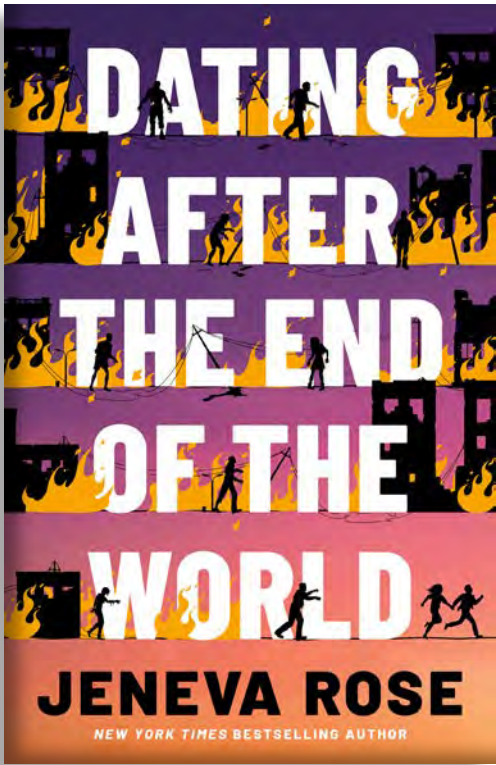
Upon arrival, she's surprised to find that her dad has hunkered down with a group of survivors, including her archnemesis, Blake Morrison, the high school bully who made Casey's teenage years a living hell.

While struggling to live on the compound, face outside threats, and survive alongside her handsome enemy, Casey will learn that although the world has ended, hers is just beginning.

About the Author

Jeneva Rose is the *New York Times* and Amazon #1 bestselling author of several novels, including the multimillion-copy bestseller *The Perfect Marriage*. Her work has been translated into more than two dozen languages and optioned for film and TV. She lives in Wisconsin with her husband, Drew, and her English bulldogs, Winston and Phyllis.

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All Languages

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German

The Slow Burn

ALI ROSEN

JANUARY 27, 2026

From the bestselling author of *Unlikely Story* comes a warm, witty novel about a chef whose unexpected summer in Italy turns messier and richer than any recipe she ever would've planned.

Between a breakup and a burned-down restaurant, there's nothing left in New York for Kit Roth except the ashes of her success.

Needing distance and distraction, she agrees to work for her best friend's pasta-making nonna in the Italian countryside. But instead of providing a quiet sabbatical to eat up time while her kitchen is rebuilt, the small town of Manciano keeps pulling Kit into its rituals and rhythms. And before long, it shows her everything she's been missing. Simpler cooking, community...and Nico Ruspoli, an olive oil producer with his own scorched past. But with Kit determined to leave after three months, and Nico rooted to his grove, their growing chemistry is at odds with what they both want for their future.

Yet with each passing week, Kit finds herself measuring less and tasting more. And when it's time to go back to her life in New York, she doesn't know what—or who—she's willing to leave behind.

About the Author

Ali Rosen is the bestselling author of four novels, including the Amazon Editors pick *Unlikely Story*, described in a starred review by *Kirkus* as "a swoonworthy romance reminiscent of a Nora Ephron movie."

Aside from escaping into fictional worlds, Rosen is also the Emmy Award- and James Beard Award-nominated host of *Potluck with Ali Rosen* on NYC Life, as well as the author of three cookbooks, including the bestselling *15 Minute Meals*. She has been featured everywhere from *The Today Show* to *The New York Times* and has written for *Bon Appétit*, *The Washington Post*, and *New York* magazine.

Rosen is originally from Charleston, South Carolina, but now lives in New York City with her husband, three kids, and rescue dog. She can usually be found wandering the Union Square Greenmarket or curled up in a chair reading a romance novel.

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All Languages

A Beginner's Guide to Forever

KENDALL RYAN

AUGUST 5, 2025

Opposites attract in this hopeful, globe-trotting romance from *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Kendall Ryan.

Alessia Moore, a thirty-seven-year-old powerhouse at the helm of a nonprofit in Nairobi, is tirelessly working to build a school for girls. Professionally, she's thriving, attracting investors to support her mission. But her love life is nonexistent, and she's starting to wonder if *the one* even exists for her.

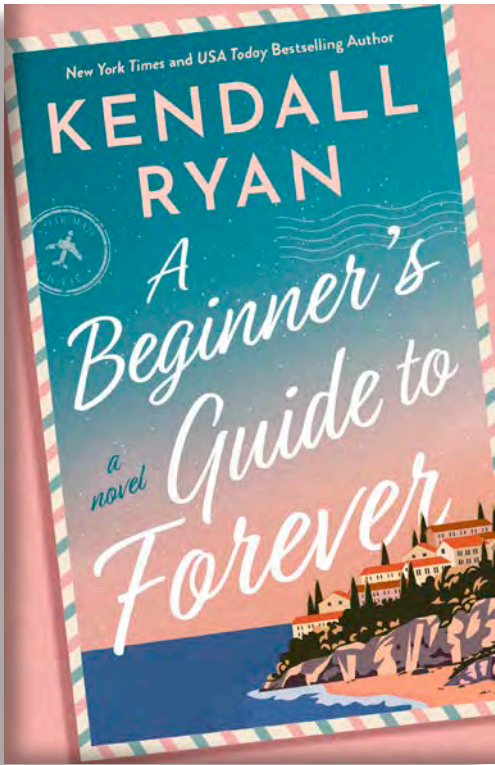
When she meets Hart Winthrop, the twenty-five-year-old son of a billionaire investor poised to support her foundation, she's unprepared for the pull she feels. Hart is confident, intelligent, and charming. But there are issues—he's too young for her, and getting involved with him could jeopardize everything she's worked for.

As fate takes them across the globe—from glamorous cities to hidden corners of the world—what begins as a forbidden fling grows into something neither of them expected, leaving Alessia to wonder...Should she break her own rules for a chance at something real?

About the Author

Kendall Ryan is a *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author of contemporary romance novels. Her titles include *Playing for Keeps*, *The Boyfriend Effect*, and *The Rival*, among many others. Ryan's books have been translated into several languages, selling millions of copies worldwide. Publications such as *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *In Touch Weekly* have also featured her work. Kendall lives in Texas with her husband and two sons.

To learn more about the author, please visit her website at www.kendallryanbooks.com.



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All Languages

How Not to Fall in Love

The Kings Series Book 3

KARLA SORENSEN

APRIL 14, 2026

A bad boy NFL star meets his match in a feisty small-town good girl in a sweet, steamy, and emotional novel about second chances and breaking the rules of romance.

Between running an animal shelter, raising my ten-year-old son, and taking care of my grandfather I have zero time for complications. Too bad the universe didn't get the memo. Because a big one just crashed into my life.

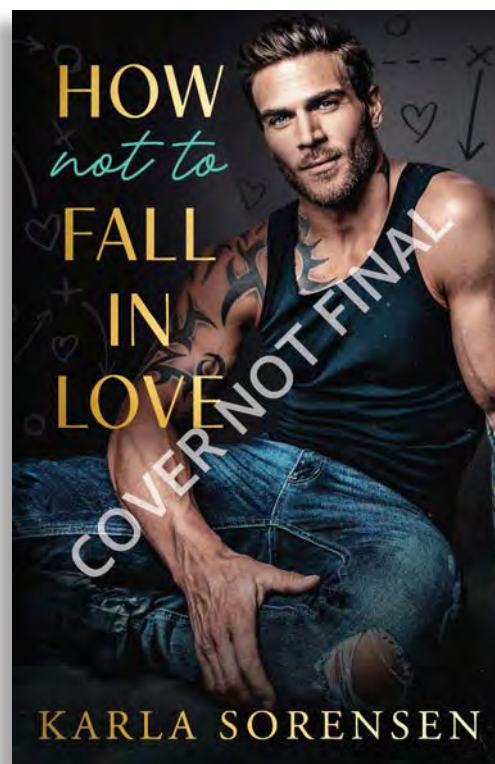
More precisely, my shelter. Damage courtesy of towering scandal-prone NFL quarterback Archer Evans sentenced to fifty hours of community service under my supervision. His bad decisions aside, I'm trying not to be judgy. I'm sure Archer has personal problems of his own and the last thing he needs is a small-town dog rescuer seeing the vulnerable man beneath all that muscle. Though I am tempted to take a peek.

Not that I'd cave. Archer would never even make it to date three of my eight-date rule. Too rich. Too successful. Too arrogant. To say he's a challenge to my safe approach to romance is an understatement.

But the walls around Archer are starting to fall. So am I. This feels suspiciously like love. Hey, I made the rules. If I'm willing to take the risk, I can break them.

About the Author

Karla Sorensen is a #1 Amazon bestselling author who refuses to read or write anything without a happily ever after. When she's not reading or avoiding laundry, you can find her watching football (British and American), HGTV, or listening to Enneagram podcasts so she can psychoanalyze everyone in her life, in no particular order of importance. With a degree in advertising and public relations from Grand Valley State University, she made her living in senior health care prior to writing full-time. Karla lives in Michigan with her husband, two boys, and a big, shaggy rescue dog named Bear. For more information, visit www.karlasorensen.com.



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All Languages

Single Dad Dilemma

The Kings Series Book 2

KARLA SORENSEN

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

A gruff, divorced NFL coach meets his match in an equally grumpy, commitment-phobic neighbor in this warm-hearted and witty romance about family, second chances, and overcoming the past.

You'd think it was the perfect setup: living next door to the grumpy single dad who needs my help with his troublemaking kids—just until football season is over. Swoony stuff, right?

You know who's not swooning? *Me*.

I'm as grumpy as he is, and I'm fairly certain that for NFL Coach Barrett King, it was hate at first sight. It's nothing I'll lose sleep over because 1) the feeling is mutual, and 2) I'm not a people person. Just me and my dog, Larry, moving around when the mood strikes, is what I prefer.

Except I start getting attached. First to the kids. Then to their father. I don't know why. He's overbearing. His attempts at flirting are just growls and glares. But if I ever see that man smile...well, I might tear all his clothes off.

I don't do forever. And Barrett—serious, thoughtful, sexier than he has any right to be—doesn't do short term. We're headed straight for disaster.

But it we're willing to take a risk, maybe this story won't end in heartbreak. Maybe what started as the perfect setup for two imperfect people just might end in love.

About the Author

Karla Sorensen is a #1 Amazon bestselling author who refuses to read or write anything without a happily ever after. When she's not reading or avoiding laundry, you can find her watching football (British and American), HGTV, or listening to Enneagram podcasts so she can psychoanalyze everyone in her life, in no particular order of importance. With a degree in advertising and public relations from Grand Valley State University, she made her living in senior health care prior to writing full-time. Karla lives in Michigan with her husband, two boys, and a big, shaggy rescue dog named Bear. For more information, visit www.karlasorensen.com.



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All Superheroes Need Photo Ops

Supers in the City Series Book 2

ELIZABETH STEPHENS

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

A swooning photographer and a double-crossing superhero come together with electrifying chemistry in an out-of-this-world romantic comedy by the author of *All Superheroes Need PR*.

From the moment forty-eight alien superheroes crash-landed on Earth, photographer Monika Neumann had a favorite. She's been crushing on the literally electrifying Taranis ever since she saw the cutie crawling out of his pod. Unfortunately, his popularity isn't exactly crackling these days. He could use an image boost.

Monika is in. One right photo op and she'll put her ridiculously hot lightning-bolt-wielding hero back in the public's favor. The best part is, the mission will bring her closer to Taranis. She's already looking forward to the sparks. Monika never imagined there'd be a worst part: an accidental recording that reveals Taranis could be more villain than hero. In fact, her pretty golden boy can get kind of ugly.

Going all 007 and spying on Taranis isn't the adventure in romance and derring-do she expected. Can she trust him? Doubtful. Can she resist him? No way. Is she ready to risk everything on a shimmering champion with the power to zap her heart in two? Well, yeah.

About the Author

Elizabeth Stephens is the author of *All Superheroes Need PR* in the Supers in the City series and often gets lost in places that don't exist. With a growing backlist of over fifteen titles, her work is best known for diverse casts, tough heroines, wacky world-building, and villains—or beasts—who get the girl in guaranteed happily ever afters. When she isn't tip-tap-typing away, you might find her enjoying the outdoors of the Pacific Northwest or traveling and making adventures of her own with her husband, tiny humans, and doggo, King Louis. For more information, visit www.booksbyelizabeth.com.

Praise for Elizabeth Stephens

"Finally, my God! Elizabeth Stephens is the Blerd of my dreams!! This novel is a fizzy, fast-talking takedown of celebrity culture, fandom, and the fine print of heroism—with enough heat to melt vibranium. Stephens delivers an absolutely swoony, steamy love letter to the power of reinvention." —**Nikki Payne, author of *Pride and Protest***

"The book we need, the writer we need, the hero we need, the new series we absolutely need! *All Superheroes Need PR* is unique, and fantastical, and funny, and so sexy it's absolutely on fire! It brought me places where I desperately needed to go, it gave me everything I wanted and more, and it healed the part of me that has been sad since the Beast turned into a human. I want a million more novels set in this universe! Elizabeth Stephens is a jaw dropping talent, and I'm in awe of her mind!" —**Ali Hazelwood, *New York Times* bestselling author**

"You are *not* prepared for Roland and Vanessa. Bro sees her and is like 'I am obsessed and *mad* about it, but also, what if I kidnapped you? Oh, that's not socially acceptable? I *guess* I'll contractually bind you to be Lois Lane to my (grouchy, flame-filled, violent) Superman! Also, I'll call you my *wife, real fast*! I LOVED THIS BOOK!" —**Katee Robert, *New York Times* bestselling author**



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The Sky Beneath Her

MARY ELLEN TAYLOR

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From the author of *The Brighter the Light* comes a spellbinding tale of survival that spans generations, weaving together the fates of two women marked by the mysterious Oceanus shipwreck—one escaping war-torn Austria in 1942, the other diving into her family’s secrets in present-day North Carolina.

Seven years after her mother vanished during a dive to the legendary Oceanus shipwreck, Tula Cassidy returns to the Outer Banks to clear out a mysterious beach house, determined to keep her vow never to touch salt water again.

But inside the flat-top cottage, she discovers a manuscript that pulls her into the story of Gertrude Werner, a desperate woman fleeing Nazi-controlled Vienna aboard the doomed Oceanus in 1942. As German U-boats stalk the Carolina coast, Gertrude’s survival hinges on the enigmatic Dr. Brooks—a man whose secrets will echo through generations to shape Tula’s own destiny.

When dive instructor Nathan Rogan reawakens both old wounds and new desires, Tula finds herself drawn back to the shipwreck she fears most. As she unravels her family’s hidden connection to the Oceanus, she discovers that like the ocean itself, some secrets have a power all their own—and they’re ready to surface.

About the Author

A southerner by birth, Mary Ellen Taylor has a love for her home state of Virginia that is evident in her contemporary women’s fiction. When she’s not writing, she spends time baking, hiking, and cycling.



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Sweet Little Hearts

SHANORA WILLIAMS

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From *New York Times* bestselling author Shanora Williams comes a deeply heartfelt romance about the tragedies that put our lives on hold—and the love that makes us want to start again.

Javier Valdez hasn't had much luck with nannies, and he can't imagine this one will be any different. Octavia Klein is all sass to his stoicism, free spirit to his hard work. But he's a widower, and with a career in the NBA, he can't keep doing this alone.

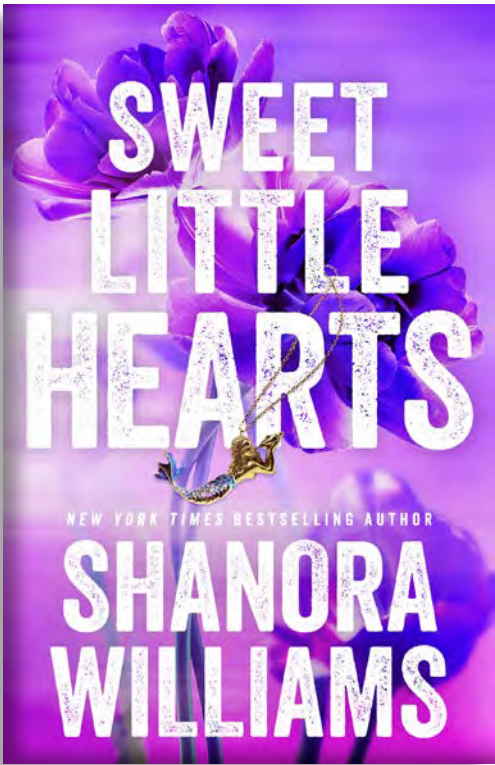
Despite Javier's reservations, Octavia turns out to be the best thing for his four-year-old daughter...and for him. But he's reluctant to admit it. Javier swore off love after his wife died, and Octavia has her own reasons for avoiding relationships.

As their bond deepens far past professionalism or even friendship, it's hard to deny the crackling tension of something more. They're both toeing lines they said they wouldn't cross—and when their pasts come rushing back, there's no telling which way they'll fall.

With old wounds reopened, can Javier and Octavia overcome the pain once again? Or will their future together become just another scar?

About the Author

Shanora Williams is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author known for her versatile voice, diverse characters, and high-stakes love stories. When she isn't writing, she's deep in family life, binge-watching her favorite shows, working out, or getting cozy with a book. She lives near Charlotte, North Carolina with her husband and three sons.



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Romance

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A Curse of Ashes

The Eye of the Goddess Series Book 3

SARIAH WILSON

DECEMBER 16, 2025

A princess must choose between her heart and her destiny as ancient magic and the fate of two nations hang in the balance in this breathtaking conclusion to the Eye of the Goddess trilogy by USA Today bestselling author Sariah Wilson.

Princess Lia of Locris is the unlikely person to be Ilion's defender. Once, she'd have gladly seen the entire adversarial nation burn. But much has changed. Ilion is home to too many innocents, including her sister. Besides, there is no escaping the goddess's command. Lia is Ilion's prophesied savior.

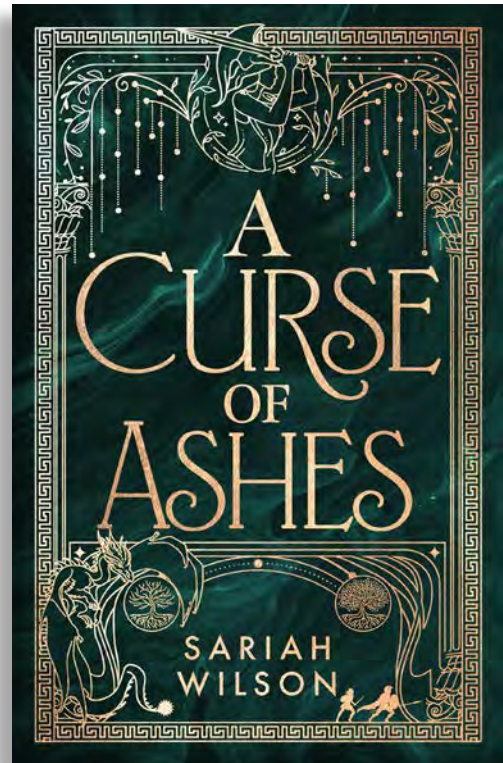
With that mortal obligation come rules: She must never consummate her marriage to Xander, prince of Ilion, lest she lose her powers of divine magic when she needs them most. Physically bonded to share each other's pain, these former enemies have grown from merely attracted to something more profound. But what future can they have when Lia's destiny requires sacrificing her life?

As enemies close in and war threatens everything they love, Lia and Xander must find a way to follow the goddess's laws while also accepting the truth in their hearts—before the prophecy demands its final, fatal price.

About the Author

Sariah Wilson is the *USA Today* bestselling author of more than two dozen romantic fantasy and contemporary romance novels, including *A Tribute of Fire* and *A Vow of Embers* in the Eye of the Goddess series, *The Chemistry of Love*, and *Roommaid*. She happens to be madly, passionately in love with her soulmate and is a fervent believer in happily ever afters—which is why she writes romance. She currently lives with her family and various pets in Utah, and harbors a lifelong devotion to ice cream.

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Falling Overboard

SARIAH WILSON

MARCH 18, 2025

Forbidden love on the sun-kissed Mediterranean. Regardless of the risks, it's easy to get swept away in a breathtaking romance by Sariah Wilson, the *USA Today* bestselling author of *Hypnotized by Love*.

Lucky Salerno's dream is to own a bakery. To earn enough money to achieve it, she has secured a lucrative job as chief stewardess on a superyacht cruising the Mediterranean. Aboard the ship, there's one unbreakable rule: no hookups among the crew. No problem. The last thing Lucky has time for is a man. Then she meets Hunter Smith, the gorgeous new deckhand sharing her cabin. Is the universe *trying* to test her willpower?

Who needs the drama that comes with a relationship? Not Hunter. Who can ignore a witty, beautiful bunkmate like Lucky? Also not Hunter. There's something just as enticing for Lucky: a tantalizing mystery behind Hunter's piercing blue eyes she can't wait to solve. But at what risk?

As they get to know each other, a secret romance buds at sea, and Lucky has to choose. Abide by the rules to make her career dreams come true, or pursue her love for Hunter—another dream that's just as near to her heart.

About the Author

Sariah Wilson is the *USA Today* bestselling author of more than two dozen contemporary romance and romantic fantasy novels, including *A Tribute of Fire*, *The Chemistry of Love*, and *Roommaid*. She happens to be madly, passionately in love with her soulmate and is a fervent believer in happily ever afters—which is why she writes romance.

She currently lives with her family and various pets in Utah, and harbors a lifelong devotion to ice cream. For more information, visit her at www.sariahwilson.com.

Praise for Sariah Wilson

"A fun and engaging book that's easy to devour in a single sitting... Simply put read this book, it was romcom escapism perfection." — ***Harlequin Junkie* (top pick)**



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Romance

First Witches Club

MAISEY YATES

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When three betrayed wives stumble into a magical apothecary shop, they discover that revenge is sweet—but finding true love and their own power is even sweeter—in this witty, romantic novel about second chances from *New York Times* bestselling author Maisey Yates.

Nora, Daisy, and Soraya think their marriages are just fine. Until their husbands prove them wrong.

Nora's says he needs distance and flits off to a wellness retreat in Chile. Daisy's confesses to an affair with someone younger. And Soraya's sends her a pic of that special part of himself—meant for another woman. At a loss for what to do, they follow their intuition right into Lady's Mantle Apothecary.

As they embrace their untapped magic, their fortunes begin changing fast. Getting even with their exes is satisfying, but the real magic happens when they start opening their hearts to new possibilities. Nora discovers that true love might have been right in front of her all along in the form of her childhood best friend. Daisy finds herself falling for her ex-husband's handsome business partner, a former TV star who sees the real her. And Soraya, who never dated before marriage, experiences an unexpected attraction to the mysterious owner of the game shop across the hall.

With the help of an enigmatic shopkeeper, these three women discover that the best revenge isn't just about hexes and karma—it's about finding your own path to love, friendship, and claiming your power. And that is positively magical.

About the Author

Maisey Yates is the *New York Times* bestselling author of over one hundred romance novels, including *Happy After All*, *Cruel Summer*, and the Four Corners series. Whether she's writing strong, hard-working cowboys, dissolute princes, or multigenerational family stories, she loves getting lost in fictional worlds.

An avid knitter with a dangerous yarn addiction and an aversion to housework, Maisey lives with her husband and three kids in rural Oregon. For more information, visit www.maiseyyates.com.



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Science Fiction & Fantasy

The Bleeding Woods

BRITTANY AMARA

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In this chilling debut horror novel, a young woman discovering dangerous new powers finds herself lost in the Appalachian Mountains with her first love, the sister she betrayed, and an infatuated stranger bound to her telepathically as a string of vicious murders taints the woods red.

Clara Lovecroft didn't mean to kill her parents. She was fourteen when it happened. Something inside her had awoken, something terrible and dangerous that Clara's kept at bay with pills ever since. Not that her sister, Jade, will ever forgive her for what happened. Not that Clara will ever forgive herself.

Nearly a decade later, on the anniversary of their parents' deaths, Clara joins Jade, their childhood friend, Grayson, and his younger brother, Joey, on a weekend getaway to repair their broken relationship. The spontaneous road trip stalls when their car breaks down, stranding them in Blackstone Forest—a place deeper and darker than anyone can imagine. Here, the forest whispers, and within its haunting foliage, a strange man waits for Clara among the trees, their destinies rooted in death.

He would die for Clara. In fact, he would *kill* for her.

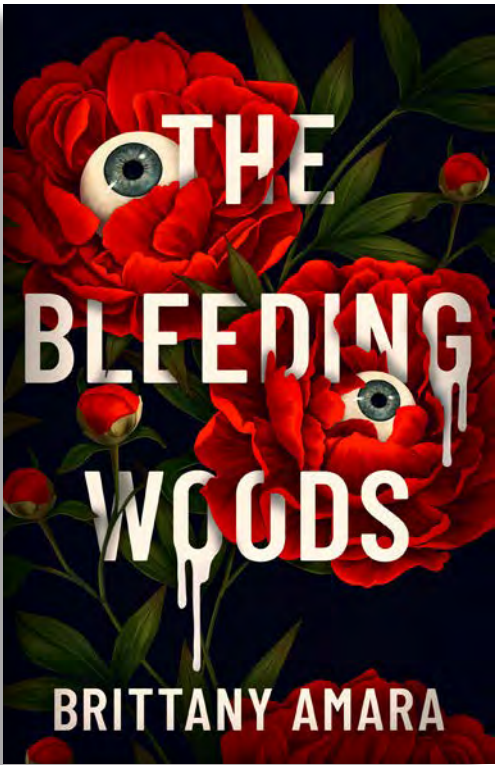
Before the weekend is over, blood will spill in Blackstone Forest. When it does, Clara will have to face the irresistible stranger in all his terrifying glory. She'll also discover the truth about their shared pasts. Like the forest itself, it's monstrous.

About the Author

Brittany Amara is an author, screenwriter, actress, and model with a passion for science fiction and fantasy that ventures beyond space and time. She loves writing about curious aliens, morally gray protagonists, other dimensions, rifts in reality, and all things playfully wicked. When she's not working on something new, Brittany can be found stargazing, collecting stuffed animals, and baking pumpkin bread.

Brittany grew up in Bronx, New York, and graduated summa cum laude from SUNY New Paltz in 2021 with a degree in digital media production, creative writing, and theater arts. In 2024 she furthered her storytelling journey at Queen's University Belfast. Since then, her work in various genres has been recognized by film festivals and writing competitions across the globe.

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A Single Captive Spark

Rise of the Firebird Series Book 1

EMBERLY ASH

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For fans of Callie Heart’s *Quicksilver* and Raven Kennedy, this is the first in a dark romantasy duology. Set in a world inspired by Irish folklore embroiled in a war between changelings and their human overlord, a female prisoner must strike a deal with an enemy faction for her freedom—only to find herself falling for a rebel leader.

For ten years, Fionna has served in the Irskan court, walking a knife’s edge to keep her and her sister safe. Every move is a careful calculation. Steal a magical apple from the king’s orchard, but keep the princess she serves happy. Maintain her position in the palace, but ensure she doesn’t attract attention. Be careful and cunning; one day, she will buy herself and her sister freedom beyond Irska’s cursed shores.

Fionna has no stake in the centuries-long battle between humans and changelings, beyond escaping the danger it brings. Until the cruel, changeling rebel Helio kidnaps her from behind palace walls and shatters her fragile quest for freedom. Those who are taken by changelings do not return. Desperate, Fionna makes a deal—her aid to the changeling rebels in exchange for their help in getting herself and her sister out of Irska forever.

What Fionna doesn’t count on is Helio himself—brutal, magnetic, and possessed of forbidden magic that calls to her own power. As their deadly game of cat and mouse evolves into something far more dangerous, Fionna discovers that pain and pleasure are two sides of the same coin. And, in Helio’s world, every spark between them could ignite a fire that consumes them both.

About the Author

Emberly Ash stole her first romance novel off her mom’s bookshelf at the age of ten and never looked back. The author of 12 romance books under her first pen name, Emberly craved something darker and steamier—enter the world of fantasy romance.

Her books are dark, twisty, and not for the faint of heart. In the real world, she manages a fire-breathing four-year-old and a grumpy mage of a husband. But you’ll most often find her in her hot-pink writing cave, dreaming up your next book boyfriend. Spoiler alert: he’s fae.



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A House Between Sea and Sky

BETH CATO

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In 1920s California, two people in need of healing find strange refuge in a house with a mind of its own in an enthralling, cozy fantasy by the author of *A Thousand Recipes for Revenge*.

Grieving Hollywood writer Fayette Wynne arrives in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1926 to finish her latest project in peace. All alone, save for the preternatural sourdough starter her family has nurtured for years, Fayette is also resentful. The proven healing powers of the bread made with her starter were insufficient to save her beloved mother. For Fayette, it's time to try and push past the pain and anger and move on.

Then, during a violent storm, Fayette saves rising star Rex Hallstrom during a moment of crisis. Their shelter: a peculiar cliffside house, its door flung open as if beckoning them. Sentient, curious, and lonely, it recognizes in Fayette a unique magic even older than its own.

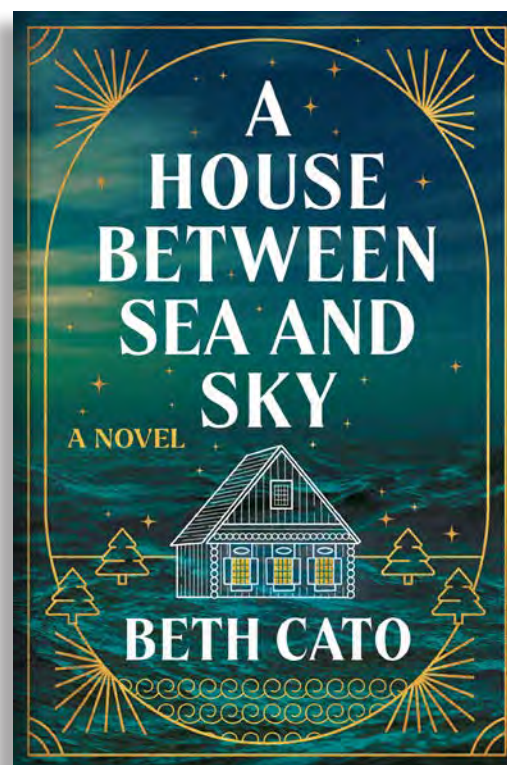
In the days that follow, as a friendship grows between Fayette and Rex, they discover local legends surrounding the isolated house: It appeared in the span of a single night, its cursed origins said to be Hell itself. But for two souls who need to move forward, it provides unexpected comfort and hope. In fact, Fayette and Rex have never felt more alive. Neither has the house, whose mysteries are unending and whose wicked history may be too powerful to ignore.

About the Author

Beth Cato is the Nebula Award–nominated author of the Clockwork Dagger series, the Blood of Earth trilogy, and the Chefs of the Five Gods series. Her short stories and poetry can be found in hundreds of publications, including *Fantasy Magazine*, *Escape Pod*, *Uncanny Magazine*, and the *Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*.

Beth hails from Hanford, California, but currently writes and bakes cookies in a Minnesota home that she shares with her husband, son, and two feline overlords.

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Tea & Alchemy

SHARON LYNN FISHER

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A tea leaf reader in nineteenth-century England falls in love—and in danger—with a reclusive alchemist in an enthralling historical fantasy by the author of *Salt & Broom* and *Grimm Curiosities*.

Cornwall, 1854. The people of Roche have always whispered about the recluse in the black granite tower that looms above the moorland. But one young woman is driven to discover the truth behind the old tales.

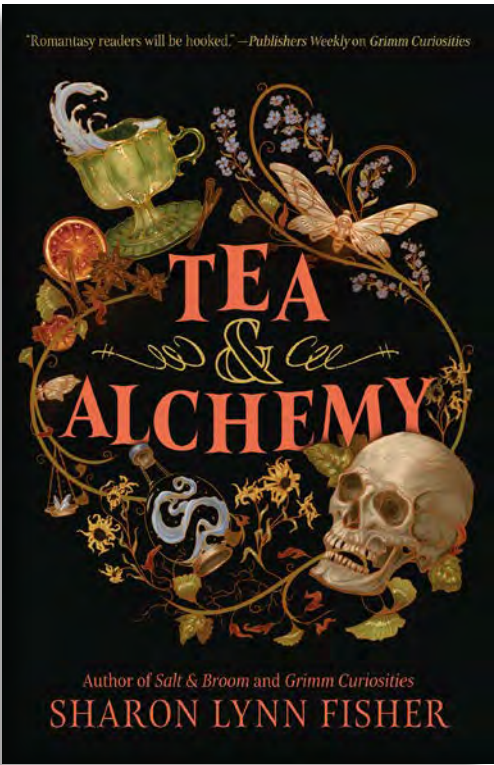
Her life overshadowed by family tragedy, Mina Penrose escapes her lonely days by working at The Magpie, a cozy tearoom on the village's edge. Lately she's been seeing shapes in the sodden leaves that hint at the future. After one such omen, Mina stumbles upon a murdered man on the heath. Villagers immediately suspect Harker Tregarrick, a living, breathing mystery who never ventures beyond the bounds of his centuries-old estate.

Until the day after the murder, when the handsome and compelling recluse visits The Magpie...leading to a meeting that will change both their fates. Captivated by a man around whom danger and rumors of death swirl, Mina has never felt more alive. Can she uncover Harker's heartbreaking history—and the truth about the murder—before tragedy strikes again?

About the Author

Sharon Lynn Fisher is the author of *Grimm Curiosities*, *Salt & Broom*, and many other novels and short stories set in lush, romantic, and atmospheric worlds. Sharon lives in the Pacific Northwest woods outside Seattle, where she spends her free time looking for fairies and mushrooms. She's married to her beta reader and is mom to two teens, an orange cat, and a handful of chickens.

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The People's Library

VERONICA G. HENRY

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From the #1 Amazon charts bestselling author of *The Canopy Keepers* comes an electric techno-fantasy in which a reluctant librarian must unravel the mysteries of *The People's Library*—a digital collection of human consciousness—before a dangerous anti-technology revolution rewrites humanity's future.

Echo London never wanted to be the curator of The People's Library. But, when she's assigned to be the head librarian of this digital collection of human consciousness, she takes on maintaining and curating humanity's greatest minds, each of whom have been re-created through controversial consciousness-capture technology. With it, visitors can interact with the dead historical figures.

When an anti-technology rebellion violently erupts, Echo receives a chilling message from a mysterious woman.

It all begins with nothing.

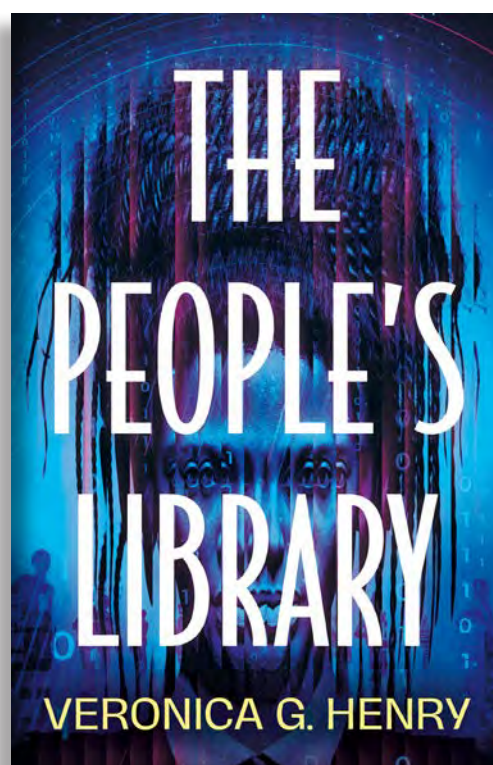
Suddenly, Echo's job becomes a labyrinth of secrets and shadows. The People's Library may be less of a promise of things to come than a warning of the dangers that lurk beneath the surface. As resistance grows, Echo must uncover the truth buried in the library's digital stacks. In this brave new world, the line between preserving the past and controlling the future has never been thinner.

About the Author

Veronica G. Henry is the author of *The Canopy Keepers*, the first book in The Scorched Earth series; *Bacchanal*; and, in the Mambo Reina series, *The Quarter Storm* and *The Foreign Exchange*. Her work has debuted at #1 on multiple Amazon bestseller charts and was chosen as an editors' pick for Best African American Fantasy.

She is a Viable Paradise alum and a member of SFWA and CWoC (Crime Writers of Color). Her stories have appeared in the *Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, *Many Worlds*, and *FIYAH* literary magazine.

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The Shattered King

The Shattered King Series Book 1

CHARLIE N. HOLMBERG

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

A captive healer and a mysterious prince are drawn to each other in the midst of war and magic in a beguiling dark fantasy by *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Charlie N. Holmberg.

The kingdom of Cansere is on the brink of war. Young men are conscripted from their homes, and a royal decree from the queen has made healing the only legal form of craftlock. Nym, a healer and beekeeper, is the sole provider for her family of seven now that her younger brother has been sent to the war front. But when a letter comes from the queen, summoning Nym to the palace to heal Prince Renn, the kingdom's ailing shut-in, Nym finds herself making the tumultuous journey from her family's apiary to the capital city. Nym is determined to fail the queen's mission and return to her younger siblings as soon as she can.

But escaping the castle's hold isn't as easy as failing a simple test. Prince Renn is cold and distant, and his illness is like nothing Nym has ever seen before, nothing she could ever imagine treating. In a moment of connection with Prince Renn, Nym manages to remedy the faintest symptom of his ailment—only to discover that no healer before has made such progress. Forced to become the prince's official healer and a ward of the castle, and with her only hope of returning to her family hinging on the prince's recovery, Nym must navigate the castle's cruel and twisted court and uncover the haunting truth behind Prince Renn's illness—even as she finds herself irrevocably drawn to him.

The follow-up *The Half-Hearted Queen* will be released in Spring 2026.

About the Author

Charlie N. Holmberg is a *Wall Street Journal* and Amazon Charts bestselling author of fantasy and romance fiction, including *The Hanging City*, *Star Mother*, the Paper Magician series, the Spellbreaker series, and the Whimbrel House series, and she writes contemporary romance under C. N. Holmberg.

She is published in more than twenty languages; has been a finalist for the ALA awards, the Goodreads Choice Awards, and multiple Whitney Awards; and won the 2020 Whitney Award for Novel of the Year: Adult Fiction. Born in Salt Lake City, Charlie was raised a Trekkie alongside three sisters who also have boy names. She is a BYU alumna, plays the ukulele, and owns too many pairs of glasses. She currently lives with her family in Utah.

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The Moorwitch

JESSICA KHOURY

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In this spellbinding romantic fantasy set amid the twisted world of fairies, a young witch caught in a wicked bargain with the fae must become a governess for an enigmatic young laird in his crumbling Scottish estate in order to save her dying magic and escape the clutches of her controlling fae handler.

Rose Pryor knows better than most: every spell woven comes at a cost. As a Weaver skilled in spinning spells with thread and needle, Rose has built a quiet life teaching young witches their craft. She is finally far from the abusive home she fled and the sinister bargain she struck with Lachlan, a dangerous fae who helped her escape. But, Rose harbors a secret. Each spell she teaches her students to weave is slowly killing her.

When Lachlan returns to collect Rose's debt, Rose must embark on an impossible quest across the Scottish moors to find an ancient gateway to the faerie realm. Her only chance at survival lies in fulfilling their bargain. Yet along the way she meets Conrad, a brooding young laird whose crumbling estate holds as many secrets as her own heart and whose soul might be just as lonely. Alongside working as a governess to Conrad's rebellious younger sister, Rose searches for the elusive gateway. In the misty highlands where magic and reality blur, Rose must choose: honor the pact with the dark fae or risk losing her powers, at the price of losing a man she might love.

About the Author

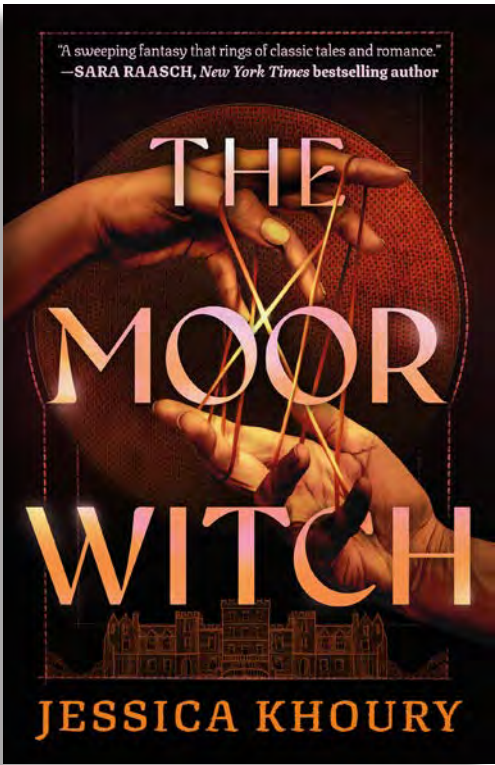
Jessica Khoury is the author of several award-nominated books for teens and young readers, and her work has been translated into over a dozen languages worldwide. *The Moorwitch* is her first novel for adults. Jess comes from a family of Scottish and Syrian-Palestinian immigrants and currently lives in Greenville, South Carolina, with her husband and daughters. She spends her free time hiking in the mountains, playing video games, and sketching new characters for future stories.

You can visit her online at www.jessicakhoury.com.

Praise for Jessica Khoury

"The Moorwitch weaves a spell as vivid as the magic within its pages. Prepare for a sweeping fantasy that rings of classic tales, mystical realms, and sweet romance, all threaded into one enchanting tapestry." —**Sara Raasch, New York Times bestselling co-author of *Night of the Witch***

"Breathtaking in both romance and magic, this is a must-read!" —**Beth Revis, New York Times bestselling co-author of *Night of the Witch***



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The Final System

ANTHONY TARDIFF

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The lives of a young vigilante seeking justice for his sister and a beautiful politician entrenched in the very system he wants to take down collide in this action-packed sci-fi thriller. Think *Ready Player One* meets *Minority Report*.

Rich with political intrigue and societal themes, the story follows Jason, a vigilante determined to avenge his sister by freeing humanity from AI's control, and Chloe, a young politician entrenched in the very system he wants to take down, whose lives cross paths in the fallout of a rebel attack.

The Final System tackles thought-provoking themes like AI anxiety, data privacy concerns, and the struggle for human autonomy in an increasingly digital world, perfectly blending these themes with action and heart.

About the Author

Anthony Tardiff is an academic librarian who is fascinated by the Information Age tensions between security and privacy, and information and disinformation, and by the way technology is changing our world in ways foreseen and unforeseen.

When not writing, he can be found dabbling in music or engaging in virtual reality dogfights. He lives with the love of his life and a rabble of rowdy, reading rugrats in the beautiful Inland Northwest.



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The Glass Slide World

The Naturalist Society Series Book 2

CARRIE VAUGHN

OCTOBER 7, 2025

Award-winning author Carrie Vaughn's sequel to *The Naturalist Society* follows a young scientist unlocking her magical abilities amid a high-seas adventure filled with international intrigue.

The year is 1902, and the world is changing with the new century. Twenty-one-year-old Ava Stanley, the daughter of two celebrated Arcane Taxonomists, has much to live up to—however scarce her magical abilities may be.

While her parents draw power from spectacular birds and megafauna, Ava's connection to the natural world is much smaller, stemming from the microscopic. This is useful in her quest to become a doctor, as she studies the burgeoning links between bacteria and disease, but it means Ava's power itself is also smaller. Even so, she plans to make the most of it when she boards a ship to Nassau, where she'll continue her research.

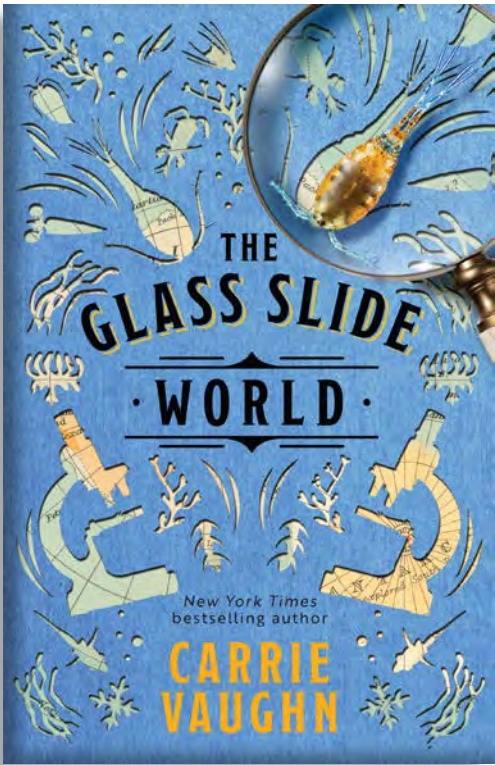
But those plans change when pirates take over the ship, bringing with them danger, mystery, and the stirrings of war. Amid the chaos, Ava forges connections with her fellow travelers. And in them, she begins to find that every tiny piece of the world has the power to strengthen it...or shatter it completely.

About the Author

Carrie Vaughn is the author of more than twenty novels and over a hundred short stories, two of which have been finalists for the Hugo Award. Her most recent novel, *The Naturalist Society*, received starred reviews in *Library Journal* and *Booklist*. She's well known for her *New York Times* bestselling series of novels about a werewolf named Kitty, who hosts a talk radio advice show for the supernaturally disadvantaged. In 2018, Vaughn won the Philip K. Dick Award for the postapocalyptic murder mystery *Bannerless*. A graduate of the Odyssey Fantasy Writing Workshop, Carrie is also a contributor to the Wild Cards series of shared world superhero books edited by George R. R. Martin.

Vaughn survived her nomadic childhood as an air force brat and managed to put down roots in Boulder, Colorado, where she currently collects hobbies.

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The Alchemy of Fate

The Invisible College Series Book 3

JEFF WHEELER

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From *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Jeff Wheeler comes the latest installment in the thrilling *Invisible College* series as the fate of the world hangs in the balance of two star-crossed lovers determined to unravel fate—even amid betrayals, a looming war, and twisted secrets of the past.

For now, the centuries-long war between mortalkind and the Aesir is quiet. Yet not over. With the coming of winter, a season in which the Aesir thrive, they will resurface. Only two people, united by magic, can stop them. But first they'll have to survive more imminent threats to their lives.

Robinson Hawksley is of the tragic belief that his beloved wife, McKenna, has perished in a sorcerer's fire—just as he is about to ascend to the highest rank in the magic order of the Invisible College. But as Robinson navigates political machinations, deception, and betrayal, not everything is as it seems. McKenna, a woman of uncanny mysteries, has been abducted as an offering to the Aesir that promises to end the invasion once and for all. Now she is running for her life.

To reunite, Robinson and McKenna have so much to learn about themselves and each other. Amid secrets, sacrifices, and long-dormant memories restored, they still hold the power to save the world.

About the Author

Jeff Wheeler is the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of more than forty epic novels, including the *Invisible College* series, the *Kingfountain* series, the *Muirwood* series, and many more. Jeff lives in the Rocky Mountains and is a husband, father of five, and devout member of his church.

Learn about Jeff's publishing journey in *Your First Million Words*, visit his many worlds at www.jeff-wheeler.com, or participate in one of his many online writing classes through Writer's Block (www.writersblock.biz).



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The Last Labyrinth

GWENDOLYN WOMACK

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From *USA Today* bestselling author Gwendolyn Womack comes a thrilling and romantic science fiction adventure about a musician who travels back to the 1800s on the currents of sound and falls for an earl as the two must decode the secrets of time and music to save both of their futures.

Magellan Brighton may be a musical prodigy with limitless talent, but her soul yearns for something more than playing in concert halls or at weddings. As the world is on the brink of a catastrophic polar shift, she mysteriously vanishes while playing an ancient organ and awakens in 1829. The answers to why lie in a lost diary belonging to Gwynedd, Merlin's forgotten twin sister.

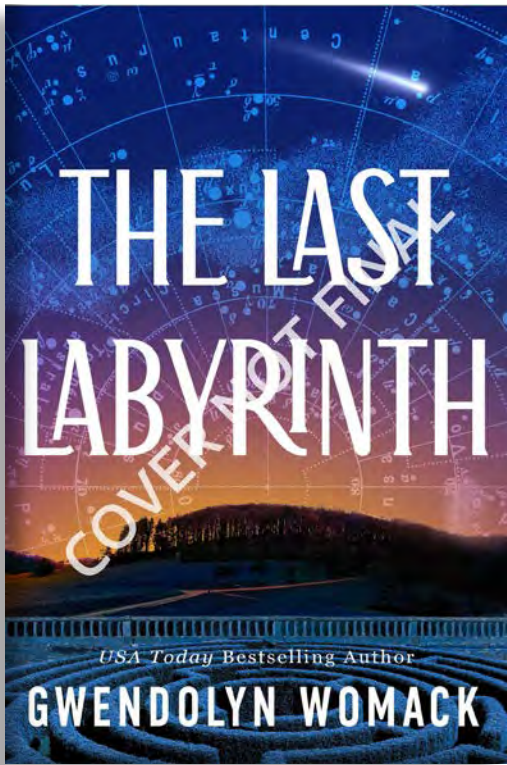
Rhys Sherwood, the dashing and brooding Earl of Liron, is still haunted by the memory of his father, a scientist and historian who was killed in an experiment gone wrong. When Rhys stumbles upon a strange woman at the center of his estate's labyrinth, her arrival couldn't have come at a worse time, interrupting an important house party he'd planned to select his future wife.

Yet the two find themselves inexplicably drawn to each other, and when they discover that the diary and Magellan's musical gifts are connected, they are thrust into a perilous journey through the centuries, from candlelit medieval abbeys to opulent Renaissance courts. Magellan and Rhys must uncover the secrets of the diary and its connection to the key to saving the world as their love, the future, and the planet are at stake amid sinister forces who want the key for themselves.

About the Author

Gwendolyn Womack is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Fortune Teller*, the award-winning reincarnation thriller *The Memory Painter*, *The Time Collector*, and her YA debut thriller *The Premonitions Club*. Gwendolyn lives in Houston, Texas, with her family and is an adjunct faculty member at Houston City College.

When she's not writing, she can usually be found immersed in a good book or photographing kaleidoscopes. For more information, visit www.gwendolynwomack.com.



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Otherworldly

DWAIN WORRELL

JANUARY 1, 2026

From award-winning writer, producer, and filmmaker Dwain Worrell comes a poignant and thrilling science fiction adventure about a young astronaut navigating addiction and loss who finds herself stranded on a mysterious planet where members of her crew go missing one by one.

Cleo Xavier is a renowned astronaut and explorer—not an addict. At least, that’s what she tells herself. She’s always been able to navigate the isolation and loneliness that come with space exploration, which makes her a perfect candidate to join four other astronauts on a mission to Orbis Alius, the farthest planet in the solar system, to test its terraforming viability.

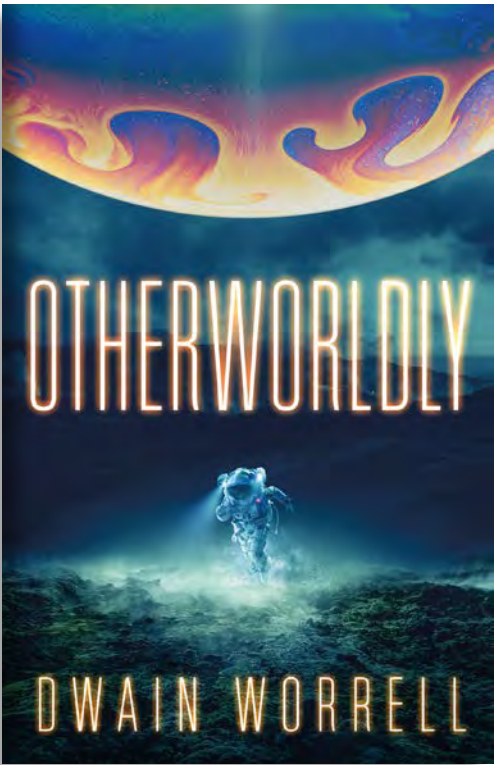
But when Cleo and her crew arrive on Orbis Alius, its surrounding wasteland reveals mysteries and horrors that none of them could ever imagine. Here, the tortured atmosphere changes as dramatically as the landscape. The sky itself seems to be descending. And something sinister lurks in the unknown. One by one, the crew goes missing and Cleo must venture deeper into the planet to save them—even while she finds herself falling to old vices as the isolation she once so craved becomes as oppressive as the shifting black fog.

The farther Cleo ventures and the more she uncovers about the secrets Orbis Alius holds, the more she starts to realize that maybe she isn’t alone at all.

About the Author

Dwain Worrell is a filmmaker, a traveler, and the author of *Androne* and *Alliance*. Born in the Caribbean, Dwain resettled in the US in the nineties. He currently resides in Los Angeles, where he works as a film and television writer and producer. His writing credits include Marvel’s *Iron Fist*, CBS’s *Fire Country*, Amazon Studios’ *The Wall*, and the Disney+ series *National Treasure*, among others.

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Nonfiction

A Way Home: A Memoir of Losing Yourself, and the Beauty of Returning

CINELLE BARNES
MARCH 10, 2026

A heart-wrenching and inspirational memoir in which author Cinelle Barnes uses an unfinished manuscript to connect to herself after a devastating brain injury.

Cinelle Barnes returns home from her first trip back to the Philippines since emigrating to the United States as a child. Tragically, she suffers a brain aneurysm that erases her sense of self and her connection to her family and past.

Faced with building her life back and learning to cope with a major brain injury, Cinelle revisits a manuscript she had been working on before the injury.

This new Cinelle finds herself within the pages of her own work. She finds her home country and her new one, her husband and her daughter, and the ways she lived in the world before all that she built was erased.

About the Author

Cinelle Barnes is a formerly undocumented memoirist, essayist, and educator from Manila, Philippines, and is the author of *Monsoon Mansion: A Memoir* (Little A, 2018, *Booklist* starred review) and *Malaya: Essays on Freedom* (Little A, 2019), and the editor of the *New York Times* New & Noteworthy book, *A Measure of Belonging: 21 Writers of Color on the New American South* (Hub City Press, 2020).

Praise for Cinelle Barnes

“Reminiscent of both Jeanette Walls’s memoir, *The Glass Castle* (2005), and Sandra Cisneros’s seminal novel *The House on Mango Street* (1984), this is a story of a tragic childhood told in a remarkably uplifting voice. Barnes imbues scenes from her interrupted childhood with an artistic touch that reads like literary fiction. Luminescent and shattering, Barnes’s first book is a triumph: a conquering of the past through the power of the written word.” — ***Booklist* (starred review)**



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The Pursued: A True Story of Stalking, Memory, and Madness in America's Heartland

COREY MEAD
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The terrifying true story of a woman at war with a violent stalker who eluded the police for years—until they found the truth in the last place anyone would have dared to look.

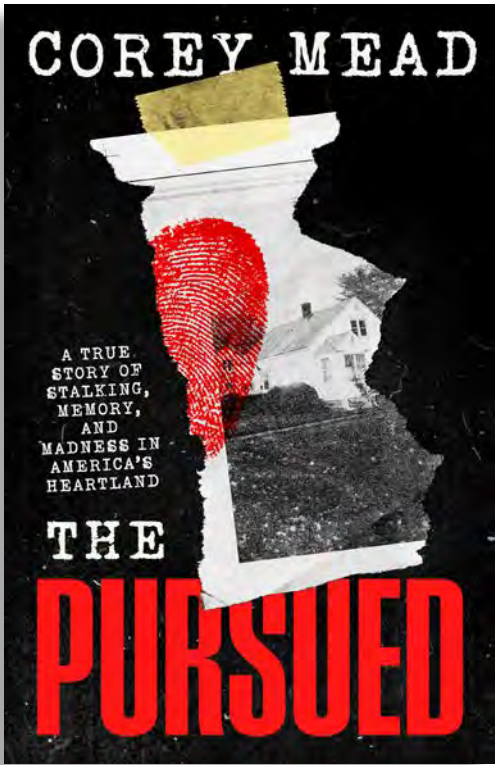
From 1977 to 1981, Ruth Finley, an ordinary wife and mother from Kansas, was tormented by an elusive maniac known as The Poet. The police, already on edge from BTK's reign of terror, spent years searching for the stalker. Meanwhile, his cryptic letters in rhymed verse grew more disturbing and violent, spilling into deeds like stabbing and kidnapping.

In this propulsive nonfiction account, as Ruth is surveilled from all sides, her nightmare takes a chilling turn: the stalker is no stranger at all. It's someone the police have been close to for years, someone nearer to home than Ruth dared to admit. The revelation recasts what seemed like a cruel twist of fate as something far more disturbing.

The Pursued is not just a gripping true-crime story. It's also a darkly textured portrait of the deceptions that drive us and the explosive reckonings that occur when they finally tumble down.

About the Author

Corey Mead is an associate professor of English at Baruch College, City University of New York. He is the author of four books, including *The Hidden History of the White House* and *Angelic Music: The Story of Benjamin Franklin's Glass Armonica*. His work has appeared in *Time*, *Salon*, *The Daily Beast*, and numerous literary journals.



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Hand on the Run

MICHAEL NOONAN AND WILL PEAKIN

MAY 19, 2026

Part *Catch Me If You Can*, part *Bad Therapist*, this is a medical caper in which a charismatic con man receives the world's first hand transplant and goes on the run, leaving the doctors and nurses who cared for him to track him down.

When a group of surgeons set their minds on performing the world's first hand transplant, they never believed they would end up giving that hand to a convicted thief. No one would believe that their prized patient would run off from the hospital after the surgery with a stolen credit card, leaving his family and doctors behind for a life on the run.

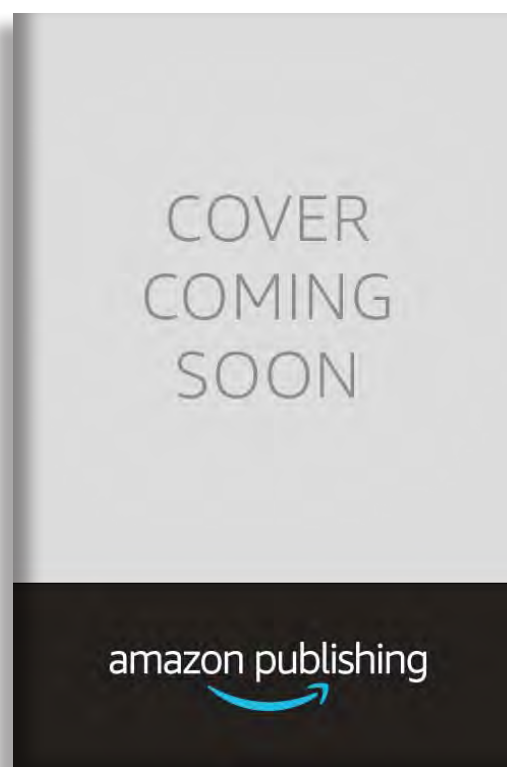
In this rollicking true story, two veteran journalists tell the story of the team of doctors and the charming, criminal patient who made divisive medical history and the caper that followed their unbelievable medical achievement.

About the Authors

Michael Noonan is the writer/director of several docuseries. He has worked as a journalist for *News Limited* in Australia, and has taught writing, communication, and film and television production at universities in Brisbane, Australia and Monterrey, Mexico. He has been following the Clint Hallam saga since he first read about it in film school and, for the last three years, has been vigorously researching archives and tracking down the participants.

He has engaged with many of the major players, including Dr. Hakim, veteran *New York Times* reporter Larry Altman, detectives, disability experts, surgeons, and Clint's ex-wife and children in Australia and New Zealand. He knows the threads and nuances of the story like the back of his—OK, like, really well. He is repped by Fictional Entity and has several feature films, and a television pilot, in active development.

Will Peakin, one of the first to chronicle in-depth the story of hand transplantation, was a section editor at *The Sunday Times* and a feature writer for *The Sunday Times Magazine*.



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I Have a Little Complaint

LAURIE NOTARO

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A hilarious memoir from *New York Times* bestselling author Laurie Notaro about that unique phase in life, when she—a middle-aged deviant—ends up caring for her aging parents, unearthing all the banality, terror, and comedy in elder caregiving.

Laurie getting older means that her parents are getting older too. But instead of taking her mother to doctor's appointments like she imagined, Laurie takes her mom to buy—what her mother once would have deemed—illicit drugs. She tries to keep her father from eating—and forcing guests to eat—rancid butter. Laurie takes her mother to the grocery store where her mother is known by and receives free samples and flowers after she tripped in the parking lot and promised the managers she wouldn't sue.

Laurie Notaro employs her signature acidic wit to craft the most outrageous and entertaining version of a memoir about caring for senior parents.

About the Author

Laurie Notaro was born in Brooklyn, New York, then spent the remainder of her formative years in Phoenix, AZ, where she created something of a checkered past. She is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the humor memoirs *The Idiot Girls Action Adventure Club*, *Autobiography of a Fat Bride*, *I Love Everybody* and *Housebroken*, along with numerous others; two humor novels; and *Crossing the Horizon*, a novel of historical fiction that tells the true story of once famous and now forgotten aviatries prior to Amelia Earhart that vied to become the first female pilot to cross the Atlantic.

She resides in Eugene, Oregon, has a cute dog, a nice husband and misses Mexican food like it was her youth.



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By the River's Edge: The True Story of Identity and Serial Murder

GREGG OLSEN

JUNE 23, 2026

The book chronicles the investigation and eventual conviction of Donna Perry (formerly Douglas Perry) for the 1990 murders of three prostitutes in Spokane, Washington: Yolanda Sapp, Nickie Lowe, and Kathy Brisbois. The victims were part of a support group called “the Circle” that looked out for each other’s safety while working the streets.

The murders went unsolved for over two decades until 2012, when DNA evidence under Kathy Brisbois’s fingernail matched Douglas Perry’s profile in a database. By this time, Douglas had undergone gender reassignment surgery in Thailand in 2000 and become Donna Perry. The investigation revealed Perry’s complex history, including an abusive childhood, mental illness, an obsession with guns, and a relationship with prostitute Clairann Gallaway. Key evidence included Perry’s DNA on multiple victims, fingerprints on evidence, and incriminating statements made to fellow inmate Chero Everson while in federal prison in 2013. Everson documented Perry’s confessions in a journal, including claims of killing 20-30 people.

Perry suggested to Everson that the gender reassignment was partly to avoid detection for the murders. The trial in 2017 featured testimony from victims’ families, forensic experts, and witnesses who had encountered Perry over the years. Perry maintained innocence throughout, claiming no memory of the murders and suggesting Douglas and Donna were separate entities.

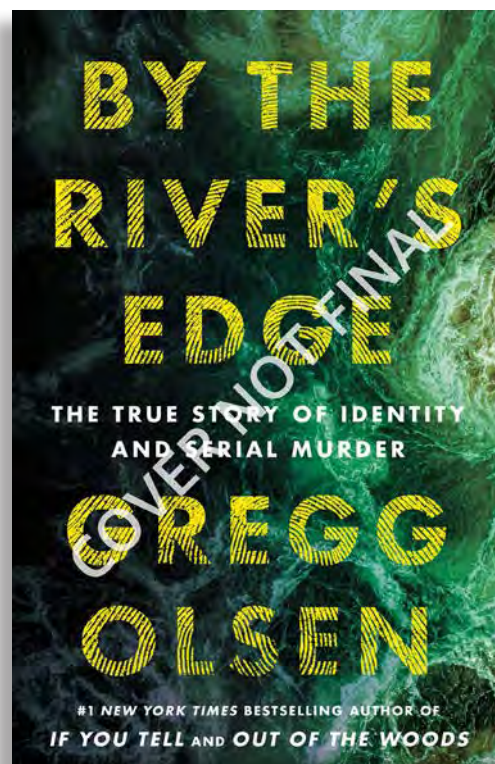
The jury found Perry guilty on all three counts of first-degree murder with aggravating circumstances. Judge Michael Price sentenced Perry to three consecutive life sentences without possibility of parole, noting the murders appeared to be committed “just for the sport of it.” The case was groundbreaking as the first involving a transgender serial killer in American history.

About the Author

Gregg Olsen is the #1 *New York Times* and Amazon Charts bestselling author of more than thirty books, including *If You Tell*, *The Amish Wife*, *I Know Where You Live*, *The Hive*, *Lying Next to Me*, and *The Last Thing She Ever Did*; five novels in the Detective Megan Carpenter series; and *The Sound of Rain* and *The Weight of Silence* in the Nicole Foster series. His work has received critical acclaim, numerous awards, and prominence on the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *New York Times* bestseller lists.

Washington State officially selected his young adult novel *Envy* for the National Book Festival, and *The Deep Dark* was named Idaho Book of the Year. *The Amish Wife* was a finalist for the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime. Born in Seattle, Olsen lives with his wife in rural Washington State and is already at work on his next book.

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Out of the Woods: A Girl, a Killer, and a Lifelong Struggle to Find the Way Home

GREGG OLSEN
AUGUST 1, 2025

From a girl's abduction by a serial killer to the harrowing aftermath—a gripping and heart-wrenching true-crime story by Gregg Olsen, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *If You Tell*.

In May 2005, authorities discovered the Groene family murdered in their Idaho home. The family's youngest members—eight-year-old Shasta and her brother, nine-year-old Dylan—were nowhere to be found.

As a community prayed for their return, Shasta and Dylan were already miles away in the woods of Montana at the hands of serial killer Joseph Edward Duncan. After a harrowing forty-eight day ordeal, Shasta was rescued. In many ways, her survival story was only beginning.

In the following years, while Shasta struggled to outrun her trauma, a pattern of self-destructive behavior shadowed her like an ever-worsening thunderstorm. She still had hope buried deep inside. Every bit as much as the little girl who had been held captive in the woods. This would be an all-new battle for Shasta. And she was determined not to lose.

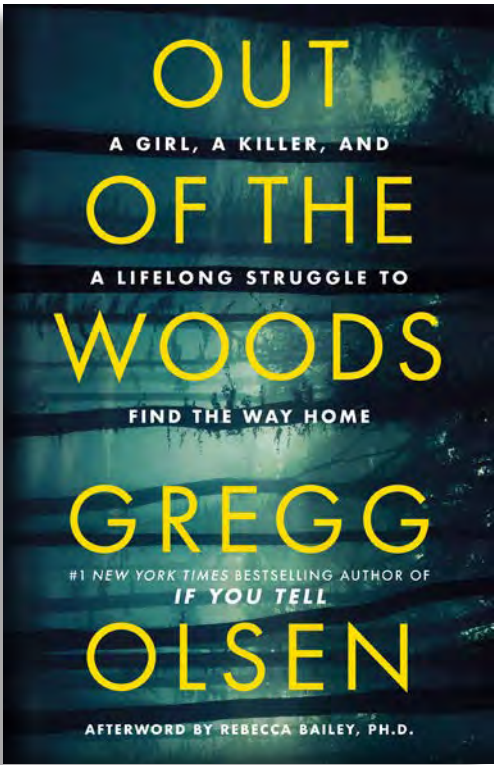
Out of the Woods is the haunting and intimate true-crime story of one of the most notorious criminal cases in American history—and a young woman's journey to reclaim her life in its wake.

About the Author

Gregg Olsen is the #1 *New York Times* and Amazon Charts bestselling author of more than thirty books, including *If You Tell*, *The Amish Wife*, *I Know Where You Live*, *The Hive*, *Lying Next to Me*, and *The Last Thing She Ever Did*; five novels in the Detective Megan Carpenter series; and *The Sound of Rain* and *The Weight of Silence* in the Nicole Foster series. His work has received critical acclaim, numerous awards, and prominence on the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *New York Times* bestseller lists.

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Children's Picture Books

Annabelle and the Spaghetti-Confetti Surprise

JENNA BEATRICE

ILLUSTRATED BY ANNABEL TEMPEST

MARCH 18, 2025

Meet Annabelle, a pint-sized party planner with big ideas!

Annabelle, party planner extraordinaire, is working hard on her biggest project yet: the neighborhood block party! With every detail checked—and rechecked—Annabelle's party is ready to impress even the grouchiest of guests. Except for one thing: to pull off her fabulous grand-finale surprise, Annabelle will need some help from her brother, Anthony.

But when Anthony's big headphones get in the way of Annabelle's important instructions, it's total chaos! Is Annabelle's perfect party ruined? Or is it TONS OF FUN? Find out in this delightful and hilarious story of misheard words and animal mayhem.

About the Contributors

About the Author

Jenna Beatrice is a mother, author, lawyer, party planner, clipboard-user, and cookie-baker. Her debut picture book, *The Loud Librarian*, illustrated by Erika Lynne Jones, was called a “storytime favorite” by the *Horn Book* and voted by students across the US for the Children's Book Council's 2024 Favorites Award. Jenna is a graduate of Barnard College and Fordham University School of Law. She lives in New Jersey, where she eats lots of spaghetti with her husband and their two young sons.

Learn more at www.jennabeatrice.com and follow her on X @jbeatricebooks.

About the Illustrator

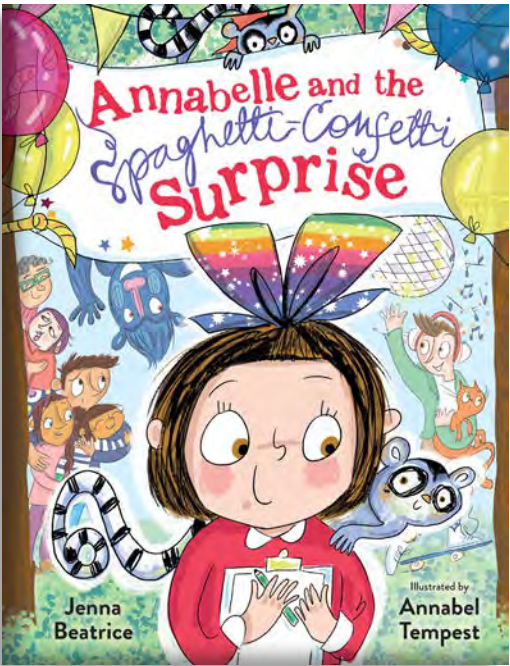
Annabel Tempest is the illustrator of numerous picture books and board books, including *Sadie Sprocket Builds a Rocket*, written by Sue Fliess, which was a finalist for the South Carolina Book Award and a Golden Duck Science Fiction Notable Picture Book. She holds a degree in fashion and textiles and has worked as a freelance illustrator on everything from maps and packaging to greeting cards and children's books. She lives in the Somerset countryside in the UK with her husband and a houseful of muddy boys and dogs.

Learn more about Annabel at www.annabeltempest.com and follow her Instagram @annabel.tempest.

Praise for the Book

“A party of a book; for those who love chaos and mischief, fun will be had.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“Little readers will delight in the amazing artwork and silly storyline...” —*Midwest Book Review*



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Camp Grandma and Grandpa

GINA BELLISARIO

ILLUSTRATED BY CHLOE BURGETT

MAY 13, 2025

In this entertaining adventure, Grandma and Grandpa are the best camp counselors in the world.

When Leo and Tessa stay overnight with their grandparents, it's anything but the typical visit. This time, all of their activities have a camp theme—from a s'mores surprise on the balcony to bathtub fishing. But when they try to sleep in their bedroom tent, they hear a strange noise. Could it be an animal...or maybe it's just Grandpa snoring?

Grandparents and grandkids alike will love this playful, warm-hearted story.

About the Contributors

About the Author

Gina Bellisario is the author of many books for children, including *Give Back*, illustrated by Alicia Más, and the Ellie Ultra chapter book series. She lives with her family in Illinois.

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About the Illustrator

Chloe Burgett is a children's book illustrator who lived next door to her grandparents growing up. Her titles include the Etta Extraordinaire series, written by Roda Ahmed and Charnaie Gordon, and *Cooler Than Lemonade*, written by Harshita Jerath. Chloe and her partner live in the Great Plains with a cat named Pencil and a yard of native prairie grasses and flowers.

Learn more at www.chloebartistry.com.

Praise for the Book

"Original, charming, fun, and funny, Grandparents and their grandchildren will especially appreciate and enjoy *Camp Grandma and Grandpa*, a playful, warm-hearted picture book story..." —**Midwest Book Review**



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Stompie the Zombie

MARGERY CUYLER

ILLUSTRATED BY BINNY TALIB

AUGUST 12, 2025

Today is Stompie the zombie's first family reunion in 500 years!

Stompie the zombie is so excited that his relatives are coming for a family reunion. After all, it's been 500 years since their last one! But on the way to the GROSS-ery store to pick up some last-minute re-FLESH-ments, Stompie has a BUMPY spill on his cycle and BREAKS A BONE. Luckily, Itchy Witchy is nearby, and she flies him to Urgent Scare on her broom.

Will Stompie recover in time to meet and greet his relatives? Find out in this PUNNY story that's sure to tickle your funny BONE.

About the Contributors

About the Author

Margery Cuyler is the author of sixty books for children, including *Skeleton for Dinner* and *Bonaparte Falls Apart*, both illustrated by Will Terry; the Little Vehicles series, illustrated by Bob Kolar; and the Addy McBean chapter-book series, illustrated by Stacy Curtis. She lives in Princeton, New Jersey, with her husband. They have two grown children.

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About the Illustrator

Binny Talib is an award-winning illustrator, textile and surface-pattern designer. Her children's books include the Ballet Bunnies series, written by Swapna Reddy; *Sam Francisco, King of the Disco*, written by Sarah Tagholm; and *Origami Heart*, which she both wrote and illustrated, among others. Binny happily creates on the beautiful Sydney Harbour in Australia.

Learn more at www.binny.com.au and follow her on Instagram @binnyillustration.

Praise for the Book

"This comical, pun-filled winner about family togetherness and friendship will arouse chuckles...The colorful digital illustrations burst with energy; green, wide-eyed Stompie and his spooky confederates are endearing, not scary. A riotous, captivating charmer; fun at Halloween or anytime." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Little ones will find the wordplay funny and the art engaging...A fun purchase well-suited to reading aloud." —**School Library Journal**



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Goats Afloat

LEZLIE EVANS

ILLUSTRATED BY JULIA PATTON

JUNE 1, 2025

A boat full of goats!

It's Granny Goat's birthday, so five of her grandkids pile into a boat and set afloat with a cake! After all, they can't risk running into the bridge troll on land! But when things go awry, these adventurous goats must learn to go with the flow and come up with a new plan. Will the goats make it to Granny's house in time to celebrate? Find out in this rollicking, rhyming story that's sure to leave the littles in giggles!

About the Contributors

About the Author

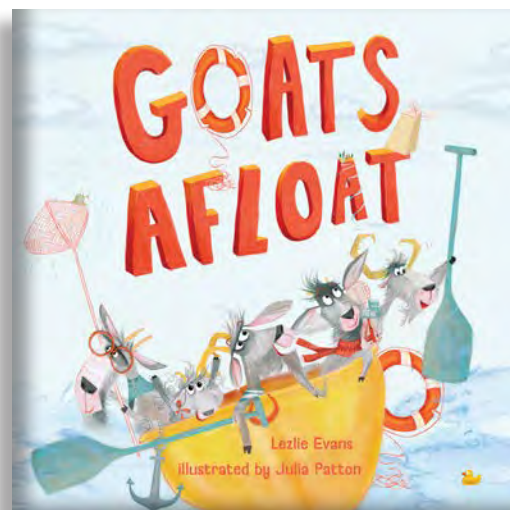
Lezlie Evans is the award-winning author of numerous picture books. Her recent books include *Vroom, Vroom, Beep-Beep!* and *I'm a Feel-o-saur*, both illustrated by Kate Chappell. She is a member of the Washington, DC, Children's Book Guild, a mother of six, and a grandmother of eleven. Goats and kids are two of Lezlie's favorite things, but she also loves to act on the stage, play pickleball, and sing as she wanders the hillside near her mountain home.

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About the Illustrator

Julia Patton is an award-winning author, illustrator, and designer who has created over sixty picture books internationally. She lives and works in a rustic woodshed in rural Northumberland, United Kingdom. When not writing and illustrating, Julia loves wild camping, rugby, and building tree houses.

Learn more about the illustrator at www.juliapatton.co.uk and follow her on Instagram @julspatton.



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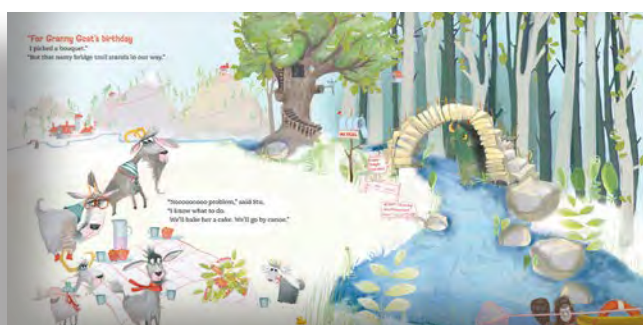
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Praise for the Book

"An unexpected friendship takes the cake in this fun fairy-tale frolic." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"This [cleverly crafted] bouncy rhyme has plenty of new action: rapids, a capsized canoe, a dramatically sinking cake. The digital illustrations are dynamically composed and have plenty of details to notice...Trippity-trap your way to this book for storytime...and don't take travel advice from goats. (They're probably just trolling you.)" —**Horn Book Magazine**



Greta Green Builds a Submarine

SUE FLIESS

ILLUSTRATED BY DAVID ELMO COOPER

MARCH 3, 2026

Meet Greta Green: pint-size pioneer of the sea!

Greta Green adores the ocean and spends her time cleaning the shoreline with her trusty bird and hermit crab. She can only dream of diving below the surface to discover the wonders hidden beneath...until the day that Greta gets a big idea: She and her pals will build their own submarine!

And that's exactly what they do. But the underwater world brings both hidden treasures and dangers. What will Greta and her crew discover along their journey? And can they find a way to continue helping with ocean conservation?

With cheerful rhyming text and whimsical artwork, this is a story about dreaming big, protecting our oceans, and staying true to your heart. The book includes information on submersibles and submarines, famous shipwrecks, and real-life female pioneers of the sea.

About the Contributors

About the Author

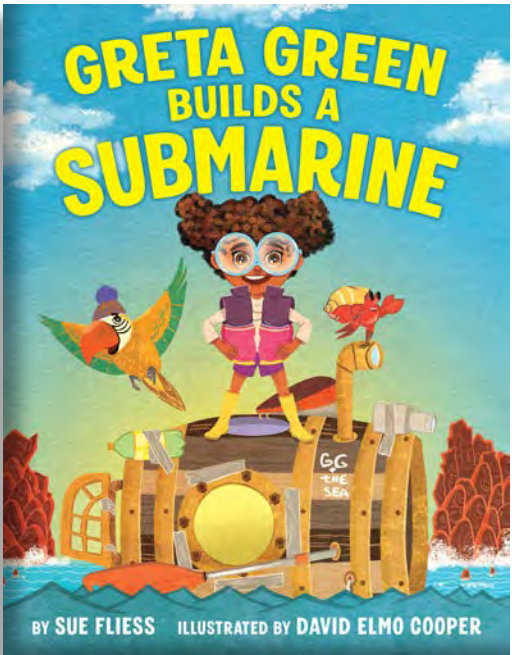
Sue Fliess is the author of numerous children's books, including *Sadie Sprocket Builds a Rocket*, illustrated by Annabel Tempest; *Mrs. Claus Takes the Reins*, illustrated by Mark Chambers; *Shoes for Me!*, *A Dress for Me!*, and *Books for Me!*, all illustrated by Mike Laughead; and *Let's Build*, illustrated by Miki Sakamoto. She lives with her family and their dog in Northern Virginia, and, like Greta Green, Sue loves the beach, the ocean, and all its fascinating creatures.

Learn more about Sue at www.suefliess.com.

About the Illustrator

David Elmo Cooper is an educator and award-winning artist whose works include the *New York Times* bestseller *Marcus Makes a Movie*, written by actor and comedian Kevin Hart; *The Doll Test: Choosing Equality*, by Carole Boston Weatherford; and *Love, Dad: Inspiring Notes from Fathers to Kids*, by Dr. Joel Warsh and Andrew Gardner. When he's not busy with book projects in his New York studio, David and his family love going to the beach. In fact, he found inspiration for this book during a visit when he and his daughters discovered a real shipwreck on the shore!

Explore more of David's artwork at www.davidcooperart.com.



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Party Monsters on the Block

That Monster on the Block Series Book 2

SUE GANZ-SCHMITT

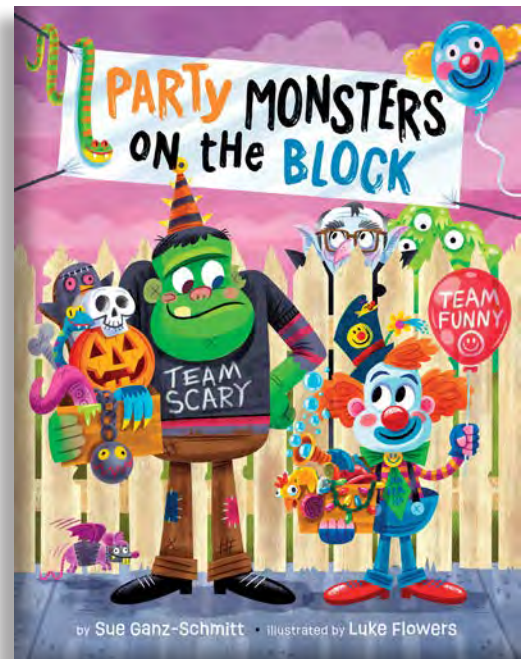
ILLUSTRATED BY LUKE FLOWERS

OCTOBER 14, 2025

Team Funny or Team Scary: Which team are you on? Find out in this delightful story about community and working together.

Monster is so excited about this year's community block party. And even more special: it will be his new neighbor (and bestie) Clown's first ever party on the block. So when party planner Yeti breaks a leg, Monster and Clown step up to take the reins. They can plan the festivities in her place. But it turns out that Monster and Clown have some *very different* ideas about what makes for a fun party.

Can Monster and Clown set aside their differences and find a way to work together? Join Monster and Clown in this charming and lighthearted story as they try to pull off the most epic block party ever!



About the Contributors

About the Author

Sue Ganz-Schmitt is the author of many picture books, including the popular Planet Kindergarten series, illustrated by Shane Prigmore; *That Monster on the Block*, illustrated by Luke Flowers; and *Now I'm a Bird*, illustrated by Renia Metallinou, among other titles. Sue is the cofounder of a children's musical-theater program, a philanthropist, and a space enthusiast. She holds an MFA in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts.

Learn more at www.sueganzschmitt.com.

About the Illustrator

Luke Flowers is the illustrator of more than seventy-five children's books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, with poems by Fred Rogers; the award-winning *Unicorn Day*, written by Diana Murray; and Disney's *The Muppet Christmas Carol* storybook. He is also both the author and illustrator of the Moby Shinobi series. He lives with his wife and three children in Colorado Springs.

Learn more about his story, books, and art at www.lukeflowers.com.

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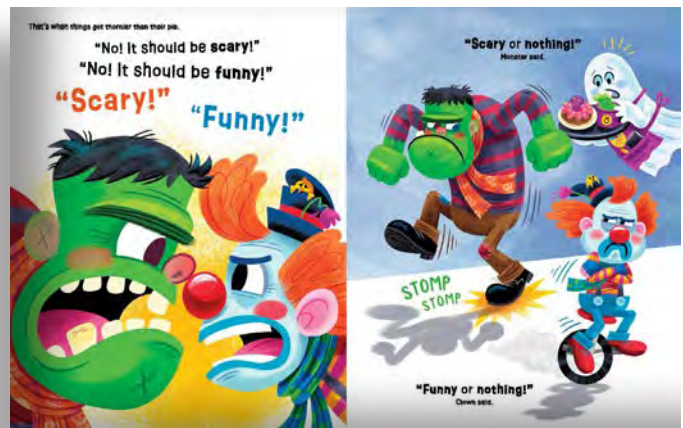
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The Octopus

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY
GUOJING

APRIL 28, 2026

From award-winning Chinese author and illustrator of *The Only Child*, named to best of the year lists by the *New York Times*, comes a wordless picture about a young girl who helps an octopus find its way home.

One day on the beach, a girl befriends a lost little octopus. Without needing to speak, she understands the octopus must get back home.

Together, they travel through the ocean, meeting fish, turtles, and other sea creatures. Through this interaction, the girl comes to understand what the octopus truly needs and how she can help take care of the ocean in her own way.

About the Author

Guojing is a celebrated author-illustrator whose wordless and nearly wordless books *The Flamingo*, *Stormy*, and *The Only Child* have been named to best of the year lists by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *NPR*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and more. She grew up in China and now lives in Canada with her family.



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Awesome of the Day

ELLEN JAVERNICK

ILLUSTRATED BY BHAGYA MADANASINGHE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

From the bestselling author of *What If Everybody Did That?* comes a story about looking for the AWESOME in every day.

For Andrew, it seems like everything is going wrong. From trouble at school to skinned knees at the park, there are AWFUL things happening everywhere! But then his big sister gives him a challenge: instead of focusing on the bad things, try to find something AWESOME in every day. At first, it seems like an impossible task. But slowly, the world begins to look a little different to Andrew, even when some things don't go as planned. Are you up for the challenge, too? Join Andrew and his loving family as he searches for the AWESOME in every day.

About the Contributors

About the Author

Ellen Javernick is the author of more than twenty books for children, including *The Birthday Pet*, illustrated by Kevin O'Malley, and the Amazon bestselling *What If Everybody?* series, illustrated by Colleen Madden, which started with *What If Everybody Did That?* She has been an elementary school teacher for almost thirty years. She lives in Loveland, Colorado.

About the Illustrator

Bhagya Madanasinghe is an illustrator and architect originally from Sri Lanka, now residing in Canada with her husband and daughter. Her recent picture books include *Who Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?*, written by Emmy Award-winning journalist Paula Faris; *Awe-samosas!*, written by Marzieh Abbas; and *My Teacher Has Tattoos*, written by Darren Lopez.

Follow her creative journey on Instagram @moving_doodles.



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Humpty's Great Fall

AMY MOORE

ILLUSTRATED BY JOSH CLELAND

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Humpty is ready for a great fall!

One crisp autumn day, Humpty Dumpty is relaxing on his wall, when he realizes he's forgotten to do something. But what could it be? As he makes his way around the neighborhood, Humpty finds his friends all enjoying the beautiful fall weather—and he starts to get some clues.

Can Humpty figure out what he's missing...before he falls off the wall? Join Humpty and his nursery rhyme pals as they discover the joys of the fall season.

About the Contributors

About the Author

Amy Moore's love of writing began when she wrote her first poem, "The World," in the first grade. She can still recite every word to this day. She is also the author of *The Bakers Dozen*, illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier. When not writing, she loves teaching children to dance, reading, and baking. Amy lives with her husband, two daughters, and many pets outside of Boston, where the leaves turn delightful colors in the fall.

Follow her on Instagram @thedailybookmark.

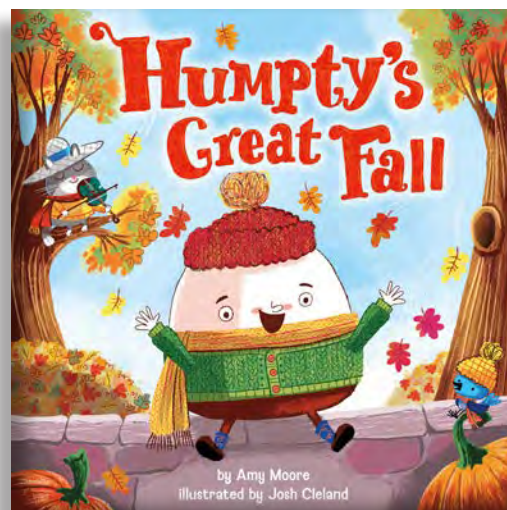
About the Illustrator

Josh Cleland is an illustrator from just outside of Portland, Oregon, where he resides with his wife, Rayna, and creative director/dog, Newman. He is the illustrator of numerous children's books, including the *Woofmore* series, written by Donna Gephart and Lori Haskins Houran, and *The End*, written by John Bray.

His work has also been featured in children's magazines, including *Highlights* and *Storytime*, as well as on greeting cards, websites, billboards, and more. Follow him on Instagram @joshcleland.

Praise for the Book

"Simple cartoon art sets a wholesome tone and complements the text, which ends with a happy nod to wordplay. Children old enough to recognize nursery rhyme allusions will have a ball. A cute and clever autumnal outing with a metafictional twist." —*Kirkus Reviews*



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Walking back home, he smiled and waved to his friend Cat,
who was sitting in her yard next to a neat pile of leaves.



Now he felt better, so he took his last sides
back outside for his rest.

Stemosaurus

ANDREW ROOT

ILLUSTRATED BY MARK CHAMBERS

JULY 22, 2025

Meet Spike the Stemosaurus: he's curious, great with numbers, and about to save the day!

Not everyone has heard of Spike, the Stemosaurus. Unlike the other dinosaurs, he's small, quiet, and rather weak. But Spike has boundless curiosity. He loves math, making inventions, and discovering new things about the world around him. Which is why the other dinosaurs come to him when they discover something LARGE heading right toward the earth. It's a giant meteor!

What's a STEM-loving dinosaur to do? Save his friends, that's what! Spike is about to come up with the invention of a lifetime...

About the Contributors

About the Author

Andrew Root is a children's book author from rainy Portland, Oregon. His picture books include *Nerdycorn*, illustrated by Erin Kraan, which received a 2022 Kids' Book Choice Award for Best Picture Book Dream Team, and *Hamsters Don't Fight Fires!*, illustrated by Jessica Olien. Andrew also works in the mental health field and holds a BA in psychology and an MS in mental health counseling. When not working, Andrew enjoys running absurd distances and playing soccer with his wife, two children, and dog. Oh, and he can juggle. Just not very well.

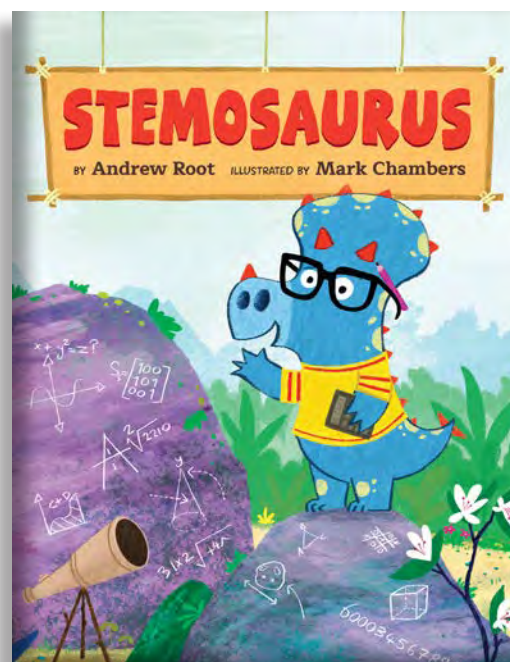
About the Illustrator

Mark Chambers is an award-winning author and illustrator of numerous children's books. His illustrated books include *Mrs. Claus Takes the Reins*, written by Sue Fliess, which *Kirkus Reviews* called an "exuberant adventure." In 2013, Mark won the Sheffield Children's Picture Book Award and was short-listed for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. In 2017, his artwork entitled *We Will Remember* was short-listed for the AOI World Illustration Awards. Mark lives with his wife and their two dogs in the French Pyrenees.

Follow Mark on Instagram @markachambers.

Praise for the Book

"This whimsical tale...celebrates friendship, cooperation, and the idea that everyone's got strengths and talents worthy of respect—and wittily turns the meteors-killed-off-dinosaurs theory on its ear. The dynamic digital illustrations are comically appealing...A saur-ingly fun read. Hand this to those who love dinos and all things science." —*Kirkus Reviews*



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Best Day Ever

FRANK TUPTA AND LINDSAY WARD

ILLUSTRATED BY LINDSAY WARD

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

From the creator of *Don't Forget Dexter!* and *This Book Is Gray*, and the author of *How to Build a Haunted House*, whose books have sold in half a dozen languages, comes the first book in a fun new series featuring the days of the week.

It's Monday again. Good thing someone is taking charge of the week. Even though Monday loves to follow plans, not everyone does. When no one appreciates her hard work, Monday decides to be like another day...a fun day. Maybe she'll be happier and everyone will look forward to Mondays. The other days can try new jobs too. It'll be the best plan *ever*, right?

From the pages of a daily planner, home to the days of the week, comes a story about appreciating who you are and trying something new.

About the Contributors

Frank Tupta and Lindsay Ward are the husband-and-wife team behind *Best Day Ever*. This is their sixth book together.

Frank is the author of *How to Build a Haunted House*, illustrated by Kyle Beckett, and *Christmas Under Construction*, illustrated by Josh Cleland. His favorite day is Friday because it's the new Saturday. On Fridays, you can usually find Frank discovering a new pizza place with his family.

Lindsay is the author-illustrator of more than thirty children's books, including *This Book Is Gray*, *Pink Is Not a Color*, the Dexter T. Rexter series, the Scooper and Dumper series, and *Rosie: Stronger than Steel*. She always looks forward to Sunday—or Sacred Sunday, as she likes to think of it—because it's usually a quiet day spent with the people who matter most...her family.

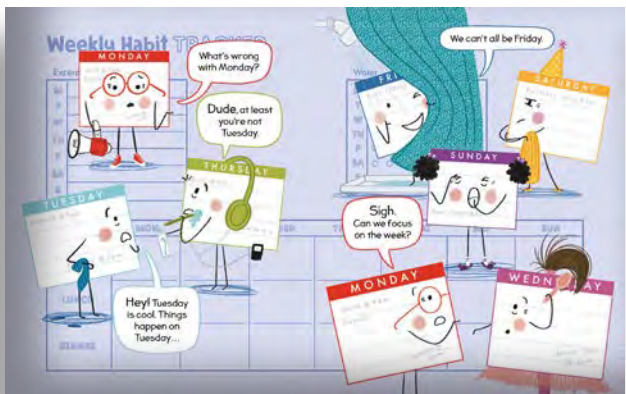
Lindsay and Frank live in Ohio with their children. Learn more about them at www.lindsaymward.com and www.uptasomething.com.



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Kimi the BALLerina

KOREY WATARI

ILLUSTRATED BY MIKE WU

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In this highly relatable picture book about not wanting to let your parents down and trying something new, a young ballerina takes on basketball.

Kimi just wants to focus on ballet, but she knows her dad will make her join the basketball team. Trying new things makes Kimi feel small, quiet, and uneasy. But, her dad makes an offer: if Kimi tries basketball, he'll join her for a ballet class.

At first, Kimi fumbles, tumbles, and misses basketballs. Her dad reassures her, telling her the inspiring story of her grandfather on a Japanese-American basketball team after World War II. Understanding why basketball is so important to her family is just the motivation Kimi needs.

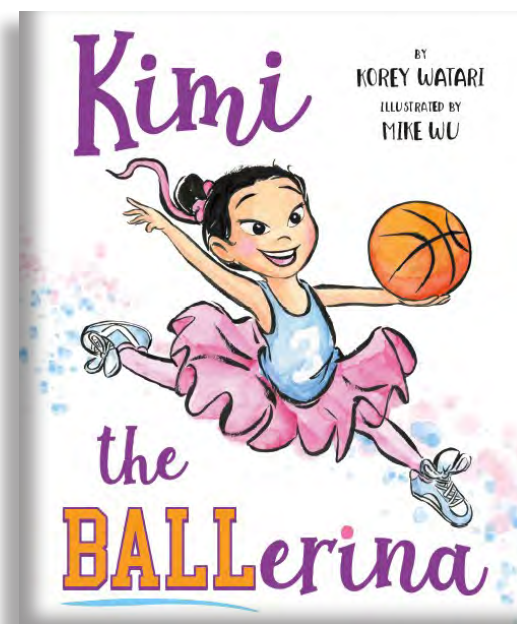
What happens when Kimi decides to take some of her ballet skills to the basketball court? Find out in this heartfelt story that's perfect for dancers and sports lovers alike, or anyone who's had to try something out of their comfort zone.

About the Contributors

Husband-and-wife team Korey Watari and Mike Wu live in the San Francisco Bay area in California with their two lively daughters. Their first picture book together, *I Am Able to Shine*, was a Bill Martin Jr. Picture Book Award honoree and a Goodreads Choice Award nominee.

Korey is a sansei, or third-generation Japanese American, born and raised in Los Angeles. She played basketball for a Japanese American league, graduated from the University of California, Riverside, and studied at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. Korey has worked in the animation and fashion industries for companies such as Disney and the Gap.

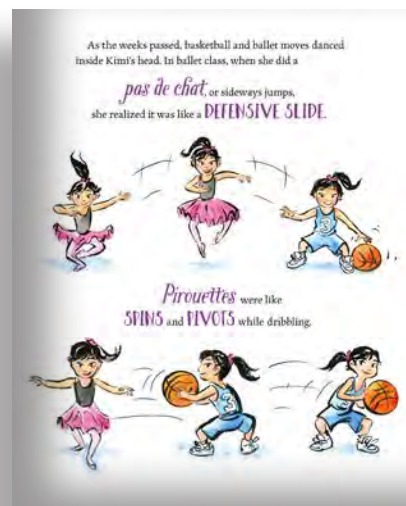
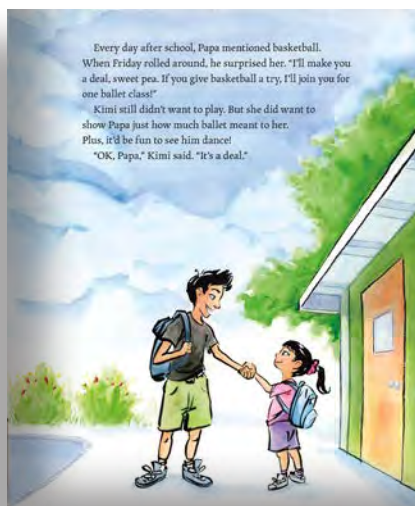
Mike is the author and illustrator of the acclaimed, bestselling Ellie series, the first picture book of which was named one of NPR's best books of the year. He is also a Pixar artist and has worked on films including *The Incredibles*, *Ratatouille*, *Up*, *Toy Story 3*, *Coco*, and *Soul*. His illustrations have been hailed as "reminiscent of classics like *Harry the Dirty Dog* and *Curious George*."



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Young Adult

Something Like Fate

AMY LEA

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During a summer in Italy, two best friends discover whether true love is up to destiny or free will in this winning romantic comedy by the international bestselling author of *Woke Up Like This*.

For generations, the fortune-telling women in Lo Zhao-Jensen's family have foreseen The One—the great loves of their lives—before ever meeting them. Except for Lo, who has zero psychic abilities. Just memories of old rom-coms and a lot of poor judgment when it comes to love.

Until now.

When Lo finally has the vision she's been waiting for, her delighted aunties are convinced she'll meet The One on her backpacking trip in Italy. *Vero amore*, here she comes.

Along for the summer is Lo's best friend and confidant, Teller Owens, her opposite in every way. Upon arrival in Venice, Lo is saved from a runaway trolley by Caleb, a fellow backpacker. It's a meet-cute so swoony, it has to be fate. But with each destination, Lo's complicated feelings for Teller are becoming harder to ignore. From the cobblestone streets of Rome to the rocky cliffs of Amalfi, Lo begins to wonder if fate has other plans.

About the Author

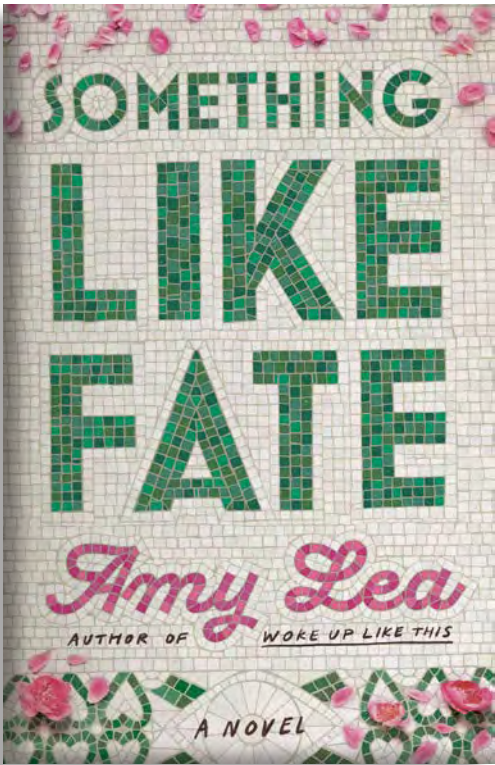
Amy Lea is the international bestselling author of romantic comedies for adults and teens, including *Woke Up Like This*, a Mindy Kaling's Book Studio selection; *The Catch*; *Exes & O's*; and *Set on You*. They have been optioned for film and sold to over a dozen foreign territories. Amy's writing has also been featured in *USA Today*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *Cosmopolitan*, among others.

For more information, visit www.amyleabooks.com.

Praise for Amy Lea

"Lea plays with magical realism in a fun, romantic setting with wanderlust-fueling adventures and likable characters with genuine connections, all framed by relatable family pressure." —**Booklist**

"An impressively well-crafted coming-of-age novel of romance and emotional adventure...An especially and unreservedly recommended pick..." —**Midwest Book Review**



Young Adult

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Rights Sold

French and Polish

What Happened to Lucy Vale

LAUREN OLIVER

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Twin mysteries, years apart, connect two mothers and their daughters in a gripping novel of psychological suspense by *New York Times* bestselling author Lauren Oliver.

Who in their right mind would move into the Faraday House, with its grim history and a generation spent rotting and untended? Rachel Vale and her daughter, Lucy.

They've arrived unexpectedly, yet with peculiar purpose, to Woodward, Indiana, to rent the most infamous house in town. Here, sixteen years ago, Nina Faraday vanished without a trace and her mother was found hanging from an apple tree in the front yard. It was the stuff of ghoulish fascination and dark imaginings. Old rumors are stirred up all over again by an online community of teenagers now fixated on Lucy, the new girl in school...especially when Lucy's shattering romance with the swim team star becomes another small-town obsession.

This time the kids in Woodward will be asking: *What happened to Lucy Vale?*

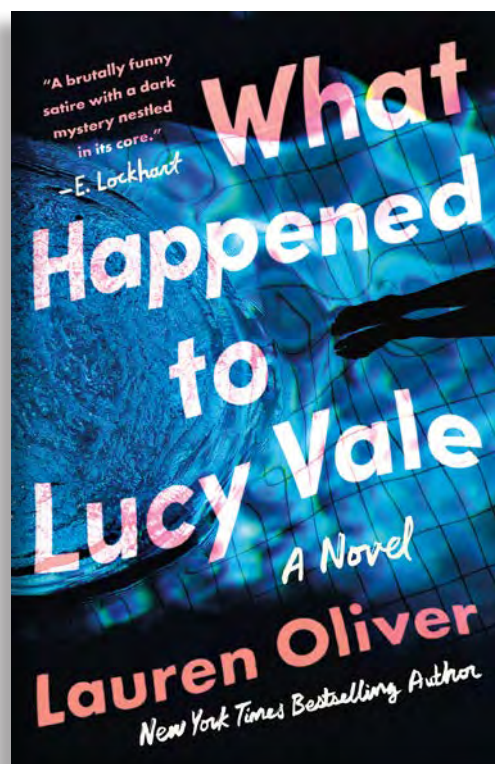
Parallel mysteries soon converge—about two teenage girls, nearly two decades apart, both consumed by the stories and suspicions of others. Only a mother can bring the truth to devastating light.

About the Author

Lauren Oliver is an author, screenwriter, and media entrepreneur. Her previous works include multiple *New York Times* bestselling novels for teens, including *Before I Fall* (which spent seventeen weeks on the list and was adapted into a feature film released by Open Road), the *Delirium* trilogy (a two-million-copy-selling dystopian series translated into thirty-five languages), and *Panic*, which she later adapted into the streaming TV show on Amazon Prime of the same name, for which she wrote every episode and served as Executive Producer. Along the way, Lauren founded the IP company StoryGiants as well as its technology offshoot, DubFrog Technologies, and helped to package and edit nearly one hundred other novels. Raised in Westchester, New York, Lauren attended the University of Chicago and got her MFA from NYU. She now divides her time between Maryland and Los Angeles.

Praise for Lauren Oliver

"Lauren Oliver's latest novel is a sharp and harrowing mystery for the digital age. Oliver's unique approach to structure and her parallel storylines create an immersive and captivating reading experience as she cleverly explores the cyclical nature of abuse, the dizzying highs and lows of popularity, and the dangerous allure of groupthink. I inhaled this book like a gulp of fresh air after a long swim, but like the residents of Woodward, Indiana, I imagine it will be a long time before I stop thinking about *What Happened to Lucy Vale*." —**Lauren Thoman, author of *You Shouldn't Be Here* and *I'll Stop the World***



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Rights Available

All Languages, excluding English

Dead Girls Don't Talk

SANDRA J. PAUL

JULY 29, 2025

Two girls. One dead. One disappeared. Whose side of the story will you read first? Which one is the truth? Choose for yourself in this twisty novel of psychological suspense from TikTok sensation Sandra J. Paul.

How could things have gone so wrong between Syl Jameson and Viola Harrison?

Syl and Viola are like sisters growing up in the small, stifling town of Love Hill. Though they are as different as light and dark, they connect. And for Syl, Viola's family is a warm refuge away from the unaffectionate place that Syl calls home. But the reality is Syl can get a little needy and jealous. Viola can get a little toxic. And, like everyone in Love Hill, they have secrets. Eventually their friendship is bound to snap.

One night, it comes to a crashing end. Syl is found dead behind the wheel of Viola's car, and Viola is nowhere to be found. Lucky for Viola, dead girls don't talk. Or do they?

In this enthralling dual narrative, there are two sides to the story. Which girl's version to read first is up to you. Whatever the choice, the truth will reveal itself in the end.

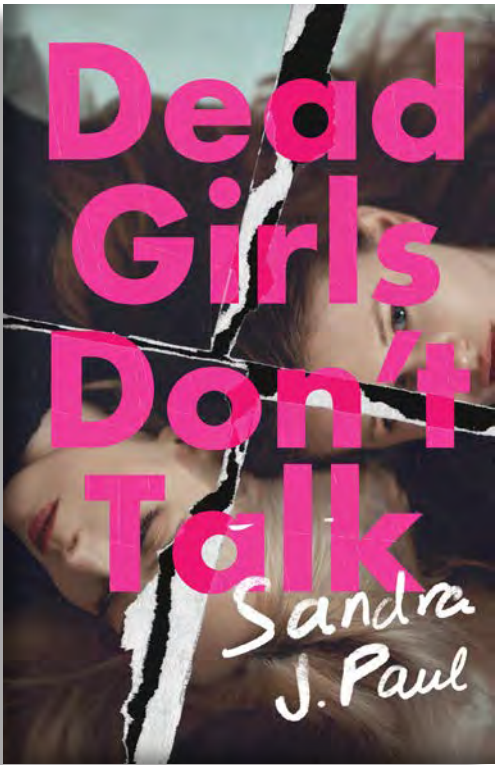
About the Author

Sandra J. Paul is a Belgian author of a number of psychological thrillers for both adults and young adults, including *The Last Days of Holly Hayes* and *Dead Girls Don't Talk*, both of which have gone viral on TikTok, with millions of views. Paul is the recipient of the Aspe Award for crime fiction, among several other awards. Her work has been translated into multiple languages and sold internationally in the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Spain, and Italy, among others.

Paul also writes under her pseudonym, Joanne Carlton. Follow her on TikTok @sandrajpaul.

Praise for Sandra J. Paul

"Haunting and heartfelt." —*Kirkus Reviews*



Young Adult

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