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**YOU WISH:**  
**A Revved-Up Romance book 2**  
**by Marina Adair**

**A Formula 1 driver falls for his former flame in this Christmas rom-com from bestselling author Marina Adair**

Jack is fast—on the track and in life—but when it comes to matters of the heart, he’s learned the hard way that some risks aren’t worth taking. That is, until Georgia rolls into his life again...right in the middle of the holiday chaos. Smart, witty, and heartbreakingly familiar, she might just be the most irresistible Christmas surprise of all.

Georgia isn’t looking for trouble—especially not with Jack, the guy who broke her heart years ago—but between mistletoe mishaps, flour-covered cookie disasters, and Jack’s irresistible charm, she’ll have to decide if letting him back in is worth the risk.

Funny, flirty, and full of heart, this festive rom-com proves that some obstacles are worth racing for—and love might just be the best gift under the tree.

Formula 1 romance

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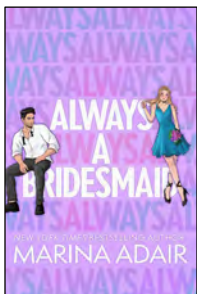
- Part of a series
- *New York Times* bestselling author
- The author’s work has hit #1 for all Kindle in the US, Canada, and Australia
- Over 1 million copies of the author’s work sold

**Primary agent:**

Jill Marsal  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

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Also in the series



“It always creates a fun and interesting dynamic (plus I love the trope) when one of the characters is famous or has some sort of following, but in this case it was also entertaining because of Jane’s job, which had to remain a secret, so there was a case of hidden identity, which added drama to the issue.” – **Anna’s Multiverse**



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# THE SHADOWS HAVE TEETH

by Ben Alderson & Laura R. Samotin

M/M vampire romantasy

A queer gothic retelling of *Romeo and Juliet* set in modern-day Oxford, featuring star-crossed vampires

Tobias Osian was “made” in 1576 when Vladimir Damianos, head of Britain’s strongest vampire family, left him alive after a night of debauched killing. Ever since, Tobias has been consumed by plans for revenge.

The eldest son of Vladimir Damianos, Alexander Damianos rebels against his father’s expectations, refusing to find his place within the shadow government Vladimir has painstakingly created to control politics. Alexander instead pretends to be human and takes a position as a professor at Oxford.

There, Alexander meets Tobias, who is working as a librarian. Alexander is immediately enamored with the young “mortal.” Alexander easily falls into bed with Tobias, bringing him closer to his vengeance than ever. But their budding romance is marred by a series of gruesome murders plaguing Oxford. The two of them take refuge at the Damianos family estate, but Alexander doesn’t realize that the real danger is much closer.

Instead of feeling triumphant that he’s finally wormed his way into Vladimir’s inner circle, Tobias doubts his ability to kill Vladimir, because when he does so, all the vampires that Vladimir has sired will die—including Alexander, who’s become more than a means to an end. Instead of enjoying what could shortly be the exact vengeance he’s sought for centuries, Tobias is beginning to fear that unfortunately, he’s falling in love....

**Angry Robot**  
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- First book in a duology
- #1 Amazon bestselling author

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Belcastro Agency

**Material:** Available



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## HOW TO FIND ROMANCE IN A BOOKSHOP

by Poppy Alexander

After a social media post gone wrong, a literary agent runs away to look after a seaside bookshop for the summer, and forms an unlikely friendship with a charming novelist struggling with his latest idea

Petra doesn't like books anymore—not since her career as a literary agent imploded after a social media typo went viral. Now she is stuck for six months, babysitting a little bookshop by the sea—surrounded by books that just remind her of her failure.

Ross McCloud's award-winning debut novel blew the minds of the world's literati, but that was five years ago. Now Ross and his keenly awaited second work have vanished. Something has gone wrong—horribly wrong—and Ross doesn't want to talk about it.

Marooned in Capelthorne's Bookshop miles from London, Petra can't stop thinking about all the ways she has let people down. Then she discovers Ross lurking, incognito, in the second-hand books section. Misery loves company it seems, and a kinship tentatively forms...

In the meantime, the magic of the bookshop slowly begins to enchant Petra. Soon, her book recommendations assume legendary status; she is chairing the newly formed Beach Reads Book Club; leading a weekly writing group and hosting a series of popular talks and signings by local authors. And she is even starting to read again....

Petra is also finding time to help her new best friend Jess—owner of a local telephone box library—to launch the inaugural Portneath Literary Festival. What better opportunity to put the Festival on the map—says Ross—than for Petra to unveil his second novel to the world there, before re-launching her career representing him at the Frankfurt book fair? What a comeback! But can Petra find the courage to help the man she loves?

Their love of books may be re-ignited, but is that enough to save them both from their own worst enemy—themselves?



Poppy Alexander is the author of *The Littlest Library*, *Storybook Ending*, and *25 Days 'Til Christmas*.

She wrote her first book when she was five.

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• Listen to our short podcast about *How to Find Romance in a Bookshop* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

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## THE PRIMAL OF BLOOD AND ASH:

### Blood and Ash book 6

by Jennifer L. Armentrout

In the shadows and flames, Primals will fall.... and from the blood and ash, new gods will rise in the latest chapter of this mega-bestselling romantasy series from Jennifer L. Armentrout

Poppy was never meant to awaken, and the consequences are devastating and far-reaching, stirring ancient powers from their slumber and transforming Casteel and Kieran in ways even the Fates couldn't have foreseen. But what that means is the least of their concerns. For now.

The Blood Crown has fallen, but what has risen is a far greater danger than they've ever faced. From flesh and fire, the Great Conspirator has returned to the mortal realm, and he wants only one thing. They must stop the true Primal of Death before he regains his strength, and it won't be easy. Even weakened, his influence is undeniable. His power, unthinkable.

While the future of the realms rests upon them, they won't stand alone. The gods have awakened—each harboring their own blood-soaked secrets. But they must navigate an unbalanced realm, where every choice—past and present—has the potential to not only undo everything they've fought for but also destroy the very bonds that have joined them together.

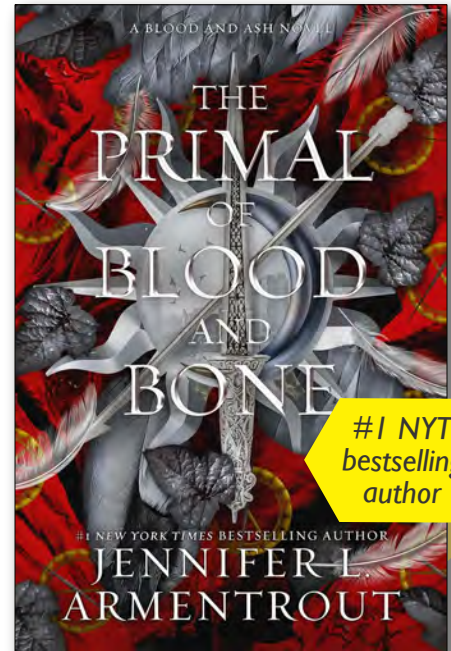
Also in the series



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of blindness has become a passion of hers, right alongside writing, which she plans to do as long as she can. She is the owner of ApollyCon and The Origin Event, the successful annual events that feature over hundred bestselling authors in young adult, new adult, and adult fiction, panels, parties, and more. [www.jenniferlarmentrout.com](http://www.jenniferlarmentrout.com)

## Romantasy



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- Sony is developing the *Blood and Ash* series into a TV adaptation
- #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, Kindle, and Apple iBooks bestselling author

**Primary agent:**

Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

# THE OFFICIAL BLOOD AND ASH COLORING BOOK

by Jennifer L. Armentrout

A beautiful coloring book based on the mega-bestselling series

From the desperation of golden crowns to the awakening of the Harbinger and the Bringer of Death and Destruction, this official coloring book invites you to journey through the captivating epic that began with a Maiden and a golden-eyed guard.

Featuring 50 stunning original illustrations inspired by the *New York Times* bestselling *Blood and Ash* series, this immersive collection captures the heart-pounding romance, fierce battles, and unforgettable characters who have enchanted readers far and wide.

From stolen moments beneath a willow tree to vows forged in fire, step into the world of Poppy, Casteel, Kieran, and more as you re-imagine iconic scenes from across the novels—and discover a few surprises along the way.

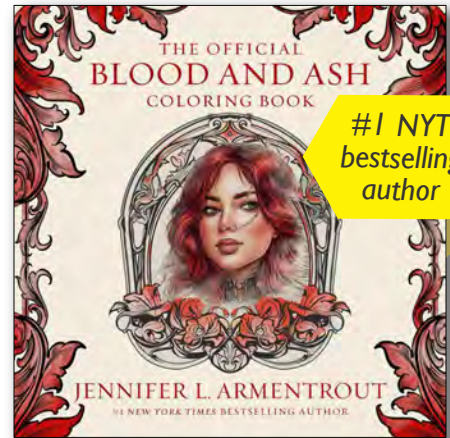
Whether you're a devoted fan or a newcomer to the realms, this coloring book is the perfect companion for those who dare to rise from blood and ash.



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Romantasy coloring book



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## PITCHER PERFECT:

### Big Shots book 4

by Tessa Bailey

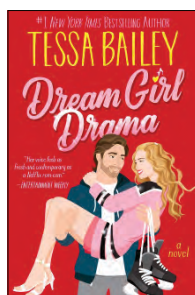
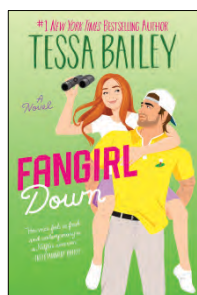
**#1 New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey is back with an all-new enemies-to-lovers, fake-dating sports romance about a playboy hockey rookie and the disciplined softball pitcher completely immune to his charms**

Boston Bearcats rookie Robbie Corrigan is living the dream. He's made it to the NHL, his best friend/teammate and fellow "orgasm donor" is his roomie—and the women of Boston love them both. Life is sweet. That is, until he meets Skylar Paige, division 1 softball pitcher, girl least likely to take anyone's bull...and the one member of the opposite sex immune to his charms. Robbie might be *dazzled* by the badass pitcher, but Skylar pegs him as a filthy player and wants nothing to do with him.

When he discovers she's carrying a serious torch for her brother's best friend, Robbie knows he should just go back to clubbing and whipped cream bikini parties, but he can't seem to leave Skylar to flounder on her romantic quest to land another man. Nor can he miss out on the opportunity to spend time with her and hopefully redeem himself. Before Robbie knows it, he's agreed to be Skylar's fake boyfriend/love coach at an upcoming family wilderness competition where her crush will be in attendance. What could go wrong?

Through a series of contests that require them to trust each other, Robbie and Skylar grow closer and closer until their fake relationship starts to feel like the realest thing they've ever known and the sizzling lessons in sensuality burn out of control. But it's all just pretend...right?

Also in the series



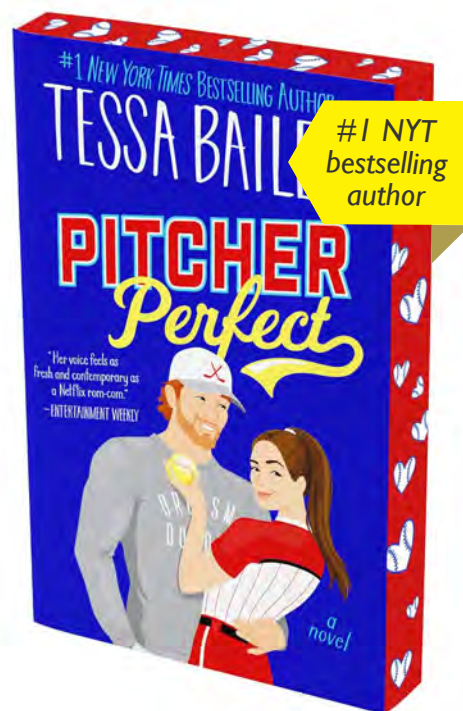
"Bailey delivers her trademark high-heat, spicy romance, but it's the emotional connection between Wells and Josephine that makes the book a winner." — *Kirkus*



**Tessa Bailey** is the #1 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *It Happened One Summer* and *Hook, Line and Sinker*, the *Line of Duty* series, the *Crossing the Line* series, the *Broke and Beautiful* series, the *Academy* series, and more. She lives in Long Island, New York, with her husband and daughter.

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- New York Times, USA Today, and Globe and Mail bestselling series
- #1 New York Times bestselling author
- Tessa Bailey has over 248k followers on TikTok

**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## MY KILLER VACATION

by Tessa Bailey

A brash bounty hunter and an energetic elementary school teacher become the murder-solving team no one asked for—but they're stuck together, come hell or high tide, until a killer is found in this spicy rom-com

It was supposed to be a relaxing vacation in sweet, sunny Cape Cod—just Taylor Bassey and her beloved brother—but discovering a corpse in their rental house has really thrown a wrench into their tanning schedule. Now a rude, crude bounty hunter has arrived on the back of his motorcycle to catch the killer and refuses to believe Taylor can be helpful, despite the countless hours she's spent listening to true crime podcasts. Not to mention her fulfilling teaching career of wrangling second graders.

Myles Sumner is only there to do a job, not babysit an amateur sleuth. Although...it is becoming less and less of a hardship to have Taylor around. Sure, she's stubborn, distracting and can't stay out of harm's way. She's also brave and beautiful and reminds him of home. In other words, the insatiable hunger and protectiveness she's awakening is a threat to his peace of mind. Before Myles sinks any deeper into this dangerous attraction, he needs to solve the murder and get back on the road. Only now there are two threats—and the biggest one is to his heart.

"There's definitely a suspenseful element, but the star here is the romance, with Myles and Taylor in nearly every scene together. It's entertaining, engaging, and entirely bingeable." – **Jeeves Reads Romance**

"If you are looking for a fun vacation read with a swoony hero and lots of grumpy-sunshine goodness, this book is for you." – **Smexy Books**



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**Ukraine** (Vivat Publishing)

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- #1 *New York Times* bestselling author
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**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## ALL IN FOR CHRISTMAS

by Ginny Baird

A woman must choose between her current reality and what could have been in this magical Christmas romantic comedy

*One woman, two lives—but did she choose the right one?*

Practical-minded Paige Pierce has her life in order. She's got a job she loves, teaching English, and is launching a new "Paws and Read" literacy program for struggling students at her school. Despite her dismal dating record, Paige rarely thinks about her old college boyfriend, Dean Burton. Then dreamy Dean surprises her at her school's faculty holiday party, upending her world. When she learns Dean's been hired as their replacement physics teacher, Paige can't help getting stars in her eyes and wondering what her life might have been like if they'd never said goodbye.

With a rare comet passing overhead and the aid of a mysterious holiday market vendor, the universe grants Paige a chance to find out... The next morning, she wakes up in an alternate reality, greeted by Dean's sunny optimism, their two kids, and a dog. Suddenly in way over her head with myriad household chores, a precocious little girl and a toddler boy who's—yikes—potty training, Paige is desperate to scramble her way back home. Until her heart starts melting under the mistletoe, due to Dean's swoony kisses and the cute shenanigans of their sweet kids and loyal pup, and she finds herself questioning where her home is truly meant to be. Yet the enchantment that's brought her here won't last forever.

*With the clock ticking on Christmas magic, can the past be undone?*

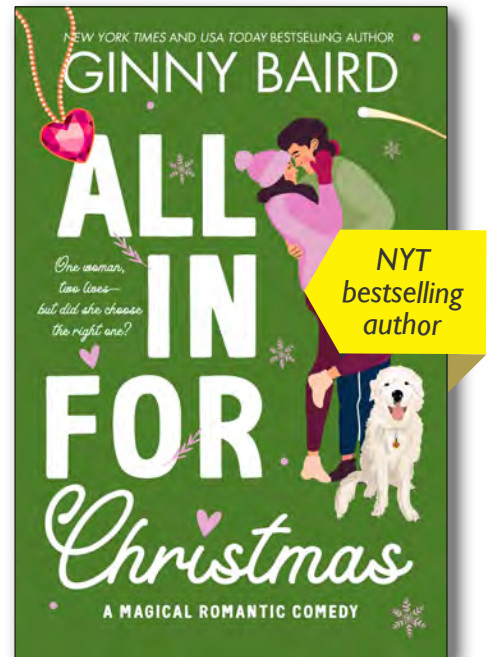
“Thank you for supporting me.” My lips tremble.  
“For loving me.” Tears form hot pools in my eyes.  
“For being who you are.” I can't believe that I've finally found my right life. It rips me to shreds that I might lose it. That I might lose Eleanor and Henry.  
Lose Dean.



New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Ginny Baird writes heartwarming, romantic stories with a touch of humor and lots of heart. She's published with Entangled Publishing, Hallmark Publishing, and Sourcebooks, and has had her books well received by *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*. Ginny additionally writes psychological suspense thrillers as Camden Baird.

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## IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA:

### Darling Springs book 1

by Lauren Blakely

A down-to-earth lavender farmer's world is upended when her celebrity twin sister's movie shoot brings an old flame back into her life as her bodyguard, revealing unresolved sparks and new complications....

I really don't need a bodyguard—I run a small-town lavender farm, for bee's sake! But I'm getting one anyway since my identical twin sister just booked the movie role of a lifetime that's being shot in my hometown. And guess who my new broody, tattooed protector is? None other than the guy I had a one-night stand with last month.

Correction: he's the guy with the wicked mouth and heated eyes who ran out on me before the bang without so much as goodbye.

And of course he arrives in my tiny hometown where the film is shooting right in the nick of time to save me from the paps at the market. The coffee shop. The dress shop too. I'm trying hard to stay mad after the third time the sexy jerk rescues me.

Maybe just one night would relieve all this tension?

But one night turns into another, and then into sharing hearts and secrets that are best locked up. Especially since he's leaving and I'm staying, and there's no way we can be more than a summer romance that ends far too soon.

"A Lauren Blakely book is a guarantee of a good time." – **Meghan Quinn**, *New York Times* author



Lauren Blakely, a #1 *New York Times* bestselling, #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling, and #1 Audible bestselling author, is known for her contemporary romance style that's sweet, sexy, and witty. She also writes red-hot, sexy romance for her Lauren Blakely *After Dark* line. With 14 *New York Times* bestsellers, her titles have appeared on the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller lists

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## Contemporary rom-com



### Cosmo Reads/Sourcebooks

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- First book in a series
- #1 *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author
- Over 5 million copies of Lauren Blakely's books sold

**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## MERRY LITTLE KISSMAS

by Lauren Blakely

A professional matchmaker gets more than she bargained for when she bets her brother's Christmas-hating best friend she can find him a holiday date—and ends up having to date him herself

As a professional matchmaker, my biggest job this holiday season should be simple: find a date for the sexy single dad hockey player—aka my brother's best friend—for his team's fancy Christmas Eve gala.

Sure Rowan's hot as a crackling fire and spicier than a gingerbread man, but he hasn't just sworn off romance. The Christmas hater has made a bet that I can't find him a holiday date.

What's a matchmaker to do?

Win, of course. Even if it means fake dating the grinch myself to get him ready for the real thing.

More holiday from Lauren Blakely



- \* Hit #1 in Romantic Comedy on Amazon
- \* Top 20 on Amazon for over 4 weeks after release
- \* Originally independently published and will be re-issued by Atria in October 2025

"Holiday magic, but make it spicy." — **Tessa Bailey, #1 New York Times bestselling author**



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Contemporary rom-com



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Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## THE BEST I NEVER HAD

by Amy Buchanan

**They staged a romance, faked a breakup, and this time around, anything can happen—even something real**

Thea Pappas has always been the storm in her own life—fiery and unpredictable—traits that led her and her younger sister, Addy, through a series of foster homes. But with Addy's whirlwind engagement, Thea is determined to be the perfect maid of honor, even if she finds it odd that she hadn't heard of the fiancé until the ring was on Addy's finger. She believes she can survive a week in the Blue Ridge Mountains with a group of strangers without causing any trouble.

But upon arrival, Thea realizes these aren't strangers. Among the familiar faces is Owen Hayes—the man who, three years ago, paid her to pretend to be his girlfriend at a family wedding. Now, he's looking at her with the same panicked expression.

Owen's life has always been about control—managing his mother's matchmaking schemes, his family's expectations, and the career path he never truly chose. Thea was his one rebellion, a beautiful lie that ended with a “heart-destroying” fake breakup. Now, with his younger brother's wedding underway and his mother on the prowl, Owen begs Thea to reprise their roles. One week. Same fake breakup. No feelings.

But as old sparks reignite and the lines between pretense and reality blur, Thea and Owen will have to choose: carry on their greatest performance yet or admit the truth—that it was never fake at all.

“A wonderfully tender, swoony, and steamy second chance love affair.”  
— **Mallory Marlowe**, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Love and Other Conspiracies*



Amy Buchanan's affair with romance and books started at three when she watched *Beauty and the Beast* and couldn't decide if she was more obsessed with the prince or the library (The library. Definitely the library). She writes fun and spicy contemporary romances with relatable heroines, swoonworthy heroes, and loving found families. She lives in Central Florida with her three littles, two pups, and one husband.

On top of writing, she uses her Masters in Higher Education Administration to run a scholarship foundation for first-generation college students. When not working, she trolls travel sites for luxury rentals outside of her travel budget and (poorly) trains for half-marathons. *Let's Call a Truce* was her debut novel.

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## Contemporary rom-com



**St. Martin's Griffin**

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**Previous foreign publishers:** Israel (Adel)

• **Previous book, *Let's Call a Truce*:**  
— Goodreads, Peek Ahead at 2025's Sexiest New Romances  
— *The Nerd Daily*, Swoonworthy 2025 Romance Book Releases You Need

**Primary agent:**

Jemiscoe Chambers-Black  
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



## UNTIL DEATH: Queenmakers book 1 by Nicole Blanchard

*Peaky Blinders* meets Rina Kent's *God of Malice* in this dark Irish mafia romance about vows that can only be broken with blood

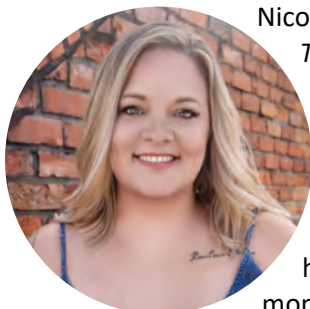
*The Bride*—My new husband—a devilishly sexy enforcer for the Irish mafia—hates me for tricking him into marrying me. But I'd do it again in a heartbeat to get what I want. Happily ever after? Not a chance. Aiden O'Connor is ruthless, possessive, and unhinged. And now, I'm his to control. To punish. It doesn't matter. I'll do whatever it takes to survive. Even if it means playing the perfect mafia wife to a man who wants nothing more than to destroy me. When he takes his revenge in the dark—pinning me down, whispering filthy threats against my lips, making me beg when I swore I never would—one thing becomes terrifyingly clear: Even if I break for him, he'll never let me go.

*The Butcher*—A lifetime in service to a killer has turned me into the very thing I swore I'd never become: a monster. I knew if I let Catriona Gallagher waltz her way into my life again, she'd see the truth I've spent years trying to deny. That I'm no better than the man who ruined me to raise me in his image. I tried to protect her. Tried to save her from the jaws of a world that would devour her. I gave her every chance to walk away, even though all my instincts were screaming at me to keep her. But now that she has my ring on her finger and shares my last name, there's no going back. She's mine. *Until death do us part.*

Also by Nicole Blanchard



- Over 264k copies sold
- Hit #60 in entire Kindle store
- Best of #BookTok banner on Amazon
- Consistently ranks in the top 20 in Amazon categories like Mafia Romance, Organized Crime Thrillers, Alpha Male Romance, Enemies to Lovers Romance, Romantic Suspense
- **Foreign sales for TOXIC:** Brazil (Grupo Editorial Five), Hungary (Book Dreams), Israel (Scarlet Publishing), Italy (Cocktail Edizioni), Poland (Kobiece), Portugal (Guerra & Paz), Romania (House of Shadows) Russia (AST) **ASK US ABOUT OPTIONS!**



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Dark mafia romance



**Independently published**

**November 2025**

Trade paperback

113k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

- First book in a trilogy
- Listen to our short podcast about *Until Death* [HERE](#)
- *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and Amazon bestselling author
- Author's TikTok content has racked up over 10 million views

**Primary agent:**

Jill Marsal  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available end September 2025

## HOW TO FAKE IT IN SOCIETY

by KJ Charles

Queer *Bridgerton* meets *The Goldfinch* in this stunning romance by rising genre star KJ Charles

It is 1821 and Nicolas-Marc, Comte de Valois de La Motte, is making a splash in London Society. The son of Jeanne de Valois de La Motte, infamous for stealing a priceless diamond necklace meant for Marie Antoinette, Nico hopes to restore his wronged mother's reputation, if only he can raise the funds. But he must operate with great secrecy, because the Bourbon dynasty murdered his mother, and he fears for his life.

At least, that's what he tells Titus Pilcrow. Titus was a simple shopkeeper, making and selling artists paints, when he found himself suddenly married to an immensely wealthy woman who wanted to disinherit her nephew on her deathbed. As word spreads of his fortune, Titus finds himself a target of every scammer and beggar in London...including one Nicolas-Marc, Comte de Valois de La Motte.

Nico is on his last legs, out of money, and on the run from some terrifying gangsters. When Titus offers Nico a space in his household, it's the perfect chance for him to exploit London's newest golden purse—until he falls in love with the man he needs to cheat. Still, Nico is sure they can have a happy ending together. If he can just find his way out of his own web of lies....

“And God, the Comte was lovely.

“I like him very much,” he told Alma. “And I don't think he is planning to cheat me. Your father and I are just being careful.”

“Careful is as careful does,” Thorpe said. “But I dare say you will keep your wits about you.”

Titus thought of Nico's glowing, dancing eyes, that wicked smile, the prospect of having him an arm's reach away. “I'll do my best.”

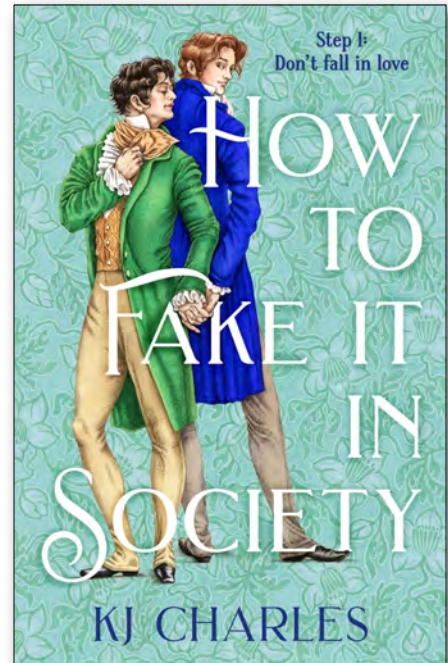


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M/M historical romance



**Bramble/Tor US**

**April 2026**

Trade paperback

87k words

**Rights available:** Translation

**Foreign sales:**  
**British** (Tor UK)

**Previous foreign publishers:** **France** (MxM Bookmark), **Germany** (Second Chances), **Italy** (Mondadori & Salani), **Japan** (Shinshokan), **Taiwan** (Reve Books)

- Amazon bestselling author
- Author has received many awards and accolades including RT Top Pick, RT Seal of Excellence, Rainbow Awards Best Gay Fantasy Romance, and Goodreads M/M Readers Choice Awards

**Primary agent:**  
Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## ALL OF US MURDERERS

by KJ Charles

The lush Gothic drama of *Crimson Peak* meets the murderous intrigue of *Knives Out* with an LGBTQIA+ love story to die for

When Zeb Wyckham is summoned to a wealthy relative's remote Gothic manor, he is horrified to find all the people he least wants to see in the world: his estranged brother, his sneering cousin, and his bitter ex-lover Gideon Grey. Things couldn't possibly get worse.

Then the master of the house announces the true purpose of the gathering: he intends to leave the vast family fortune to whoever marries his young ward, setting off a violent scramble for her hand. Zeb wants no part of his greedy family—but when he tries to leave, the way is barred. The walls of Lackaday House are high, and the gates firmly locked. As the Dartmoor mists roll in, there's no way out. And something unnatural may be watching them from the house's shadowy depths....

Fear and paranoia ramping ever-higher, Zeb has nowhere to turn but to the man who once held his heart. As the gaslight flickers and terror takes hold, can two warring lovers reunite, uncover the murderous mysteries of Lackaday House—and live to tell the tale?

Gideon. It was actually, impossibly Gideon. Zeb's heart lurched joyously in the fraction of a second before his brain caught up and his stomach plunged.

The combined experience was unpleasant.

"What the—?"

"Ah, Mr. Zebedee," Gideon said over him. "You may remember me: Gideon Grey. I'm Mr. Wynn Wyckham's confidential secretary. I trust you had a pleasant journey."

Gideon didn't sound like he trusted it in the least. He sounded like he wished Zeb had driven into a ditch.

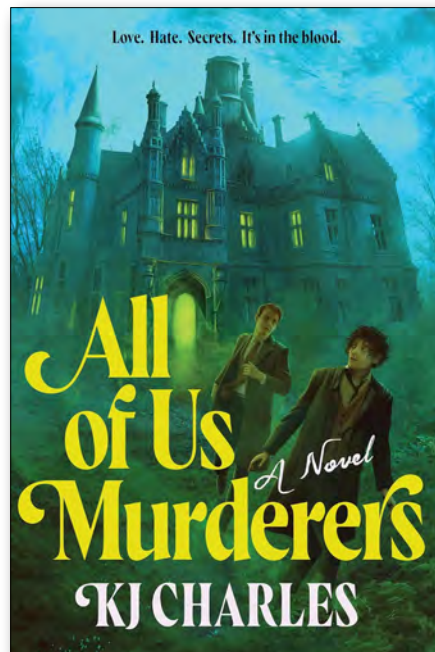


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M/M gothic romance



Poisoned Pen Press/  
Sourcebooks

October 2025

Trade paperback  
80k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers:** France (MxM Bookmark), Germany (Second Chances), Italy (Mondadori & Salani), Japan (Shinshokan), Taiwan (Reve Books)

- Amazon bestselling author
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**Primary agent:**  
Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available



## YOURS FOR THE SEASON

by Kate Cochrane

An ex-hockey player and her best friend's older sister might just make the yuletide gay in this small-town Christmas romance

JT Cox never quite fit into Hart's Landing. Playing on the boys' hockey team and coming out young didn't help. Now, thanks to an Olympic gold medal, JT's name is on a sign greeting visitors to her hometown. Her family of artists and creatives still treat her as an odd duck, but elsewhere there's a warm welcome. Especially from her best friend's older sister, newly divorced Ali Porter.

Single for the first time since high school, Ali is ready to take the reins of her own life. She's never had the chance to date another woman, and JT is an irresistible force of nature. When they team up for the town's holiday contest, cocoa tasting and gingerbread decorating give way to snow-melting chemistry.

If teenage JT thought Ali was the prettiest girl on the planet, adult JT is completely smitten. But JT can't see herself living in Hart's Landing again and Ali can't imagine leaving her job and her newly purchased home. And with Ali's mom trying to plot a reconciliation with her ex, this holiday season might be bittersweet...or the start of something magical.

"Kate Cochrane delivers a spicy, sapphic, cozy holiday romance that will leave you curling your toes and smiling at the pages long into the night! Readers who love small town vibes, sports romances, and brother's best friend tropes will devour this book in one sitting and come back for more." – **Lindsay Maple, author of *Holly Jolly July***

"Cochrane's latest is a satisfying and sexy sapphic holiday romance. JT and Ali give each other much needed support and love, and readers will enjoy watching as they fall for each other. Recommend to those who enjoyed *Make the Season Bright* by Ashley Herring Blake." – **Library Journal**



Kate Cochrane grew up in rural New Hampshire and played Division I ice hockey at Dartmouth College. She received her law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law and practiced as an attorney for four years before becoming a stay-at-home mom to her two children while her wife completed her residency and fellowship. Now, she works as a Law Librarian. In 2017, she was a fellow in the

Lambda Literary Writer's Retreat for Emerging LGBTQ Voices with Malinda Lo as her mentor. *Wake Up, Nat and Darcy* was her debut novel.

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F/F contemporary romance



**Harlequin**

**November 2025**

Trade paperback

95k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Primary agent:**

Paige Terlip  
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## RUINOUS CREATURES

by Jessi Cole Jackson

A dark, sexy new adult romantasy, in which an impulsive bone keeper on a magical creature sanctuary and an irreverent rebel focused on revenge awaken an ancient phoenix magic with a kiss

Adela lives in a hidden valley where she is a Keeper of magical creatures—jackalopes, kelpie, unicorns, dragons, and more. But she's more than a Keeper, she's training to be the next Matcher. Once a year, the religious Order of the Huntress comes to the valley to match their novitiates with the skulls of magical creatures. It's a sacred ritual full of pomp and revelry. Once matched, the young novitiates become priests imbued with the power of the magical creatures. But the magic seems to be fading. The magical creatures are dying. Sure, that means more skulls for the Order of the Huntress, but much less magic.

Kian's parents were murdered by the Order. So, he's determined to seek his revenge from the inside. He becomes a member and plans to destroy the skulls—and all remaining magic—when he goes to the matching ceremony.

But then Adela rides up, a vision of wild power and beauty, on the back of a unicorn, and Kian is overcome. And then he matches with a phoenix skull—long thought void of any magic, but in reality pulsing with power.

Skulls often match in pairs or groups, and the second phoenix skull matches with Adela, even though it's *absolutely forbidden* for a Matcher to match. Pulled together initially by a powerful, sensual attraction, Kian and Adela must explore that attraction in order to figure out the mysteries—with the phoenix skulls, and with the dwindling magic. Can they fall in love even as Kian intends to betray Adela? Will their new dangerous powers bring magic back? Though their goals are at odds, they will have to find a way to trust each other if they are to survive what is to come. It is perfect for fans of Emily Wilde's *Encyclopedia of Fairies* and T. Kingfisher.



Jessi Cole Jackson spent 12 years building costumes in various prestigious regional theaters before getting her MFA in Children's Literature from Hollins University, where she honed her craft and found her people. She's published various short stories, mentored emerging writers, and been a member of SFWA and SCBWI. After living in Cincinnati, DC,

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Romantasy



Atria

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**Brazil** on pre-empt (VR Editoras)

**Germany** at auction (Blanvalet)

**Hungary** (Maxim)

**Italy** (Oscar Mondadori)

**Russia** at auction (Azbooka-Atticus)

**Spain** on pre-empt (VR Editoras)

**Ukraine** at auction (Potiah)

- Sold on pre-empt for six figures
- Lead title
- Listen to our short podcast about *Ruinous Creatures* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Danielle Burby  
Mad Woman Literary

**Material:** Available

**LOST AND FOUND:**  
Spunes book 3  
by Tarah DeWitt

A stunning novel of romance and redemption set in the small town of Spunes, Oregon, and filled with heartbreak and hope from *USA Today* bestselling author Tarah DeWitt

Bea always wanted to be a mom, but she never expected she'd have to lose her best friend to do it. Armed with nothing but her best friend's eggs and a bucket list to complete, Bea's world is a sea of changes.

When Silas steps in to give her a place to live when she needs it, Bea is half-relieved she has a longtime friend in her corner. A firefighter living in the wake of an accident, Silas has his own challenges to work through that have left him cautious and vulnerable in equal measure. At first, they expect nothing. But as these two former sunshines knit together in a love that has been unfulfilled till now, a new beginning comes out of the ashes of the past. One that will lead to a love that can withstand all the slings and arrows, joys and triumphs, that life can throw.

Contemporary romance



**St. Martin's Griffin**

**June 2026**

Trade paperback

Estimated 92k words

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**Foreign sales:** **Brazil** (Planeta), **British** (Piatkus), **Italy** (Newton Compton), **Portugal** (Grupo Leya), **Russia** (Exmo), **Turkey** (Nemesis/Epsilon)

**Previous foreign publishers:** **Brazil** (Planeta), **British** (Piatkus), **France** (HLAB), **Italy** (Newton Compton), **Lithuania** (Svajonių Knygos), **Portugal** (Grupo Leya), **Russia** (Exmo), **Spain** (Grupo Anaya), **Turkey** (Nemesis/Epsilon), **Ukraine** (Verba)

Also in the series



"Tarah weaves pure magic!" – **Elsie Silver**,  
**#1 New York Times** bestselling author of *Flawless*

"Aching and sexy, *Left Of Forever* hits you in your feels. The Second Chance Romance needed." – **Julie Soto**, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Forget Me Not* and *Not Another Love Song*



Tarah DeWitt writes character-driven romances filled with laughter and Big Feelings. She loves stories centered around perfectly imperfect characters, especially those with just enough trauma to keep them funny, without ever being forcefully cavalier. She's the national bestselling author of *Savor It*, *The Co-op*, and *Funny Feelings*, with plenty more to come.

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**Primary agent:**  
Carly Watters  
P.S. Literary Agency

**Material:** Available September 2025

- Sold at auction, in a 6-book deal
- *USA Today* bestselling author
- **Previous book, *Left of Forever*:**
  - An Indie Next List pick
  - A Best Romance of May at Rakuten Kobo
  - A *She Reads Romance* most anticipated book of 2025



## MASQUERADE: The Dragonfly Chronicles book 3 by Eleri Drake

Four sisters, hidden in different time periods, each with a different magical power, must come together to save the world against a group of demons bent on destroying humanity

Orphanage director by day, jewel thief by night. Using her magic to rob from the rich to keep the orphanage running seems like the perfect solution until Kat steals from the wrong man, a man who sees through her magic, a man who can see the scars she hides from the world.

Toren MacCallum is cursed. An old witch tore him from his 16th-century world and threw him into the 21st century. But he's found an ancient dragonfly necklace to bait and bargain with the witch to return him to his time. For he must find a way home to save his sister and his clan from disappearing off the pages of history.

When a mysterious woman steals the necklace in front of a hundred witnesses, the witch, followed by a storm of demons, sends Kat and him to Elizabethan England. Toren agrees to return the necklace, but he won't give up the greater prize, the thief who's stolen his heart.

Also in the series



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Books written under the pseudonym Eleri Drake contain fantasy and paranormal elements to make the adventure and passion even more fun. [www.heathermccollum.com/eler-drake](http://www.heathermccollum.com/eler-drake)

Historical romantasy



**Independently published**

**October 2025**

Trade paperback

100k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

- Part of a 5-book series
- *USA Today* and *Publishers Weekly* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**

Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available end of September 2025

## HONEY BEE MINE

by Sarah T. Dubb

In this small town, enemies-to-lovers romance from the author of *Birding with Benefits*, a type-A beekeeper and a former bad boy join forces to plan a summertime Honey Festival

Like the bees she keeps, Penny Becker lives by a golden rule: never stop working. That mantra kept Becker Farms running when her grandfather, dad, and ex all left for greener pastures. But after taking out a loan for an expansion plan that crashed and burned, Penny has to find a way to pay or risk losing it all, and she's betting everything on the Sullivan's Glen Honey Festival. To save the farm, she has to make the festival bigger, better, and more successful than ever before—and she plans to do it all on her own.

Reformed bad boy turned restaurateur Zander Bouras left Sullivan's Glen in a blaze of glory and vowed to never return. But when his ex-wife wants to go back for the summer, Zander grudgingly follows. He refuses to miss time with his son, and figures it's finally time to deal with the farmhouse his grandfather left, for some reason, to him.

His first day in town brings Zander face to face with Penny, the girl whose perfect life mocked him from next door. It's just his luck that his son loves her and her bees, and before he knows it he's been volunteered to help plan a honey festival with the sexy, stubborn beekeeper whose braid he just wants to tug. As they learn to work together, Zander faces his demons and learns to see Sullivan's Glen in a new light as Penny realizes that accepting help isn't so bad—especially from the right person. But as the festival day and Zander's departure draw near, they'll have to decide if the romance buzzing between them can last past the sweet days of summer.

First, all Zander saw was the glint of gold in the sun.  
Then with a shake of the head, the gold furred out,  
falling over the still-suited shoulders. A gloved hand  
swept the waterfall of hair away to reveal high,  
freckled cheeks and sharp blue eyes.

And Zander knew the world wasn't fair. Because little  
miss perfect Penny Becker was still right here. And  
worse, she was fucking beautiful.



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Contemporary rom-com



**Gallery Books**

**February 2026**

Trade paperback

83k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Germany (HarperCollins)

• **Previous book, *Birding with Benefits*:**

— Being made into a [Hallmark Channel original movie](#)

— Included in the Ripped Bodice Subscription Box and the Parnassus Books "Love, Parnassus" Box

— Listen to our short podcast about *Birding with Benefits* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Amy Giuffrida  
Belcastro Agency

**Material:** Available

## THE UPGRADE:

### The Jilted Brides Honeymoon Club book 1 by Tawna Fenske

Forbidden pleasure awaits at an exclusive, luxury swingers resort, sure to make you forget your cheating ex completely...

It started innocently enough. Kit needed a fake date for his ex's glamorous party. I needed a practice swing fling to launch my trip to an exclusive resort. I know what you're thinking. Eve's not that kind of girl. But my ex's betrayal has me speeding down scandalous paths I've never explored. A luxury, fantasy retreat where women's pleasure comes first. And so will I.

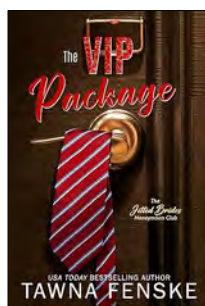
The Jilted Brides Honeymoon Club boasts a fantasy menu to fulfill my wildest desires. Sensuous massage, carnal group play...it's all here for me to sample.

Then the one man I shouldn't want shows up where I least expect him. I've craved Kit's touch since our single, scorching night last week. There's no way I'm resisting him now. Keeping our secret could cost more than my closest friendship. The price of this off-limits pleasure is the freedom I've fought to reclaim.

"*The Upgrade* is a bold, sexy, and fun read...a seriously fun and sex-positive story that manages to be both steamy and full of heart!"

— **Smutty Professor**

More in the series



When Tawna Fenske finished her English lit degree at 22, she celebrated by filling a giant trash bag full of romance novels and dragging it everywhere until she'd read them all. Now she's a RITA Award finalist, *USA Today* bestselling author who writes humorous fiction, risqué romance, and heartwarming love stories with a quirky twist. *Publishers*

*Weekly* has praised Tawna's offbeat romances with multiple starred reviews. Tawna lives in Bend, Oregon, with her husband, stepkids, and a menagerie of ill-behaved pets. She loves hiking, snowshoeing, standup paddleboarding, and inventing excuses to sip wine on her back porch. [www.tawnafenske.com](http://www.tawnafenske.com)

Erotic romance



**Independently published**  
**May 2025**

Trade paperback  
72k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

- First book in a series
- *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



**AT WHIT'S END:  
Wells Ranch book 4  
by Bailey Hannah**

**A single mom struggling to raise her rebellious son finds unexpected support in a kind-hearted cowboy in this spicy romance from the author of *Seeing Red* and *Change of Hart***

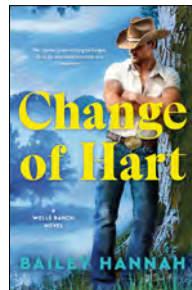
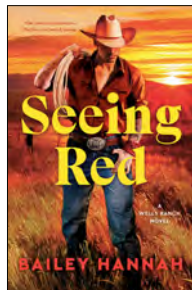
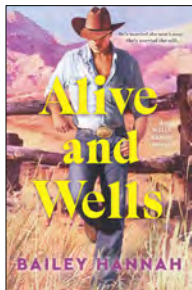
*She's afraid she's not enough. He'll make damn sure she knows she is.* Single mom Whitney Hart is, quite simply, overwhelmed. She's struggling to raise her ten-year-old son, Jonas. Her ex-boyfriend only seems to come around and help take care of his son when he's single and hoping to get back together. With Jonas acting out more than ever, Whitney enlists the help of her sister Blair to keep an eye on Jonas over summer vacation.

Enter Colt, a fun-loving cowboy who is tasked with giving Jonas work to do around Wells Ranch to keep him busy. In Colt, Jonas finds a mentor and male role model for the first time in his life. And in Jonas, Colt discovers a friendship that brings a new kind of joy into his life.

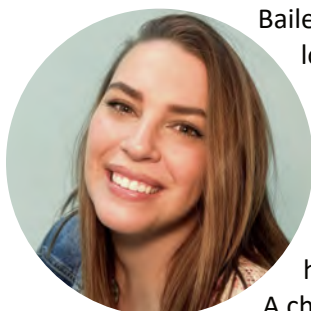
Colt and Whit slowly develop a friendship of their own through a shared concern for Jonas, and over the course of the summer, it begins to spark into something more. The attraction and chemistry between them are hard to ignore, but Whit's insecurities and hesitancy to trust men causes her to pull away.

As miscommunications give way to understanding, the two will discover that sometimes you have to first be broken before you can become whole, and that there's no one way to create a family.

**Also in the series**



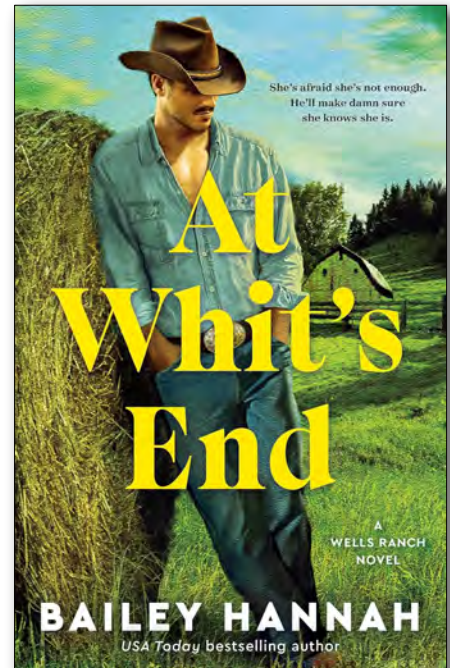
"Bailey Hannah's books are an exhilarating ride. I close each one with my hair blown back and a smile on my face..."  
— Tarah DeWitt, *USA Today* bestselling author



Bailey Hannah is a Canadian romance author. She loves to write strong heroines and rugged men who aren't afraid to love their woman hard. Born and raised in small town British Columbia, she loves to add rural Canadian flair (dirt roads, rodeos, ketchup chips, and a two-four of beer) to her stories. She lives with her husband, daughter, two dogs, and chickens.

A chronic middle-of-the-night writer, during the day Bailey can be found camping, baking sourdough, or being her daughter's chauffeur to horseback riding lessons. [www.baileyhannahwrites.com](http://www.baileyhannahwrites.com)

**Contemporary romance**



**Dell**  
**December 2025**  
Trade paperback  
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**Rights available:** Translation

**Foreign sales for the series:** **British** (Orion), **Brazil** (Record), **Bulgaria** (Hermes), **Canada** (Doubleday Canada), **France** (Editions Bragelonne), **Germany** (Vajona), **Hungary** (Maxim), **The Netherlands** (Lovebooks), **Poland** (Publicat/Książnica), **Portugal** (Penguin Random House), **Russia** (Exmo), **Spain** (Penguin Random House), **Ukraine** (Family Leisure Club)

- Part of a series
- **Previous book, *Alive and Wells*:**
  - Sold in a competitive situation in a multi-six-figure deal
  - Over 37k Goodreads ratings
  - Listen to our short podcast about *Alive and Wells* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**  
Carly Watters  
P.S. Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## SONG OF THE HELL WITCH

by Taylor Hartley

Rekindled romance spreads new wings in this atmospheric romantasy, where magic empowers women trapped inside an oppressive patriarchy. This striking novel is perfect for fans of the feminist ideals in *When Women Were Dragons* and the unique magic system in *One Dark Window*

Once a vicious street rat, Prudence Merriweather has clawed her way to the top of society and now enjoys newfound power as the Duchess of Talonsbury. All she has to do to protect her fragile position is maintain the act of gentility, make her husband happy—and keep her monstrous magic a secret.

Puck Reed, the Thief Lord of Talonsbury, once delighted in taking risks and humiliating the social elite at any cost, but now lives a quieter criminal lifestyle. With a daughter of his own to protect, Puck tries to lay low and stay safe for her benefit. His daughter, Bea, suffers from a mysterious illness bent on killing her, and Puck will stop at nothing to find a cure.

When Prudence's magic betrays her, she has no choice but to flee—and who better to smuggle her out of the city than her childhood best friend and former sweetheart, Puck Reed? With the help of old friends and new allies, they learn about Stormlash, a safe haven miles beyond the city walls where women and their magic can flourish beyond the oppressive eye of Leora's religious fanatics. Stormlash may also hold the key to curing Bea's illness. The challenge? Keep her alive long enough to get there.

With Bea's illness claiming more of her strength, Puck and Pru must work together to reach Stormlash and, in the process, confront a growing evil threatening to devour the country they call home.

"A gripping romantasy featuring women empowered by rage, magic, and inspiring courage in an oppressive society. Vibrant with action and romance, this wonderfully fierce, impactful debut is perfect for fans of Hannah Witten." – **India Holton, USA Today bestselling author of *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels***



Taylor Hartley (she/they) has been a writer since she was nine years old. Her parents introduced her to a world of books, but it was Tamora Pierce's fierce heroines and Madeline L'Engle's shimmering worlds that inspired her to become an author herself. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English Literature and Creative Writing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While

she's dabbled in copywriting, editing, and journalism, Taylor currently teaches high school English in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she lives with her partner and fellow English teacher, Aaron, and their two cats, Ada and Sansa. [www.authorthartley.com](http://www.authorthartley.com)

Romantasy



**Alcove Press**

**September 2025**

Trade paperback

107k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

- First book in a duology
- Listen to our short podcast about *Song of the Hell Witch* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Danielle Burby  
Mad Woman Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



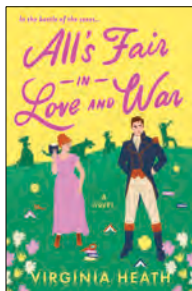
## PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL: Miss Prentice's Protégées book 3 by Virginia Heath

In the third installment of this witty Regency rom-com series, a headstrong chaperone is torn between following her rigid principles or her heart

Despite his many responsibilities, there is nothing Leopold Sloane, the 11th Duke of Debden, takes more seriously than the safety of those he loves. When one of his sisters is injured at a protest rally, he drags his family to Bath for the summer to keep his reckless and rebellious siblings out of harm's way. The only flaw in his plan is his overwhelming but inexplicable attraction to the new chaperone he has hired to watch out for them. An outspoken conundrum of a woman who soon causes him more trouble than both his sisters combined...but who calls to his soul regardless.

From the moment Portia Kendall read her first revolutionary pamphlet beneath her bedcovers at Miss Prentice's School for Girls, she realized that her true calling was to make the world a fairer place for the masses downtrodden by the aristocracy. A calling that led her to *Equitas*, a radical newspaper that champions reform. But as Portia discovers, writing doesn't pay the bills. To make a living, she must push aside her principles and serve the very people she criticizes weekly in her column. A temporary position as a chaperone in the home of a pompous duke seems like the perfect way to earn enough to follow her heart. Unfortunately, the duke who hires her seems to be more dashing and noble than pompous and soon begins to call to her heart too—as much as she tries to deny it. But dare she risk her principles for love or will her pride always come before a fall?

### Also in the series



"Sparkling...With a plot as rollicking as it is sweetly romantic, this is Regency-era romantic comedy done right." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"Funny and heartfelt." — **Library Journal**



Virginia Heath is a prolific author of witty Regency romances. A former media researcher turned history teacher, her books include *Never Fall for Your Fiancée*, *Lilian and the Irresistible Duke*, the acclaimed four book *King's Elite* series, and more. A three-time nominee for the Romantic Novel of the Year Award, Virginia lives outside of London with just her husband now that her two adult children have flown the nest. [www.virginiaheathromance.com](http://www.virginiaheathromance.com)

## Historical rom-com



**St. Martin's Griffin**

**July 2026**

Trade paperback

108k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers:** **France** (J'ai Lu), **Germany** (CORA/HarperCollins Germany), **Japan** (Hara Shobo Co. Ltd.), **Romania** (Editura Litera), **Serbia** (Vulkan), **Slovenia** (MKZ), **Spain** (Planeta)

• The author's work has been nominated three times for the Romantic Novel of the Year Award

• **Previous book, *Never Rescue a Rogue*:**

— Amazon Editor's Pick, Best Romance  
— *Cosmopolitan*, One of the Best Romance Novels of the Year  
— Starred reviews, *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, and *BookPage*

**Primary agent:**

Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available October 2025



## OUR DARK INCANTATIONS

by Wanda Hellmund

Perfect for fans of *Alchemised* and *Rose in Chains*, this dark fantasy novel brims with twists and turns, with an epic love story at its core

Mira Winters had one cardinal rule: Never use magic again. After all, it was magic that killed her parents and left her with a magical scar and relentless nightmares. She sees her chance to finally mend her old war wound when she is accepted into the prestigious magical Healing faculty at Ivermore University of Magic. Her plan is simple: Use magic one last time to heal her scar and return to the non-magical sphere. But everything derails when she's mysteriously placed in the Dark Magic faculty instead.

Determined to keep working on her healing potion, she solicits ingredients illegally. When she is caught, the professor makes her a deal: He will help her if she works on a mysterious murder investigation with fellow student Darian Dawson. The heir to the Dawson fortune and son to an infamous war criminal, Darian is arrogant, aristocratic, and shrouded in secrets. He is the last person she wants to spend time with.

As they uncover the magical society's darkest secrets, Mira fights her growing attraction to Darian and learns that he carries wounds from the war as well and seems to understand her better than anyone.

When demons from Mira's past return, she realizes erasing the past isn't the solution. She must face her trauma head-on and embrace dark magic to fight back against the magical forces coming for her.

“You’re a Shadowwalker.” Her voice was a whisper. Slowly, he walked closer to her until she could feel the heat radiating from his body. He cocked his head and ran a tongue along his right canine. “Say it again. From your lips, it sounds like sin.”



Wanda Hellmund is an Emmy Award-winning investigative journalist by day and fantasy lover by night. She has a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. In her ten years as a journalist, she has written hundreds of news articles and documentary scripts. She's been an avid writer for most of her life and has written several fanfictions and original stories. A lover of creative storytelling, dark

fantasies, and angsty romances, *Our Dark Incantations* is her debut novel.

Romantasy

Ace/Berkley

Fall 2026

Hardcover

128k words

**Rights available:** Translation

**Foreign sales:**

**British** (Headline Eternal/Hachette)  
**Brazil** on pre-empt (Companhia das Letras)

**France** at auction (Eilean Books)

**Germany** on pre-empt (LYX)

**Hungary** (Maxim)

**Italy** on pre-empt (Sperling)

**The Netherlands**, at auction (Meulenhoff Boekerij)

**Portugal** on pre-empt (PRH)

**Spain** at auction (Anaya)

- Sold, at auction, to Berkley in a two-book deal, for six-figures per book
- Adapted from the AO3 fan fiction *Damaged Goods*, where it received over 700k views

**Primary agent:**

Taryn Fagerness

Taryn Fagerness Agency

**Material:** Sample material available

**A GIRL LIKE HER:  
Ravenswood book 1  
by Talia Hibbert**

**In the small English town of Ravenswood, feisty, outcast heroines are swept off their feet by the strong, sweet men who love them**

Prickly, autistic, and shadowed by a scandalous past, Ruth Kabbah will always be Ravenswood's black sheep. It's a lonely life, but at least it's safe...until Evan Miller comes to town.

Calm, confident, and instantly accepted by their small English town, Evan is Ruth's opposite in every way—yet he meets her suspicion with a smile, handles her awkwardness with ease, and watches her with a hunger that threatens to tear down her all her defenses.

The gossips want to know how she's bewitched him. Ruth just wants to know when he'll get bored and leave. Because if there's one thing she's learned, it's that girls like her don't get happily ever afters.

But when a monster from Ruth's past comes back to haunt her, she's forced to make a choice: should she trust Evan completely? Or is her heart safest alone?

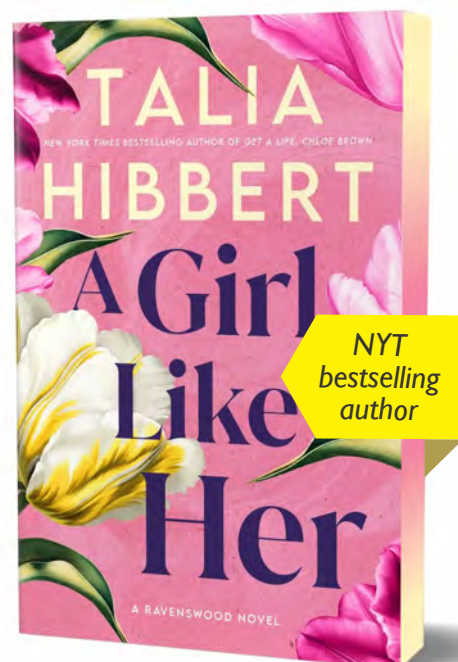
"Weeks later I'm still reflecting on how good it was. The principal characters are complex, flawed, and fascinating, and the story...is smart and sexy." – **All About Romance**

"Strong, independent, fierce AF women need men who respect them and let them be the problem solvers in their own lives. And Talia Hibbert delivers that Every. Single. Time." – **The Book Queen's Book Palace**



Talia Hibbert is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author who writes hot, emotionally resonant romance about diverse and complicated characters. Two of her series, *Ravenswood* and *The Brown Sisters*, have been optioned for TV and film. She lives in a small English town full of cozy cafes and nosy neighbors. Talia's hobbies include lighting scented candles, baking chocolate chip cookies, and complaining bitterly about the weather. Her mother is not allowed to read her books. [www.taliahibbert.com](http://www.taliahibbert.com)

**Contemporary romance**



**Sourcebooks Casablanca**

**March 2026**

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Hardcover

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**Previous foreign publishers:** **Albania** (Toena), **Brazil** (Paralela), **British** (Piatkus), **Bulgaria** (Apostrof), **Denmark** (Gyldendal), **France** (Hachette), **Germany** (Heyne & Ullstein), **Israel** (Ahavot Books), **Italy** (Mondadori), **Hungary** (Könyvmolyképző), **Latvia** (Latvijas Mediji), **The Netherlands** (Zomer & Keuning), **Poland** (Poznanskie), **Portugal** (Infinito Paralela and Particular), **Russia** (AST), **Spain** (Penguin Random House), **Turkey** (Artemis), **Ukraine** (Vivat)

• *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**  
Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available

# THE LAST THORN

by Talia Hibbert

Unbeknownst to the mundanes of modern Britain, a shadow society of powerful magi live right under their noses. *Welcome to Albion...*

Serenia Moreau is doing what she's done every day for the last decade since murdering her abusive grandfather: languishing in the Moreau family dungeons. Serenia is a changeling, her family's secret shame. When her flawless sister disappears under dubious circumstances, Nia's family offers the deal of a lifetime: masquerade as Amaryllis for a night, and they'll set her free. But when the infamous Casimir claims her as his bondmate, the Moreaus double cross Nia without a second thought. Placed under an unbreakable vow, Serenia is forced to live as Amaryllis until her sister is found—or until she can escape. But lying to a man as powerful as Casimir Thorne is dangerous. And running from his beast could be deadly....

Once upon a time, Casimir Thorne believed in justice. Then came the Blood War, the death of his family, and the harrowing theft of control over himself—all atrocities committed by the Blood Lord Gideon Everheart. Cas avenged those losses when his fangs tore out Everheart's throat. Now the Blood War is won and the papers call him a hero. But Cas continues to hunt down Gideon's remaining supporters, and when Cas's beast loses control and he's caught by a member of the High Council, he's faced with an ultimatum: have his powers bound or find a bondmate to anchor him to his humanity.

Unfortunately, his beast chooses Amaryllis Moreau, the manipulative heiress of a family loyal to the Blood Lord. To be bound to Amaryllis is the ultimate humiliation, and Cas is determined to make her suffer just as badly. But the mocking, feral woman in his home and under his skin is nothing like the cold princess he remembers....

The two become entangled in a web of deceit as they fight the growing bond between them—but they will have to work together if they ever hope to save Albion from the scars that the Blood Lord left behind.



Talia Hibbert is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author who writes hot, emotionally resonant romance about diverse and complicated characters. Two of her series, *Ravenswood* and *The Brown Sisters*, have been optioned for TV and film. She lives in a small English town full of cozy cafes and nosy neighbors. Talia's hobbies include lighting scented candles, baking chocolate chip cookies, and complaining bitterly about the weather. Her mother is not allowed to read her books. [www.taliahibbert.com](http://www.taliahibbert.com)

Romantasy

St. Martin's Press  
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Hardcover

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NYT  
bestselling  
author

**Rights available:** Translation

**Foreign sales:**

**British** (Tor UK)

**France** (Hachette)

**Germany** (Heyne)

**Italy** (Mondadori Oscar Vault)

**Russia** (AST)

**Spain** (Penguin Random House)

**Ukraine** (Vivat)

- US/UK publishers plan an "event" publication
- *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* author

**Primary agent:**

Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Sample material available



## BOOK CLUB BOYFRIEND

by Jenny Holiday

A simmering enemies-to-lovers romance about a former actress with a popular book club, and the literary novelist who declined to have his debut featured in it

Producer Blair Kellermoon is having a rough time of it. She's newly divorced, her youngest kid is off to college, and the movie project of her heart has just fallen apart. Oh, and she's been publicly humiliated by literary novelist Jack Branksome, who declined her offer to feature his debut novel in her popular "Books with Blair" book club. Blair was Hollywood's rom-com queen in her acting days but she's having trouble navigating this phase of life. She needs a win. And some company—she's not too proud to admit that she's lonely.

Jack Branksome is used to being called a jerk. He doesn't mind. If having standards makes you a jerk these days, he'll take it as a badge of honor. What Jack's not used to is writing to deadlines. After the runaway success of his first novel, he's tight up against a deadline with his second. All eyes are on him, and he's genuinely afraid he won't be able to deliver. To his bafflement the only person he's able to confide in about his fears is Blair. When she impulsively invites him to spend the summer finishing his book while living in her pool house, the idea should be everything he hates: sunny California skies and a sunny California hostess. But maybe some of her annoyingly chipper, can-do attitude will rub off on him. Or maybe a few months spent reading and writing with Blair will change everything.

Contemporary rom-com

Forever/Grand Central

May 2026

Hardcover

Estimated 80k words

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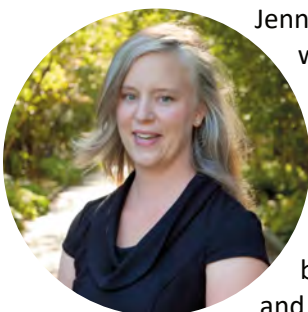
**Previous foreign publishers:** Estonia (ERAM), **Germany** (Ullstein Forever), **Hungary** (Gabo), **The Netherlands** (Boekerj)

• *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**

Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available October 2025



Jenny Holiday is a *USA Today* bestselling author whose books have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *The Washington Post*. She grew up in Minnesota and started writing when her fourth-grade teacher gave her a notebook to fill with stories. When she's not working on her next book, she likes to hike, throw theme parties, and watch other people sing karaoke. Jenny lives in

London, Ontario, Canada. [www.jennyholiday.com](http://www.jennyholiday.com)

## GRACELESS HEART

by Isabel Ibañez

Bestselling YA author Isabel Ibañez takes readers to 15<sup>th</sup> century Italy in this debut adult romantasy, about a sculptress and a family of immortals who desperately need her powers

As a sculptress, Ravenna Maffei has always shaped beauty from stone but she has a terrible secret. Desperate to save her brother, she enters a competition hosted by Florence's most feared immortal family, revealing a dark power in a city where magic is forbidden.

Now a captive in the cutthroat city of Florence, Ravenna is forced into a dangerous task where failure meets certain death at the hands of Saturnino dei Luni, the immortal family's mesmerizing but merciless heir. But as he draws her closer, Ravenna realizes the true threat lies beyond Florence's walls.

The Pope's war against magic is closing in, and Ravenna is no longer just a prisoner but a prize to be claimed. As trusting the wrong person becomes lethal, Ravenna must survive the treacherous line between a pope's obsession and the seductive immortal who might be the end of her—or surrender her power to a city on the brink of war.

"Richly imagined and full of heart, Ibañez's adult debut shines in this breathtaking historical fantasy. I was captivated by the first line and missed these characters after the last page. A jewel of a novel, not to be missed." — **Rebecca Ross, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Divine Rivals***

"A breathtaking blend of intricate magic, riveting intrigue, and hypnotic romance, in a lush historical setting that flares to life on every page. I never wanted to leave the glimmering, immortally enchanting world of *Graceless Heart*." — **Ava Reid, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Study in Drowning***

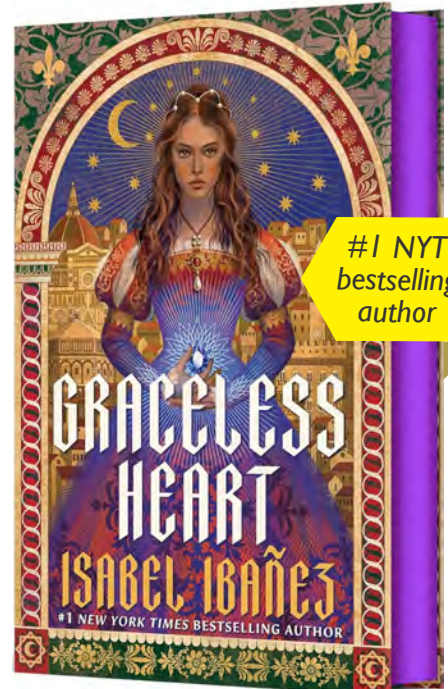
"A lush and dangerous story, *Graceless Heart* captivated me with its treachery, magic, and shocking revelations. The clash of wills between the clever Ravenna and the heartless Saturnino is fierce, deadly—and loaded with sizzling banter and chemistry." — **Mary E. Pearson, New York Times bestselling author of *The Courting of Bristol Keats***



Isabel Ibañez is the author of *Woven in Moonlight* (Page Street), which was a finalist for the William C. Morris Award and is listed among *Time Magazine's* 100 Best Fantasy Books Of All Time, and *What the River Knows* (Wednesday Books), which became a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. She was born in Boca Raton, Florida, and is the proud daughter of two Bolivian immigrants. She currently lives in

Asheville, North Carolina, with her husband, their adorable dog, and a serious collection of books. [www.isabellibañez.com](http://www.isabellibañez.com)

## Historical romantasy



**Saturday Books/St. Martin's Press**

**March 2026**

Hardcover

140k words

**Rights available:** Translation

**Foreign sales:**

**British** (Hodder)

**France** at auction (Eilean Books)

**Germany** (Ravensburger)

**Hungary** (Könyvmolyképző)

**Spain** (Hidra)

- Lead title for the first season of Saturday Books, a new imprint
- #1 *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author
- **Previous YA book, *What the River Knows*:**
  - A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year
  - Amazon Editor's Pick, Best Young Adult Books of 2023
  - *Popsugar*, The Year's Best New Fantasy Books
  - Starred reviews, *Booklist* and *School Library Journal*

**Primary agent:**

Sarah Landis

Sterling Lord Literistic

**Material:** Available

## WHITE LIGHTS

by Lauren Kate

Inspired by the author's many-million-copy-selling *Fallen* series, this captivating fantasy with a twisty, unforgettable romance takes an unflinching look at death and a celebration of what it means to love and to be alive

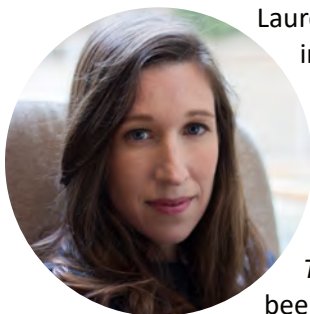
Heaven is running out of angels. Mortality has become the rage, and the heavenly ranks—from archangel to cherub—are defecting en masse from the Celestial Halls. Famed angels such as Samael, Angel of Death, and Metatron, Angel of Life, have surrendered their wings to seek out earthly lives and earthly love. In a secret meeting, the last remaining angels receive orders from the Top to start recruitment campaigns on Earth.

A dozen training grounds spring up around the planet so that a new class of angels can ascend. The two most consequential are the searches for the Angel of Life and the Angel of Death. This story takes place on the training grounds for the next Angel of Death, set at Acheron, an elite graduate school in a castle high atop the Rocky Mountains, where the second-year students are angels in disguise, and the Dean is a direct descendent of the biblical prophet Enoch. Just before the novel begins, an incoming class of mortals is hand-selected. Enter Dez, our heroine.

Under false pretenses, Dez and her fellow students will study cutting edge filmmaking, unlike anything they knew was possible. At the end of their first year of training, only one of the hundred students will matriculate to the next level: becoming the Angel of Death.

Dez's charismatic mentor Rafe was the clear favorite for the role—until Acheron beholds what Dez can do. In a tangled knot of lust, power grabs, and betrayals, will Dez choose love or Death?

Dez kicks him. “You’re insufferable.”  
“I think the word you’re reaching for is irresistible.”  
And he is that, too. And he knows it. And it’s  
maddening.  
His lips pull up at the corners. “Don’t go falling for  
me.”



Lauren Kate is the #1 *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of the young adult series *Fallen* and *Teardrop*, as well as *The Betrayal of Natalie Hargrove*. Her adult novels include *By Any Other Name*, *The Orphan's Song*, *The Spirit of Love*, and *What's in a Kiss*. Her middle-grade debut novel, *One True Wish*, came out in 2023. Her books have been translated into more than 30 languages. She

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## Romantasy

Grand Central

June 2026

Hardcover

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#1 NYT  
bestselling  
author

**Rights available:** Translation

**Foreign sales:**

**Brazil** 3 books (Record)

**British** 3 books, at auction (Voyager/  
HarperCollins)

**Germany** 3 books (Vajona)

**Hungary** (Könyvmolyképző)

**The Netherlands** 3 books (Van Goor/  
Unieboek Spectrum)

**Portugal** 3 books (Planeta)

**Spain** 3 books, on pre-empt (Urano)

- Sold at auction to Kirsiah Depp at Grand Central in a “significant deal”
- First book in a trilogy
- #1 *New York Times* and international bestselling author
- Author has over 330k social media followers

**Primary agent:**

Laura Rennert

Andrea Brown Literary Agency

**Material:** Sample pages available now,  
full material available October 2025



## THE ONCE AND FUTURE QUEEN: The Lives of Guinevere book 1 by Paula Lafferty

An Arthurian fantasy with romance and high-stakes adventure where present-day Vera finds out she is the seventh century Queen Guinevere

After the sudden death of her boyfriend, Vera would have been happy to spend the rest of her days curiously unnoticeable, washing bed sheets and cleaning toilets in present day Glastonbury. But when the strange new guest at her hotel reveals himself to be Merlin and drags her back to seventh century Camelot, a place she knows only from legends, only Vera (or Queen Guinevere as Merlin calls her) can right the course of history and save Arthur's kingdom from the will of a power-hungry mage. There's one enormous problem: Guinevere was the sole witness to the curse that's now draining the kingdom of its magic, and Vera doesn't remember anything of her supposed life as Queen Guinevere.

With Camelot's peace ebbing ever closer to shattering, the clock is ticking. But working with Merlin's magic to retrieve her long-lost memories and save the kingdom brings more questions than answers: why is it that King Arthur, who treats his subjects with loving benevolence, can't even stand to look at her? And why does that make Vera's soul feel like it's splitting in two? What robbed her of her memories in the first place...And most importantly...why?

As Vera is about to discover; in a world of legend and power, the secrets of her memories are only the beginning.

"Debut author Lafferty successfully weaves together multiple genres in this story of King Arthur's time as seen through the eyes of a modern-day Guinevere. Like Vera, the reader does not have to be an expert on Arthurian legend to follow the story. The fresh takes on legendary characters and propulsive plot twists make this a page-turner that will leave readers hoping for a sequel. An original and fascinating take on the romance of Arthur and Guinevere." – **Kirkus, starred review**



Paula Lafferty lives in the Kansas City area with her husband, daughter, and Otto (the sweetest dog there ever was). She received a BFA in Film Production from Chapman University and a Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology. *The Once and Future Queen* is her debut novel which she originally funded through a hugely successful Kickstarter campaign under the title *La Vie de Guinevere*.

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## Romantasy



### Erewhon Books/Kensington

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Hardcover

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#### Foreign sales:

**Brazil** (Universo do Livros)

**British** 3 books (Hodderscape)

**Bulgaria** 3 books (Egmont)

**Croatia** 3 books (Egmont)

**Germany** (Heyne Fantastik)

**Hungary** (Alexandra)

**Poland** 3 books (Jaguar)

**Romania** (Nemira)

**Spain** 3 books on pre-empt (Penguin  
Random House Grupo Editorial)

- Erewhon Books is doing a deluxe edition with many special features
- Author funded over US\$ 65,000 on Kickstarter for the book
- Listen to our short podcast about *The Once and Future Queen* [HERE](#)
- The author has:
  - 68k followers on TikTok
  - 13.3 million views for most viewed video on TikTok
  - 29k followers on Instagram

#### Primary agent:

Taryn Fagerness Agency

**Material:** Available

## BOUND IN INKED FLAME: Of Crows and Thorns Saga book 1 by Ava Larksen

A dark romantasy series perfect for readers who crave plot-heavy, character-driven sagas drenched in atmosphere and rich world-building—where dark mysteries unravel alongside a slow-burn romance and heart-wrenching choices that threaten to destroy everything

*When I signed myself away in marriage, I should have read the fine print. Ink fades—blood binds.*

I'm a prisoner, trapped behind gilded gates, my freedom traded for safety. Magic pulses beneath my skin, wild and forbidden. In our world of ruling Houses, wielding such power means death. One slip, one spark—everyone I love dies.

As a princess of the Great House, I should have been untouchable. But in a cruel twist of fate, a ruthless family of enforcers claims the right to choose any bride. Now I'm to marry the infuriating Graysen Crowther. Our loathing is legendary, but with only a wall between us each night, hatred burns into something far more treacherous. One touch and I might lose something far worse than my life—my traitorous heart.

As my control fractures and betrayal tightens its noose, my only chance at survival lies in escaping to seek the monster who holds the truth about my magic. Yet when a bargained kiss unleashes an unbreakable bond, dark suspicion whispers through my bones that I'm caught in a blood-soaked web.

For in this deadly game of power, where trust is a luxury I can't afford, Graysen moves like someone who's been playing long before I knew there was a game.

And his secret might prove more lethal than any forbidden magic.

Ava Larksen is the Watty Award-winning and Once Upon a Wattpad Star author of the series *Of Crows and Thorns*, and best known for her rather wicked romantasy love stories. When not writing or reading, she's watching apartment tours and attempting to tame her wild backyard into a charming kitchen garden (spoiler: it's definitely a rustic weed-ridden love affair). Settled on the rugged coast of Aotearoa, Ava lives in a shambles of a bach with her partner, two boys, a wild cat, and chickens who refuse to believe they don't live in the house.

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## Dark romantasy



**Independently published**  
**February 2025**

Trade paperback  
266k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

- Hit number 13 for Dark Fantasy Horror on Amazon's New Release bestseller list
- Hit top 50 on Dark Fantasy Horror and Dark Fantasy bestseller lists on Amazon
- Over 5.7 million Kindle pages reads

**Primary agent:**  
Hannah Andrade  
Bradford Literary

**Material:** Available

## I PUNCHED AN ALIEN AND NOW WE'RE IN COUPLES THERAPY:

Cosmic Chaos book 2

by Kimberly Lemming

A zany and sexy romance about a woman who finds herself stranded on a far-off planet and mated to the warlord alien king, from *USA Today* bestselling author Kimberly Lemming

It's not in Blair's nature to just give up. Not when she's beamed up to a spaceship and then dropped on an alien planet. Not when she's captured by an arrogant alien king and locked in a cage. Not even when she starts talking to the prisoner next door who appears to be...a lion? If King Osid thinks he can break her, he's in for a shock. Blair lives by one motto: If you stay ready, you never have to get ready.

But absolutely nothing could have prepared her for finding out that she's that arrogant King Osid's mate.

Despite recent hiccups, the alien researchers are determined to get their breeding program back on track. With that in mind, Blair and Osid are bundled off to the research center for what they're told is couples counseling. As they face a series of increasingly dangerous challenges, it soon becomes clear the research aliens may have confused an episode of *The Bachelor* with *Survivor*. Bonding over their common enemy, and shall we say...encouraged by love darts, Blair and Osid let down their walls (and take off their clothes). When they discover that there are—somehow— even more secret plans in the works, another hilarious, steamy, over-the-top adventure is in store.

Also by Kimberly Lemming



"Hilarious, unhinged, heart-wrenching and fantastically heavy on the spice....This one is scorching hot, full of joy, and unmissable." – **Ali Hazelwood, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Bride***

"A laugh-out-loud romance of intergalactic proportions." – **Kirkus**



Kimberly Lemming is a *USA Today* bestselling author of *That Time I Got Drunk and Saved a Demon* along with more books in the *Mead Mishaps* series. She writes diverse fantasy romance. [www.kimberlylemming.com](http://www.kimberlylemming.com)

Sci-fi rom-com

Berkley

August 2026

Trade paperback

85k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

- *USA Today* bestselling author
- **Previous book, *I Got Abducted by Aliens and Now I'm Trapped in a Rom-Com*:**

- Sold on pre-empt
- An instant *USA Today* bestseller
- A Top 10 LibraryReads pick for February 2025
- An IndieNext List Pick
- *The Nerd Daily*, Swoonworthy 2025 Romance Book Releases You Need
- *Los Angeles Book Review*, 6 Highly Anticipated Romance Novels Being Released in Early 2025
- *Marie Claire*, 20 Best Romance Books of 2025 (So Far)
- *SheKnows*, 12 of the Most Unhinged, Booktok-Viral Erotica We Can't Believe Exists
- Audiobook was a #1 New Release in Science Fiction Romance on Amazon

**Primary agent:**

Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary Agency

**Material:** Available September 2025



## TRAITOR OF THE DROWNED EMPIRE: Drowned Empire book 5 by Frankie Diane Mallis

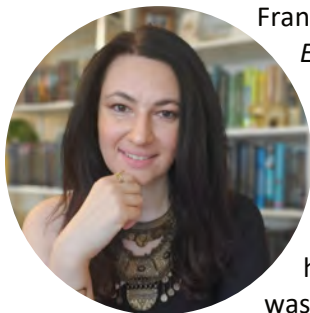
The closer Lyr gets to why Auriel—her soulmate’s former incarnation—has returned, the more danger they face as a secret that’s been locked away for centuries is revealed

After the devastating events of the arena, Lyriana Batavia is trying to live in a world where her soulmate, Rhyana Hart, has become a soulless akadim. The Empire has named Lyr a forsworn traitor, and every soldier in Lumeria has been ordered to hunt her down. With her friends and family scattered across the Empire, Lyr is more alone than she’s ever been, with the exception of one shocking ally; Auriel, Rhyana’s former incarnation, who has mysteriously appeared. And he is determined to help Lyr, whether she likes it or not.

The new Emperor Avery Kormac is hungrier than ever to impose his power over Lumeria, especially after the escape of his precious chayatim, including the powerful Julianna Batavia. His cruel and unrelenting agenda vows to locate every single vorakh through mandatory testing for all citizens. Lord Tristan Grey is named the leader of this new initiative, and finds himself hunting his own kind while keeping his newfound powers hidden. Meanwhile, Morgana and Aemon, the reincarnation of Moriel, are amassing the force of their akadim army to hunt a secret weapon. And the key to their plans of destruction may very well be Rhyana in his demonic form.

Lyr must decode the mystery of why Auriel has returned in order for them both to survive. But the closer they get, the more danger they face as a secret that’s been locked away for centuries is revealed. A secret that will alter the fate of the Empire forever.

Also in the series

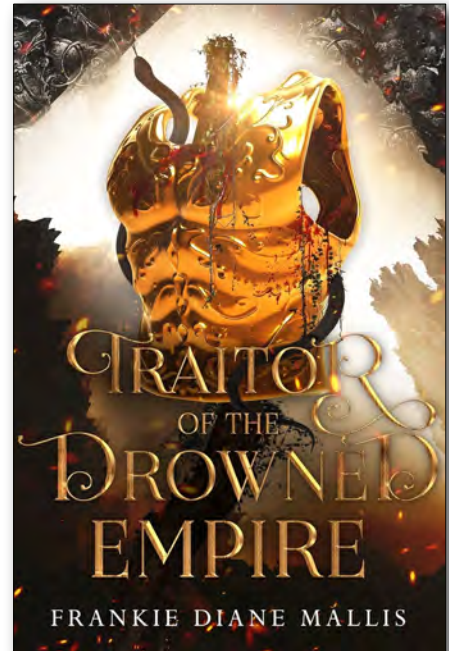


Frankie Diane Mallis is the author of the *Drowned Empire* fantasy romance series. She lives outside of Philadelphia where she is an award-winning university professor. Frankie is also one of the co-hosts of *Bothered & Bewildered: A Buffyverse Podcast*. When not writing or teaching, she practices yoga (and has her 200 hour yoga certification) and belly dance (she was a pro-dancer for over a decade) and can

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Romantasy



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**Foreign sales:**  
**British** (Hodder)

**Previous foreign publishers:**  
**British**(Hodder), **Italy** (Rizzoli), **Russia** (AST)

- Part of a series
- **Previous book, *Daughter of the Drowned Empire*:**
  - Best of BookTok banner on Amazon
  - A #1 bestseller in the Greek and Roman Myths, Amazon
  - A #1 bestseller in Historical Fantasy Amazon (Books and Kindle)
  - Named one of the Five Favorite Indie eBooks on the Barnes and Noble Press Blog the week of August 11, 2022
  - Listen to our short podcast about *Daughter of the Drowned Empire* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**  
Taryn Fagerness  
Taryn Fagerness Agency

**Material:** Available



## AWKWARDLY EVER AFTER

by Lindsay Maple

F/F contemporary rom-com

A spicy sapphic rom-com with a believer/skeptic dynamic, bisexual representation, and slow burn tension that culminates in a dramatic “I was in love with you the whole time” moment. For fans of Jesse Q. Sutanto and Alison Cochrun

**Harlequin**

**June 2026**

Trade paperback

95k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

**Primary agent:**

David Gyulai

P.S. Literary Agency

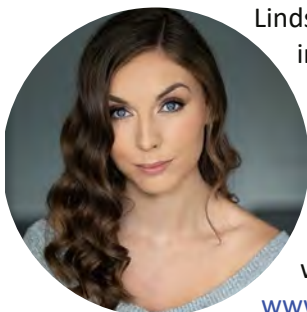
**Material:** Available October 2025

Aubrey has given up on trying to cure the curse that makes all her attempts at finding love super awkward. Dating while cursed has its low points, but the lowest she’s ever had is when she takes Olsen home for a one-night-stand and accidentally maims him while also nearly breaking his sister’s nose.

Lex is a scientist. A data analyst, to be precise. What happened to her brother, and to her nose, was caused by bad luck and clumsiness. Just like magic and Santa and unicorns, curses aren’t real. Despite all the anecdotal evidence Aubrey provides, it simply isn’t enough to satisfy Lex’s inner skeptic—what Lex really needs is hard data. Aubrey formulates a plan: Lex will tag along on her dates, collect all the data she needs, prove it is real, and maybe, just maybe, they can find a way to break the curse together so Aubrey can finally find love.

With Aubrey flitting from date to date and Lex swooping in at every awkward turn to save her, an unlikely friendship blossoms. Lex quickly becomes the most important person in Aubrey’s life, and she finds herself wanting to skip her dates and spend time with her new bestie instead. After a montage of terrible dates, when all the data has been collected, they discover the person most likely to break the curse is the most awkward possibility: Olsen. Aubrey is faced with an impossible choice: chase the perfect guy, everything she’d ever thought she wanted, and a chance at breaking the curse....Or risk it all and tell her closest friend she’s falling in love with her?

It may not matter who she chooses; if she can’t break the curse she’ll be stuck living the rest of her life awkwardly ever after.



Lindsay Maple is a Canadian rom-com author living in Chilliwack, BC. She has an amazing husband, two little boys, and a giant tortoise named Doug. When she’s not writing you can find her teaching hot yoga and fitness classes at various Oxygen studios across the lower mainland, BC. She also loves baking, hiking, watching movies, and (of course) reading!

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## THE DATING PROHIBITION

by Taj McCoy

In this spicy new rom-com, an ambitious entrepreneur working to get her speakeasy supper club off the ground, is pushed off balance when her childhood crush turns up, hotter than ever—then tells her she's off-limits

Now that Kendra's returned home, she can't help feeling like a kid again—back in her big brother's shadow, trying to get her restaurant off the ground while his new venture is flying high right out the gate. It doesn't help that everyone refuses to stop calling her Keke, the childhood nickname she loathes.

The only bright spot is her longtime crush BJ. He's been her big brother's best friend for most of her life, and he's always been that cool, chill guy who was easy to talk to and made her laugh. Now he's looking at her like she's all grown up, and there's nothing childish about the chemistry brewing between them. Even better, he takes her dreams seriously, and he's ready to help her make her supper club a reality.

But then BJ extinguishes the sparks flying between them, insisting nothing romantic can ever happen because she's "off limits." As her investors fall through and her best chance at fulfilling her professional dreams points toward leaving home again for a fresh start, will BJ be ready for love before Kendra moves on? Or will he sweep her off her feet when she least expects it?

"Taj McCoy's writing positively crackles with energy, wit and humor."

— Jayci Lee, author of *Booked on a Feeling*

"McCoy's talent for crafting steamy scenes, deft hand with dialogue, and mouthwatering food descriptions will make this a popular title."

— *Library Journal*, starred review

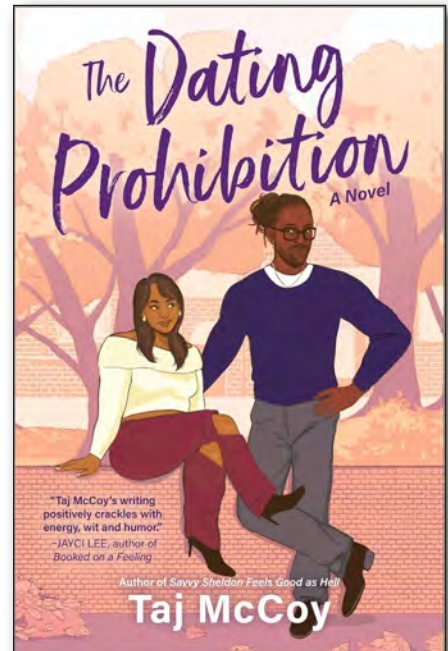


Oakland-born law grad Taj McCoy is committed to championing stories that include Black and multiracial women of color, plus-size protagonists, Black love, Black joy, and strong senses of sisterhood and familial bonds. She's the author of *Savvy Sheldon Feels Good as Hell*, *Zora Books her Happily ever After*, and *The Good Ones are Taken*, and her work is included in the anthology *Even if the Sky is Falling*.

Taj started writing as a small child, enjoying her first publications in elementary school. When she's not writing, Taj may be on X boosting other marginalized writers, practicing yoga, sharing recipes, or cooking private supper club meals for close friends.

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Contemporary rom-com



MIRA/HarperCollins

September 2025

Trade paperback

82k words

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• **Previous book, *Zora Books her Happily Ever After*:**

— An Amazon Editor's Pick, Best Romance

— *Entertainment Weekly*, Hot stuff: The 8 best romance novels of spring 2023

— *Publisher's Lunch*, Buzz Books 2022 Romance

— *Paste Magazine*, Most Anticipated Romance Books of 2023

— *BuzzFeed*, 15 of the Hottest Romance Novels Coming This Spring

— *BiblioLifestyle*, The Best 2023 Romance Books

— Starred reviews, *Library Journal* and *Publishers Weekly*

• **Previous book, *Savvy Sheldon Feels Good as Hell*:**

— *Entertainment Weekly*, Most Anticipated Books of 2022

— *Pop Sugar*, 54 Novels to Read When You Want a Romantic Escape

**Primary agent:**

Jemiscoe Chambers-Black  
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



## GIRL NEXT DOOR by Rachel Meredith

In this charming debut rom-com, a young freelance writer returns to her suburban hometown to uncover why her childhood next door neighbor's bestselling book appears to be an epic love story about the two of them....Perfect for readers of *Delilah Green Doesn't Care* and *Book Lovers*

When MC Calloway's best friend Joe, an editor at the notorious gossip website *Jawbreaker*, calls her in for an emergency meeting, MC is unprepared for how frantic he is. But when he shows her a copy of *Girl Next Door*, the steamy, bestselling rom-com taking the literary world by storm, written under a pen name, points to one of the women on the front cover, and says, "that's you," it's MC who begins to panic.

Joe is convinced that the author is Nora Pike, MC's prickly, childhood next-door neighbor, and their former high school classmate—and MC knows he's right, since the book describes actual events that happened their senior year, down to the tiniest details. But in the book, the characters based on MC and Nora are desperately in love, rather than the awkward acquaintances MC remembers being in real life.

Joe begs MC to go home undercover and get the scoop on Nora. That's the last thing MC wants to do, especially for an assignment that seems morally dubious at best, but she reluctantly agrees, knowing Joe is desperate to break a big story. Crashing in her childhood home with her older brother Conrad (now married to MC's secret high school crush, Gabby), MC begins untangling truth from fiction, trying to get close to Nora, who is just as hot and prickly as ever—and now suspicious of MC to boot. But the more involved she gets with Nora, the more it becomes clear they're both hiding secrets...and MC realizes she might be in over her head.

"*Girl Next Door* is everything I love in a romance novel. Complex characters, a prickly love interest, secrets, yearning, questionable decisions, and that glorious HEA. A tender, funny, sexy novel." — **Ashley Herring Blake, author of *Delilah Green Doesn't Care***

"Rachel Meredith wowed me with her debut. *Girl Next Door* has a brilliant premise with absolutely excellent execution, and, perhaps more importantly, the perfect balance of heart and grit." — **Rachel Runya Katz, author of *Whenever You're Ready***



Rachel Meredith is a copy editor by trade and an amateur boxer by hobby, based in New Haven. In 2018, she attended the Clarion West workshop, and has since migrated from magic systems to HEAs. *Girl Next Door* is her debut. [www.rachelmeredithauthor.com](http://www.rachelmeredithauthor.com)

## Contemporary rom-com



**Harper Perennial  
September 2025**

Trade paperback  
85k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

- Sold in a pre-empt
- Listen to our short podcast about *Girl Next Door* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**  
Lorin Rees  
Rees Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## THE MASH-UP

by Laura Marie Meyers

A millennial-driven rom-com that combines the nostalgic fun in *13 Going on 30* with the touch of magic found in Kate Robb's *This Spells Love*

It's all fun and games—until you're stuck in the game.  
*And love might be the only way out.*

Ruby Wynne is a staunch rule-follower who lives by the numbers. So when a surprising breakup ruins all her well-laid plans—on her 35<sup>th</sup> birthday, no less—Ruby makes a wish to get her life back....Only to wake up inside a M.A.S.H. game from seventh grade.

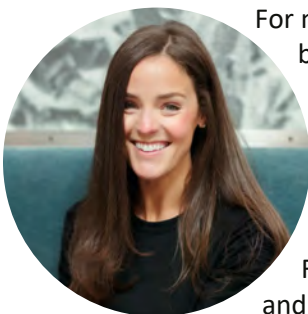
Living in a Technicolor mansion, driving a tie-dye Jeep, and running a roller-disco restaurant, all of Ruby's childhood dreams have come true—except for one. Ruby's "other half" is supposed to be Penn Hayes, her brother's annoying, and annoyingly handsome, best friend. But there's zero romance between them. Just like in real life, all they share is sarcastic banter.

With no rules to follow and desperate to return to reality, Ruby must make her best guess at an escape plan: win Penn's heart so the game comes completely true.

It's unthinkable. On Ruby's list of dos and don'ts, Penn Hayes is a lifelong don't. But as Ruby navigates the magical world she dreamed up at age 13, she wonders if, by finally throwing out her rules, she can find her way home to the life and love she deserves.

“As I stare into the flickering flame, I wish, just for a moment, that I could meet who I might have become, if life had gone a little differently. If I'd been a little less afraid. If I'd held on to more of the me I used to be.

I close my eyes, blow out the candle, and think: *I wish I was still like her.*



For nearly a decade, Laura Marie Meyers covered books, trends, and pop culture at *Popsugar* as a writer and editor. As an event moderator, she's enjoyed leading conversations and panels with bestselling authors such as Emily Giffin, Taylor Jenkins Reid, and Jessica Joyce. Originally from Chicago, she lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband, two sons, and far too many concert t-shirts.

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Contemporary rom-com

Putnam

Summer 2026

Trade paperback

85k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

• Sold at auction

**Primary agent:**

Jemiscoe Chambers-Black  
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## A HOMETOWN HOLIDAY: Harmony Cove book 3 by Olivia Miles

From *USA Today* bestselling author Olivia Miles comes a hopeful holiday romance that's perfect for fans of cozy towns, festive family sagas, and happily-ever-afters under the mistletoe

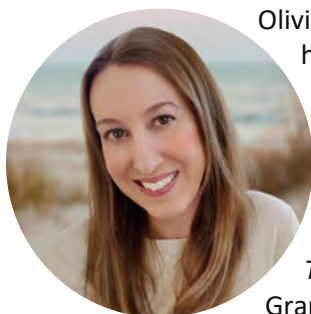
It's been years since the Baker family gathered under one roof for Christmas, and Molly has been counting down the days to carols, cocoa, and all the traditions that make the season bright. But when her mother announces a last-minute retirement—and a whirlwind second honeymoon—Molly is suddenly left in charge of the family's beloved café at the busiest time of year.

Determined to uphold the legacy her mother built, Molly throws herself into the holiday hustle. But when newcomer Eric Hansen questions her choices, Molly fears she's not just letting herself down—she might be letting the whole town down, too.

Eric came to Harmony Cove to reconnect with his late mother's past—he certainly didn't plan on falling for the woman who sees the world in gingerbread and garland. But as the season unfolds, so do long-buried memories and a chance to heal old wounds.

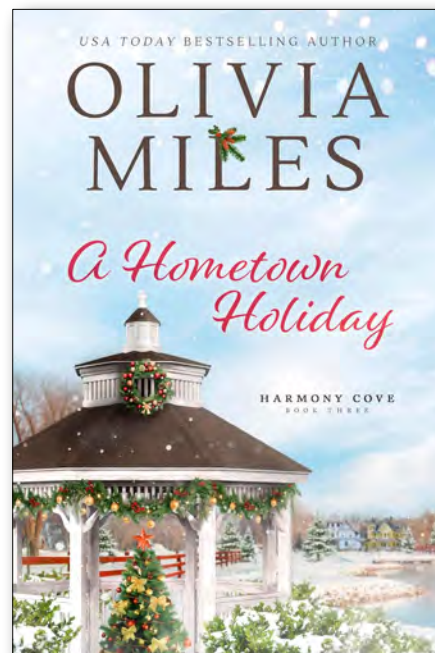
With twinkle lights overhead and snow falling gently outside, *A Hometown Holiday* is a heartwarming story of second chances and the unexpected joy of creating new traditions with the people who matter most.

### Also in the series



Olivia Miles is a *USA Today* bestselling author of heartwarming women's fiction and small town contemporary romance. She has frequently been ranked as an Amazon Top 100 author and Kindle All Star, and her books have appeared on several bestseller lists, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, BookScan, and *USA Today*. Olivia has been published by Harlequin, Grand Central Publishing/Hachette, and Montlake, and her books have been translated into more than half a dozen languages. [www.oliviamilesbooks.com](http://www.oliviamilesbooks.com)

## Contemporary romance



**Independently published**  
**October 2025**

Trade paperback  
70k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

• *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**  
Paige Wheeler  
Creative Media Agency

**Material:** Available October 2025



**DEMON'S BOUNTY:**  
**Crescent Coven book 3**  
**by Leigh Miller**

A fae queen's bounty. A race through realms against cutthroat fortune hunters. An unexpected bond threatening to upend their lives completely

*The Witch*

This bounty could set me up for life.

After turning my back on the safety and security of the Crescent Coven, I haven't exactly had the easiest time all on my own in the mundane world. So when I hear about the fae queen and the fortune she's offering, there's no question in my mind I'm going after it.

What I didn't expect? A grumpy demon mercenary who's after the bounty for himself, and who insists the two of us are fated to be together.

*The Demon*

This bounty could erase my biggest mistake.

I signed my life away to clear my family's debts, and the fae queen's fortune could buy me back my future.

But when the beautiful, vivacious, maddening witch who the Goddess has fated to be mine enters the deadly fray, the bounty isn't the only prize I'm after. I'll keep her safe, follow her to any corner of the 13 realms, do anything to convince her the two of us should be in this together—for the hunt, and forever.

Also in the series



Leigh Miller is an indie romance author who writes mainly in the fantasy and paranormal genres.

She has been a romance fanatic since the first time she snuck one of her mom's Harlequin paperbacks, and never looked back. When she's not writing, she spends a ton of time outdoors camping, hiking, and taking photos.

She is also big into tarot, astrology, and all things witchy. [www.authorleighmiller.com](http://www.authorleighmiller.com)

Paranormal romance



**Independently published**

**November 2025**

Trade paperback

80k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

- Part of a 4-book series
- **Previous book, *Demon's Bride*:**
  - Best of #BookTok banner on Amazon
  - Hit #1 in Paranormal Demons and Devils, Amazon

**Primary agent:**

Cheyenne Faircloth  
Handspun Literary Agency

**Material:** Available November 2025

## BUMP, SET, SPARKS

by Jennifer Moffatt

F/F contemporary rom-com

Two rival volleyball players compete for the championship and a spot on a professional team in this summer romp full of community and crushes, from the author of *Flirty Dancing*

St. Martin's Griffin  
June 2026

Trade paperback  
80k words

Jess loves volleyball—she really does. Playing in the Southern California Beach Volleyball League with her best friend Tania is a blast, but their losing streak is destroying her confidence. In fact, a lot of what used to bring her joy—stargazing, gathering at Maggie's bar, and her adorable wiener dog, Fleming—just doesn't seem like enough anymore. It doesn't help that Vivienne, one of Jess's rivals in the league, always seems to be around just when she's feeling her worst. Vivienne is everything Jess isn't: beautiful, confident, effortlessly charming to women, and, most infuriatingly, winning. Plus, Jess runs carnival games on the boardwalk which gives her a front row view of Vivienne at her lifeguard station, tanning and saving lives.

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Primary Agent:**

Jordy Albert  
Booker Albert Agency

**Material:** Available

When Jess is ghosted again, it's another blow to her confidence. Somehow, the only person who seems to cheer her up is Vivienne. There's an undeniable connection between them, even though they're competing for the same spot in the professional leagues. Jess has the opportunity to build self-confidence and a better life, but she'll have to learn to believe in herself, and the people around her, if she doesn't want to lose everything she's gaining. And there's nothing Jess hates more than losing.

Jess studied her face...her beautiful, perfect face.  
Vivienne returned the gaze head-on. Her eyes were  
wide and clear...deep and dark...and easy to fall into.  
But there was only honesty in them. Maybe Jess  
didn't know Vivienne well in some ways, but in  
others...she very much did.



Jennifer Moffatt writes warm and fuzzy stories about LGBTQ+ people falling in love and wishes there were more of those stories on bookshelves. Her work currently appears in anthologies from Chicken House Press and Improbable Press, and several literary magazines. Her debut novel was *A Hard Sell*, book #1 in the *Falling Hard* series. She lives in BC, Canada with her family. Her favorite things, besides reading and writing, are movies, summer, and potato chips.

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## DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART: Houston Baddies Hockey book 3 by Sara Ney

From *USA Today* bestselling author Sara Ney comes a hilarious, heart-pounding hockey romance about two roommates who definitely shouldn't be falling in love...

When I landed a new job in a brand-new city, I needed a place to live—fast. Enter: the spare bedroom in a suburbia McMansion with a pool, wine fridge, and stove that probably costs more than my car. Perfect setup, right?

Wrong. My new roommate saw me practically naked on night one. Then I catch him doing something that rhymes with “disasterbating.”

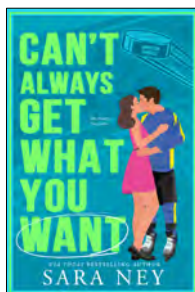
Half hockey player, half Viking, Turner “Skaggs” Hutton III is the human embodiment of a golden retriever and is off-limits. Which would be easy if the chemistry between us wasn't hotter than this blazing Texas sun... The chemistry? Molten. The tension? Physically painful.

Think: slow burn with zero impulse control. Think: tight spaces with his hand on my thigh during a cramped car ride....And could someone please explain to me why I find it so damn sexy watching his massive hands choose the perfect LEGO brick? Send help!

He's sworn off distractions to save his career. I'm focused on building mine and certainly not looking for a boyfriend. But when one too many lapses in judgment and one missed cycle leads to an emergency trip to the pharmacy....

Well. Things could get complicated.

Also in the series



“The banter, the texts (which are a delight), the chats and the way they just bounce off one another. I was in heaven....It had every bit of the sexiness, snarkiness and wisecracks you could ever want. Definitely 5 stars and recommended.” — **Jo Reads Romance**



Sara Ney is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the *How to Date a Douchebag* series, and is best known for her sexy, laugh-out-loud new adult romances. Among her favorite vices, she includes: iced lattes, historical architecture and well-placed sarcasm. She lives colorfully, collects vintage books, art, loves flea markets, and fancies herself British.

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## Contemporary romance



**Independently published**  
**September 2025**

Trade paperback  
75k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

**Previous foreign publishers:** Russia (Clever)

- Part of a series
- *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available September 2025



## UNTIL SUMMER ENDS

by N.S. Perkins

In this heart-felt second chance romance, Cassie returns home to find her lost love struggling as a single dad and, soon, she remembers why they fell in love...but also the reasons she ran

When Cassie is named executor of her late grandmother's estate, she has no choice but to return to the coastal hometown she fled at 18. She has no interest in facing all the demons that have haunted her for the last decade, but she can't refuse her beloved grandmother's last wish. She'll get in, get everything set, and return to her life.

What Cassie doesn't anticipate is encountering Eli, the childhood best friend she had to leave behind when she left town, right before they were able to become something more. He now has a young daughter, and, noticing him struggling as a single dad, Cassie offers to babysit for the summer. While their relationship is cold at first, they soon remember why they fell for each other in the first place.

With Eli and his daughter, Cassie finds a happiness she didn't believe was in the cards for her anymore. But when Cassie comes across the reasons that made her run in the first place, Cassie must decide whether avoiding her fears is worth risking the precious love she's found.

The panicked words remind me I'm not alone, and I have this person to thank for still being alive. Pushing my tangled hair out of my face, I stand on wobbly legs and straighten.

Then almost fall to the ground again.  
I should've prepared myself to see him again. I don't know how I didn't.

And yet nothing could've prepared me for seeing Eli Grant again after all these years.



N.S. Perkins is a resident physician by day and romance author by night. When she's not writing, reading, or getting lost in the hospital, you can probably find her trying new restaurants, dreaming about the next beach she'll be visiting, or creeping the cutest dogs in the parks near her house. She lives in Montreal with her partner. Her books include *A Risk on Forever*, *The Infinity Between Us*, *Our Final Love Song*, and more. [www.nsperkins.com](http://www.nsperkins.com)

Contemporary romance



**Independently published**

**July 2025**

Trade paperback

97k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

**Previous foreign publishers:** **French North America** (Groupe Homme), **French except North America** (Hachette Livre), **Italy** (Newton Compton), **Netherlands** (Zomer & Keuning), **Poland** (Agora)

• Author is hot on TikTok

**Handling rights:**  
Taryn Fagerness Agency

**Material:** Available

## THE FAKE DIVINATION OFFENSE: Magic and Romance book 2 by Sara Raasch

Sports romance gets a *Dungeons & Dragons* makeover with the next book in the *Magic and Romance* series that follows half-giant Orok, forced into a PR relationship with a feisty, fan-favorite cheerleader

Orok Monroe: Half-giant. Rawball defensive tank on the Philadelphia Hellhounds. Follower of Urzoth...only Orok's tired of following the god of aggression.

Alexo Warden: Cheerleader. Human? A dancer with a stadium's worth of secrets.

When Orok saves Alexo at a bar, fans go feral for the star athlete protecting the pint-size dude-in-distress. The Hellhounds propose that Orok and Alexo start a PR relationship to put a positive spin on Orok's god. Orok is set to refuse and renounce Urzoth—but that wouldn't let him see Alexo again.

So, like a sap, he agrees.

As Orok tries to drop the fake part of their fake-relationship, Alexo's dangerous truths emerge. To save him, Orok will have to sacrifice far more than his divine association.

Also in the series



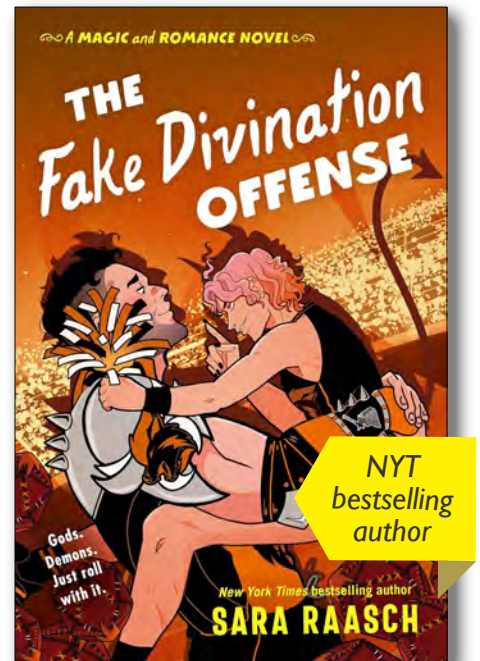
"No other author combines amazing writing, lovable characters, unique fantasy stories and queer romance like Raasch....Seb and Elethior's 'let's just hook up and nothing more' relationship was HOT and set the ground work for me loving them as individuals and as a couple. This is where the book shined." — **She Reads Romance Books**



Sara Raasch is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several books for young adults, including the acclaimed *Snow Like Ashes* trilogy and the instant *USA Today* bestseller *The Nightmare Before Kissmas*, a M/M modern fantasy romance for adults.

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M/M sports romantasy



**Bramble/Tor**  
**May 2026**

Trade paperback  
104k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

**Previous foreign publishers:** **British** (Del Rey), **Czech** (Albatros), **France** (Eilean Books), **Germany** (Droemer Knaur), **Hungary** (Könyvmolykepző), **Italy** (Magazzini Salani), **Spain** (VR Editoras), **Ukraine** (RM Books)

- *New York Times*, *USA Today*, Indie, and Barnes & Noble bestselling author
- Author has over 100k social media followers
- **Previous book, *The Nightmare Before Kissmas*:**
  - Instant *USA Today* and indie bestseller
  - Featured in the *Publishers Lunch* 2024
  - Buzz Books: Romance
  - A LibraryReads Bonus Pick
  - An Apple Books Best of the Month Pick
  - #1 bestseller in LGBTQ+ Fantasy and #2 in Christmas Romance in the Kindle store

**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## A WORTHY OPPONENT: Wicked Villains book 3 by Katee Robert

A contemporary Tinkerbell and Hook get their forbidden love story in this sexy fairytale reimagining by mega-bestselling author Katee Robert

Once upon a time I was a girl who believed in love and happily ever afters.

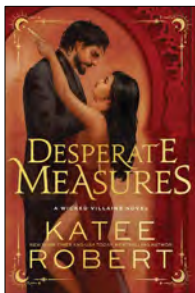
Now the only thing I believe in is revenge. Unfortunately for me, there's only one man willing to help me. Hook. I should have known it wouldn't be out of the goodness of his heart. He doesn't have one.

No, Hook wants his ring on my finger and me on my knees before him—and he won't take no for an answer. I'm willing to pay any price in order to bring our mutual enemy down...even if it means I lose my soul in the bargain.

“Yes, you are.” He gives me a slow grin. “I’m feeling generous, so when you come crawling to beg for my help, I won’t even make you do it publicly.”

I can picture it all too easily. Hook sitting in that casually dominant way he does, sprawled in a chair with his big legs spread and arms outstretched. The hard floor biting my knees and palms with each movement. My body heating under the intensity of his gaze. And when I reach him...

Also in the series



“A legit one-hander. Five stars.” – **Andie J. Christopher**, author of *Not the Girl You Marry*

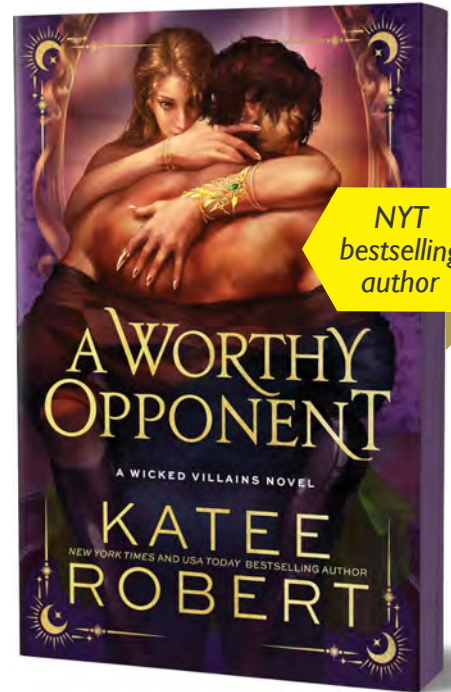
“This one turns #HotJafar into Daddy Dom Jafar and it’s scintillatingly filthy but still emotionally compelling.” – **Jenny Nordbak** with *Bustle.com*



Katee Robert is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of spicy romance. *Entertainment Weekly* calls her writing “unspeakably hot.” Her books have sold over a million copies. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, children, a cat who thinks he’s a dog, and two Great Danes who think they’re lap dogs.

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Erotic romance



**Sourcebooks Casablanca**

(originally independently published  
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**October 2025**

Trade paperback

85k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has print only world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers for the series:** **France** (Editions Tredaniel), **France, French Canada** (Editions Ada)

- Part of a series
- Best of #BookTok banner on Amazon
- Many time *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**  
Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



**TENDER CRUELTY:**  
**Dark Olympus book 9**  
 by Katee Robert

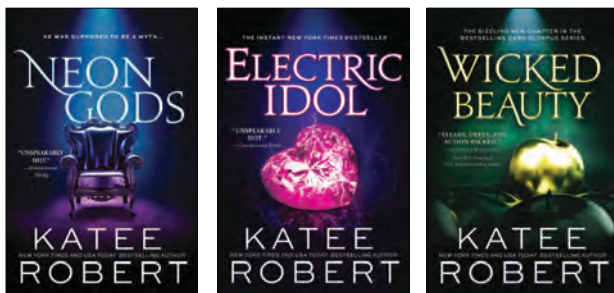
The latest installment of Katee Robert's *USA Today* bestselling series is a scorchingly hot modern retelling of Hera and Zeus

The barrier that's protected Olympus for generations has fallen. The enemy's breached the gates and the Thirteen are scrambling to protect themselves, their loved ones, and the city they've sworn to protect. At least they would be if they weren't at each others' throats instead.

Hera has no intention of letting her husband, Zeus, survive the oncoming storm. But despite the white-hot hatred burning between them, when Hera and Zeus are forced to work together, enmity crystalizes into something brighter. Hotter. Too powerful to deny or destroy.

Hera never bartered on falling in love with the man she married—the man she once swore to kill. But now, standing back-to-back in the ruins of Olympus, she may be forced to admit that she's been wrong about Zeus all these years...and there may be something about their marriage worth saving if they can survive long enough to turn sworn enemies into something more.

Also in the series



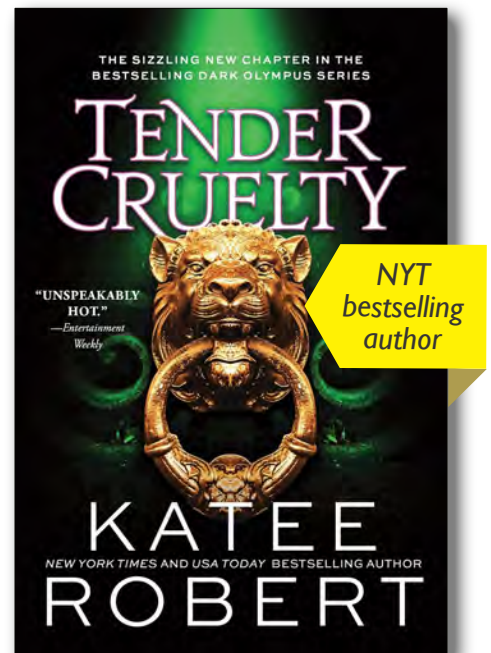
"Deliciously inventive....Red-hot."  
 — *Publishers Weekly*,  
 starred review



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Erotic fantasy



**Sourcebooks Casablanca**  
**December 2025**

Trade paperback  
 77k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Foreign publishers for the series:**  
**Brazil** (Astral), **Bulgaria** (Egmont), **Czech** (Dobrovsky), **France** (Editions HLAB), **Germany** (LYX), **Hungary** (Maxim), **Israel** (Ahavot 2018 Publishing House), **Italy** (Newton Compton), **The Netherlands** (Velt), **Poland** (Foksal), **Portugal** (Marcador), **Romania** (Bookzone), **Russia** (AST), **Spain** (Planeta), **Turkey** (Olimpos), **Ukraine** (Vivat Publishing)

- *USA Today* bestselling series
- Many time *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**  
 Laura Bradford  
 Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

## THE TAROT TRIALS

by Katee Robert

Sold in an 11-way auction for 7-figures, *The Tarot Trials* is a fast-paced and high-stakes trilogy brimming with witty banter, thrilling action, grounded magic, and slow burn romance

Every 22 years, citizens of the upper-class Collis and the slum-like Dregs vie to compete in The Tarot Trials, until 22 Champions remain. Each Champion represents a god, who grants them the magic they use to fight to the death each night. By day, the Champions attend festivities held by the luxurious Minor Court and build alliances.

Twenty-five-year-old Kestrel is a Champion from the Dregs, determined to find out the truth behind her mother's death. As the last Moon, Kestrel's mother was one of the five winners and *should* have been able to use her influence to make life better in the Dregs—but she was executed after allegedly attacking the Minor Court.

Kestrel will need to navigate her new powers of shadow as Champion of the Moon and find allies she can trust (or at least trust enough), to survive both the Trials and the schemes of the Minor Court. Reluctantly, Kestrel agrees to team up with the coy and unnaturally lucky Wheel of Fortune Vesper, and the arrogant powerhouse Cato of the Sun. She'll need their help to face down Death, the man responsible for her mother's death, who can kill with a single touch. She also finds herself drawn to the mysterious and brooding Tower—though fate may have different plans for him....

I hold a hand up, not quite ready to believe I haven't suffered some irreparable damage. My skin is smooth and unblemished...and clean. A quick search of my body finds that to be true everywhere. Even my hair is clean, thick with the faint wave I rarely experience.

I tentatively run my fingers through it, wondering when it was taken out of the braid I always wear it in.

Magic, indeed.

"Happy hunting, Daughter."



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Romantic fantasy

Tor

Fall 2026

Hardcover

Estimated 100k words

NYT  
bestselling  
author

**Rights available:** Translation

**Foreign sales:**

**Brazil** 3 books, at auction (Companhia das Letras)

**British** 3 books, at auction (Tor UK)

**France** (Editions Tredaniel)

**Germany** 3 books (LYX)

**Hungary** (Maxim)

**Italy** 3 books, at auction (Newton Compton)

**Portugal** 3 books, at auction (Penguin Random House)

**Spain** 3 books, on pre-empt (Penguin Random House Spain)

- Sold in an 11-player auction for seven figures
- First book in a trilogy
- Many time *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford

Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** 83 page sample and synopsis available. Full manuscript available fall/late 2025

## THE MEET-POOP

by Noelle Salazar

Shit happens in this debut rom-com from *USA Today* bestselling historical novelist Noelle Salazar

Supermodel Lior Flynn is at the top of her game: gorgeous, confident, and desired by all. But as her 30th birthday looms, she finds herself growing tired of the constant media scrutiny and even more tired of men who only view her as arm candy. Yearning to travel the world's beautiful places rather than pose in them, she's ready for a change and ready to make a real connection—if she can find the courage to take the first step.

Bestselling novelist Graham Forrester is still reeling from the collapse of his marriage to a flashy socialite turned influencer, and officially done with high-drama women. Trapped post-divorce in a house that no longer feels like home and tending to his beloved old dog Brontë who has only weeks to live, he knows he's stuck in a desperate rut but has no idea how to get out.

When Lior's designer tennis shoes hits a steaming pile of you-know-what from Brontë at the end of Graham's leash, it's no meet-cute—in fact, it's a meet-poop! And every encounter after is somehow messier than the first, until a chance moment when both Lior and Graham let their guards down and sparks fly. But can Lior trust Graham not to put her in a book and bolster his own fame? And can Graham trust that the drama of Lior's life won't derail his own?

*"The Meet-Poop marks historical novelist Noelle Salazar's side-quest adventure into the world of romcoms, and she's got a gift for it: endlessly likeable characters, vivid backdrops and solid friendships, and one adorable dog."* – **Kate Quinn, author of *The Alice Network***

Contemporary rom-com



**Independently published**

**November 2025**

Trade paperback

89k words

**Rights available:** British and translation

• *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**

Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



Noelle Salazar is the *USA Today* and *Publishers Weekly* bestselling author of *The Flight Girls*. A lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, she loves traveling, good coffee, perusing a dessert case, and spending time with her two kids in beautiful Bothell, Washington.

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## DEALING WITH A DESPERATE DEMON: The Sanctuary for Supernatural Creatures book 2 by Charlotte Stein

A bewitching beauty meets her demon beast in the second installment of this series of paranormal rom-coms

Nancy has just about given up on finding her special person when Jack Jackson—big, scary and the town loser—walks into her bookstore. He's apparently even more desperate for help in the romance department than she is. And after a bit of gentle persuasion, he finally accepts her guidance in securing his dream girl. Practice dates, lessons in tenderness—you name it, she can teach it.

There's just one problem: his dream girl might have more than an issue with his dating skills. Because Jack isn't just a little clueless; he's actually the demonic son of Satan, from the deepest depths of hell. He's spent his entire long underlife dragging evildoers to their fates, while really trying not to live up to his Dad's expectations.

Now, it isn't just about getting a date with his dream girl. He needs to become a better man to win over the woman he's been cosmically bound to, in a Beauty and the Beast style pact. If he fails, everyone he cares for will face a terrible fate. Luckily for him, Nancy may well be the witch she's always tried to pretend she wasn't. She can save him, he knows it—and she's starting to know it too. Even if every day spent with him is an agonizing reminder that she isn't the girl he's fated for.

But as the deadline approaches she's starting to wonder....Could it be that she's finally found her Prince? Or is she about to lose her heart to hell?

### Also in the series



"How to Help a Hungry Werewolf is filled to brimming with what we love to read in a Charlotte Stein romance—body positivity, witty banter, and a surprise hit of fated mates."  
— **Paste Magazine**

"A triumph—and very, very funny." — **The New York Times**

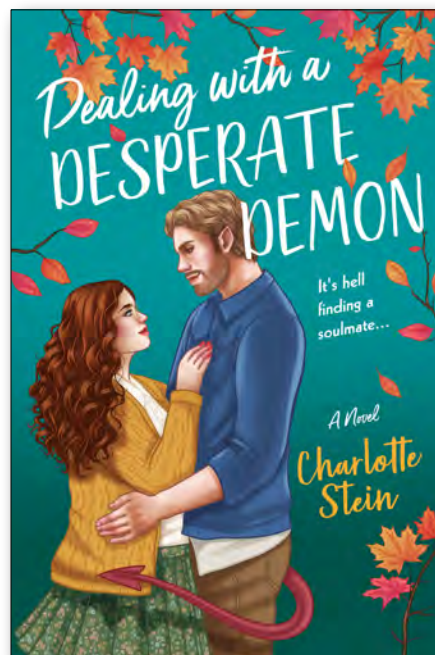
"Wildly imaginative. Sparks become incendiary in this uniquely spicy foray into fantasy." — **Booklist**



Charlotte Stein is the RT and DABWAHA nominated author of over 50 short stories, novellas, and novels, including the *Library Journal* starred *When Grumpy Met Sunshine*. When not writing deeply emotional and intensely sexy books, she can be found eating jelly turtles, getting way too excited over a million movies and TV shows, and occasionally lusting after moustaches. She lives in Leeds with her family.

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## Paranormal rom-com



**St. Martin's Griffin**

**October 2025**

Trade paperback

85k words

**Rights available:** British and translation (British rights handled by Courtney Miller-Callihan)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Russia (MTS)

• Sold in a preempt, in a three-book, six-figure deal

• **Previous book, *How to Help a Hungry Werewolf*:**

— *Paste Magazine*, Most Anticipated Romance Books of Fall 2024

**Primary agent:**

Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available

## WHILE YOU WERE SEETHING

by Charlotte Stein

From the author of *When Grumpy Met Sunshine* comes an enemies-to-lovers rom-com about a famous romance author and his college nemesis, who must now pretend to be his greatest love to avert a PR disaster

Daisy Emmett has been enemies with famous romance author Caleb Miller since they were in college together, and time hasn't lessened their mutual loathing. So when she agrees to manoeuvre him through a PR disaster of his own making, she knows it's not going to be easy. She just doesn't realise how not easy until they somehow end up trapped in the same truck, on an endless road trip from one book tour stop to another, bantering and butting heads along the way.

Then, even more horrifying: people appear to be mistaking her for the woman he dedicates all his books to. The love of his life, his adored beloved—the one who doesn't actually exist. Now they're trapped into pretending she does and that Daisy is her, each fake kiss and phoney embrace ratcheting up the tension to the point where enemies suddenly seems a lot closer to lovers than either of them would like.

Or so they're telling themselves.

But sometimes it's hard to be sure, when seething turns into something so much more....

Also by Charlotte Stein



"Stein's latest is a sweet rom-com with the kind of endearing, cinnamon-roll hero the genre can always use more of....Impossible to put down." – **Kirkus, starred review**



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<http://charlottestein.net>

## Contemporary rom-com



St. Martin's Griffin

April 2026

Trade paperback

77k words

**Rights available:** Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Russia (MTS)

- Sold at auction, in a three-book deal
- **Previous book, *My Big Fat Fake Marriage*:**
  - A *Library Journal* Romance Pick of the Month
  - Starred reviews, *Kirkus* and *Library Journal*

**Primary agent:**  
Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available September 2025

## APPARENTLY, SIR CAMERON NEEDS TO DIE

by Greer Stothers

In this hilarious, off-the-wall queer fantasy, a reclusive sorcerer is forced to protect a cowardly knight after a prophecy ties their fates together. Funny, touching and inventive, this brilliant debut is perfect for fans of *Mortal Follies*, *How to Become the Dark Lord and Die Trying*, and *Dreadful*

All his life, Sir Cameron has stayed as far away from danger as possible. He is, quite frankly, too handsome to die a violent and pointless death in battle. But then the Church hands down a prophecy to his fellow knights predicting that the only way to defeat their nemesis, the mad sorcerer Merulo, is to kill Cameron. Short of ideas, Cameron throws himself on the mercy of the one person who now actually wants him to survive: the mad sorcerer.

Merulo isn't thrilled to be babysitting a spoiled, attention-seeking knight, but fate has tied them together. And transmogrifying Cameron into a vulture is at least highly entertaining. Cameron, meanwhile, is on a voyage of self-discovery. It turns out he's really, really into surly sorcerers who lock him up and tell him what to do. Who knew?

As a legion of knights surround their stronghold, the sorcerer's poisonous ambitions draw ever closer to fruition. Cameron is quite invested in not dying, but he finds he's also invested in Merulo. And sometimes, supporting the sorcerer you care about means taking an interest in their hobbies. Even if that hobby is trying to kill God.

Even if it might get you killed, too.

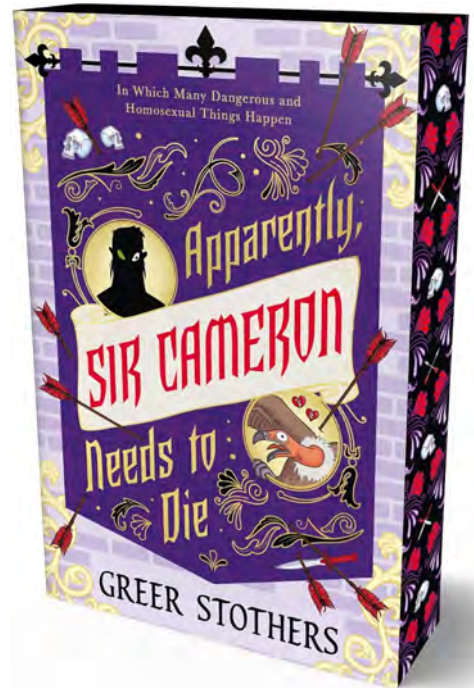
Fall in love with this laugh-out loud, genre-bending romp full of concussed elves, sentient spaceships, and queer romance like you've never seen before.

“The sorcerer turned me into a fucking vulture.  
“This is so mean,” I wanted to say, but birds can’t  
talk.



Greer Stothers is an award-winning author/illustrator based in Toronto. Their experiences as a nonbinary individual inform their writing and art, as does their drive to find the humor in everything. [www.greerstothers.com](http://www.greerstothers.com)

M/M romantasy



**Titan Books**

**February 2026**

Trade paperback

89k words

**Rights available:** Translation (UK publisher holds world English rights)

• Award-winning author

**Primary agent:**  
Ben Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available



## SEE YOU AT THE SUMMIT

by Jordyn Taylor

For fans of Alison Cochrun and Abby Jimenez, a heartfelt and sexy romantic comedy following one bi woman's messy journey through coming out—and reluctantly falling for a straight man

*Girl comes out as bi. Girl immediately falls for a straight guy.*

Simone Whittaker has spent the first three decades of her life pretending to be straight. But when the girl she never dared call her girlfriend walks away, she decides she's done living in fear. Her uptight parents don't take the news well, but a viral coming-out post and a new job at Toronto's Rainbow Museum offer a fresh start—and a crash course in queer adulthood.

That is, until her first day of work, when Simone ruins a project designed by Ryan Foley—the museum's gruff and annoyingly hot carpenter—earning her the top spot on his enemies list. When they're forced to take a work trip to the Whistler Pride and Ski Festival together, Simone vows not to let a grumpy straight guy ruin her first Pride. But Ryan keeps surprising her—thoughtful, vulnerable, and impossible to ignore. As sparks fly on chairlifts and by crackling fires, one snowstorm—and one bed—changes everything.

Back in Toronto, however, reality sets in. Dating a guy—and being mistaken for straight—weren't exactly part of Simone's coming-out plan. As the pressure builds between the identity she's just beginning to explore and the relationship that wasn't supposed to happen, she starts to wonder: What if claiming one part of herself means erasing the other?

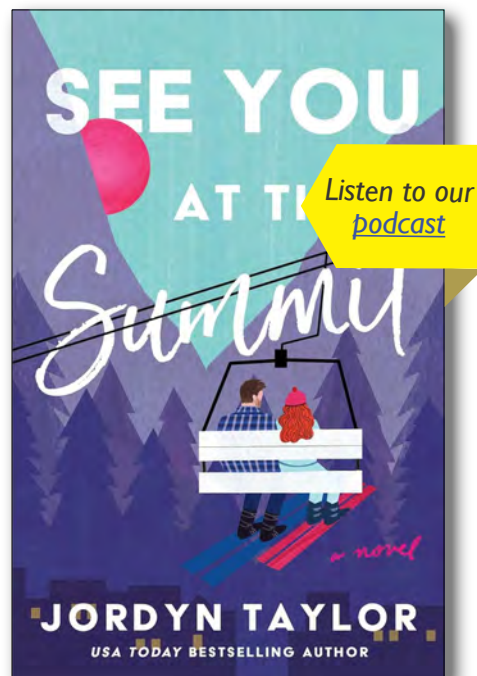
"A steamy and sweet ode to bisexual chaos and the complexity of the queer experience—*See You at the Summit* stole my heart! Humor, heat and hope radiates from the pages. Taylor's whip-smart prose wraps you up in a rainbow blanket and makes you believe love will win in the end!"  
— **Rebekah Faubion, author of *The Sun and the Moon***

"Simone Whittaker is a bisexual icon!" — **Ann Rose, author of *A Hexcellent Chance to Fall in Love***



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- *USA Today* bestselling author

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## IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY

by Alicia Thompson

An American woman falls into a coma and mysteriously wakes up in Ireland, where she shares a *Before Sunrise*-esque couple of days with a closed-off Irish mechanic

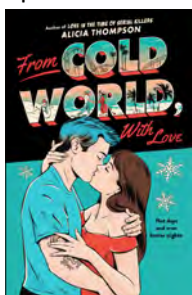
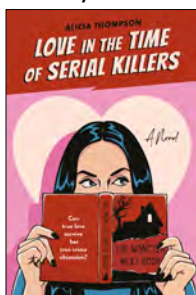
After yet another disastrous date where Jess is too awkward, too dry, too whatever, she's ready to put her romantic daydreams aside. Other than an enchanting Irish accent, her latest dud is no prince charming. Then the night goes from bad to worse when she's mugged in the parking lot and hits her head. Hard.

Hard enough that when Jess wakes up, she's in Ireland.

The first person she meets is Eamonn, a quiet, gruff mechanic. Since Jess is stranded with no passport, cell phone, or way to get home, Eamonn becomes her reluctant knight in shining armor.

Over the next 48 hours, they meander through the cobblestoned streets of Dublin and explore the Irish countryside, sharing their deepest fears, quiet hopes, and softest aches. It's a connection that is electrifying as it is terrifying, because what if Jess falls asleep and Eamonn vanishes like a dream? But a love like this—touched by magic and a little bit of luck—is never quite as it seems.

Also by Alicia Thompson



"Let Phoebe and Sam's hilarious interactions and blazing chemistry suck you in." — Ali Hazelwood, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Love Hypothesis*



Alicia Thompson is the author of the bestselling rom-coms *Love in the Time of Serial Killers*; *With Love, From Cold World*; and *The Art of Catching Feelings*. She once appeared in an episode of *48 Hours* in the audience of a local murder trial, where she broke the fourth wall by looking directly into the camera. She currently resides in Florida with her husband and two children. [www.aliciathompsonbooks.com](http://www.aliciathompsonbooks.com)

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- Multi-time *USA Today* bestselling author
- **Previous book, *Never Been Shipped*:**
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  - One of Amazon's Best Romances of June 2025
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  - One of Amazon's Best Romances of June 2024
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- **Previous book, *Love in the Time of Serial Killers*:**
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  - Starred reviews, *Library Journal* and *Booklist*

**Primary agent:**

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**Material:** Available September 2025

## STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED

by Kasie West

Two strangers end up in therapy after their friends bet that a marriage counselor won't be able to tell that they are strangers. But fake therapy turns real, and soon the handsome stranger is definitely no longer a stranger...

Sutton knows she needs therapy. After all, she's managing her newly opened restaurant remotely while taking care of her ungrateful sick mother. Plus, her boyfriend of two years just dumped her over the phone. But does therapy with a handsome stranger, who she has to pretend to be engaged to, in order to help her friend's struggling relationship count? Probably not. Then why did she just agree to go? Because she's had a few too many drinks? Because this stranger, Elijah, is smug and annoying and really, really handsome? Because she feels guilty that she abandoned her best friend, Tara, after high school and this might just make up for it? Whatever the reason, she has committed to this unhinged plan.

What the hell is Sutton doing?

Helping Tara prove a point: a good therapist can tell the difference between real love and fake love. That's what she's doing. But as they attend their sessions, Sutton and Elijah only seem to be proving one thing—the lines between pretend desire and real desire are very blurry. This true connection forming between them is threatening to unravel everything Sutton thought she knew about family, friendship, and her own heart.

Also by Kasie West



"West's adult debut is everything—vulnerable, spicy, funny, and squeal-out-loud romantic." — **Kirkus, starred review**

"YA author West's adult debut gives second-chance romance and opposites-attract tropes a new twist. This engaging, witty, unputdownable romance is a must for all collections."

— **Library Journal, starred review**



Kasie West has written many books since her debut *Pivot Point* (February 2013), which received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*. Her contemporary YA includes such fan favorites such as *The Distance Between Us*, *The Fill-in Boyfriend*, *P.S. I Like You*, and *Better than Revenge*. Her books have received numerous awards and been translated into multiple languages. In the summer months you can find

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- **Author's previous book, *We Met Like This*:**
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**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
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## THE FOX AND THE DEVIL

by Kiersten White

An obsession with a beautiful serial killer entangles a vampire hunter's daughter in an immortal sapphic romance in this enthralling gothic fantasy from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lucy Undying*

Anneke has a complicated relationship with her father, Abraham Van Helsing—doctor, scientist, and madman devoted to studying vampires—up until the night she comes home to find him murdered, with a surreally beautiful woman looming over his body. A woman who leaves no trace behind, other than the dreams and nightmares that plague Anneke every night.

Spurred by her desire for vengeance and armed with the latest in forensic and investigatory techniques, Anneke puts together a team of detectives to catch her mysterious serial killer. Because her father isn't the only inexplicably dead body. There's a trail of victims across Europe and Anneke is certain they're all connected.

But during the years spent relentlessly hunting the killer, Anneke keeps some crucial evidence to herself: infuriatingly coy letters, addressed only to Anneke, occasionally soaked in blood, and always signed Diavola. *Devil*. The obsession is mutual, and all the more dangerous for it.

The closer Anneke gets to her devil, though, the less sense the world makes. Maybe her father wasn't a madman, after all. Diavola might be something much worse than a serial killer...and much harder to destroy. Because as Anneke unearths more of Diavola's tragic past, she suspects there's still a heart somewhere in that undead body.

A heart that beats for Anneke alone.



Kiersten White is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling, Bram Stoker Award-winning, and critically acclaimed author of many books, including the *And I Darken* trilogy, the *Sinister Summer* series, the *Camelot Rising* trilogy, *Star Wars: Padawan*, her adult debut, *Hide*, and *Lucy Undying*. Her books have been published in over 20 territories, and her novel

*The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein* is currently in development with Sony Pictures Television. Kiersten lives with her family in San Diego, where she can regularly be found pressing her hands against the glass of her back door, furtively whispering I love you to her deeply ambivalent tortoise, Kimberly. [www.kierstenwhite.com](http://www.kierstenwhite.com)

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  - *LitHub*, Most Anticipated Books of 2024
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Primary agent:  
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Material: Available

## ALICE RUE EVADES THE TRUTH

by Emily Zipps

In this sapphic homage to *While You Were Sleeping*, a down-on-her-luck receptionist is mistaken as the girlfriend of a comatose man and doesn't have the heart to come clean to his devastated family—even when she starts falling for his sister

Alice Rue has never spoken to her longtime crush Nolan Altman, but after she saves his life, the EMTs tell his family that Alice is Nolan's girlfriend. She wants to set the record straight, but Nolan's in a coma, and if the family feels comforted by the idea of Nolan having his "girlfriend" by his side for what might be his last moments, isn't it kinder to go along with it? At least for now?

The Altmans are impossibly nice and supportive, and there's something about Nolan's sister Van that makes Alice feel more seen and understood than she has in years. She knows it's wrong to lie, but it's easy to convince herself that she's doing the right thing by evading the truth.

But what she can't avoid is her growing chemistry with Van. Alice must decide if she can unravel this tangle of lies to salvage her chances with the woman who just may be the love of her life—especially if Nolan wakes up. Warm, witty, and full of heart, this debut rom-com is a love story for pessimists who secretly hope for their own happily ever after.

"Vibrant, voice-y, tender, genuinely funny, and bursting with all the imperfect charm of a real, hopeful love. I can't wait to make everyone I know read this." – **Casey McQuiston, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Red, White & Royal Blue***

"Nostalgic and witty, this romance is for everyone who yearned with the fire of a thousand suns, only to find true love in the unexpected. A swoony, tender delight." – **Ashley Herring Blake, author of *Delilah Green Doesn't Care***

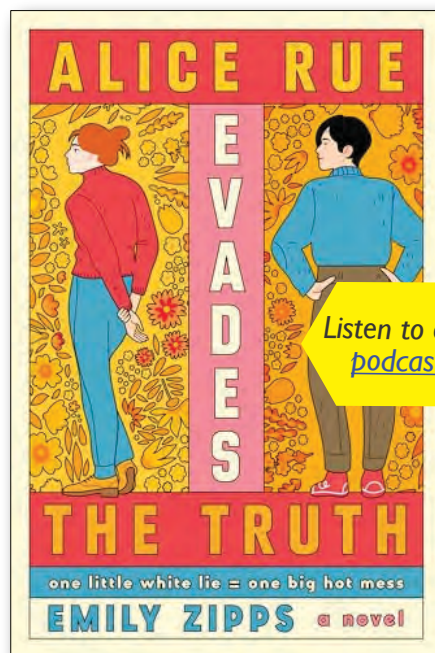
"Funny, gentle, and incredibly sincere, *Alice Rue Evades the Truth* is a beautiful examination of what it means to fall in love not with the idea of a person but the full reality of them." – **KT Hoffman, author of *The Prospects***



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