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## Contemporary Fiction & Romance:

### **A SPELL FOR SAINTS AND SINNERS by Emily Carpenter – April 2026**

Savannah-set Southern gothic is tinged with “Single White Female” following a young woman on the verge of losing everything who becomes obsessed with a wealthy heiress: Ingrid inherited her house and psychic business from her beloved grandmother. But unless Ingrid can pay for the mounting building repairs, she’s going to lose them both. Ingrid has faith in the homespun witchcraft Edie passed down to her, yet hope and clients are dwindling - until Sailor Loeffler’s bachelorette party changes everything. Sailor is local royalty and Ingrid’s reading is so accurate that she becomes the bride-to-be’s confidante. To keep that access and all the privileges it brings, Ingrid increasingly relies on dark spells—using the baneful magic Edie always warned her against.

As Ingrid is drawn further into the Loefflers’ inner circle and the obstacles in her path melt away, is it witchcraft or other, more earthbound forces? Ingrid can feel the lines blurring even until she must confront the truth about just how far some people, including herself, will go to keep the life they’ve always wanted.

- Japanese and Ukrainian rights sold to *Gothictown* (2025)
- TV series adaptation from AMC is in development for *Gothictown* (2025)

### **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER by Francesca Cocchi – June 2026**

Feel good fiction with romance set in a bustling beach town and bursting with summertime romance, hometown nostalgia, smart humor, female friendship, and millennial angst. TODAY Show journalist Cocchi’s teenage-crush-to-adult-lovers debut is the perfect beach read: if time is supposed to heal all wounds, Lina’s broken heart never quite got the message—but 15 summers later, she finds herself unexpectedly facing her old crush and gaining some new perspective.

Lina is stuck—in her hometown, in her job, and in the past. And after years of writing up local weddings as a columnist for a lifestyle website, she’s wholeheartedly sick of nuptials. Worse, the next one on her list is none other than Sebastian’s. Working teenaged summers with sweet, handsome Sebastian at his mother’s restaurant, Lina was totally wrapped up in the way he made her feel—until the night that everything changed. Even so, she’s embarrassed to admit how often she still thinks of him, and now, comparing their present lives is gut-wrenching. It will take a careful look at her younger self, and some wisdom from the best friend who was there for it all, to see that making her dreams come true is up to her alone—whether or not those dreams still include Sebastian.

Perfect for readers of romances that balance deeper emotional threads with pitch perfect humor by authors such as Sophie Cousens, Emily Henry, and Josie Silver.

- Cocchi is a writer and editor who has covered food, commerce, and other lifestyle subjects for national outlets, including *Food Network Magazine*, *The Pioneer Woman Magazine*, and NBC’s TODAY

### **THE ALIAS AGENDA by Holly James – May 2026**

Modern blend of heist, romantic tension, and intrigue – ideal for readers of Ally Carter, Catherine Mack, and Ashley Elston’s *First Lie Wins* – following an undercover operative with a rookie handler who’s as hot as he is blundering: when confidential informant Erin is abruptly pulled off an insider trading investigation and sent across the country with just a few hours’ notice, she’s not expecting her new assignment to involve infiltrating a smuggling ring in a . . . suburban mommy group? She’s also not expecting to meet a clumsy field agent who is hot as hell—or to hear that the man who handled her assignments for the last 10 years is dead.

Erin’s spent the last decade as a secret operative for the intelligence agency that arrested her con artist father—and ostensibly is keeping her safe from retribution. With her former handler the only constant in a life spent on the move, inserting herself into dangerous situations, Erin has to adjust to newcomer Cal Bray, and his sometimes-blundering attempts to protect her—all while trying to deny her growing attraction to his lusciously kissable self. But before they can get too far into their assignment, a vengeful figure from Erin’s past reappears. Drawing on her years of experience and Cal’s best instincts, Erin is determined to exorcise her ghosts for good, and find out what a real life is like.

- Hebrew rights sold to *The Big Fix* (2025)

### **PAST THE GRAVES by Kathleen Kaufman – October 2026**

Haunting fiction rooted in folklore: a young woman's research assignment to document a new species of octopus leads her to an isolated island. 20 nautical miles off the coast of Boston lies Bell Island, shrouded in fog, mystery, and legend. The island is isolated and rumored to be haunted by spirits – and it is where microbial biologist Harper ventures in search of evidence of a new species of octopus.

Swept up in unexplained phenomena ranging from increased seismic activity to encounters with island creatures that defy explanation, Harper looks to the island's mayor for answers. Lady Loreana Bell comes from a matriarchal line that has ruled the island for 400 years—and seems to have been expecting Harper's arrival. As a tsunami threatens the island, Harper finds herself on the verge of a revelation that will disclose her true calling on Bell Island.

### **LOSERS: Part 1 by Harley Laroux – May 2026**

#### **LOSERS: Part 2 – June 2026**

Dark, sexy, why-choose duology that is the current spiciest book on the Kensington list, and is perfect for readers of Sadie Kincaid, LJ Shen, and Eva Ashwood: a former popular girl bully returns to her hometown only to become entangled in a steamy game of revenge and redemption with the four boys she used to torment in school.

All victims of troubled youth, Jessica, Manson, Lucas, Jason, and Vincent had very different teenaged experiences. Namely, Jessica made all the boys' lives a living hell. Now, with years gone by and in their early 20s, a broken Jessica returns to their hometown and is confronted by the handsome, and vengeful, men they have turned into. The men have come a long way since Jessica knew them, currently living together and working on building cars for racing. When Jessica's car breaks down, the former losers offer to fix it – their only price is her submission to them. *Losers* is filled with strong character development, tender emotion, found family, multiple POVs, and spicy sex scenes.

- Previously sold in: Italian, Polish, Portuguese (BR only), Spanish
- To be published as a special edition paperback with stenciled edges and two-sided tip-in fan art
- The prequel novella, *The Dare*, will be split between the two volumes and is also available. *The Dare* was banned for a time by Amazon for being too “sexy,” cementing Harley's reputation for exploring the darker side of relationships through searing chemistry, bisexual protagonists, dangerous yet devoted love interests, and off-the-charts sex scenes. *The Dare* has sold over 40k copies in print on demand. *Losers Part 1* has 4.2 stars on Goodreads with 46k reviews and 4.5 stars on Amazon with 12k reviews
- Kensington has sold more than 1 million copies of Harley Laroux's Souls Trilogy books since February 2024, with book 1 landing on the *NY Times* list. All three books also hit the *USA Today* and PW bestseller lists. (Kensington is not the translation rightsholder for these)

### **THE LAST HEIST by Julia London – July 2026**

“Ocean's Eleven” meets the “Golden Girls” for readers of Deanna Raybourn's *Killers of a Certain Age* when an all-female group of chaotic, elderly thieves come out of retirement for one last heist: Frances has always been a force of nature. Active and agile into her 70s, she can handle anything—except perhaps the stretch of empty days looming ahead. Widowed, with a grown son living far away and her own mortality suddenly in view, Frances longs to feel busy again.

Frances, Joan, Edie, and Irene were a girl gang before such things even existed, joining forces in their 20s for a one-time job that revealed a remarkable affinity for crime. They developed a code of honor, taking only from those who deserved it—until misunderstandings and pride drove them apart decades ago.

Now, one by one, Frances manages to convince her old friends to put aside their grudges and reunite. And where better for a reunion tour than Las Vegas? Their target: Rocco, a mobster who's developed a high-tech shakedown. Rocco is a scam artist, and Edie's beloved granddaughter just lost everything to him, including her self-respect. But the women intend to take it all back—with interest.

- London is a prolific *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Publishers Weekly* bestseller. She has a dedicated fan base with over 130k Facebook followers. This is her first Kensington novel, so it is widely available

### **DEVOTED: A Dark Mafia Romance (#3) by Luna Mason – September 2025**

#### **DETAINED (#4) – December 2025**

Intense dark mafia romance series featuring elite criminal families, morally gray anti-heroes, and breath-stealing tension for fans of J.T. Geissinger, Sophie Lark, and Shantel Tessier: Luca, a former foster child, was forced into becoming a mafia boss when his estranged father died. He gave everything up to build his empire – until he kidnapped his enemy's daughter, the enigmatic Rosa. When fate drags Rosa back into his life, he refuses to make the same mistakes again. Even though the fate of the mafia depends on his arranged marriage, Luca will risk it all for her – even if it means starting a war. Rosa was a wild child mafia princess. No one understood her until she met Luca. But she gave him his heart and he let her down. Now when she is back in his orbit, will she choose to protect herself, or sacrifice everything in the hopes of a happily ever after?

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

- This series has nearly 50k Amazon reviews and 80k Goodreads ratings. With +425k likes and +21k followers on Tiktok, another +38k on Instagram and a very engaged Facebook readers group. Not available in: Hebrew, Russian, Dutch, German, Italian, Hungarian, French. **Spanish, Portuguese (BR & PT) rights sold.**

### **LOVE IS A FOUR-LEGGED WORD by Melinda Metz – November 2025**

Feel-good fiction romance filled with layered characters, witty dialogue, and an adorable dog: Riley is living her best life. After landing a job at a resort in luxurious Sedona, her goal of living in all 50 states is underway. Everything is going according to plan—until she sees a scrappy-looking dog limping along the street. The poor pooch obviously needs help. Determined to find the dog a home, Riley coaxes him into her car and heads to work. She figures she can stash him in one of the empty guest cabins. But when she sneaks the pooch inside, she's surprised to find it's occupied—by a very attractive, nearly naked man, who is instantly charmed by the scruffy canine. And Riley, too.

With Daniel's help, Riley tries to find the dog a good home—at the risk of losing her job. Her micro-managing boss has a zero tolerance for trouble. But her biggest problem? The closer she gets to finding that trouble-making dog a home, the more she can't bear to part with the furry guy. Or a certain human named Daniel...

- Metz is the author of the *Talk to the Paw* trilogy, which was published in Czech, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (BR & PT), Spanish, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese

### **CHASING THE RING: Football and Feels (#1) by Lauren Rowe – February 2026**

Kensington debut from self-published author Rowe, who is a *USA Today* and Amazon bestselling author with a highly engaged social media fanbase: hours before her wedding day, Iris finds out her fiancé has been cheating on her. A lot. She devises a plan for revenge with the help of her best friends by exposing and humiliating her husband-to-be at the altar. And while exposing his double life to the crowd of shocked friends and family felt great at the start, it doesn't feel so wonderful to become known as the crazy fiancé in a viral internet sensation. Deciding she needs some time away from everyone who recognizes her, Iris ventures alone on what would have been her honeymoon. When she arrives at the beautiful Hawaiian bungalow, she thinks it is merely a key card error that she can't get into the door. Finally managing to get inside with the help of a porter, the shocking discovery that her ex cancelled their booking is made obvious when she barges in on a hot stranger in what should have been her shower.

Little does Iris know that the beautiful man is an elite NFL player who is looking for a change in his life – and who also thoroughly enjoys the fact that Iris has absolutely no idea who he is. As their instant attraction extends beyond the confines of their island bubble, can their relationship withstand the intricacies of real life? Great for fans of Josie Silver's *One Night on the Island* and readers of Lucy Score and Tessa Bailey.

- Rowe's romance *Hero* has a "Best of TikTok" badge on Amazon. Rowe's books have also been #1 in many categories, including romantic suspense, young adult, contemporary romance, family saga, and humor
- "*Strangers-to-vacation roommates-to-lovers? Chasing the Ring is Lauren Rowe at her most brilliant!*" —Lucy Score, #1 New York Times bestselling author

### **THE EX DILEMMA by Elle Wright – February 2026**

A commitment phobic heir faces the ultimate challenge from his powerful grandmother and family company CEO in this contemporary romance: marry, or lose his inheritance. Wesley is desperate for an image reboot—stat. A mysterious social media influencer keeps revealing his many reckless romantic liaisons, putting everything Wesley has worked so hard for at stake. So he's stunned and relieved when his gorgeous ex, private detective Albany, is recruited to track down the leaker. All Wes has to do is keep a cool-headed professional distance. Easy, right? Until the incendiary passion between him and Albany suddenly reignites.

Albany reluctantly accepts the assignment to aid Wes. After all, she needs the money to regroup after a disastrous divorce. But this time, she's going to call the shots. She doesn't need her heart re-broken by the only man she's ever loved. Yet she soon finds their differences are drawing them together again. And again.

- For fans of whirlwind contemporary romances from authors like Farrah Rochon, Tessa Bailey, Talia Hibbert, and Rebekah Weatherspoon

### **OUTLAW LAKE: Rustler Mountain (#2) by Maisey Yates – October 2025**

Carson Wilder and Perry Bramble have been best friends forever, starting with their painful childhoods. As far as romance, Carson always knew he wasn't good enough for her. And by the time they were grown, their bond was too important to risk messing up. Now, Carson is grieving the death of his wife. And like always, Perry is his rock. Perry has loved Carson since she was 7 years old. He never showed a hint of interest in her beyond friendship, but two-decades later, he's still the most important person in her life.

Perry stuns Carson with a decision: She's moving to a neighboring city to expand her florist business—and to find love and start a family. Carson hates the idea, but he'll do anything for Perry's happiness. He'll even help get her historic home fixed up for sale. She can stay with him at his ranch house on Outlaw Lake in the meantime. What ensues are dinners filled with laughter, dating app disasters—and Carson wondering why he'd look for another woman when the one he loves is right here.

- Portuguese (BR) and UK rights sold

## **Speculative Fiction & Romantasy**

### **DEMON WITH BENEFITS: Hell Bent (#3) by Aurora Ascher – August 2025**

#### **GUARDIAN DEMON (#4) – October 2025**

Wickedly funny and warm-hearted demon romance series with just the right amount of spice from the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Sanctuary of the Shadow* (Red Tower). *Demon with Benefits*: a hot-headed witch and a lovable bad-boy demon add up to a scorching enemies-to-lovers tale.

The jokester of the demon brothers, Meph wears his grin like armor and uses humor as a mask. But lately, his composure has been slipping, especially around her. Iris. The blue-haired witch with a vicious temperament. Something about her soothes the darkness within him. Bitter and haunted by her traumatic past, Iris isn't keen on welcoming demons into her life. After a toxic relationship, she's sworn off commitment, and she's not looking for another Mr. Damaged. Yet she can't stop craving what she shouldn't want. With the return of a deadly enemy, the pain they've been suppressing is exposed, and Meph and Iris can no longer deny their feelings.

- Each book can work as a standalone as they follow different characters within the same brotherhood. Each book includes sex scenes, profanity, and a happily ever after. Books 1-5 have previously been self-published and book 6 will be completely new. Books 1-5 will be rereleased with new bonus scenes and additional materials
- Special edition with stenciled edges, interior art, and chapter headers. Books 1-3 were **instant *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestsellers**. German, Spanish, Portuguese (Brazil), Turkish, Ukrainian rights sold

### **CHANGELING QUEEN by Kimberly Bea – November 2025**

Inspired by the famous Scottish “Ballad of Tam Lin”, which tells the origins of Samhain/Halloween, and weaving together mystical folklore and tragic romance, it dives into the Faery Queen’s origin story. For fans of light mythical fantasy filled with feminist rage: born with Fae and mortal blood, Bess fears there’s no true place for her on either of the veil. Disowned by her human family after the death of the woman who raised her, Bess builds herself a life with the help of her medical skills—and the handsome Thomas. But the people of Selkirkshire see her as a scandal, and Thomas’s noble father bends his power to drive them apart. As Bess uses her Fae gifts to fight for Thomas’s love, she’s drawn into a world of intrigue, sensuality, and the luxury of Faery magic. Yet Bess’s powers run deeper than she’s ever dreamed, and she realizes even the crown of Faery might be hers.... if she pays the price in blood.

Years later, on Samhain, a festival marking the start of winter, pregnant Janet rescues her lover Tam Lin from being sacrificed by the Wild Hunt—but the callous Faery Queen is not finished with them yet. Over the span of a single night, the Queen and Janet spar over Tam Lin’s fate. The Queen aims to win, knowing how fickle mortals can be.

- *“Lush, lyrical, and subversive...a stirring anthem for female agency and desire, sung in counterpoint to the familiar ballad we thought we knew.” —Lyra Selene, International bestselling author of A Feather So Black*
- Special edition with edges, interior art, foil case stamping, and four-color endpapers. **Hungarian rights sold**

### **THE NANNY’S HANDBOOK FOR MAGIC AND MANAGING DIFFICULT DUKES by Amy Rose Bennett – October 2025**

*Mary Poppins* meets *Bridgerton* in a charming new romantic fantasy. As the keepers of an ancient magic, the Parasol Academy for Exceptional Nannies and Governesses expects its graduates to be professional and new alumna Emmaline may be more high-spirited than the Academy would like. Few graduates, however, could turn a mismanaged teleportation onto a duke’s rooftop into an offer of employment. Xavier’s wards have sent two nannies packing in a month thanks to their mayhem, not to mention Xavier’s odd personality. Emmaline seems intrigued with his quirks—but Xavier must have peace to design London’s “King of Clocks” for Westminster Palace before the competition closes. Yet with a possible saboteur in their midst, and the attraction flaring between them threatening to become a deliciously disastrous distraction, a touch of magic may be required.

- *“A whimsical, wonderfully romantic treasure trove of laugh-out-loud delights with a spirited heroine who proves a worthy successor indeed to Mary Poppins” —India Holton, USA Today bestselling author. UK rights sold*

### **TALL IS HER BODY by Robert de la Chevotiere – November 2025**

A magical realism and introspective portrait of one boy’s journey to manhood amidst the collapse of the West Indies banana industry. For fans of Elizabeth Acevedo’s *Family Lore*: before his mother’s death, Fidel knew only Guadeloupe. The dusty roads, the sugar cane growing and the neighbors arguing—his world is small but full. Until a few moments of violence change his life. Orphaned, Fidel returns to his mother’s native Dominica and whirls from one relative and reality to another. His heritage is one of layered secrets and divisions—between the grandmothers who love him and the aunt who wants him dead, the Catholic orthodoxy of his school and the Obeah knowledge of his grandfather. The spirits of the dead visit him with advice, threats, and explanations. And when he sees a path toward happiness in Canada, he must reconcile his intense, bittersweet love of his home with the possibility of leaving it.

### **THE FOURTH WIFE by Linda Hamilton – April 2026**

Historical fiction meets gothic horror with a feminist slant as a Mormon woman is haunted by a malevolent presence in the decrepit mansion she shares with her new husband and his other wives. Hazel’s life in 1882 Utah territory is defined by three things: the Mormon church, polygamy, and the men who control both. Commanded to become the fourth wife of a man she’s never met, Hazel is relieved that Jacob is attentive and handsome. However, she is shocked to discover that instead of living separately as is custom, all of Jacob’s wives and children live in the same house—a large, dilapidated manor that inexplicably fills Hazel with dread. Despite Jacob’s tenderness, Hazel senses dark secrets and resentments among her sister wives. She hears strange music, sees blood oozing from the very walls, and glimpses apparitions that grow more terrifying every day. And as her nightmares worsen, Hazel can’t be sure if she has more to fear from the living—including her mysterious husband—or from a sinister presence that seems to animate the house itself. For fans of Isabel Cañas, Cate Quinn, Victor LaValle, and Carissa Orlando’s *September House*.

- Draws on Mormon folklore and the author’s own ancestry



### **LIBRARY OF AMORLIN: Age of Beasts (#1) by Kalyn Josephson – March 2026**

Coming-of-age romantic fantasy that is the adult debut from *New York Times* bestselling-YA author Josephson with crossover appeal: former con artist Kasira expected to spend her life as a soldier, miserably working off her prison sentence by hunting down magical creatures for the fanatical kingdom of Kalthos. But when the Kalish ambassador arrives with an assignment, Kasira finds herself swept into the biggest con of her life: infiltrating the Library of Amorlin.

As the heart of all magic and the protector of magical creatures throughout the six kingdoms, the Library is politically neutral. Kasira is meant to pose as the new Library Assistant to spy for the ambassador and destabilize the Library from within, clearing the way to dethrone its Librarian. But when she arrives, Kasira learns that the Library is not all she was told it would be. Neither is the prickly, handsome Librarian, Allaster, whose own secrets are about to catch up with him. Swept into the enchanting world of the Library, Kasira's reluctant con is jeopardized by her growing affection for the wondrous life the Library promises and by her complicated, burgeoning attraction to Allaster. As the ambassador's game closes in, Kasira must decide where her loyalties lie.

- For fans of light fantasy, stories focusing on the power of books, and slow-burn enemies to lovers romance. This is the first in a not spicy duology
- To be published as a deluxe limited edition hardcover with stenciled edges, a beautiful foil-stamped hardcover, exclusive interior design with full-color illustrated endpapers, and full color illustrated character art

### **HOUSE OF RAYNE by Harley Laroux – October 2025**

Standalone spicy sapphic romance meets atmospheric supernatural horror as a one-night stand winds up opening a box of dangerous secrets and dark magic on a remote island from *New York Times*-bestseller Laroux: on what would have been the start of her honeymoon, had her ex not revealed himself to be a cheater, Salem decides to escape the chatter of her friends and family and go on a mountain biking vacation on a remote pacific northwest island. On her last night on the mainland before taking a ferry to her destination, she meets an alluring stranger and after flirting with each other all night, the two have a passionate one-night-stand in the bar bathroom – all without Salem learning her name. Or at least Salem thought it was a one-night stand; until she realized the beautiful stranger was the owner of the small bed and breakfast she was staying at the next two weeks.

Rayne had resigned herself to a life of solitude, trapped on the island along with the rest of the inhabitants by a strange dark magic that punished anyone who left its shore for more than a few hours. Not wanting to relegate any partner of hers to the potentially fatal life at Blackridge, she promises never to fall for anyone. And she has managed to do that – until she meets Salem. Over the course of their time together, Salem and Rayne's attraction for each other grows. But all is not what it seems to be on Blackridge's idyllic landscape. Something evil lurks beneath, and it will be up to the two women to stop it.

- Laroux is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Publishers Weekly*-bestselling author and TikTok sensation with more than a million copies sold of their Souls Trilogy
- This will be first released a deluxe limited edition with stenciled edges, interior art, reversible dust jacket, foil stamping, and designed endpapers
- Czech, German, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese (BR & PT), Spanish, and Ukrainian rights sold

### **THE VILLA, ONCE BELOVED by Victor Manibo – December 2025**

Dark gothic novel set in the Philippines: Villa Sepulveda is a storied relic nestled in a remote coconut plantation. When their patriarch dies mysteriously, his far-flung family returns to their ancestral home. Filipino-American student Adrian invites his college girlfriend, Sophie, who knows little about her own Filipino heritage, to the funeral. Sophie soon learns that there is more to the Sepulvedas than political and entrepreneurial success. When a landslide traps them all in the villa, secrets begin to emerge, revealing sins both intimately personal and unthinkably public.

Sifting through fact, folklore, and fiction, Sophie finds herself at the center of a reckoning. Did a mythical demon really kill Adrian's grandfather? How complicit are the Sepulvedas in the country's oppressive history? As a series of ill omens befall the villa, Sophie must decide whom to trust before the family's true legacy comes to take its revenge.

- Manibo is a Filipino speculative fiction writer and a 2022 Lambda Literary Emerging Voices Fellow

### **HUMBOLDT CUT by Allison Mick – February 2026**

Darkly humorous eco-horror debut novel. Jasmine is a nurse in California, battling her own demons, and caught in a spiral of despair. Estranged from her brother James and his wife Tilly, who was once her best friend, Jas has chosen self-isolation to protect herself—even if it means denying herself a hopeful future. When her godmother dies, Jas returns home for the funeral, a logging town where her grandfather made a living deforesting the countryside, ripping apart nature's foundations for corporate profits. As trees died, so did dozens of lumberjacks, falling prey to the dangers of their job, including her grandfather. Buried in the haunted woods are dark secrets perpetrated by Jas's family. Unnatural acts resulting in entities made of human flesh and bark, seeking to avenge the devastation that ravaged their land. It is a secret that threatens to consume the remnants of Jas's family. Ideal for fans of the film "Candyman" by Jordan Peele.

- *"Mick balances horror and humor brilliantly in this bold novel that asks big questions about our relationship to the natural world. You will never see forests the same way again after reading it." —T. L. Huchu, USA Today bestselling author*

### **THE BOOK OF AUTUMN by Molly O'Sullivan – November 2025**

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

That is until a disturbing occurrence at the college leaves a student dead, and Cella is drawn back into a world she's done everything to leave behind. She and Max possess the skills necessary to investigate the alleged murderess, also a student, who is only speaking in guttural tones and sending crucifixes flying off the wall. While rumors swirl around the school, Cella and Max do their best to focus on their task and not get pulled back into their history with each other. In tune with her magic again, Cella makes a discovery: the answer to the murder lies beside another truth she's tried desperately to keep buried all this time.

- Publisher's Marketplace Buzz Books selection
- *"A stunning debut, with one of the best mystery twists! O'Sullivan artfully blends dark academia and a unique magic system with a second-chance romance, making this debut unputdownable." —Alysha Rameera, author of Her Soul for a Crown*

### **BLOOD SLAVES by Markus Redmond – August 2025**

Alternate history that is part supernatural horror: the vampire origin story is reimaged in this terrifying novel of ancient lore, startling revenge, and immortal emancipation in set in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. In the Province of Carolina, 1710, freedom from slavery seems unattainable for Willie, Gertie, and their unborn child. To flee this hell on earth is be hunted and killed. Until one strange night Willie is offered a dark hope by Rafazi, an enigmatic slave with a blood-chilling path to liberation.

Rafazi is the lone survivor of the Ramanga, an African vampire tribe. He has roamed the world for centuries with an undying desire to replenish the power that once defined his heritage. In Willie, Rafazi has found his first subject to be turned in a bid to start a revolt. As an army of blood slaves thirsting for revenge is gathered, the headstrong Gertie fears that no good can come from the vampiric legacy that courses through Rafazi's veins. On the other hand, Willie believes that only evil can fight evil. And when the woman he loves stands between the reemergence of the Ramanga and the justified slaughter of the oppressors, Willie must make an irreversible decision that changes history forever. For readers of Isabel Cañas' *Vampires of El Norte* and V. Castro's *Immortal Pleasures*.



### **IRON GARDEN SUTRA by A.D. Sui – March 2026**

Futuristic locked room mystery following a death monk and a team of researchers as they are trapped onboard a spaceship that is carrying the bodies of countless dead. For fans of Becky Chambers *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* and readers looking for lighter versions of Kazuo Ishiguro's *Klara and the Sun*, S.A. Barnes' *Dead Silence*, and Jeff VanderMeer's *Annihilation*: 30-year-old Vessel Iris has devoted himself to performing funeral rites for the dead across the galaxy. Despite the comfort he wants to believe he brings to the dead, his relationships with his fellow humans are distant at best, leaving him reliant on his AI implant for companionship.

The Nicaea, a spaceship the size of a city, has been lost for more than a thousand years. A relic of Earth's past, humanity took the ship on a multi-generation journey to find another habitable planet yet never reached its destination. Its appearance has attracted a team of academics eager to investigate its history. And Iris has been assigned to bring peace to the crew's departed souls. Carpeted in moss and vines, Nicaea is more forest than ship. Determined to be more than just the curator of the dead, Iris tries to make himself useful to the team, desperate to form friendships. But Nicaea's plant life isn't the only sentience to have survived in the past millennia. Something onboard is stalking and killing the explorers one by one. And Iris with his AI enhancement may be their only hope for survival. IRON GARDEN SUTRA explores themes of the sentient qualities of AI, how we approach and think of death, and what makes a life worth living.

- Sui is a Nebula award winner. **Ukrainian rights sold**

### **THE CURSE OF HESTER GARDENS by Tamika Thompson – April 2026**

Twist on the haunted house novel following a mother desperate to protect her sons from the twin specters of gun violence and otherworldly menace: Nona raised three boys in Hester Gardens, an impoverished community divided by those who follow their faith and those who turn to crime to survive. With her husband behind bars and her eldest son shot to death, Nona has devoted herself to ensuring her other children escape their brother's fate.

Nona's sons seem to be on the right track to escape, but then, strange things start happening: mysterious footsteps are heard when she's alone, people have phantom encounters in the streets, unattended appliances go off at all hours. Even more concerning is the state of Nona's teenaged sons. Her youngest, Lance, is hanging around with a bad crowd, and Marcus becomes moody and secretive. Sometimes he even seems to act like a different person. Nona fears that someone—or something—is seeking revenge for an act she made in a moment of weakness to protect her family. And now everyone in Hester Gardens must pay the price.

- Thompson is a former journalist and producer and was the 2024 Next Generation Indie Book Awards Winner for Horror. Her work has appeared in *Interzone*, *The New York Times*, and *Los Angeles Review of Books*

### **THIS HOUSE WILL FEED by Maria Tureaud – February 2026**

Amidst the devastation of Ireland's Great Famine, a young woman is saved from certain death when offered a mysterious position at a remote manor house that is haunted by a strange power. For fans of Isabel Cañas, Emilia Hart, and Katherine Arden's *The Warm Hands of Ghosts*: in the few years since the potato blight, Maggie has lost everything. Toiling in the workhouse, she can see no future until the mysterious landowner Lady Catherine arrives to whisk her away to an old mansion. Lady Catherine wants Maggie to impersonate her late daughter, Wilhelmina, and hoodwink solicitors into releasing Wilhelmina's widow pension so that Lady Catherine can continue to provide for the villagers in her care. In exchange, Maggie will receive freedom from the workhouse, land of her own, and the one thing she wants more than either: a chance to fulfill the promise she made to her brother on his deathbed—to live to spite them all.

Launching herself into the daunting task, Maggie plays the role of Wilhelmina as best she can while ignoring the villagers' tales of ghostly figures and curses. But more worrying are the whispers that come from within. Something in Lady Catherine's house is reawakening long-buried memories in Maggie—of a foe more terrifying than hunger or greed, of a power that calls for blood and vengeance, and of her own role in a nightmare that demands the darkest sacrifice.

- “A gripping, multilayered tale of vengeance set against the backdrop of one of the worst genocides in human history...Folklore, history, and Irish culture intertwine seamlessly, to form a story with profound contemporary relevance. Powerful and unforgettable.” —Paulette Kennedy, bestselling author of *The Witch of Tin Mountain*

### **PHILOSOPHY OF THIEVES by Fran Wilde – October 2025**

Speculative fiction that is *Soylent Green* meets Leigh Bardugo's *Six of Crows* in an adventure story with crossover appeal: in an unequal future where the wealthy live in exclusive, climate-controlled enclaves, the latest trend in entertainment is burglary — the more preposterous, the better. The most lavish parties feature entertainer-thieves, who are allowed to keep their winnings if they make it out of the house. If they don't, they risk imprisonment, or worse.

Roosa and Dax are part of the best and most sought-after troupes of performance thieves whose success masks deep desperation. Called to work one of the most exclusive parties of the year, Roosa and her brother must give the performance of their lives, or their father will be shipped off to the work camps. But as the heist begins, they don't know that their host, his girlfriend, his security chief and his business competitors are each playing a game of their own. This book is accessible to general readers while appealing to genre audiences with well-loved SFF tropes such as masquerades, high-tech gadgets, political marriages, and of course, heists.

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

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

#### **ONE SHATTERED CROWN: Grimm Bargains (#3) – August 2026**

Second in a spicy dark romance trilogy for fans of Katee Robert and Scarlett St. Clair from *New York Times*-bestselling Zanetti. Book 2 is a modern twist on Snow White set in a world where dueling media empire billionaires play deadly games and magic is the weapon of choice: Rosalie runs a boarding house for disenfranchised men, forgotten by society. Alexei is the heir to one of the world's largest social media companies and convicted murderer, even though he maintains his innocence. But even if that is true, he is dangerous, and Rosalie discovers she might kind of like danger. When he's released into Rosalie's care, she gets swept up in the chaos around him and discovers that what it means to be a good man might not be as black and white as she previously thought.

- **German, UK, Spanish, Portuguese (BR), and Russian rights sold.** Special edition hardcover planned with stenciled edges and exclusive art and foiling
- Zanetti is a *New York Times* bestselling author with nearly a dozen Amazon Best Romance Picks and an Amazon Best Book of the Year for her romantic suspense title *Broken* (2020)

## **Suspense, Mystery, & Thrillers:**

### **GUESS AGAIN by Charlie Donlea – August 2025**

Years ago, Callie vanished from her quiet lakeside community. Her body was never found, and the case went cold. On the 10th anniversary, one of the detectives makes a death-bed request to his former partner, Ethan, to re-examine the evidence. Ethan—a former detective turned doctor—reluctantly agrees to look at the case with fresh eyes.

Word soon spreads and everyone in the town feels a rush of hope that answers will finally be found. No one is more invested than Lindsay, Callie's childhood best friend. Now a psychologist and the creator of a successful online counseling platform, Lindsay relentlessly pursued the truth about what happened to Callie. Just as Ethan's investigation gains momentum, a new client signs in to Lindsay's online portal and leaves a hint as to who the killer is. Lindsay's business and reputation depend upon keeping her clients' privacy, so she funnels scant clues to Ethan hoping he'll pick up the trail. But when Ethan's investigation leads to another missing woman, he realizes there's more to Callie's disappearance than anyone imagined, including ties to his own dark past that some are willing to kill for.

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

### **SHADOW PLAY by Sara Driscoll – September 2025**

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

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

### **THE WITCHING HOURS by Heather Graham – February 2026**

For fans of Riley Sager and Simone St. James: Skye sees things. That's why she's been summoned by paranormal investigators Jackson and Angela to help solve a mystifying murder and kidnapping on the outskirts of historic Salem. Alicia discovered her grandfather-in-law murdered, her nanny and her young son have both vanished without a trace, and her infant daughter was found terrified and crying in her playpen. Skye, partnered with intriguing Zachary, a charmer with a psychic touch, is at first beset only by visions of Salem's witch trials. Then she sets foot in the Bolton's house. What she sees there is a bona fide crone, pointed hat and all, preying on the family like something from a children's nightmare. And when another woman and her daughter inexplicably vanish, Skye has a second vision—that same wicked witch creeping up on her new victims on a lonely Salem road. As Skye and Zachary put their otherworldly abilities to use, and grow closer with each revelation, they're lured into an ominous mystery enveloping Salem like a fog.

- Graham is a *New York Times*-bestselling author with 70 million copies of her books in print across multiple genres. Graham has been translated into 30 languages, no options are in place and this is widely available

### **SHE'S GOING TO PAY by Alexandra Ivy – November 2025**

Twisty domestic suspense from *New York Times*-bestselling Ivy following a woman who returns to her hometown and uncovers a dark web of family secrets that leaves her questioning everything.

Leaving Canton behind was no hardship for Jesse. When she was a teenager, her stepmother and stepsister abruptly disappeared under suspicious circumstances. Their bodies were never found, but Jesse's father, Mac, became a murder suspect. When he too vanished, Jesse waited months for him to return. Finally, she left, bouncing from one job to another for years. Now Jesse is back, hoping to quickly sell her father's old bar before moving on for good. But coming home to Canton's quiet, cobblestone streets does not go as expected. There are memories resurfacing, and ties that haven't broken. Then her father's lawyer makes a startling admission: before he disappeared, Mac had discovered that Jesse's stepmother, Victoria, was living under an assumed name. "Victoria Hudson" never even existed. Who was she really? Delving deeper, Jesse grows convinced that her father's assumed death is tied to Victoria's real identity. And looking to the past is yielding more than secrets.

- Ivy is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of romantic suspense, paranormal and erotic romance. She is a five-time RT Book Award Finalist. She has been published in Czech, French, German, Japanese, and the UK.

### **IT HAPPENED ON THE LAKE by Lisa Jackson – July 2025**

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

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

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

### **COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR by Carlene O'Connor – November 2025**

Suspense set against the stark beauty of southwest Ireland, where a woman must reckon with a stalker whose obsession has turned deadly: the roads around Dingle are whisper-quiet in the rainy night, empty of the tourists who throng the town by day. As Dimpna and her assistant, Patrick, drive home after a traumatic day, she isn't expecting to see anyone, let alone her employee, Niamh, standing in the road, dressed in a nightgown and soaked to the skin.

Dazed and distraught, Niamh passes out, and at her apartment, Dimpna and Patrick make a grisly discovery. There is a dead woman in Niamh's bed, shot in the head, a hunting rifle beside her. When Niamh comes to, she has no memory of the day's events, and no idea of the woman's identity. All she can tell Detective Inspector Cormac is that for weeks, she's felt like she was being watched. Suspicion falls on Niamh's new boyfriend, Mark, who her friends have not yet met. But as Dimpna and Cormac try to track him down, they realize there's no evidence Mark even exists. All of Niamh's texts and photos of him are missing or deleted, and he has no social media presence. What lingers is a nagging unease, especially when they learn of another, similar murder years ago—another woman found shot to death in her bed, a woman who had complained of being stalked, just like Niamh.

- O'Connor is a *USA Today* and Barnes & Noble-bestselling author

### **SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS SAFE by Terri Parlato – March 2026**

Standalone atmospheric suspense following a woman who reconnects with her famous father and is drawn into a terrifying mystery: after the double blow of divorce and her mother's death, Emma receives an invitation to meet her estranged father for the first time. Alex is a wealthy, renowned author who had a brief fling with Emma's mother and disappeared from their lives.

The Spencer house is a towering Victorian steeped in history and lore, from its ornate turret to the little cemetery nestled in the adjoining woods. It should be an inspiring place for Emma to finish working on her own novel, especially with Alex's guidance. But when a neighbor is found dead under strange circumstances, the surroundings begin to feel less idyllic and welcoming. Not everyone is happy about Emma's arrival, either—especially not Alex's legitimate daughter, Sunny. As Emma learns of other disappearances and mysterious deaths, what seemed like a fresh start begins to fill her with unease. Emma thought this community held the home and family she's long been looking for. Now she wonders if she'll ever be allowed to leave alive.

- Parlato's previous suspense trilogy was published in Polish

## **Contemporary Mystery & Crime Fiction:**

### **SOLID GOLD MURDER: A Golden Motel Mystery (#2) by Ellen Byron – August 2025**

Former Hollywood sitcom writer Dee's Golden Motel-of-the-Mountains promises a tranquil getaway for outdoor lovers in a scenic Californian village. Dee is excited to introduce a family-friendly old-mining activity complete with fake gold just in time for the peak tourist months. Except neither could have anticipated the discovery of a real gold nugget or the ensuing social media frenzy. In a flash, the viral sensation draws grizzled prospectors, wide-eyed adventurers, and trend-chasing thrill seekers to the abandoned mines scattered around the woods.

### **CONFESSIONS OF AN AMATEUR SLEUTH: Bainbridge Island Mystery (#2) by Lynn Cahoon – May 2026**

Bookseller, aspiring author, and amateur sleuth Meg investigates the murder of a crabby food critic in *New York Times*-bestselling author Cahoon's latest mystery for fans of Kate Carlisle, Lorna Barrett, Jenn McKinlay, and Ellery Adams.

Meg has a confession: solving crimes may be easier than writing. She's been working on a guide to becoming a detective—but she's her own worst critic. She needs a how-to in order to write her how-to! At the Bainbridge Island writers' group, she meets freelance food critic Lee, who invites her to join him for dinner so he won't be suspected of reviewing the place. Instead, someone does a job on the critic—he's found dead by the marina. Now Bainbridge's culinary elite are on the suspect list.

- Russian rights sold to book 1, *Amateur Sleuth's Guide to Murder* (2025)

### **SWEET SPOT: Ghostwriter Mystery (#3) by Kemper Donovan – July 2026**

Latest addition to Donovan's modern murder mystery series pits a ghostwriter-turned-sleuth against a devious killer who's transforming her new assignment into a real-life thriller: for Belle Currer—as the ghostwriter prefers to be known—Genevieve Caraway's memoir is an irresistible project, a tale of tragedy overcome. At 14, Genevieve was abducted from her bedroom by a couple and held hostage for three months. She's now a happily married mother with a flourishing career, a poster child for thriving after trauma. Still, the scars haven't entirely faded.

Genevieve's lavish home is a guarded compound impregnable to outsiders—theoretically, at least. But Belle's arrival coincides with the parole of Deirdre, one of Genevieve's kidnappers. When Deirdre shows up begging to see Genevieve, she is refused. The next day, Deirdre's dead body is found on the grounds.

### **MURDER IN AN ITALIAN PIAZZA: A Bria Bartolucci Mystery (#3) by Michael Falco – October 2025**

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

### **CRUSHING WALK IN CORNWALL: Walk Through England Mystery (#3) by Nicholas George – April 2026**

For retired detective Chase, week-long walks in the English countryside are an enjoyable new pastime. But sometimes these outings take deadly detours: Chase is disappointed that his partner Mike won't be joining him on his tour of the rocky Cornish coast—but like long-distance walks, long-distance relationships can require an occasional break. When the group hears before their departure that local landowners have been sabotaging the trail with booby-traps, their walk leader dismisses it as rumor. As they bravely continue their expedition, 12-year-old chatterbox Ivy continues gossiping to Chase about the group members. She's been researching online and thinks they're not all as they seem. When one of them nearly plunges to her death during a visit to a 16th-century castle, Ivy's sure a killer walks among them.

### **MURDER BY THE MILLIONS: A Literary Dining Mystery (#2) by Daryl Wood Gerber – November 2025**

In a beautiful mountain community, caterer and personal chef Allie serves up mouthwatering, literary-themed dinner parties inspired by her clients' favorite books. Her next event is sure to be a roaring success—if a murderer isn't a killjoy: Feast for the Eyes bookstore manager and Allie's best friend, Tegan, is hosting a book club soiree and wants it to be a glittering affair based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's iconic Jazz Age-set novel, *The Great Gatsby*. Amid the planning, charismatic developer Jason arrives in town to buy some historic buildings on Main Street. He, too, has plans: to create a modern mall. Allie is more than concerned. She even wants to protest. But when Jason invites her to cater a lavish party, she finds him surprisingly likable. Then she's summoned to his estate for a meeting—and finds him dead.

### **GIMME SHELTER: A Layla Virtue Mystery (#2) by Libby Klein – May 2026**

Witty mystery series with an emotional punch following Layla, a 30-something former cop turned party musician: as the song says, you can't always get what you want. Maybe that's why, instead of fulfilling her youthful dream of being a rock star, Layla is playing third-rate gigs. Given everything else she's been through lately, she's not complaining (much) about satin ruffles and go-go boots. She has a squad of supportive new BFFs, and she's reclaimed a relationship with her famous rocker dad. When Layla's dad moves in with her, he quickly loves his new community, and the feeling seems mutual. So, why is one of them blackmailing him? It's a mystery almost as baffling as the assignment Layla receives from her former boss: look into the brutal murder of a mild-mannered teacher.

- *"Layla is a lovably flawed, three-dimensional protagonist, and her sardonic humor will happily remind readers of Kinky Friedman...This is a winner."*—Publishers Weekly on Vice and Virtue (2025)

### **MURDER AT AN IRISH SESSION: An Irish Village Mystery (#12) by Carlene O'Connor – March 2026**

USA Today best-selling author O'Connor's mystery series following Garda of County Cork, Ireland, Siobhán O'Sullivan: as pregnant Siobhán awaits bringing her new life into the world, she's bringing new life to her village with a music and matchmaking festival. But one matchmaker is about to find out that Cupid's arrow can be fatal in the latest Irish Village Mystery from USA Today best-selling author Carlene O'Connor.

- Estonian, German, and UK rights sold to this series
- Over 650K copies of this series sold domestically

### **THE MOST MYSTERIOUS BOOKSHOP IN PARIS by Mark Pryor – April 2026**

Hugo Marston, former head of security at the U.S. embassy in Paris, has retired and is ready to realize his lifelong dream of owning a mystery and antiquarian bookshop. But when a blackmail scheme targeting a chocolatier leads to murder, Hugo is again called to investigate. For readers of Charles Finch and Tasha Alexander: Hugo has led an exciting life, but now he's ready to embrace a quieter existence as a bookseller in the Marais district of Paris. His former employer, however, has other plans for him. A prominent American citizen is the COO of a boutique chocolate emporium in Paris, where they've received a mysterious and threatening note. A blackmailer who goes by the name The Shadow wants 500k euros or else their "darkest secret will be revealed."

Eclat de Chocolat is housed in a chateau dating back to the 1700s. The building, which served as a convent in the first half of the 20th century, where nuns helped orphans during World War II, has been beautifully converted into a chocolate factory. So what dark secrets could a chocolatier be hiding? Involving his friend, Lieutenant Camille Lerens, Hugo begins to investigate. Soon, the body of an employee is found in an old graveyard behind the chocolatier. Now Hugo and Lerens have a murder on their hands, but is it connected to the blackmail attempt?

- Not available in: Czech, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Turkish, and Ukrainian.

### **WHIFF OF MURDER by Angela Sanders – March 2026**

Perfume themed mystery series: some people read auras, Lise Bloom reads fragrance. Whether she's around old friends or new, fragrance often unfurls from them—an ability called "clairalience." Hoping to gain insight into her gift, Lise works at the Lucky Lotus, a New Age shop. Unfortunately, the oils the owner, Dyann, concocts, nauseate Lise and impede her sense of scent. Worse, the shop feels more like wealthy Dyann's hobby than a spiritual place, thanks to her toxic love-torment relationship with her ex-husband, Richard. One day Lise walks into the shop one day and detects a fetid odor she doesn't recognize—and discovers a spilled bottle of Mayan ceremonial liqueur . . . beside Dyann's dead body.



## Historical Fiction:

### **TEACH THE TORCHES TO BURN: Daughter of Montague (#3) by Christina Dodd – July 2026**

USA Today-bestselling series that is a continuation of *Romeo & Juliet* where the couple was able to live happily ever after and following their clever and fiercely independent adult daughter: in book 2, readers will see previous romantic cynic Rosie as the blushing bride: as pre-wedding festivities are underway, things begin to spiral out of control when elderly Princess Ursula holds a séance to determine the future of the marriage. With the aid of Yorick's skull and her own dramatic nature, Princess Ursula prophesizes three things: the marriage would be joyous and fertile, a long-lost treasure would be found, and a foul and most unnatural murder would disrupt the peace of Verona. Before the day was done, two prophesies had been fulfilled. Hint: not the fun fertility one. As one death follows another and it's clear a skilled poisoner lurks among the group, Rosie will use all her wit and skill to discern the reason for the vendetta and uncover the killer's identity.

- New genre from Dodd who is the author of romance, suspense, and thriller novels with more than 15 million copies in print. Spanish, Russian, and Polish rights sold to the series
- Peter Horton (producer/director of "Greys Anatomy") has signed up the film/tv rights to the series to develop as. He has recently moved to Range Media and wants this to be the first project he develops with them

### **THE DREADFULS by A. Rae Dunlap – April 2026**

Victorian-era historical fiction inspired by true life events, following a young woman determined to solve the serial killer case dominating the headlines: the Jack the Ripper murders. Crossover potential, ideal for fans of "Wednesday".

London, 1888: committed to the Whitechapel Hall Reform School for incurable delinquency, Dell is a precocious misfit. She's also a voracious reader of true crime and detective fiction, including the sordid Penny dreadful stories. In an unlikely stroke of luck, she's found a kindred spirit in her poised, perfectionist roommate, Pippa. Their obsession is only further fueled by the Jack the Ripper murders blazing a trail of terror right outside their front door. Desperate for adventure, they embark on their own investigation—and discover an ally in Noah, son of the local butcher. But Noah's motives are not mere fascination: his father is the prime suspect. Noah is desperate to clear his name, and Dell and Pippa are only too eager to help. Their spy work yields shocking results: they witness straightlaced Whitechapel teacher Miss Kaye escaping the school the night of the latest crime. Could Jack the Ripper be a she?

- Czech, German, Polish, and UK rights sold to *The Resurrectionist* (2025)

### **WOMEN OF A PROMISCUOUS NATURE by Donna Everhart – February 2026**

In 1940s North Carolina a young woman is accused of "promiscuity" and unjustly incarcerated at The State Industrial Farm Colony for Women: while walking to the diner where she works, 24-year-old Ruth is stopped by the local sheriff. He insists she accompany him to a health clinic, threatening to arrest her if she doesn't undergo testing. Though Ruth has never shared more than a chaste kiss with a man, by day's end she is one of dozens of women held at the State Industrial Farm Colony for Women. Superintendent Dorothy, convinced that she's transforming degenerate souls into upstanding members of society, oversees the women's medical treatment until they're deemed ready for parole. Sooner or later, everyone at the Colony learns to abide by her rule book or face the consequences.

- Publisher's Marketplace Buzz Books selection
- Everhart's previous five novels have sold over 900k copies domestically

### **SECRET IN TUSCANY by Alan Hlad – November 2025**

Dual timeline novel set in World War II Tuscany and near-present day, drawing on real-life events. Italy, 1943: with war blazing through Europe, nowhere is safe—not even the remote Tuscan countryside. It's here that Italian partisans risk their lives to provide Jewish refugees with an escape route to Switzerland. And it's here, too, that Gianna joins the Italian Resistance. While delivering weapons and intelligence, Gianna meets Tazio, an American working undercover. Despite the odds of discovery, Gianna and Tazio conduct missions to sabotage German operations. But as the Allies fight their way towards Florence, occupying German forces grow desperate, leading to a shocking act of vengeance. And Gianna's fate will rest upon her cunning and her willingness to keep hope alive, even through the decades that follow.

- Hlad has been published in Italian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese (PT), and Romanian

### **THE NIGHT WE BECAME STRANGERS by Lorena Hughes – October 2025**

Historical fiction based on true events: in 1938, Orson Welles' radio dramatization of H.G. Wells' novel *The War of the Worlds* terrified Americans into believing martians were invading. 11 years later, an Ecuadorian radio station replicated the show. 20 years later two journalists try to uncover what happened to their families that night.

1957: Valeria returns to her hometown in the hopes of discovering how her parents really died. The disastrous 1949 *War of the Worlds* show caused a mob to torch her family's radio station and the newspaper run by their closest friends, the Monteros. The tragedy destroyed the families' relationship and left the station on shaky financial ground. Now, expected to save her family's legacy by accepting an arranged marriage, Valeria will risk everything to find out the truth. For Matias Montero, the scars of that night run deep. He saved his mother but blames himself for not rescuing his father. As a journalist, he feels Valeria is a rival not to be trusted. Still, they're both on the same mission. Perhaps, together, they can unearth the past their families and friends would rather remain buried.

- Hughes has previously been published in Arabic, Dutch, Lithuanian, Russian, and Spanish. *The Spanish Daughter* was an Amazon Editors' Pick and a *Publishers Marketplace* Buzz Books selection

### **MURDER AT DONWELL ABBEY: Emma Knightly Mystery (#2) by Vanessa Kelly – December 2025**

Second in a Regency mystery series featuring Jane Austen's Emma Knightly from a beloved historical romance author: Emma's spirits are elevated after she and husband George Knightley host a joyful holiday celebration at the Hartfield estate. But it's instantly a bitter January when her father makes an unexpected announcement—he and Miss Hetty Bates have decided to marry. Not only must Emma relinquish her role as mistress of the household, but also accept the reality that the excitable Miss Bates will become her stepmother.

More unwanted news arrives during an extravagant betrothal ball at Donwell Abbey, the grand Knightley estate. Nearly every villager in Highbury revels in the dazzling affair—except Emma's hardworking lady's maid, Prudence Parr. To Emma's horror, Prudence is found dead, sprawled across the stones of the library terrace and Emma's instincts tell her that something sinister is at play.

- Each book in the series will showcase well-known settings and beloved characters from *Emma* and other Austen novels. Kelly has previously been published in Czech, German, Italian, Romanian, and Russian

### **MURDER BY MOONRISE: Dr. Julia Lewis Mystery (#3) by Patrice McDonough – March 2026**

London's first woman doctor and a skeptical Scotland Yard detective find their holidays sidelined by a murderer threatening the royal family in this historically rich, gritty mystery set in Victorian London. 1867: For commoners and nobility alike, the Isle of Wight is an ideal holiday destination. For the next few days, the island will also be home to Dr. Julia Lewis, who is traveling with her grandfather and great-aunt. But despite the pleasant surroundings, Julia is beset by worries. Julia and Inspector Richard Tennant grew close during their last investigation, but he abruptly left England on a dangerous chase. She has heard nothing from him in weeks; meanwhile her maid, Kate, is nervous about rising anti-Irish sentiment. When Julia is called to perform an autopsy on drowning victim, a young, Irish-born servant, she discovers that the girl was pregnant. Was her death a suicide? As Julia digs deeper, a second tragedy points to murder and perhaps a political scandal.

### **THE DETERMINED by Rachel Rueckert – March 2026**

Set during the Golden Age of Pirates and based on the real experiences of the era's most fascinating pirates: Anne Bonny and Mary Read. Rueckert aims to upend stereotypes of female pirates and excavates these two figures in a story of passion, fierce female friendships, and women confronting the impossible: for Anne and Mary, life at sea offers a freedom that few women know. Born to an Irish gentleman and his maid, Anne leaves her beloved County Cork behind when her family emigrates to escape prejudice. She makes a bitter bargain for safe passage to the Bahamas. Across the Atlantic in England, Mary confronts her own limitations as an illegitimate daughter. Sneaking into a merchant crew, she disguises herself as a cabin boy. But when war breaks out and sends Mary into the cavalry, she meets a challenge even she might not rival. When their paths collide in Nassau, a notorious pirate den, Anne and Mary find kinship and a new life aboard the infamous *Revenge*, the fastest ship in the Caribbean. And from the high seas to the depths of a Jamaican prison, Anne and Mary must navigate impossible choices, each determined to taste freedom again.

### **MURDER IN MARYLEBONE: A Minnie Harper Mystery (#2) by Emily Sullivan – May 2026**

Cozy historical mystery set at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: after a decade away, widowed mother of two Minnie has left sunny Greece and returned to her native England—just as a cloud of suspicion falls over her younger sister: the world is changing at the dawn of the 20th century, but respectable English families still dread a public scandal. So Minnie agrees to accompany her reckless sister, Delia, for a night on the town. The evening involves a raucous house party, a visit to a fortune-teller, and an encounter with a flirtatious baron. Soon after, Delia discovers the body of her rumored beau in his own home, and Minnie insists on playing by the rules and informing the police. When the sisters return to the townhouse, their parents, dreading the threat of gossip, insist that Minnie help clear Delia's name.

- Russian rights sold to book 1, *Death on Corfu*

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

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

- Polish rights sold

### **THE LIES THEY TOLD by Ellen Marie Wiseman – September 2025**

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

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

- *“The fast-paced plot gains momentum as Lena grapples with her sense of powerlessness. It’s a clear-eyed and resonant portrait of an ignominious era.”- Publishers Weekly*
- Wiseman's novels have sold 2 million copies and have published in Albanian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Macedonian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (PT), Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese. **Dutch, Spanish, & Turkish rights sold**

## Historical Romance:

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

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

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

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

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

- **French rights sold.** Jeffries books have over 9 million copies sold and have been translated into more than 20 languages

### **ONLY RAKES NEED APPLY: Rakes of London (#1) by Kate Pearce – November 2025**

First in a series that introduces three female friends, each in search of an unmarried rake or rogue for a no-strings-attached romantic romp. This series is a spicier take on Sabrina Jeffries.

The only thing Lady Carenza misses about her late spouse, a notorious gambler and adulterer, is his expertise between the sheets. After two years donning mourning dresses, it's her turn for some frisky fun. But with no intention of remarrying, how can she find the right devil-may-care rogue for the job?

Thanks to an unexpected inheritance, confirmed bachelor Julian Laurent is free to indulge his passions—including the occasional seduction of married ladies. Still, he is appalled to discover his longtime friend, Carenza, is behind the public proposition. Surely Julian can prevent a damning scandal by pleasuring the lady to her heart's content. After all, it's the gentlemanly thing to do. . . . But as their sensual escapades tumble into a dangerously addictive game, might their friends-with-benefits arrangement take them from bedding to wedding?

- *"The riveting friends-to-lovers romance makes the pages fly while Pearce's commentary on the gendered double standards in Regency society adds depth. It's hot, heartfelt, and addictive."* - Publishers Weekly **STARRED REVIEW**

### **CATCHING LADY THEO: Here Come the Grooms (#2) by Ella Quinn – December 2025**

New Regency series from *USA Today*-bestselling Quinn featuring three of the ton's most eligible gentlemen: Leo, Duke of Chandos, can't quite believe it. After many mistresses, and much mischief and merriment, he's fallen head-over-heels for his best friend's sister, Lady Theo. Yet despite his attentions, Theo regards him at best as a friend, —at worst, as a brother. Determined to persuade her otherwise, he perseveres through the Season's most grueling social events.

Theo is quite aware that Leo is irresistibly handsome, charming, and decidedly unsuitable husband material. So when a compromising folly leads him to announce they are betrothed, Theo dismisses it as the kind act of a friend—and assures him she will liberate them from the situation. But between misunderstandings, romantic rivals, and a risky move that will put more than Leo's reputation on the line, the time they spend together as an engaged couple begins showing Theo just how devoted—and tempting—this allegedly reformed rogue can be.

- Quinn has been published in Portuguese (BR), French, German, Czech, Italian, Slovak, and Japanese

**BEAUTIFUL THINGS: Second Sons (#1) by Emily Rath – August 2025**

**HIS GRACE, THE DUKE (#2) – November 2025**

**ALCOTT HALL (#3) – February 2026**

Steamy, why-choose, Regency romance trilogy from *New York Times*, *USA Today*, Amazon, and international-best-selling author Rath starting with BEAUTIFUL THINGS: crashing a country house party in Regency England, an intrepid young woman is drawn into the orbit of three delicious gentlemen. At 22-years-old, Rosalie is unmarried and near destitute. She has two choices: snag a wealthy gentleman or take work as a governess. Neither option appeals to headstrong Rosalie, who sees both futures as a kind of cage. When she receives an invitation to Alcott Hall, she believes she is there to meet the Dowager Duchess of Norland, a childhood friend of her late mother. Instead, Rosalie is thrust in the middle of a house party to spy on the eligible high society ladies all desperate to win the hand of the new, single duke.

The more Rosalie tries to avoid the husband hunt, the more she finds herself charmed by three very different men. There's Lord James, the duke's younger brother. Lieutenant Renley, recently returned from the West Indies. And the tempestuous Mr. Burke, who irks Rosalie to no end. The clock ticks down the days to the ball, when the duke is set to announce his bride. Marriage is a trap, and Rosalie will not be easily snared...but that doesn't mean she can't enjoy the chase while it lasts. This slow burn romance will appeal to fans of Olivia Waite, Alexis Hall, and Kate Pearce.

- Published as a deluxe special edition featuring stenciled edges, designed chapter headers, full color inside covers, and front cover soft touch with spot gloss
- Rath is the author of the why-choose TikTok sensation Jacksonville Rays hockey romance series which has published in more than 10 languages and sold over a million copies. No options are in place
- **UK rights sold**

## **Nonfiction**

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

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

- *Three Ordinary Girls*, Brady's first nonfiction on unsung WWII heroes, has sold over 160k copies

**MATISSE AT WAR: Art and Resistance in Nazi Occupied France by Christopher Gorham – October 2025**

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

Matisse's family was also doing their part during France's darkest hour. His estranged wife worked for the Communist underground. His daughter was active in the French Resistance. His son Pierre helped Jewish artists escape to New York, and his other son hid dynamite in his sculptures and British agents in his attic.

- Includes 16 pages of photos and art

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

Practical and accessible guide on how women everywhere can cultivate their own inner señora through the ways that resourceful Latina women for generations have found to refresh, renew, and take time out for themselves. Ancestral women lived the ‘señora life’ because they had to. They made their own honey and oatmeal mask, or bathed in milk and chamomile because they didn’t have the modern tools and marketplaces that we do. And in our post-hustle world, women everywhere are seeking ways to put self-care first—and find relatable alternatives to some of the unattainable modern wellness practices. Now authors Kelmon and Dunning turn decades of ancestral knowledge, personal lore, and research into a book that can help you learn time-tested, simple habits and rituals based on natural living.

- Dunning and Kelmon are the co-founders of the wellness brand, Vamigas. Dunning is an Inc. Magazine Female Founders 200 winner. Kelmon is an Inc. Magazine’s Female Founders 200 winner and a Forbes100 recipient

**ON BOTH SIDES OF THE WALL by Vladka Meed and Steven Meed – March 2026**

New edition of one of the earliest eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which recounts one woman’s harrowing experiences as a courier for the Jewish underground: Vladka Meed, born Feigele Peltel, was a teenager when the Germans invaded Poland in 1939. Increasingly devastated by the deportation and murder of 300,000 Jews—including her mother, brother, and sister— she heeded the call for armed resistance, joining the Jewish Fighting Organization (ZOB), established in Warsaw in July 1942. With her typically “Aryan” looks and fluency in Polish, Vladka could pose as a Gentile, so the ZOB asked her to live on the Aryan side of the wall and serve as a courier. In this role, she smuggled weapons across the wall, helped Jewish children escape from the Ghetto, assisted Jews hiding in the city, and established contact with both Jews in the labor camps and the partisans in the forest.

First published in Yiddish by the Educational Committee of the Workmen’s Circle in New York in 1948, *On Both Sides of the Wall* was based on a series of 27 articles Vladka wrote in the Yiddish-language Jewish Daily Forward (Forverts) in 1946–47. In this revised translation, Vladka’s son, Dr. Steven D. Meed, captures the vibrancy and passion of his mother’s original Yiddish text, preserving the testimony and memory of this valiant woman for a new generation of readers.

- Remastered translation, exclusive new photographs and material, and an introduction by Elie Wiesel (Holocaust survivor and Nobel laureate)

**TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKE: An Honest Discussion of Sex and Intimacy after Sexual Assault by Katie Simon – July 2025**

Nonfiction helping survivors of sexual assault regain a positive relationship with sex through the lens of other survivors’ healing journeys. So often, survivors of sexual trauma are treated as irreparably broken. Harmful self-help ideologies reinforce this perception or impose a single path towards healing. A guide to sexual pleasure and empowerment, this book takes a different approach by deconstructing oppressive narratives and providing readers with the understanding and tools to create healthy, joyous sex lives on their own terms. It answers what readers most want to know about trauma triggers, self-pleasure, embodied consent, disclosing trauma history to partners, and handling dating, sexual regret, break-ups, and more—including issues that survivors are sometimes too afraid or ashamed to ask about.

- Simon has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *BuzzFeed*, *Tin House*, *The Rumpus*, *Health*, *BUST*, *Lifehacker*, *The Independent*, *Women's Health*, *Hippocampus*, and the anthology *Anatomy of Silence*
- “A clear-eyed and deeply humane exploration of how people may heal from sexual violence” – *Kirkus Starred Review*
- **Ukrainian rights sold**