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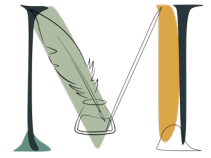
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KIDS

# A TWO-PLACED HEART

By Doan Phuong Nguyen



**Publisher:** Lee & Low Books

**Pub Date:** Fall 2024

**Genre:** Sweet middle grade novel-in-verse

**Rights:** World English Rights Sold

**Contact:** Sara Megibow/ Megibow Literary Agency

## WINNER! New York Historical Children's Book Prize!

Bom can't believe that her sister doesn't see herself as Vietnamese, only American. She says she doesn't remember Vietnam or their lives there, their family there, their house and friends. How could her sister forget the terrible journey through Saigon and the airplanes and... everything?

And what about Bom? She remembers now, but how long will she keep her memories? She always found comfort in the sound of her father's typewriter Clickity-clack, clickity-clack. So she has an idea. She'll write down all that she can remember: the time when her father was a spy, when her mother was nicknamed a "radio," when they were so hungry Bom couldn't walk well, when the family all said goodbye.

Bom will even tell her sister, and herself, about what it was like moving to Tennessee. The ESL classes, bullies, strange new foods, icy weather, friendships, and crushes--and how her family worked to keep their heritage alive.

## PRESS AND REVIEWS

- WINNER! 'Great Reads from Great Places' from Tennessee for 2025 National Book Festival of the Library of Congress R! Notable Books for a Global Society 'Best Middle Grade Novel of 2024'
- WINNER! Pedro and Daniel Intersectionality Award
- 'This highly readable verse memoir beautifully portrays the internal anguish of growing up and adapting to life in a new country.' - School Library Journal, starred review
- Nominated for Freeman Book Award - 'Best Southeast Asian Title for Children and Young Adults'
- 'For readers of Linda Sue Park and Thanhha Lai's evocative prose and nuanced interplay, highlighting coming of age in different cultures.' - Booklist
- 'Lunar New Year Books' mention at Horn Book

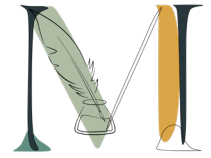
## AUTHOR BIO

Doan Phuong Nguyen is an award-winning children's author who loves crafting characters you'll want to root for, and inventing plots that keep you turning page after page. She's the author of *A Two Placed Heart*, a middle grade novel-in verse about identity, sisterhood, and the places we leave behind. *A Two Placed Heart* is the winner of the 2025 Freeman Award; a 2025 Notable Book for a Global Society; a finalist in the 2025 SCBWI Golden Kite Award; and a longlist title in the 2025 Pedro and Daniel Intersectionality Book Awards.



# HAPPILY NEVER AFTER

By Jennifer Honeybourn



**Publisher:** Invisible String Press

**Pub Date:** October 21, 2025

**Genre:** Contemporary Young Adult Romance

**Rights:** North American English Rights Sold

**Contact:** Sara Megibow/ Megibow Literary Agency

## Perfect for fans of Lynn Painter and Emma Lord

Does happily-ever-after really exist?

Arden doesn't think so. After watching her parents' messy divorce, she's convinced that love doesn't last forever – and she can't understand why her sister, Laurel, would want to get married. Arden tries to keep her doubts to herself, but during her maid-of-honor speech at the welcome dinner, her true feelings about marriage slip out in spectacular fashion.

The next morning, Arden wakes to a nightmare: Laurel has turned runaway bride. Convinced her sister's disappearance is her fault, Arden scrambles to find her before anyone else realizes she's missing – especially the groom. Desperate to make things right, she teams up with the groom's charming but off-limits brother, Shep, to search the city.

As the clock ticks down, Arden starts to question everything she thought she knew about happy endings. Maybe love isn't as impossible – or as complicated – as she always believed.

## PRESS AND REVIEWS

- *"Honeybourn (Just My Luck) infuses this rom-com with a compelling voice and some interesting twists."*  
- Publishers Weekly, starred review of *THE DO-OVER*

## AUTHOR BIO

Jennifer Honeybourn is a fan of British accents, Broadway musicals, and epic, happily-ever-after love stories. She is the author of several young adult novels, including *Just My Luck*, *The Do-Over* and *When Life Gives You Demons* which has been optioned for TV!

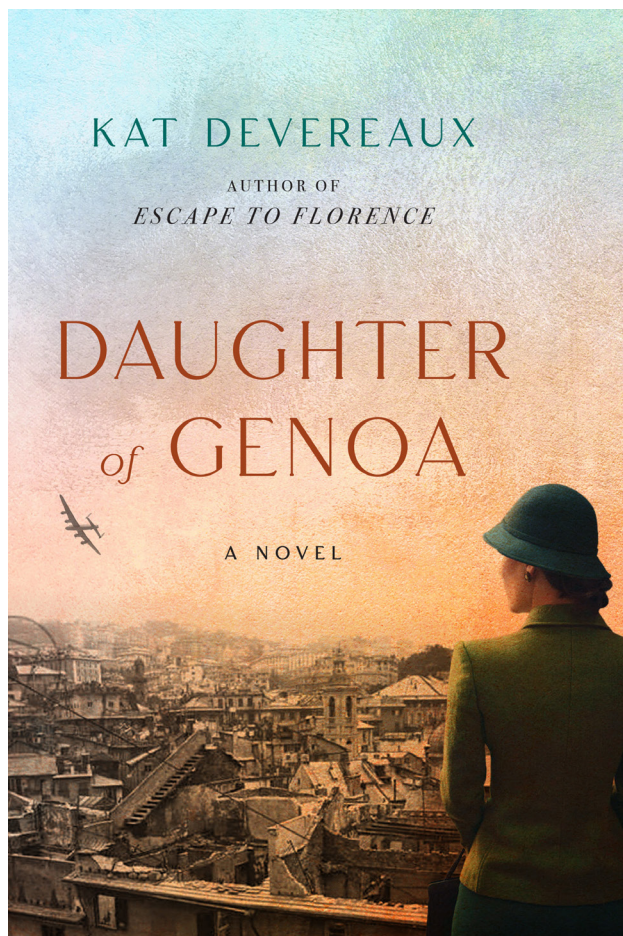
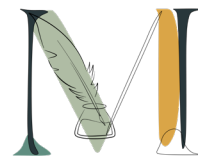


# COMMERCIAL / FICTION



# DAUGHTER OF GENOA

By Kat Devereaux



**Publisher:** Harper Perennial in the US

Aria/ Bloomsbury in the UK

**Pub Date:** September 11, 2025 in the UK

December 9, 2025 in the US

**Genre:** Historical Fiction

**Rights:** North American English rights sold

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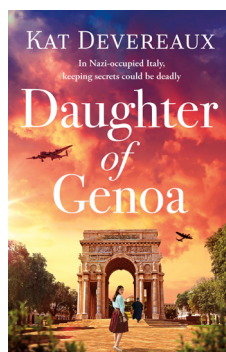
**“Based on a true story, *The Daughter of Genoa* reveals the hope, humanity, and quiet heroism of ordinary people in their extraordinary efforts to help others.” – Madeline Martin, New York Times best-selling author of *The Booklover’s Library***

Anna’s family fled to America years ago, to escape the Fascist regime, but Anna had stayed behind. Alone and terrified of discovery, Anna meets Father Vittorio, a Jesuit priest who takes her to shopkeepers Bernardo and Silvia, an older couple who offer shelter and safety without question. But when Anna discovers that this kind, quiet couple is part of a network of ordinary people daring to help Father Vittorio smuggle Jewish citizens, stripped of their status and rights, out of Italy, she is determined to help.

Anna offers skills essential to the cause: she has a deft hand at ledgers and forgery, talents she learned at the high-powered job she held before the Racial Laws were passed – a past she conceals. Working in secrecy, not knowing others’ real names or sharing her own, Anna begins producing fake identity cards and soon meets another member of the operation: a man known as Mr. X., whom she recognizes instantly as the wealthy aviator Massimo Teglio. And suddenly, without warning – despite the threat of imprisonment, torture, and death – Anna finds herself taking the most dangerous of risk of all: falling in love. And she’s not the only one.

## PRESS AND REVIEWS

- “A deeply intense and and impeccably researched story of quiet courage.” – Chris Lloyd, award-winning author of the *Occupation* series



## AUTHOR BIO

Kat Devereaux was born near Edinburgh, and has lived in the United States, Russia, France, Chile, Germany, and Italy. She now lives in the beautiful Czech city of Prague. She is an historian by training and an enthusiast by nature.

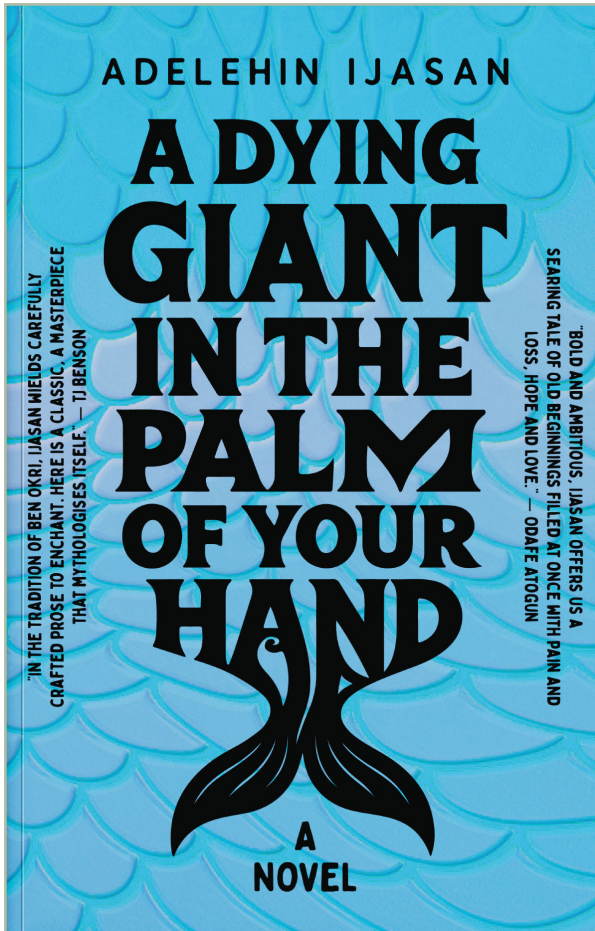
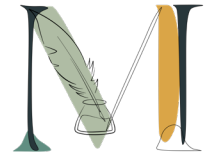




SCI-FI / FANTASY  
/ HORROR

# A DYING GIANT IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

By Adelehin Ijasan



**Publisher:** Masobe in Nigeria

TBD in USA (coming soon)

**Pub Date:** October 2025

**Genre:** Speculative Folklore Fantasy

**Rights:** English language in Africa

**Contact:** Sara Megibow/ Megibow Literary Agency

In a coastal town scarred by oil, secrecy, and silence, ten-year-old Nimi is forced to grow up far too quickly.

When his fisherman father hauls a mysterious, silver-scaled being from the sea – Angele, a merman from a forgotten world – Nimi’s life and the fate of Ikanre shift irreversibly. As whispers of “mamiwota” spread, what begins as wonder curdles into fear, greed, and bloodlust. The villagers’ hunger – both literal and spiritual – spirals into a violent reckoning, echoing centuries of betrayal and desecration.

As his home erupts into chaos, Nimi must navigate a landscape where gods shrink from memory, family unravels in front of his eyes, and the line between the human and the mythical dissolves. With the last of a dying people in his care and a forest god no larger than a child’s thumb beating faintly in his pocket, Nimi begins a harrowing journey toward understanding, survival, and an aching rebirth.

## PRESS AND REVIEWS

- “Bold and ambitious!” - Odafe Atogun, author of *WAKE ME WHEN I’M GONE*
- Nominated for the Commonwealth Short Story Prize, the Nommo Award and the BSFA Award.
- Finalist for the 2024 Locus Award for Best Anthology



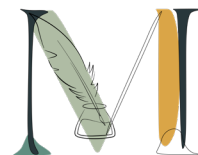
## AUTHOR BIO

Adelehin Ijasan is an Ophthalmologist/ Retinal Specialist and Cataract Surgeon in Nigeria. This is his debut novel.



# DAYTIDE

By Chris Panatier



**Publisher:** Rapture Publishing

**Pub Date:** March 27, 2026

**Genre:** Speculative Horror

**Rights:** North American English Rights Sold

**Contact:** Sara Megibow/ Megibow Literary Agency

## Death comes to those who live

The Longing is here: a ruthless psychological pandemic that only ever ends one way. Most find relief in a bullet or a blade. Kaya Sinh chose fire.

With Kaya gone, her friend Adam has only the support group they'd attended to keep him going. He's at his lowest when a priest named Hayle Carnoth appears at group one night, claiming to have discovered a cure for the Longing. Thinking it a crude effort by the priest to seek members for his dwindling congregation, Adam drives him off.

But he keeps coming back.

With the Longing closing in, Adam agrees to let Father Carnoth share what he's discovered. They visit a nearby cathedral, where something has appeared inside the steeple.

## PRESS AND REVIEWS

- *Best Horror of 2024 at Esquire for REDEMPTION OF MORGAN BRIGHT*
- *"Panatier's writing is mesmerizing." - Cemetery Dance Magazine*

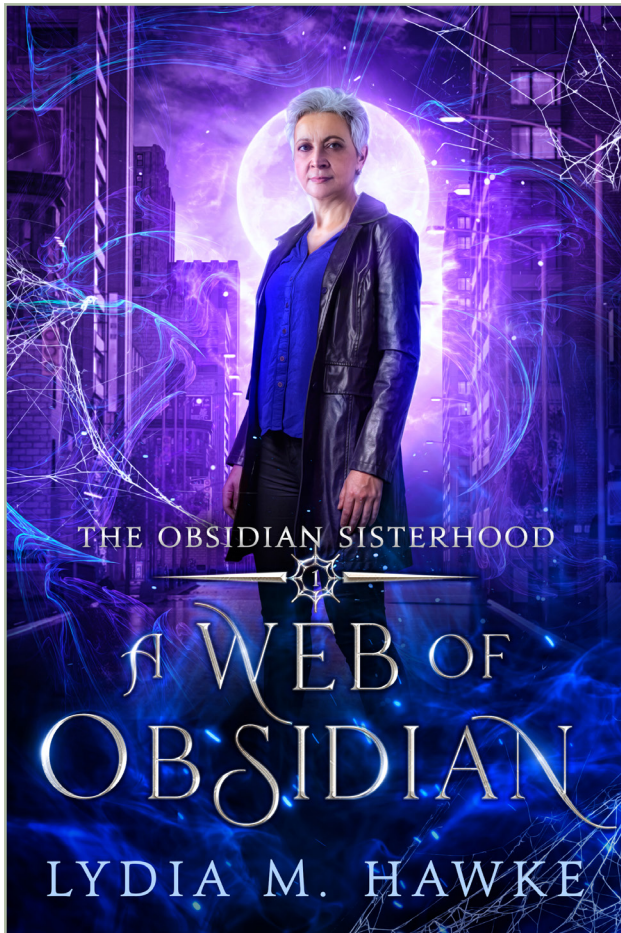
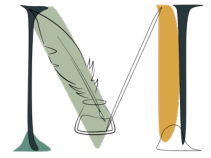
## AUTHOR BIO

Chris is an artist and writer living in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, daughter and a fluctuating herd of dog-like creatures (one is almost certainly a goat). He writes short stories and novels.



# A WEB OF OBSIDIAN

By Lydia M. Hawke



**Publisher:** Michem Publishing

**Pub Date:** A WEB OF OBSIDIAN, February 25, 2025

A TANGLE OF OBSIDIAN, June 3, 2025

A CONFLUENCE OF OBSIDIAN, November 18, 2025

**Genre:** Adult Urban Fantasy

**Rights:** North American English Rights sold

**Contact:** Sara Megibow/ Megibow Literary Agency

**She may be too old to start a fight, but she's not too old to finish one.**

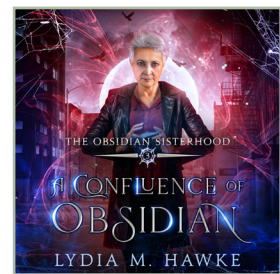
At sixty-nine years old and with two black belts to her name, former nun Monica Barrett has never backed down from a fight. So when a woman turns up on her doorstep with an attacker on her heels, Monica is quick to step in. But this assailant has powers – he moves with uncanny speed, strikes with brutal accuracy, and isn't after the woman at all. Instead, he wants what she has: a smooth, flat piece of rock that she throws to Monica.

The instant she touches the stone, everything Monica has ever known turns upside down. Inhuman power surges through her, and she destroys the attacker. Horrified, she is determined to rid herself of the stone and whatever it holds.

Then more attacks follow, and suddenly, the stone's dark power is all that stands between her and losing everything she holds dear. Like it or not, Monica has become its keeper.

## PRESS AND REVIEWS

- “Fans of thrillers that feature strong, complex heroines will find themselves riveted from the very first page.”  
- ExpressWire



## AUTHOR BIO

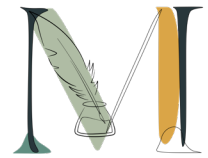
Lydia M. Hawke is the author of bold urban fantasy for women who know their power. When worlds collide or apocalyptic disaster strikes, Lydia's mature, magical heroines are more than capable of saving themselves—and the world. Lydia's self-appointed mission in life is to reclaim the title of “crone” as a positive thing on behalf of all women of a certain age.





# YOUR FAVORITE BAND CANNOT SAVE YOU

By Scotto Moore



**Publisher:** TOR Books / Macmillan

**Pub Date:** February 2019

**Genre:** SF Horror Novella

**Rights:** World Rights

**Contact:** Sara Megibow/ Megibow Literary Agency

## A story of music, obsession, violence, and madness

*I was home alone on a Saturday night when I experienced the most beautiful piece of music I had ever heard in my life.*

Beautiful Remorse is the hot new band on the scene, releasing one track a day for ten days straight. Each track has a mysterious name and a strangely powerful effect on the band's fans.

A curious music blogger decides to investigate the phenomenon up close by following Beautiful Remorse on tour across Texas and Kansas, realizing along the way that the band's lead singer, is hiding an incredible, impossible secret.

## PRESS AND REVIEWS

- "A wickedly clever amalgam of science fiction, horror, and contemporary music." - Fantasy & Science Fiction Magazine
- "A fast-paced, psychedelic blur." - Author Ramez Naam
- "The clever, exciting story mixes weird fiction with an engaging and mysterious plot." - Library Journal
- "Moore writes with a playful jauntiness that buoys the growing darkness rather than undercutting it." - Locus Magazine

## AUTHOR BIO

For fourteen years, Scotto was an active playwright in Seattle, with major productions nearly every year during that time, and 45 short plays produced as well. He also wrote, directed and produced three seasons of the sci-fi/comedy web series THE COFFEE TABLE; and wrote and starred in the hit horror/comedy play H.P. LOVECRAFT: STAND-UP COMEDIAN!

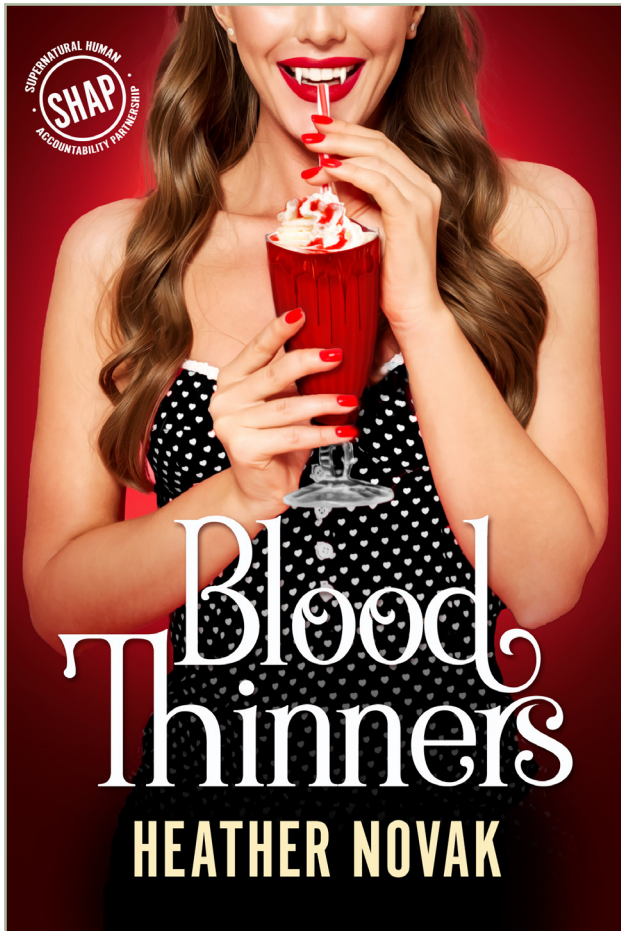
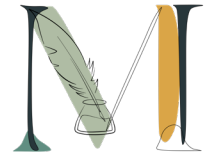


ROMANCE



# LOVE ME DEAD - SERIES

By Heather Novak



**The only thing more annoying than a ghost flash mob is a rogue vampire attack . . .**

Supernatural investigator Mina Summers is only one undercover mission away from the promotion she's worked for her entire career. Her assignment is simple: figure out why several unregistered vampires are going rogue – including one that ruined her best suit – and attacking humans. Her investigation leads her to Thinner, a new celebrity-endorsed weight loss company that's shrouded in mystery and promises seemingly impossible results.

Mina's convinced she'll finish her mission in time for dinner, but when she face-plants into Carma Nicks, Thinner's smart and sexy vice president, Mina's suddenly out of her depth. Surely her heart is only racing due to adrenaline, right? Falling for – and sleeping with – a mark goes 100% against protocol, but Mina's plans to keep her distance are as flimsy as the agency-issued ghost that resides in her apartment.

When Thinner's secrets disrupt the peace between supernaturals and humans – and threaten Carma's life – Mina's forced to choose between protecting her dream career or saving the woman she loves.

**Publisher:** Tule Press

**Pub Date:** Summer 2022

**Genre:** Sapphic Paranormal Romance

**Rights:** World English

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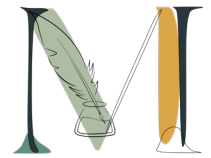
## AUTHOR BIO

When she's not pretending to be a rockstar with purple hair, Heather Novak can be found crafting LGBTQ+ romances with disability representation. She's also a weekly columnist for Hypoparathyroidism News, where she talks about life with her rare disease. Heather's work as an award-winning author and advocate earned her a spot on BEQ Magazine's 40 LGBTQ+ Leaders Under 40 list in 2021.



# BRANDED

By L.E. Eyring



**Marriage isn't on Sam's bucket list** Becoming trapped in an unbreakable demonic bond with an incubus? Even less so.

As a child, Sam Wandern played pretend, but unlike most children, she accidentally unleashed a few demons upon the world. Ashley Kane Spiros, once human until he disappeared decades ago reappeared as one of those demons and has protected Sam ever since. Or so he claims.

25 years later on Halloween night, in an attempt to rescue Sam from a demonic attack, Ash's incubus nature goes awry, and the bond is sealed. They must continue the intimate feeding ritual if they wish to survive, and no matter how Ash attempts to keep her at a safe distance, he's drawn back to temptation, and to Sam. Again. And Again.

Sam attempts to balance the mediocrity of a normal life against the dangers of treading where humans are prey. The demonic bond is an invisible shackle she is forced to wear, but the demon himself becomes a presence in her life—one not entirely unwanted.

**Publisher:** City Owl Press

**Pub Date:** BRANDED, Summer 2026

**Genre:** Adult Monster Romance

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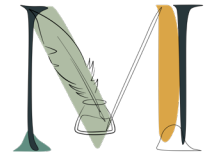
## AUTHOR BIO

Since the infancy of the internet, L. E. Eyring began her writing journey with a sharpened pencil, a pad of yellow legal paper, and many nonsensical ideas. Now, she creates worlds that are equal in beauty and horror, where love can be found in the strangest of hands (or claws, wings, etc.).



# DEAD RINGER

By Leanna Renee Hieber



**Publisher:** City Owl Press

**Pub Date:** Fall 2026

**Genre:** Cozy Gothic Paranormal Romance

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**Contact:** Sara Megibow/ Megibow Literary

## Manhattan: 1892

Lottie Engel is a clumsy, curious, big-hearted disaster. A recent German immigrant sending money home to her ailing mother, Lottie has many responsibilities yet her head remains in the clouds. Dazzled and easily distracted, Lottie's world is turned upside-down when a beautiful ghost appears through the telephone console where she works as an operator, insisting Lottie listen in on a specific line. When she does, Lottie overhears an insidious murder plot of which the lovely ghost was just the first casualty. The villains are about to strike again. A web of intrigue unfolds to create an unlikely band of amateur sleuths. It is up to Lottie, her lively, multicultural band of boarding-house found-family, a dashing immigration and civil liberties lawyer, this ghost and a raucous band of union organizers to save lives and bring supernatural vengeance upon those who deserve it.

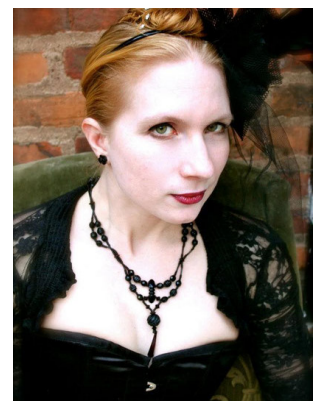
## PRESS AND REVIEWS

- *Finalist for the Bram Stoker Award in 2022 by the Horror Writers Association*
- *“Hieber has a history in the ghost tour industry, as well as a gift for storytelling. Merging the historical and fantastical, they retell some of the best-known tales of female ghosts in America along with insightful context and analysis.” - The Folklore Podcast on HAUNTED HISTORY OF INVISIBLE WOMEN*



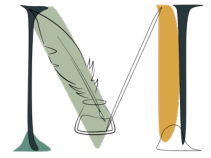
## AUTHOR BIO

Leanna Renee Hieber is an actress, playwright, ghost tour guide and the award-winning, bestselling author of over fourteen Gothic, Gaslamp Fantasy, Supernatural Suspense and Non-Fiction books for adults and teens.



# FIGHTER

By Sarah Morgenthaler



**Publisher:** St. Martin's Griffin/ Macmillan

**Pub Date:** Spring 2027

**Genre:** Adult Contemporary Romance

**Rights:** World English Rights Sold

**Contact:** Sara Megibow/ Megibow Literary

## When the only thing scarier than love is trust...

Alaskan cage fighter Kai Makenzie had everything: a spotless win record, a promising career in the UFC, and the woman of his dreams. Then, in a moment of violent jealousy, it was all ripped away. Six years later, the ex-convict is desperate to get his life back on track, to save his dying career, and to find a way to forgive himself for destroying the lives of the people he loved.

Adrenaline junkie and government computer hacker Savannah Reed wasn't always a recluse, afraid of the world around her. When Savannah is betrayed by her fiancé in a contract job gone terribly wrong, Savannah barely escapes with her life. Wracked with grief and deeply scarred inside and out, the once vibrant woman is determined not to lose herself to the violence of a past still haunting her.

Kai is aggressive and angry, a switch ready to be flipped. Savannah is a panic attack waiting to happen. But it kills him to see the fear in her eyes when she walks into his gym for self defense classes. And there's something about the rough, tattooed fighter that makes Savannah believe they can help each other. When Savannah protects Kai from an attack by an old enemy right before a career-changing fight, the two find themselves unexpectedly drawn deeper into each other's lives.

The attraction between them is undeniable, forged from a friendship that neither had known they desperately needed. But when Savannah's ex returns, determined to make her finish the job that cost her everything, the man she never expected to love is directly in the crossfire.



## AUTHOR BIO

Romance writer, geologist, and chocolate chip cookie lover, Sarah Morgenthaler is the bestselling author of the Moose Springs Alaska series and *The Christmas You Found Me*. She's currently out climbing something, hiking something, or writing something.

