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THE FIX-UP

by Marina Adair

When a DIY influencer and a notorious ex-hockey star are forced to renovate a Hollywood mansion together, they don't realize the show is actually a secret matchmaking experiment

Poppy Hart is one viral project away from hitting a million followers when she inherits a crumbling Mid Century Modern house in the Hollywood Hills—every DIYer's dream. Even better, her eccentric Aunt Opal pulls strings to land her a full-production renovation show. The downside? The contractor is none other than Decker "Drill 'Em Hard" Jamison, former NHL legend, current shirtless menace, and the man Poppy once shared the most catastrophic blind date in the history of blind dates with. Walking away isn't an option—not when this show could change her life and Opal is the only person who's never abandoned her.

Decker isn't exactly thrilled either. After a career-ending injury and one very unfortunate neon-orange-thong scandal, he needs a PR miracle, not six weeks trapped with a judgmental, freckled DIY princess who thinks a good time is alphabetizing paint samples. Still, the contract is signed, the cameras are rolling, and neither of them knows the truth: the "renovation show" is actually Opal's secret matchmaking experiment, and Poppy and Decker are her final, most chaotic test subjects. Soon they're drowning in viewer-dictated challenges, mysterious house mishaps, and a rescue dog with better instincts than either of them—while the sparks they swore they'd never feel again start burning dangerously close.

But when the truth about the show explodes—on camera—trust fractures, loyalties snap, and Poppy is left wondering why being abandoned by Decker hurts worse than anything before. The only way to fix what's broken is for both of them to take the biggest risk of all: telling the truth, choosing each other, and betting that sometimes the real love experiment isn't filmed for television—it's the one that changes your life for good.

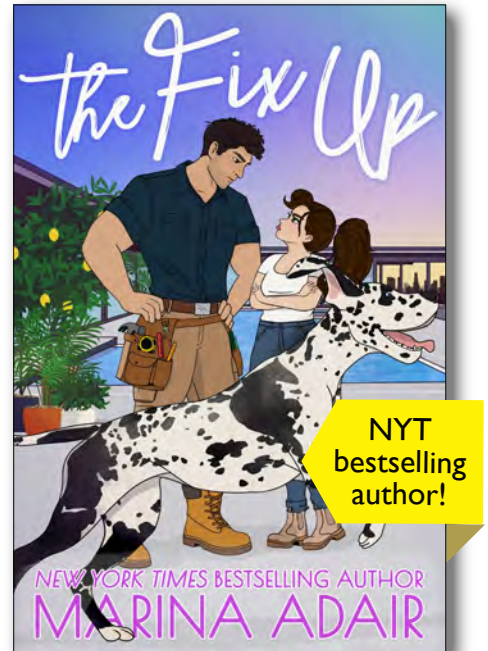


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- Over 1 million copies of the author's work sold

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Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

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THE ONE WHO SAW HER:

Pine Ridge book 1

by Marina Adair

A hilarious and emotional twist on *The Holiday* meets *City Slickers* where a dating profile consultant and a retired rodeo star/turned rancher find themselves sharing the same house after a booking mix-up strands them together in rural Montana

Vivi Witmore has built a career rewriting other people's love lives—polishing their dating profiles, perfecting their first impressions, fixing all the cracks so romance looks seamless. But when her long-term boyfriend announces he's moving to Singapore and expects her to follow, Vivi realizes she's spent years sacrificing her own happiness. Torn between the safe path of pleasing him and the terrifying idea of finally choosing herself, she retreats to her mother's latest scheme—a rented ranch in the middle of nowhere—that turns out to be more dust and duct tape than rustic retreat. Even worse, the rundown ranch comes with a grumpy ex-rodeo champion who has no time for city girls.

Boone Callahan has three rodeo championships under his belt and one ranch hanging by a thread. One year ago, his parents died in a car crash, and the grief was so raw he drove away his fiancée and locked up his heart for good. Now, all he wants is to save his grandfather's cattle ranch before the bank comes knocking. The last thing he needs is a city girl cluttering up his kitchen in sequined cowgirl boots and distracting him with wide eyes and stubborn charm. Boone wants Vivi gone, but he desperately needs her rental fee to keep the lights on.

Boone knows how this story ends—people leave, promises break, and love never lasts. And Vivi? She's chaos wrapped in charm, a fixer who's finally run out of people to fix. But between stubborn cattle, starlit skies, and the kind of laughter neither expected to find again, they discover that maybe the broken pieces of their lives aren't meant to be mended alone. The longer Vivi lingers, the harder it is to imagine Pine Ridge—or either of their hearts—without her.



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THE DARKNESS BITES BACK

by Ben Alderson & Laura R. Samotin

M/M vampire romantasy

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

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

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

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

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

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- #1 Amazon bestselling author

Primary agent:
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Belcastro Agency

Material: Available



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HOW TO FIND ROMANCE IN A BOOKSHOP

by Poppy Alexander

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

WICKED:
Wicked book 1
by Jennifer L. Armentrout

Things are about to get wicked in New Orleans....This fan-favorite paranormal romance is being re-released in a deluxe edition

Twenty-two year old Ivy Morgan isn't your average college student. She, and others like her, know humans aren't the only thing trolling the French Quarter for fun...and for food. Her duty to the Order is her life. After all, four years ago, she lost everything at the hands of the creatures she'd sworn to hunt, tearing her world and her heart apart.

Ren Owens is the last person Ivy expected to enter her rigidly controlled life. He's six feet and three inches of temptation and swoon-inducing charm. With forest-green eyes and a smile that's surely left a stream of broken hearts in its wake, he has an uncanny, almost unnatural ability to make her yearn for everything he has to offer. But letting him in is as dangerous as hunting the cold-blooded killers stalking the streets. Losing the boy she loved once before had nearly destroyed her, but the sparking tension that grows between them becomes impossible for Ivy to deny. Deep down, she wants...she needs more than what her duty demands of her, what her past has shaped for her....

"With her signature snark and sizzle, Armentrout delivers yet another rousing read. *Wicked* is a welcome addition to the new adult genre, thanks to the refreshing faerie mythology, which works well with the New Orleans setting, and this unique blend makes for a captivating world....Action-packed and full of heat, *Wicked* is a must read!" – **RT**

Book Reviews

"Must Read Romance....*Wicked* is irresistibly sexy, wildly entertaining and teeming with Armentrout's wry and memorable humor....Likable characters, action, suspense, humor, heart and sexiness—Jennifer L. Armentrout balances it all perfectly in this exciting first installment that ends in a give-me-the-next-book-now kind of twist." – **USA Today**



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Romania (Corint)

Russia (AST)

Spain (Urano)

Turkey (Dogan Egmont)

- Made into a tv series from PassionFlix
- #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, Kindle, and Apple iBooks bestselling author

Primary agent:

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Material: Available

BROKEN RIVAL

by Tessa Bailey

In this thrilling departure from Tessa Bailey, a tattooed Alpha male touch-her-and-die hero will do anything to protect his girl, the hunted daughter of the inventors of time travel

Magnolia Brown lives a sheltered existence in the small town of Aubrey, Kansas. Just your average every day 18-year-old. Except for one thing. She's from the future. Magnolia's parents, talented scientists, invented time travel. They brought her back 50 years into the past and abandoned her in 2026.

Now, Magnolia has nowhere to turn but the family who swears to protect her—and no one takes that vow more seriously than their two sons, Fallon and Ramsey. And protection for Magnolia is tantamount, because thanks to the technology created by her parents, time travelers have caused widespread destruction. Now, they're being hunted.

Golden boy Fallon has sworn to protect Magnolia and keeps her sheltered and (mostly) innocent of those who wish her harm, while Ramsey has joined the militia that kills time travelers on sight. Ramsey should be the enemy, but how can he be when he looks at her with such hunger—despite his callousness—and guards her with his very life?

As Magnolia races against time to save the boy who has her heart, her life catapults in unexpected directions—toward danger, toward secrets kept, toward the future and the past, and toward an unfathomably intense love that knows no time.

“You were right to call me out last night. I claimed to know you better than anyone, then I denounced your legacy in the very next breath.” His eyes find me across the front seat, the intensity there holding me captive. “I don’t think I can carve out the part of me that believes time travel is a menace and the world would be better off without it. But I brought you here, because I need you to know that if it comes down to accepting all or none of you, I will say ‘all’ every fucking time. I’m sorry I didn’t make that clear enough. I’m making it clear now.”



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

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Bradford Literary Agency

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CATCH HER IF YOU CAN:

Big Shots book 5

by Tessa Bailey

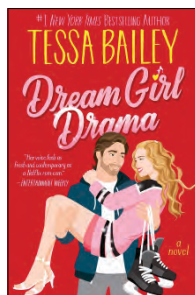
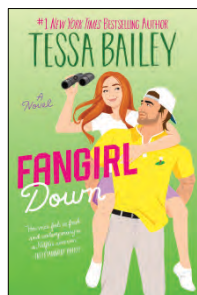
#1 New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey is back with an all-new marriage of convenience, friends-to-lovers sports romance about a baseball catcher and the burlesque club owner he can't get out of his head

Madden Donahue, the newest catcher for the Yankees, has been in love with Eve Mitchell since high school, but for some mysterious reason, the burlesque club owner always turns him down. That never stopped him from being her self-appointed protector. Case in point, now that Eve's sister has left Eve with her two children indefinitely, Madden steps in with a proposition—marry him for the much needed health benefits.

Eve has secretly harbored feelings for Madden all along, but there's one problem—her best friend Skylar called dibs on him when they were 14. Eve has always put their friendship above all else, and she's not willing to risk losing Skylar over a man. Raised by the local strip club owner, Eve is woefully short on friends and treasures the ones she has. But with Skylar happily paired off, Eve finds herself accepting Madden's proposal—on the condition that their marriage remains strictly private. She's not about to let her unique profession and maligned reputation destroy Madden's shiny new career.

Madden won't let Eve get away that easily, though. What starts as a marriage of convenience soon ignites into something much hotter, and now it's up to Madden to convince Eve that their connection is far more than a business arrangement. As the passion builds, can their fake marriage become the real deal?

Also in the series



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



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EVEN IF WE LAST: Huntley Square book 3 by Molly Barlowe

When an ex-Special Forces charmer marries his female team member accidentally, he decides to test the waters by attempting to date his wife

I'm what people call a charmer. Maybe it's the drawl, maybe it's the dimples, or maybe it's the entire ex-Special-Forces package. Either way, I've never met a woman I haven't been able to sweep off their feet...until Mallory Monroe. The only female on our team, she's all fierce words, brave actions, and impenetrable walls around her heart. She's also the only girl I've ever loved.

After burying my feelings for over a decade, I'm not surprised I dream of waking up married to her. Except, it isn't a dream; the certificate claiming we're husband and wife is real, and neither of us remembers a thing. Dream come true or not, I never wanted this. Not when my new bride looks horrified, accuses me like our situation is my fault, and demands we "fix it."

But while I'd do almost anything for her—including taking a bullet for her, again—leaving her, in any sense of the word, isn't one of those things. And when Mallory makes no move to annul our secret marriage, even months later, I decide to test the waters by attempting to date my wife.

Also in the series



"Right from the very start with their unconventional meet cute, Asher and Lainey completely drew me in....I couldn't get enough of the chemistry between them. Their story was the perfect blend of tender romance and a dash of danger and suspense to keep me turning the pages, and I absolutely adored it!" – **A Modern Day Fairy Tale**



Molly Barlowe grew up in California but now lives with her husband and daughter in Texas. When she's not diving into the world of her characters, some of her hobbies include hiking, snowboarding, traveling, and long walks on the beach...which roughly translates to being a homebody and dishing out movie quotes with her hubby. Under the name Molly McAdams she's the *New York Times* bestselling

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Contemporary romance



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IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA:

Darling Springs book 1

by Lauren Blakely

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

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

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

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

Maybe just one night would relieve all this tension?

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

"Filled with hilarious, sexy, and heartwarming moments, this charming small-town rom-com from Blakely will please fans of Lucy Score and Meghan Quinn." – **Library Journal**

"Bestseller Blakely launches her *Darling Springs* series with this adorable grumpy/sunshine romance....It's a cute, high-concept setup, and Blakely brings in a good mix of sweetness and spice. Readers will be eager to return to quaint Darling Springs." – **Publishers Weekly**



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

Primary agent:
Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

JUST BREAKING THE RULES: Hockey Ever After book 1 by Lauren Blakely

Everyone knows the golden rule of business: don't bang your business partner....

Everyone knows the golden rule of business: don't bang your business partner. Especially if he's your brother's hot-as-sin, hockey-star best friend.

But when the sexy single dad athlete saves me from a cake contest catastrophe—and shows me how good he is with his hands—I blurt out the world's worst business pitch: Want to invest in my bakery? With no loan or backup plan, this is my last shot at proving I'm more than my past mistakes, and shockingly, he says yes.

We set one rule: don't mix business with pleasure.
Except Corbin Knight's impossible to resist.

When he's not scoring goals, he's staying up late with me to test tempting recipes. Braiding my hair before we bake like it's foreplay. Giving me his jersey to wear to games. I try to keep a professional distance from the bossy, possessive and dangerously flirty hockey player, but soon we're testing the limits of the kitchen counter.

This bakery is my chance to finally get my life right, so I fight the messy feelings. Until one night, he shows up after closing and admits he can't stop thinking about me.

Suddenly I'm ready to break every rule—no matter the cost to our dreams. And breaking the rules has never tasted so good.



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more than 100 times combined, and she's sold more than 5 million books. www.laurenblakely.com

Hockey romance



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

Primary agent:
Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

MISTLETOE ALL THE WAY

by Lauren Blakely

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lauren Blakely, a small-town spicy, holiday romance about a guarded cowboy veterinarian and a Christmas-loving optimist who team up for a town holiday pageant

Dr. Noah Lennox has three Christmas rules—avoid his hometown, avoid being mistaken for his internet-famous twin, and definitely avoid his smug cousin, Stephen. But when his beloved grandfather announces he's retiring and leaving the family's beloved sleigh-ride horse farm to either Noah or Stephen, Noah finds himself snowed in back home in Evergreen Falls and determined to fight for the place that means everything to him. The problem is, the town doesn't exactly welcome its resident Scrooge with open arms.

Eloise Langston, a sunny Tourism Bureau hopeful, needs a win to land her dream job—and health insurance. Her Hail Mary plan? Turn Noah into Mr. Christmas to help the town's Mr. Holiday Pageant draw record crowds. Transforming a camera-shy cowboy vet into a small-town sweetheart isn't exactly in her job description—but neither is falling for him.

As sleigh bells ring and sparks fly, Noah and Eloise find themselves tangled in twinkle lights, fake pageants, and one very real attraction. But with the farm's future at stake, Stephen's scheming, and Eloise's own career on the line, there's a blizzard of reasons to put their growing feelings on ice. Then again, if you can't fight for love at the most wonderful time of the year, you don't deserve the kiss waiting under the mistletoe.



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- #1 *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author
- Over 5 million copies of Lauren Blakely's books sold
- **Previous book, *My Favorite Holiday*:**
- Instant *USA Today* bestseller
- Hit #1 in Romantic Comedy, Amazon
- Barnes & Noble, Holiday Romance Books That Read Like Hallmark Movies
- *PureWow*, These 12 Books Are Sure to Get You in the Spirit
- *Woman's World*, 15 Best New Holiday Books to Curl Up With

Primary agent:
Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

THE BEST I NEVER HAD

by Amy Buchanan

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

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

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

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

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

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

“A complicated, layered heroine, deliciously sultry spice, and a heartwarming ending that feels completely earned? Must be an Amy Buchanan novel!” — **Katie Naymon**, author of *Between the Lines*



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

On top of writing, she uses her Masters in Higher Education Administration to run a scholarship foundation for first-generation college students. *Let’s Call a Truce* was her debut novel.

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

Primary agent:
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

Material: Available

UNTIL DEATH: Queenmakers book 1 by Nicole Blanchard

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

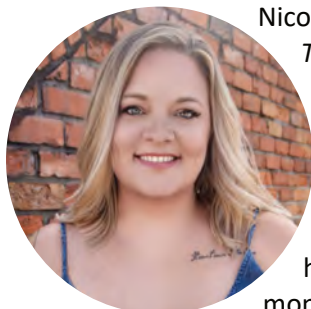
The Bride—My new husband—a devilishly sexy enforcer for the Irish mafia—hates me for tricking him into marrying me. But I'd do it again in a heartbeat to get what I want. Happily ever after? Not a chance. Aiden O'Connor is ruthless, possessive, and unhinged. And now, I'm his to control. To punish. It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

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

Also by Nicole Blanchard



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



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author and has consistently landed in the Top 60 on Amazon. When she's not crafting twisted love stories, you can find her running a farm full of misfit animals. www.authornicoleblanchard.com

Dark mafia romance



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Poland (Kobiece)

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

Primary agent:

Jill Marsal

Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

MY KIND OF GUY: Hockey Guys book 4 by Sarina Bowen

He's a backup goalie with a broken game. The only thing he needs more than a win is the hot, grumpy bartender who pours his weekly beer

Becker James is having a spectacularly bad season. Once a top draft pick, he's now riding the bench in the minors, one failed save away from being cut. The highlight of his week? A lonely hour on a barstool at Sports Balls, Denver's queerest watering hole—and Forest, the bartender with flannel sleeves, a gruff voice, and a beard that stars in Beck's dreams.

Opportunity strikes when Forest's LGBTQ hockey team—the Stickhandlers—loses their goalie last-minute. Beck makes Forest an offer: he'll help them beat the most hated team in the beer league, but he wants something in return—one night together.

Cue the record scratch, because Seth Forrester doesn't do hookups. After his last one went horribly wrong, he swore off men for good. He's definitely not falling for the awkward hottie who just stammered through an indecent proposal.

But Beck is prepared to press his case, no matter how awkward it gets. And one beer league game turns into something messier, sweeter, and so much harder to walk away from....

Also in the series



"Sarina's best MM to date! A beautiful, emotional love story that surprises you. Savor this gem!" – **Lauren Blakely, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The RSVP* and *The Virgin Next Door***



Sarina Bowen is the award-winning author of more than 30 contemporary novels. She has hit the *USA Today* bestseller list over 20 times and counting. Formerly a derivatives trader on Wall Street, Sarina holds a BA in economics from Yale University. Sarina is a New Englander whose Vermont ancestors cut timber and farmed the north country since the 1760s. She lives with her family on a few wooded

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M/M hockey romance



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Foreign sales for the series:

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Hungary, 3 books (Könyvmolykepző)
Israel, 3 books (S.Simson)

- Books in the series have hit the top 100 on Amazon and the top 10 in Gay Romance
- *The New Guy* was named one of the Ten Best Books for Adults of 2023 by The New York Public Library
- *I'm Your Guy* was one of Barnes & Noble's Five Favorite Indie Books in 2024
- *I'm Your Guy* hit #2 in Romance on Apple and #9 in the entire Apple store
- Many-time *USA Today* bestselling author

Handling rights:

Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

HOW TO FAKE IT IN SOCIETY

by KJ Charles

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

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

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

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

"An absolute romp of a book. Genderbent Georgette Heyer-style antics. I read it in one glorious day." – **T. Kingfisher**

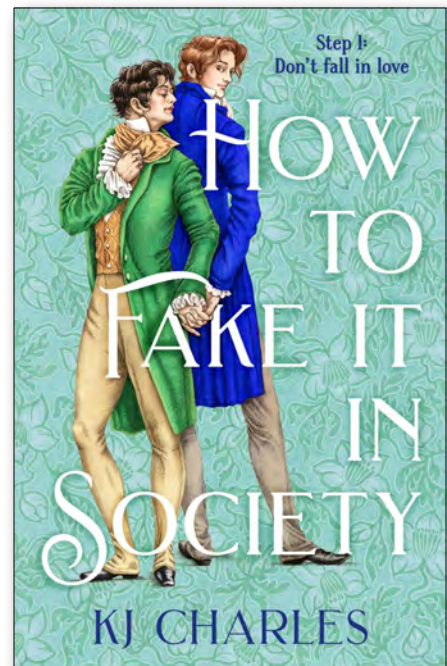
"KJ Charles has an unmatched talent for putting uniquely lovable characters into uniquely riveting situations and in *How to Fake it in Society*, this talent is on full display. Charles takes a delightfully madcap premise and turns it into a tender, charming, and often hilarious love story. Come for the romance, stay for the conversations about what makes the perfect green pigment (hint: poison). I'm already looking forward to reading it again." – **Emma Törzs, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Ink Blood Sister Scribe***



KJ Charles is the author of many books including *The Gentle Art of Fortune Hunting*, *A Charm of Magpies* series, the *Society of Gentlemen* series, and more. She spent 20 years as an editor in British publishing before fleeing the scene to become a full-time historical romance novelist. She lives next to a magpie-haunted London park, with a supportive husband, two eye-rolling teenagers, and a cat with a history of violence. Her books have won many awards including the 2024 Lambda Literary Award nominee for Best Gay Romance.

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M/M historical romance



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

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

Primary agent:
Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary Agency

Material: Available

LOST AND FOUND:
Spunes book 3
by Tarah DeWitt

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

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

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

"Lost and Found is as spicy as it is heartfelt, swoony as it is thought-provoking. It's a story of true, deep connection that also explores grief and the complexities of motherhood. I truly loved this one." – **Annabel Monaghan, *New York Times* bestselling author**

*"Raw, moving, and dazzlingly romantic, *Lost and Found* was everything I wanted and more. A beautifully poignant romance about grief, healing, and the enduring nature of friendship. Tarah DeWitt could teach a masterclass in yearning."* – **Natalie Messier, author of *Every Version of You***

Also in the series



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

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



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

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Contemporary romance



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

Primary agent:
Carly Watters
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

HONEY BEE MINE

by Sarah T. Dubb

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

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

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

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

"Endearing....The diverse supporting cast adds to the appeal....It's honey-sweet." — **Publishers Weekly**

"Plenty of steamy scenes...Dubb, a public librarian, has also done her bee and beekeeping research, further helping to transport readers to summer life on this small-town farm. Recommended for romance readers who enjoy cozy, small-town stories and self-aware characters." — **Library Journal**



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Gallery Books

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

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

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

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

Primary agent:

Amy Giuffrida
Belcastro Agency

Material: Available

SURRENDER: The Dragonfly Chronicles book 4 by Eleri Drake

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

Life hasn't been easy for Kylin Whitaker. Apart from saving her life when she was threaded into a collapsed Egyptian crypt in the 19th century, her barely controlled telekinesis has been a curse rather than a gift. Quiet and serious, the beautiful archaeologist has encouraged the title of Ice Princess to keep people away and to keep control of her wild powers. Now that her adopted father's life is in jeopardy, she is forced to work with the only man who can mute her magic in order to unearth the powerful Orb of Life.

Jackson Black is a cowboy, a treasure hunter, and a brother desperate to save his little sister from a lethal disease. His only chance lies in finding the rumored Orb of Life. He stomps down his conscience and uses the reclusive Dr. Whitaker to help him find it. He doesn't count on her being clever, strong of spirit, and the most exquisite woman he's ever met. For an ice princess, Kylin Whitaker sets him on fire. Will he be able to save his sister and also keep the heart of the woman's he's grown to respect and love?

When lies crack open and demons descend in a lethal fury, Kylin must use her wits and her magic to survive. But can one truly live when one's heart has been shattered? Can she surrender her anger and mistrust in order to win a new life filled with love?

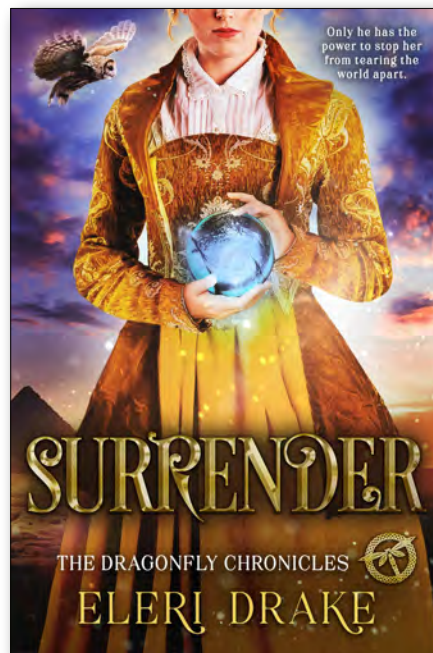
Also in the series



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Romantasy



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THE SHADOW KING'S CURSE: The Fated Ruin series, book 1 by Jen L. Grey

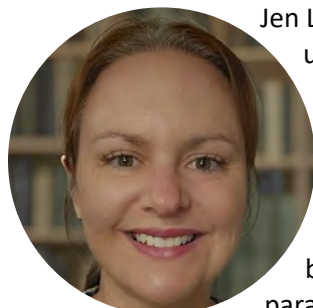
A vengeance-driven fae swears an unbreakable oath to enter the Shadow King's exiled realm, take part in his deadly trials, and slay him, all to save her threatened brother, only to discover that there is more to the king than meets the eye

Talia, a vengeance-driven fae and ruined heir of an executed high councilor, must cut her palm before the Evermere Council and swear her loyalty, or her brother will die. Desperate to save him, Talia takes the blood oath—an unbreakable spell that ensures she will perish if she doesn't slay the Shadow King, fae monster and ruler of ruin. Then she's dragged away, taken through the veil that separates Evermere from the exiled land where the Shadow King reigns and oversees his deadly trials.

The Shadow King knows that the magical abyss, the barrier protecting his kingdom, is weakening. The trials conducted every ten years ensure the ancient magic remains sealed, but the sacrifices are no longer fully closing the barrier. That's why this upcoming trial must be different, or the abyss will break free and his entire kingdom collapse.

When Talia arrives as Evermere's fifth competitor for the trials, her presence is noticed immediately. Shadows stir to life around her, and acrid power pulses in the air. She is dragged before the Shadow King with the other competitors, and despite the grave danger, something about him grips her. He's nothing like the monster described, but he is her nightmare. If he lives, her brother dies. A nightmare made worse when the mythically rare fated mate bond snaps into place as their eyes meet.

Talia vows to ignore it. Mate or not, she won't let this dissuade her from her mission. And for the Shadow King's part, he is sure Talia is hiding something and knows he must break her. But as the trials unfold, the bond draws them together time and time again, growing ever stronger. With the life of Talia's brother on the line, and the security of the Shadow King's realm hanging in the balance, will they have the strength to resist?



Jen L. Grey is the *USA Today* bestselling author of urban fantasy, paranormal romance, and romantasy. Book one of her *Fated to Darkness* series, *The King of Frost and Shadows*, was voted a Best of #BookTok book. With well over one million e-books sold in the past two years (including KU full book reads), Jen is a bestselling author in romantasy and dark paranormal romance. She is active on Facebook,

Instagram, and Tiktok, where she loves to connect with her fans. She lives in Tennessee with her husband, two daughters, and two Australian Shepherds. www.jenlgrey.com

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- Sold in a two-book pre-empt
- *USA Today* bestselling author
- Author's self-published e-books have sold over one million units on Amazon in the last two years alone

Primary agent:
Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Sample material available

LUCKY 22

by Ashley Eckstein & Samantha Chase

A contemporary romance inspired by the author's real life love story with husband David Eckstein, former Major League Baseball player and World Series MVP

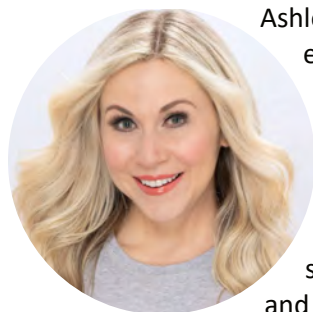
Ella Rose Holt believes in magic. Not always the fairy-tale kind, but the quiet kind that shows up when you least expect it. On the brink of her golden birthday, chasing acting dreams in Los Angeles, Ella's life feels full of possibility...and just a little unfinished.

Christian Lucas has built his world on discipline, dedication, and the game he loves. As a professional baseball player, his life is carefully scheduled, a bit guarded, and rarely spontaneous.

When a chance encounter, a lucky number, and a not-so-blind date bring them together, neither is prepared for the connection that follows.

What starts as an unexpected meeting quickly becomes something deeper—an easy friendship, a steady trust, and a romance that grows quietly but undeniably. As their worlds collide under bright stadium lights and red-carpet flashes, Ella and Christian must decide whether love has a place in lives already full of ambition, sacrifice, and dreams in motion.

Because sometimes, the most extraordinary love stories aren't loud or dramatic. They're built on faith. On timing. On believing that when the moment comes, you'll be brave enough to say yes. And a little bit of luck.



Ashley Eckstein is an actress, author, entrepreneur, executive producer, fashion designer, inspirational speaker, mental health advocate, and podcaster. Best known as the voice of the iconic Ahsoka Tano in *Star Wars*—a character she originated in 2008—she also revolutionized fandom culture in 2010 when she founded Her Universe, a trailblazing fashion and lifestyle brand. Ashley has been featured on

CNN, Forbes, Fortune, Good Morning America, Entertainment Weekly, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, among many others. She lives in Orlando, Florida, with her husband, former Major League Baseball player and World Series MVP, David Eckstein. @ashleyeckstein on Instagram



Samantha Chase is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller of contemporary romance. She released her debut novel in 2011 and currently has more than 100 titles under her belt, including *The Christmas Cottage*, which was a Hallmark Christmas movie in 2017 and *Wedding Season*, which was a Hallmark June Wedding movie in 2023.

www.chasing-romance.com

Contemporary romance

Blue Box Press
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NYT
bestselling
author!

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- Blue Box Press is doing a deluxe edition with sprayed edges
- Inspired by Ashley Eckstein's real life love story with husband David Eckstein, former Major League Baseball player and World Series MVP
- Ashley Eckstein has over 280k Instagram followers
- Co-author Samantha Chase is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author

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Blue Box Press

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LOVE WELLS KEPT: Wells Ranch book 5 by Bailey Hannah

After an accident erases years of his memory, a man returns to his family's ranch in hopes of piecing back together the life and love he thought he had lost forever

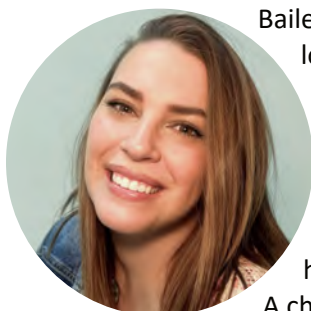
He's forgotten their love story. She'll help him write a new one.

Jackson and Kate have been happily married for over ten years and live a beautifully chaotic life raising two young children on Wells Ranch. But when Jackson sustains a severe head injury that sends him into a coma, years of his memory are gone by the time he wakes. Doctors are confident it will return with time, but Jackson feels like a stranger in his own life. How can he have a wife and children but not know them?

Kate tries to remain strong for her family, but she secretly mourns the loss of the man she knew and fears he may never return. She leans on her Wells Ranch family, who she needs now more than ever. It's scary and difficult, but she won't give up on Jackson and their love, no matter how long it takes.

Despite early struggles, Kate and Jackson share tender moments that stir something in Jackson, even though he doesn't fully understand it. As more time passes, bits and pieces of Jackson's memories return, and he starts slowly rediscovering his instincts as a husband and dad. And though Jackson and Kate's love story may need a rewrite, they'll come to discover this new chapter might just be stronger than all the ones that came before.

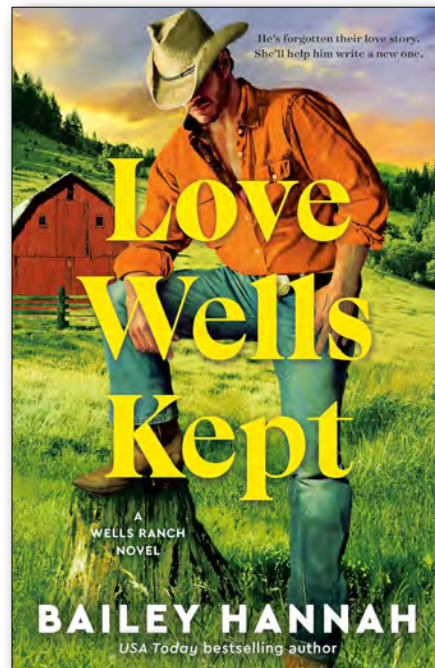
Also in the series



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

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

Contemporary romance



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- Part of a series
- **Previous book, *Alive and Wells*:**
 - Sold in a competitive situation in a multi-six-figure deal
 - Over 44k Goodreads ratings
 - Listen to our short podcast about *Alive and Wells* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:
Carly Watters
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

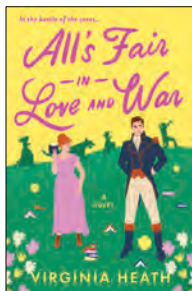
PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL: Miss Prentice's Protégées book 3 by Virginia Heath

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

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

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

Also in the series



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

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



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

flown the nest. www.virginiaheathromance.com

Historical rom-com



St. Martin's Griffin

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

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

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

Primary agent:

Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

BLOODY BLACK

by Rhiannon Hargadon

A romantic dark fantasy retelling of the pirate Blackbeard's story, perfect for fans of *Book of Azrael*, *A Court of Silver Flames*, and *Game of Thrones*

He stole her throne, she's come back to reclaim it.

Anne was a reckless, arrogant royal who had never tasted defeat. After a brutal betrayal on her wedding night, Anne vanishes from the kingdom she was meant to rule. Years later, she's returns from the grave—no longer a princess but a terror of the seas.

Known only as Blackbeard, she's hunting down the men who destroyed her, one by one. But vengeance doesn't come without a cost. Brutal bargains collar her and bind her to a dark promise. When she captures Lieutenant Robb Maynard—a too-handsome, too-calm officer loyal to her enemy—Anne intends to trade him for leverage. Instead, she finds herself locked in a game of secrets and seduction, where the greatest threat isn't a blade, but the way he looks at her.

Like she's still a woman worth loving.

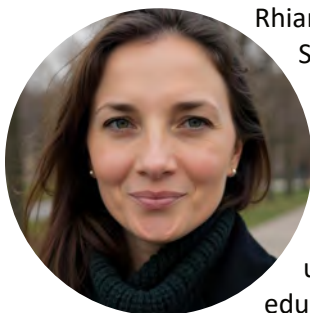
And while she knows better than to believe in anything but pain, Anne must decide if love is worth the risk...and if her revenge will cost her the life she's built.

"I need you to stop whatever you're doing right now and go this book....I feel electric right now!...Gut wrenching....But what I love freaking most about this book were the side characters and found family that develops....Chef's kiss!...An emotional journey....Absolutely perfect!"

– @haley_rkn, 251k TikTok followers

"I loved this book. Instant 5-star read. I was absolutely blown away by Rhiannon's writing, the story, everything about it....The feminine rage in this feminist retelling of the pirate Blackbeard is amazing. A story of a woman coming into her power, her truth, her trust, is everything...."

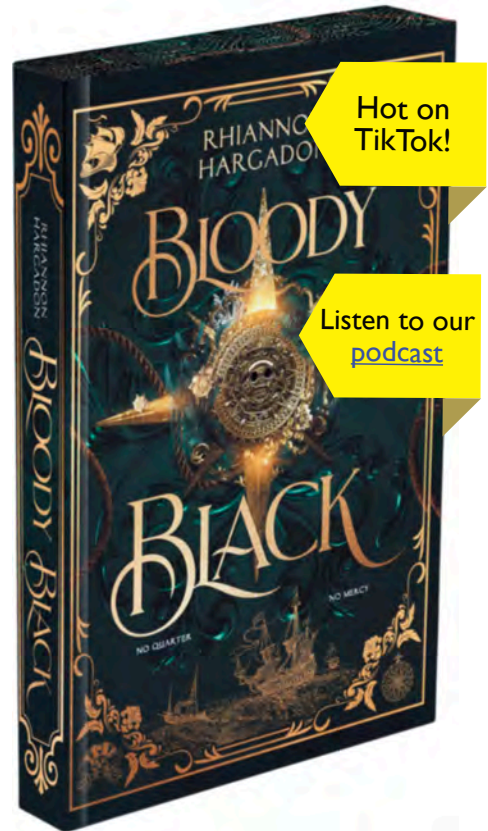
– @hollie.reads.it.all, 12k IG followers



Rhiannon Hargadon a long-time reader and writer. She's the mother of two children. When she's not writing, you can find her curled up on the couch in front of the fireplace with a fantasy book or swimming. She lives in North Carolina with her family, and their rescued pitbull. Having worked three jobs through university, Rhiannon is passionate about higher education for low-income families, and on the side helps run an annual scholarship for high-school seniors.

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Dark romantasy



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- A #1 New Release on Amazon, Women's Fantasy Fiction
- Hit #1 on Amazon in Action Adventure Fantasy and Dark Fantasy
- Stayed in the top 3 on Amazon in Women's Fantasy Fiction for eight weeks
- Major TikTok review from @haley_rkn, 251k followers
- Trending on TikTok
- Listen to our short podcast about *Bloody Black* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:
Taryn Fagerness
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

OUR DARK INCANTATIONS

by Wanda Hellmund

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

She must embrace the dark.
Before the dark comes for her.

After the war, ex-healer Mira Winters swore she'd never touch magic again. And yet here she is attending the newly reopened Ivercrest University, enrolled in the wrong magic department, paired up with the absolute wrong partner—the infuriating Aidric Dawson.

Instead of learning how to make a potion strong enough to heal her incurable scar, Mira attends demonology lessons, casts deadly spells...and is accidentally dragged into a murder investigation on campus—one with devastating ripples that bleed into the magical world far beyond the university.

Even more devastating? Aidric Dawson. Rumored to have been a high-ranking soldier during the war, the lethal Wielder is arrogant, aristocratic, and shrouded in secrets...but with his own wounds from the war, he may also be the only one who truly understands Mira.

A labyrinth of clues pulls Mira and Aidric deep into a sinister plot hiding in the shadows of magical society, threatening war once more. Can the two enemies work together without losing their hearts—or their lives—in the process?

“Slowly, he walked closer until she could feel the heat radiating from his body.

He cocked his head and ran a tongue along his right canine. “Say it again. From your lips, it sounds like sin.” His voice was a dark rumble echoing through her. The way he spoke, how he towered over her, it was all part of his intimidation tactic. She lifted her head. “You don’t scare me.”



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

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

Romantasy

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Italy on pre-empt (Sperling)
The Netherlands, at auction (Meulenhoff Boekerij)
Portugal on pre-empt (PRH)
Spain at auction (Anaya)
Spain audio (Audible)
Turkey at auction (Juno)
Ukraine, Bookchef

- Sold, at auction, to Berkley in a two-book deal, for six-figures per book
- Berkley will do a deluxe edition

Primary agent:

Taryn Fagerness
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

A GIRL LIKE HER: Ravenswood book 1 by Talia Hibbert

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

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

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

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

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

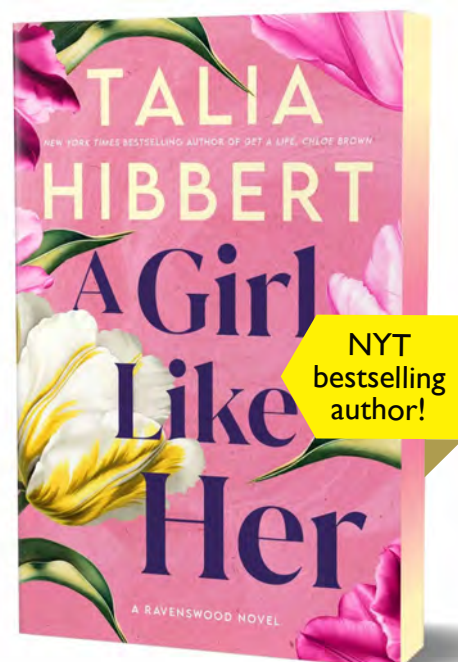
"I'm a Talia Hibbert forever fan, and *A Girl Like Her* is classic Talia: warm, witty, and heart-poundingly hot. It's the kind of smart and sexy small-town romance you want to curl up in and never leave." — **Carley Fortune, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *One Golden Summer***

"Thoughtful, perceptive, and absolutely stunning with Hibbert's distinct point of view, *A Girl Like Her* is one of those romance novels that reminds us why we love to read in the genre. Ruth and Evan are so vulnerable, and their dynamic cracked my chest wide open. Talia Hibbert is one of my favorite authors." — **Lyla Sage, #1 New York Times bestselling author**



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

Contemporary romance



Sourcebooks Casablanca

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

Primary agent:
Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary

Material: Available

BOOK CLUB BOYFRIEND by Jenny Holiday

Their messiest chapter might actually be their best one yet

Blair Kellermoon—blond, bubbly, former rom-com star—has always worried no one would take her seriously as a producer. And with her latest film project stalled indefinitely, she's starting to think desperate times call for desperate measures.

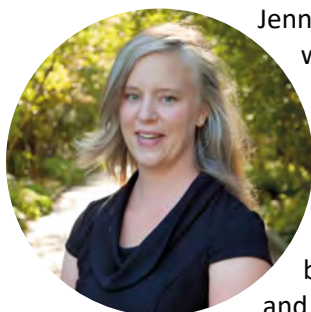
Enter bestselling author Jack Branksome: beautiful writer, awful person. Yet somehow he and Blair have become unlikely text-friends, despite his very public refusal to participate in her celebrity book club. And he's confessed he's dealing with his own nightmare: the hotly anticipated novel he can't seem to write.

So Blair does something unthinkable: she invites him to stay at her pool house. Now they've become two misfits bonding over movie nights, cheesy pasta, befriending wild crows, and solving the mystery of the weirdly green pool. Blair was sure she knew exactly how her story would end. But Jack might be proof that it's only just beginning....

Who was this man? This steady, solid man who had written something so gossamer and gorgeous as *In Time*? And who, despite his self-professed misanthropy, was floating in a lake with her and smiling like she wasn't the personification of all things hollow and Hollywood?

His free hand floated up out of the water and pushed a wet hank of hair out of her face and tucked it behind her ear. From there, it settled on her cheek. She leaned into it.

They stayed like that for a long moment, just looking at each other. It should have been awkward. Instead, Blair just felt...tenderness.



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

London, Ontario, Canada. www.jennyholiday.com

Contemporary rom-com



Forever/Grand Central

July 2026

Trade paperback

100k words

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

Previous foreign publishers: Estonia (ERAM), France (J'ai Lu), Germany (Ullstein Forever), Hungary (Gabo), The Netherlands (Boekerj)

• *USA Today* bestselling author

Primary agent:
Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary

Material: Available

WITCH DANCE

by Isabel Ibañez

When a strange dancing plague takes over Strasbourg, Germany, Evelina will have to follow a young man into a magical underworld and bargain with its Lord

Strasbourg, Germany 1518. Evelina is a brilliant scientist with humble origins, but through hard work and determination, she lands a tenuous position at the small research university in Salamanca. Her male colleagues block her from earning the patronage of powerful noble families, which she will need in order to conduct revolutionary research. Evelina is also hiding a secret from her male colleagues: she is a witch. When news of a strange epidemic reaches the university, many scientists and researchers battle to find a cure for the mysterious plague, despite being too afraid to visit the site of the sickness. Determined to be the first to find a cure, Evelina travels to Strasbourg in order to investigate why the infected villagers dance, dance, dance until they die.

But at every turn, Evelina is thwarted by a mysterious and otherworldly young man named Alaric, whose mother is infected with the dancing sickness. He reluctantly agrees to help Evelina, but soon it becomes clear that with every step forward, the plague mutates again and again, becoming impossible to master. With the death toll rising, Alaric realizes that he'll have to do the one thing he is loath to do: return home. He leads Evelina down into a magical underworld that is bleeding into the upper land, causing the dancing sickness. But the only way to find a cure is for Evelina to bargain with the Lord of the under land, a ruthless fairy king who only wants one thing in exchange for their help: the return of his only son, Alaric.

But his heart belongs to Evelina, and he has no desire to stay in the below.

Historical romantasy

Saturday Books/St. Martin's Press

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Hardcover

Estimated 140k words

#1 NYT
bestselling
author!

Rights available: Translation

Foreign sales:
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• #1 *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author

• **Previous book, *Graceless Heart*:**
— Instant #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller
— Amazon editors' pick, Best Science Fiction & Fantasy
— Starred review, *Library Journal*

Primary agent:
Sarah Landis
Sterling Lord Literistic

Material: Available March 2026



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

Asheville, North Carolina, with her husband, their adorable dog, and a serious collection of books. www.isabellbañez.com

RUINOUS CREATURES

by Jessi Cole Jackson

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

In a sanctuary for magical creatures hidden deep within a valley, magic is born from the bones of extraordinary creatures. For generations, a privileged few have siphoned this magic by wearing the skulls of these creatures and wielding their power.

Adela spends her days meticulously preparing these skulls to be matched, ensuring the magic endures and the valley sustains. But when she discovers two phoenix skulls—creatures she had believed only legend—she can't resist the pull of their dormant magic. Defying the warnings of her mentor, Adela awakens the skulls, unleashing a shockwave of power that throws the valley into chaos.

Meanwhile, determined novitiate Kian prepares for the upcoming matching ceremony, but harbors a secret: he is only participating in order to destroy the magic of the skulls to avenge the death of his parents at the hands of this tradition of power.

As Adela and Kian's fates intertwine in the matching hut, the connection between them grows deeper and the power of the phoenix skulls grows louder. An impulsive kiss seals their fate—to each other and each to one of the phoenix skull masks. As they grapple with the consequences of their powerful new magic, their fated connection becomes the key to either the valley's salvation or its ultimate collapse.

"Jackson's riveting romantasy debut draws readers in with an inventive magic system, audacious characters, political intrigue, and swoony romance....Adela and Kian's alternating narration adds to the mounting suspense as they realize their fates are intertwined. With passion, humor, and plentiful revelations, this fast-paced adventure is sure to entertain." – **Publishers Weekly**



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

Philadelphia, Princeton, and the north shore of Boston, Jessi left theatre and moved back to rural Michigan where she lives with her family, has a very practical day job, and rarely calls herself an artist despite sewing, amateur sculpting, embroidering, and, of course, writing. www.jessicolejackson.com

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Hungary (Maxim)
Italy (Oscar Mondadori)
Russia at auction (Azbooka-Atticus)
Spain on pre-empt (VR Editoras)
Ukraine at auction (Potiah)

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

Primary agent:
Danielle Burby
Mad Woman Literary

Material: Available



WHITE LIGHTS

by Lauren Kate

#1 New York Times bestselling author Lauren Kate, whose *Fallen* series has sold over 11million copies around the world, is returning to the romantasy world of angels that's perfect for *Fallen* fans and new readers alike

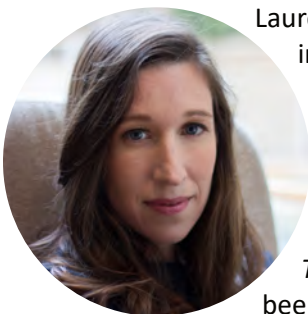
When mysterious Rafe de la Cruz rolls into Desdemona's life to recruit her to the elite film school Acheron, Dez has no reason to trust him—and no other option. A violent attack has just put her brother in the hospital...and Dez is the only suspect. Guilt-ridden and grieving, she finds herself running from the law to chase her longtime dream of making movies, at a school she's never heard of. Soon, she's dropped into Acheron's cutthroat world of seductive intrigue, power on an otherworldly scale, and deadly competition.

Acheron may seem like the ticket to a future Dez has always wanted, but as she delves deeper into the secret work being done there, she finds herself trapped in an existential conflict on a cosmic scale—with more than her heart on the line.

"White Lights is dark, seductive, and original. Lauren Kate crafts a heart-stopping blend of danger, desire, and the kind of soul-deep chemistry that makes the world fall away. I couldn't look away from Desdemona and Rafe or the secrets burning between them." – **Jennifer L. Armentrout, #1 New York Times and internationally bestselling author**

*"The perfect leap into angelic debauchery. *White Lights* is shrouded with mystique and charged with a delicious dark side. My teenaged obsession with *Fallen* has grown new wings."* – **Chloe Gong, New York Times bestselling author of *Immortal Longings***

*"Lauren Kate has created a highly addictive romantasy packed with a take-no-prisoners heroine, a sinfully delicious bad boy, and enough chemistry to set your kindle on fire. *White Lights* is a must read I devoured in two days."* – **Jade Presley, New York Times bestselling author of *The Never List***



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

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Romantasy



Grand Central

June 2026

Hardcover

110k words

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Foreign sales:

Brazil 3 books (Record)

British 3 books, at auction (Voyager/HarperCollins)

Germany 3 books (Vajona)

Hungary (Könyvmolyképző)

Italy, on pre-empt, 3 books (Rizzoli)

The Netherlands 3 books (Van Goor/Unieboek Spectrum)

Portugal 3 books (Planeta)

Spain 3 books, on pre-empt (Urano)

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

Primary agent:

Laura Rennert

Andrea Brown Literary Agency

Material: Available

A QUEEN'S SHADOW: Wolves of Morai book 2 by Melissa Kieran

A brewing war. A goddess's game.
Two souls woven by secrets and blood

After meeting her fated mate, Kai, on the eve of her warrior trial, Isla's life has changed forever. She's never felt passion or love greater than what burns between them, but it comes at a cost. Thrust into the role of queen at Kai's side, she's caught in a deadly game of politics and power against the kingdom she once called home. And without her wolf, she's more vulnerable than ever.

But she isn't the only one adjusting to a new reality. In the wake of the challenge, Kai's newfound abilities grow more harrowing, and as whispers of his gifts make their way across the continent, he finds himself at the center of the burgeoning strife. A hero, a villain, an ally, an enemy—he doesn't care how he's perceived as long as he can protect those he cherishes. Isla, most of all.

From the moment they met, from before the defiance of their mating bond, Isla and Kai have felt the goddess, Fate, breathing down their necks. Every step, every decision, every tragedy of their lives winding them together until, finally, they could collide. Haunted by a history both bloody and shadowed, their search for answers finally comes to an end, but the weight of the truth is greater than they ever thought possible.

Also in the series



"A *Warrior's Fate* is a heart-pounding romance and intense action wrapped in a spellbinding and well-developed World; the tension between Isla and Kai and the chemistry is insane, and the way the story unfolds is spectacular with a compelling and vivid fantasy setting. This is a 5/5 read and a fantastically written world with characters you will surely fall in love with!"
— **No Spoiler Review**



Melissa Kieran is a Massachusetts native, who fell in love with storytelling and fantasy at a young age. Though, she began her author journey writing young adult romance when she was 15 on serialized fiction sites where her stories have amassed over six million combined story views. *A Warrior's Fate* was her debut novel.
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Romantasy



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Previous foreign publishers: Hungary (Maxim), Italy (Mondadori)

• **Previous book, *A Warrior's Fate*:**
— Best of BookTok banner on Amazon

Primary agent:
Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

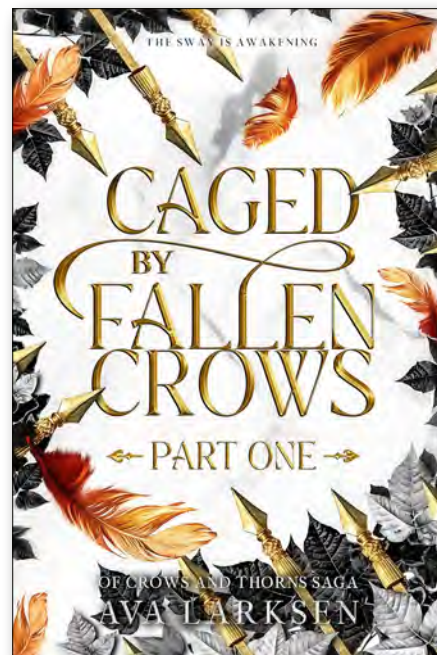
CAGED BY FALLEN CROWS PART 1: Of Crows and Thorns Saga book 2 by Ava Larksen

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

Nelle's 20th birthday is soon approaching—The Witches Ball not long after. Caged like a bird, her dark powers bound by a magical collar around her neck, Nelle's first threat looms—the Crowthers' desperate need for a Goods Appraisal. Without the Butcher's approval, the family will never gain the rare invitation to the Ball. If they want to pique the Witches' interest with the curious offering they possess, they must enter the sinister and macabre Emporium.

While Nelle forms a plan to escape the Crowthers' Keep, Sirro the Horned God has tasked Graysen to find an elusive lesser creature who lurks within the honeycombed catacombs beneath Ascendria. As Graysen searches, memories long buried resurface, revealing a crucial clue. Another beast knew where Tabitha Catt had been the fateful day she'd been abducted. And who she spoke with.

There's only one person Graysen can turn to for help.
She's a skilled monster hunter.
Someone he adores.
And his worst roomie nightmare.



Independently published

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Primary agent:
Hannah Andrade
Bradford Literary

Material: Available

Also in the series



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

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

www.avalarksen.com

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

by Kimberly Lemming

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

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

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

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

Also by Kimberly Lemming



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

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



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

Sci-fi rom-com



Berkley

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85k words

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

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

Primary agent:

Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary Agency

Material: Available

HOW TO GET AWAY WITH SCANDAL by Caroline Linden

Lady Courtenay has flirted with scandal her entire life and vowed never to get entangled with another man...until a dashing explorer sends her heart leaping. Just one night, she tells herself; that's all she wants from him or any man....

Don't fall in love with me....

Evangeline, Lady Courtenay, has flirted with scandal her entire life, and paid a steep price for it, with two unhappy marriages and a tarnished reputation. She's vowed never to get entangled with another man—until a dashing explorer, just passing through London, smiles at her and sends her heart leaping. Just one night, she tells herself; that's all she wants from him or any man.

Sir Richard Campion is entranced by Evangeline the moment they meet, even before she takes him home with her for a night of pleasure, only to be gone when he wakes. When he encounters her again years later, he is just as fascinated—and elated to find that she still feels the attraction, too. But this time, he intends to persuade her that he's worth getting entangled with...forever.

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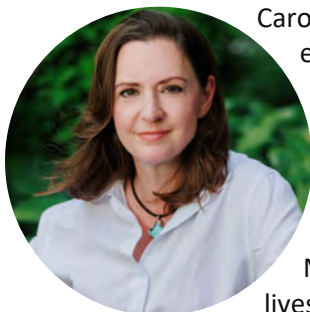
Rights available: British and translation

Previous foreign publishers for the author's *Scandals* series: **Bulgaria** (SBB Media), **Finland** (HarperCollins/Harlequin), **France** (HarperCollins/Harlequin), **Indonesia** (PT Elex Media), **Italy** (HarperCollins/Harlequin), **Japan** (TakeShobo), **The Netherlands** (De Vrijbouter), **Norway** (HarperCollins/Harlequin), **Poland** (Amber), **Romania** (Grup Media Litera), **Russia** (AST), **Sweden** (HarperCollins/Harlequin)

Primary agent:

Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available



Caroline Linden was born a reader, not a writer. She earned a math degree from Harvard University and wrote computer code before discovering that writing fiction was far more exciting. Her books have been translated into 17 languages, and have won the NEC-RWA Reader's Choice Award, the Daphne du Maurier Award, and RWA's RITA Award. She lives in New England. www.carolinelinden.com

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

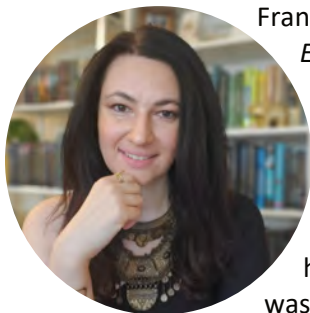
The closer Lyr gets to why Auriel—her soulmate’s former incarnation—has returned, the more danger they face as a secret that’s been locked away for centuries is revealed

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

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

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

Also in the series



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

usually be found baking gluten free desserts.

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Romantasy



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Trade paperback
209k words

Rights available: Translation

Foreign sales:
British (Hodder)

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

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

Primary agent:
Taryn Fagerness
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available



AWKWARDLY EVER AFTER

by Lindsay Maple

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

You know what they say about hex appeal....

Aubrey is cursed. Literally. One spell gone awry in high school landed her with the most embarrassing love life ever, and now any time Aubrey is in a romantic situation everything ends up being terribly awkward. Sometimes the dates go so badly her would-be partners end up in the emergency room with...intimate injuries.

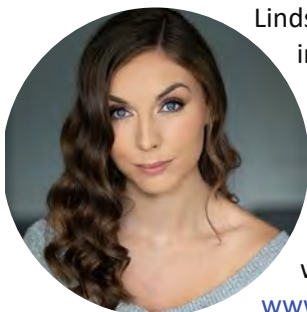
Aubrey had accepted her lonely lot in life until she meets skeptical data analyst Lex. The unlikely friends team up on a series of data-collecting dates to figure out what makes the curse tick, and what they can do to stop it...but what if that means facing the most awkward situation possible?

To break the curse, Aubrey is forced into her toughest decision yet: date the safe, data-proven perfect candidate, or follow her heart into the unknown with the growing feelings she has for the one person she never imagined being with.

Will she ever get a shot at true love, or is she cursed beyond curing?

“Lindsay Maple delivers...tenderly sketched characters and scorching heat.” – **Julie Murphy & Sierra Simone, USA Today bestselling authors of A Merry Little Meet Cute**

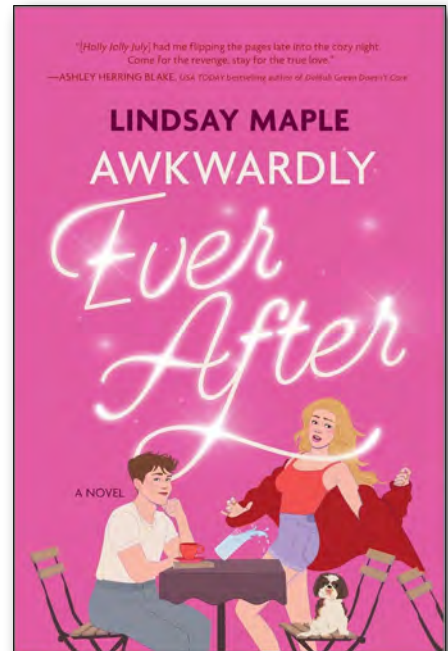
Lex shakes her head. “It can’t be that bad.”
“This is the fourth time I’ve had to go to the hospital
for a sex-related injury.”
Her eyebrows shoot up. “What!”
I nod sagely.



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

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F/F contemporary rom-com



MIRA/HarperCollins

July 2026

Trade paperback

95k words

Rights available: British and translation

Primary agent:
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

MISS BERESFORD AND THE BEAST: Daughters of Somerset book 1 by Mimi Matthews

A spirited Victorian beauty with a fondness for fairytales unwittingly falls under the power of a beastly, scandal-plagued nobleman in the first book in *USA Today* bestselling author Mimi Matthews's new *Daughters of Somerset* series

Charlotte Beresford has spent far too long under the iron rule of strict governesses and unflinching finishing school teachers. When she's offered a brief window of freedom—an invitation to spend the summer with a recent acquaintance in a remote corner of Yorkshire, far from societal expectations—she jumps at the chance. Never mind that her new friend is odd, their chaperone questionable, and the village rumored to be cursed. Charlotte knows how to look after herself. All she must do is show a friendly face, keep her wits about her, and—above all—avoid the derelict manor house that stands on the edge of the moors....

Battle-scarred and bad tempered, Magnus Sterling never intended to return to England, let alone Yorkshire. But now he's inherited the title, it's his responsibility to settle his late father's affairs. It should be simple enough to do without riling up the superstitious locals. Indeed, they don't even need to know that the infamous son of the equally infamous Earl of Eversleigh is back on British soil. Magnus will keep to himself, and to the crumbling manor house, and for once in his miserable life avoid any cloud of scandal. A straightforward enough plan, or so he believes, until he catches sight of the bold, auburn-haired intruder infiltrating the grounds of his estate...

Historical romance

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Previous foreign publishers: **Brazil** (All Book Editora), **France** (J'ai Lu,) **Greece** (Dioptra), **The Netherlands** (Kokboekencentrum), **Slovakia** (i527.net publishers), **Spain** (Libros de la Seda)

- First book in a new series
- *USA Today* bestselling author
- #1 Amazon bestselling author in the category of Victorian Historical Romance
- Author's work has sold over a million copies

Primary agent:
Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available June 2026



USA Today bestselling author Mimi Matthews writes both historical non-fiction and award-winning proper Victorian romances, including *Fair as a Star*, a *Library Journal* Best Romance of 2020; *Gentleman Jim*, a *Kirkus* Best Book of 2020; and *The Work of Art*, winner of the 2020 HOLT Medallion. Mimi's novels have received starred reviews in *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *Booklist*, *Kirkus*, and *Shelf*

Awareness, and her articles have been featured on the Victorian Web, the *Journal of Victorian Culture*, and in syndication at *BUST Magazine*. In her other life, Mimi is an attorney. She resides in California with her family, which includes a retired Andalusian dressage horse, a Sheltie, and two Siamese cats. www.MimiMatthews.com

THE MASH-UP

by Laura Marie Meyers

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

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

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

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

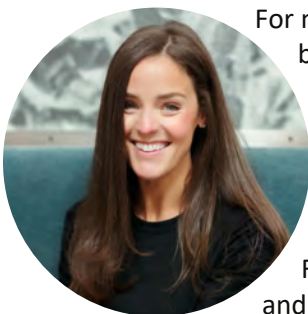
With no rules to follow and desperate to return to reality, Ruby must make her best guess at an escape plan: win Penn's heart so the game comes completely true.

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

"Laura Marie Meyers' debut novel glows with charm, humor, and heart. An irresistible, page-turning treat from first laugh to last swoon." — **Emily Giffin, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Love You More**

"Nostalgic, clever, and joyful to the point of effervescence, *The Mash Up* is the romance I've been dying for." — **Annabel Monaghan, New York Times bestselling author of It's a Love Story**

"Everything you could wish for in a rom com—packed full of nostalgia, sizzling with chemistry, with characters you'll be rooting for. I loved it." — **Sophie Cousens, New York Times bestselling author**



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

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Contemporary rom-com



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Trade paperback

85k words

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- Sold at auction
- Listen to our short podcast about *The Mash-Up* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Andrea Brown Literary Agency

Material: Available

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

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

The Witch

This bounty could set me up for life.

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

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

The Demon

This bounty could erase my biggest mistake.

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

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

Also in the series



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

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

She is also big into tarot, astrology, and all things witchy. www.authorleighmiller.com

Paranormal romance



Independently published

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

Primary agent:

Cheyenne Faircloth
Handspun Literary Agency

Material: Available end February 2026

FALL INTO PLACE by Kristyn J. Miller

Kristyn J. Miller's cozy autumn romance will have you falling for its changing leaves, hot apple cider, and unforgettable characters

Lenore's life is falling apart. Propelled home from Manhattan to rural Vermont to spend one final autumn at her family's historic apple orchard before it's sold, Lenore struggles to say goodbye. Not only to French Hill Farm, but to everything that once inspired her art. Soon enough, entries in her late grandmother's journal reignite memories of Lenore's childhood—and the crush on the groundskeeper's son she's since tried to forget.

Callan's path has been laid out for him for as long as he can remember: live, work, and die in Whitbury, Vermont. He's taken over for his father as the groundskeeper at French Hill Farm, but now that it's soon to be sold, his future has turned abruptly uncertain. The last thing he needs is a distraction—like Lenore French showing up out of the blue, looking even better than he remembered. As his best friend's little sister, she's always been off limits, and the last time they saw each other, he blew his chance anyway.

Lenore has long believed that her dreams are too big for the small town she grew up in—the same town Callan believes he can never outrun. But one last autumn together could paint their hometown—and each other—in a brand new light.

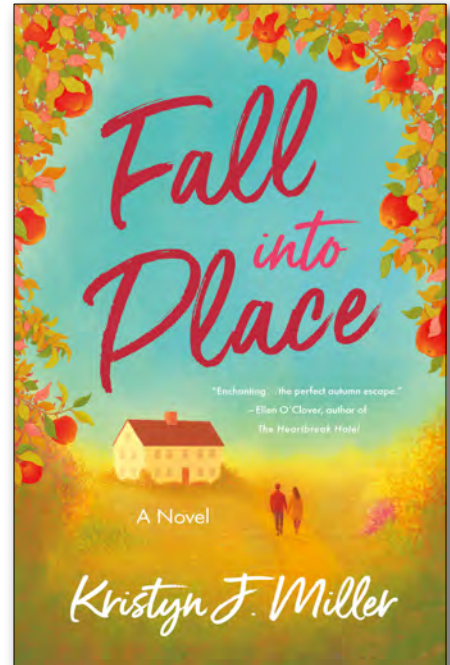
I lean toward him and tip my mouth to his, not quite closing the gap. His fingers thread into my hair. We're so close that his eyes flutter almost shut when they drop to my mouth, and we're frozen like that for a moment, breathing each other in. I wonder whether the buildup is better than the reality. Whether kissing Callan Bradford would be just another kiss.



Kristyn J. Miller is an author and freelance editor with a background in marketing and museum work. She grew up in Southern California, where she spent summers escaping to Catalina Island, but these days she lives in Maine. She has a BA in literature from University of Redlands and an MA in history and museum studies at University of New Hampshire. *Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts* was

her debut novel. <https://kristynjmillier.com>

Cozy romance



St. Martin's Griffin
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Previous foreign publishers: **British** (Zaffre/Bonnier), **Hungary** (Könyvmolyképző), **Italy** (Queen Edizioni), **The Netherlands** (April Books), **Russia** (MTS)

Primary agent:
Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

BUMP, SET, SPARKS

by Jennifer Moffatt

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

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

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

“Romance and rivalry collide like waves on the beach in Jennifer Moffatt’s *Bump, Set, Sparks*. This delightful, volleyball rom-com isn’t just about falling for your competition; it’s a journey through sand, sun, and sweat to discover who you are and what matters most—a true love story that’ll hit you right in the heart!” – **Matthew Hubbard, critically acclaimed author of *The Last Boyfriends Rules for Revenge***

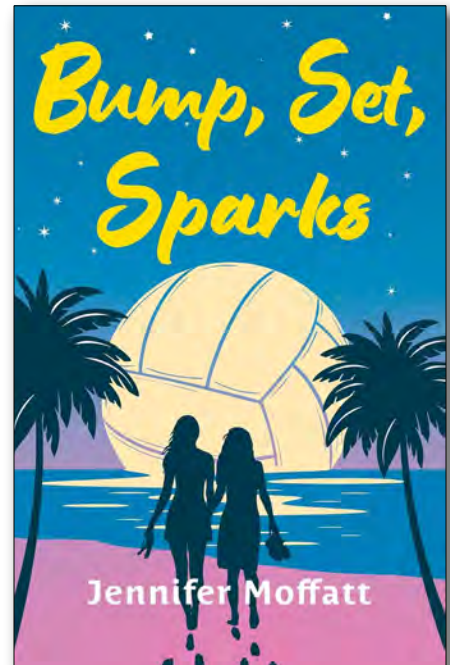
“Talk about an ace of a rom-com! *Bump, Set, Sparks* is your next rival-to-lovers summer sports romance obsession that will have you rooting on the sidelines for Jess and Vivienne on and off the court. A joyful and heartfelt must-read!” – **Chip Pons, author of *Winging It with You***



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

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F/F contemporary rom-com



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Primary Agent:
Jordy Albert
Booker Albert Agency

Material: Available

SUNFLOWER SEASON

by Danica Nava

Fed up and burnt out, a woman leaves the city to take on the challenge of owning a sunflower farm but finds that her biggest trial is facing her first love in this charming second chance romance by *USA Today* bestselling author Danica Nava

Drained by her high-pressure tech job, June Walker finds an escape in homesteading videos and the fantasy of a quieter life. When she finally hits her breaking point, she does the only reasonable thing: she quits her job and buys a crumbling sunflower farm in rural Oklahoma where she grew up.

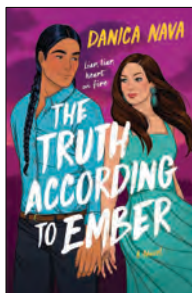
June thought her biggest challenge in restoring Sunshine Farm would be the rotting fences, but soon comes to the crushing realization that “positive vibes” are not a business plan.

Nothing, however, tests her resolve quite like running into her first love, the boy she left behind after her world imploded when she was seventeen. She’s back for a fresh start, not to unpack old heartbreaks.

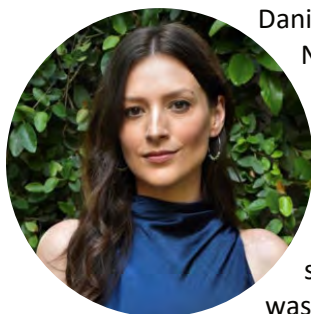
Noah Abbott never left Love County. Between his family, his job with the local fire brigade, and a town that knows him inside and out, he has everything he needs—except answers. So when June Walker returns as the new owner of Sunshine Farm, Noah is determined to find out why the girl who once meant everything to him vanished without a word.

As old wounds crack open and attraction flares back to life, June and Noah are forced to reckon with their past and decide whether first love is a memory best left buried, or the one thing worth replanting.

Also by Danica Nava



“With relatable storylines about identity, family, and self-worth and endearing characters, this steamy rom-com is a strong debut and a must-have for romance collections.” — *Library Journal*, starred review



Danica Nava is an enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and works as an Executive Assistant in Silicon Valley. She is currently getting her MBA from USC Marshall School of Business. When she is not chasing her toddler daughter around the house, she is doing finance homework she hates and dreaming up more silly, sexy stories. *The Truth According to Ember* was her debut novel.

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Contemporary rom-com

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— Instant *USA Today* bestseller
— Amazon Editor’s Pick for Best Romance
— Summer book club pick for Threads by Instagram
— *The New York Times*, The Best Romance Novels to Read Right Now
— Starred reviews, *Kirkus* and *Library Journal*

• **Previous book, *The Truth According to Ember*:**

— An ABA Indies Introduce Pick for Summer/Fall 2024
— A LibraryReads Top Ten pick for August 2024
— An Amazon Editor’s Pick for Best Romance
— *Oprah Daily*, 6 Steamy Summer Romance Novels
— *PublishDrive*, Best Books to Read in 2024
— Picked for the *Booklist* and *LibraryReads* Read ‘n Rave 2024
— *Cosmopolitan*, 25 Books We Can’t Wait to Read in Summer 2024
— GoodReads, Readers’ Most Anticipated Summer Books
— *Elle*, The Best New Books to Read in Summer 2024
— Starred reviews, *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Library Journal*

Primary Agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

MARRIED WITH BENEFITS

by Ellie Palmer

For better or worse is just the beginning...

Lainey Davis can't wait for the day she'll be able to escape her tiny Wisconsin town. But she's not even close to covering her health insurance premiums and pricey migraine medication, let alone saving up enough to start over some place new. That is, until Lainey learns that through the archaic legal doctrine of adverse possession, she's inadvertently squatted her way into owning a marvel of modern architecture.

But Lainey owns only the house. The surrounding property, a lakeside money pit the previous owner used as a front to deal illegal reptiles, has been willed to Elliot Hodges, a D.C. architect who wants to rent out the place to fellow architecture lovers. Their assets are tied together, but neither can move forward without the other.

Desperate, Elliot proposes an unconventional arrangement: marry him for health insurance and in exchange, Lainey will allow him to buy her out. Win-win: Lainey will finally have a way out of town, and he'll own the house designed by his idol. Married in name only and living together while fixing up the property, Lainey and Elliot find themselves unable to keep their hopes, dreams, or bedsheets from getting entwined. And as their connection grows, Lainey's no longer sure what's more terrifying: leaving Elliot behind or letting him in.

"Ellie's voice is fresh and real....I will read anything she ever writes."

– Tarah Dewitt, author of *Funny Feelings*

"An auto-buy author!" – Falon Ballard, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Change of Heart*

"Ellie Palmer writes romances that are pure magic!" – Naina Kumar, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Flirting with Disaster*

"Ellie Palmer is an elite emerging voice and an auto-buy author for me."

– Livy Hart, author of *The Great Dating Fake Off*



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Contemporary romance



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(Harde)

• *USA Today* bestselling author

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford

Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

'TIL UNDEATH DO US PART

by Ellie Palmer

Butcher & Blackbird meets *My Roommate is a Vampire* by way of *Fargo*, in this paranormal-horror rom-com about a young husband and a wife who have their problems, but maybe vampirism can save them?

Francesca Sikorski wasn't planning on becoming a vampire, but she doesn't exactly regret it either. When a car accident on a snowy highway cracks her amber mosquito pendant open like a cursed Cadbury Egg, she's bitten by an ancient mosquito that saves her from bleeding out on the street but leaves her sun-sensitive, ravenous, and slightly more murder-y than before. So sure, there's an adjustment to be made. But on the plus side, her chronic pain and dead bedroom are things of the past!

Alex Sikorski would do anything to rescue his rocky marriage, but now that his wife's undead, they have new problems to navigate in couple's therapy—like hiding bodies, stealing blood from corpses, and figuring out whether his wife might be a literal monster...or finally just herself again.

Between covering up a kill or two (okay, three), Alex and Francesca certainly have their work cut out for them. They're determined to make this marriage work, even as their marital vow of "till death do us part" loses its previous relevance. But as more drained bodies pile up around their sleepy northern town of Helsing Bay—bodies Francesca swears she had nothing to do with—they must neutralize the rival vampire she's accidentally unleashed on the neighborhood. A big question still remains for Alex and Francesca—what kind of life can they build together now that one of them is dead?

"I'll always find you," he said, twining his fingers in hers. "I think I've already proven that I wouldn't let a little thing like death get in the way with us."

Her head fell into her chest when she laughed. "So we don't have a house. Or a car. And I'm dead—both literally and legally. What's next for us?"



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Horror rom-com

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- *USA Today* bestselling author

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

LIGHTNING & THUNDER

by Sara Raasch

Percy Jackson meets *Thunderbolts* in this action-adventure rom-com where the descendants of gods protect humanity, and Zeus's snarky, vigilante heir is forced to team up with the globally beloved descendant of Thor

As a Zeus descendant, Pollux "Lux" Keraunos never intended to be a villain. But if the cyber-crime hat fits, he'll wear it to destroy the tyrant Hero Council led by his brother.

Then his brother vanishes (not Lux's fault). Zeus's line must continue, and the Hero Council turns to Lux as the heir—with the caveat that he trains under Erik Thorson, his brother's Viking-wannabe BFF. Lux'll use this to bring down the Council, and he isn't falling for Erik's smoking hot with a heart of gold persona—

Even if Erik didn't know Lux's brother was corrupt.

Even if Erik actually helps people—and believes Lux can, too.

As Lux tries the good guy role, the truth behind his brother's disappearance surfaces, and he'll have to decide if he still wants to destroy the Council...or if he wants someone else more.

Hero? Villain? Or a secret third option: disaster bisexual with a savior kink?

“His hair came out of its half-up style at some point and it shifts down around his face now, caging us in, a protective shield the way his wide shoulders concave over me.

That's what he's always been.

Everything else is fear and pain and monsters in the dark, but him? He's safe. And I hate it so much, I always have; I hate that I can never truly hate him.



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

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M/M romantasy



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- Listen to our short podcast about *Lightning & Thunder* [HERE](#)
- *New York Times*, *USA Today*, Indie, and Barnes & Noble bestselling author
- Author has over 100k social media followers
- **Previous book, *The Entanglement of Rival Wizards*:**
 - Instant *USA Today* and indie bestseller
 - Hit the top 10 in LGBTQ+ Fantasy in the Kindle store
 - *The New York Times*, 2025 Books to Read
- **Previous book, *The Nightmare Before Kissmas*:**
 - Instant *USA Today* and indie bestseller
 - Featured in the *Publishers Lunch* 2024 Buzz Books: Romance
 - A LibraryReads Bonus Pick
 - An Apple Books Best of the Month Pick
 - #1 bestseller in LGBTQ+ Fantasy and #2 in Christmas Romance in the Kindle store

Primary agent:
Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

READ ME SLOW by Charish Reid

She writes fantasies. He turns fear into sound. Neither expected desire to be this loud

Maya Brooks writes romance for a living but she keeps her own life strictly business. At 45, she's single, and has no intention of mixing pleasure with work...until her narrators bail weeks before her hottest book's release.

Enter Theo Ward. Horror podcaster. Her little brother's best friend. And 30-years-old.

He's back in town and all grown up, with a voice that could ruin lives. When Theo offers to record a chapter "just as a favor," Maya agrees with every intention of staying in control. But the moment they hit record, the chemistry in the booth becomes combustible.

As their secret sessions spiral into something much more physical, a viral audio clip turns Theo into the Internet's new obsession. Suddenly, he's not just Maya's narrator, he's Scare Daddy, and the world wants more of him. But when fame comes with hungry eyes and loose lips—reputations crack, trust fractures, and Maya's carefully built boundaries come crashing down.

Now she must decide: protect her pride, or fight for the man who makes her feel truly heard?

"[A] smoking hot love letter to Romance....And to the craft of book narration. If any book ever screamed for an audio version it's this one....I loved it and very much recommend." – **@nicole.reads.romance on IG**

"[A] lovely steamy short novel...." – **Cannonball Read**

“Maya tapped it, and immediately heard the low, hungry timbre of Theo’s voice, her own answering breath. The whimper. The growled reply. The kind of audio that left nothing to the imagination.

The blood drained from her face so fast she went cold. Her thumb hit the call button before she could think better of it.



Charish Reid is a fan of sexy books and disaster films. When she's not grading papers or prepping lessons for college freshmen, she enjoys writing romances that celebrate quirky Black women who deserve HEAs. Charish currently lives in Sweden, with her husband, working on her next book.

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Contemporary romance



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Primary agent:

Saritza Hernández

Andrea Brown Literary Agency

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SHATTERED GODS: Dark Olympus book 10 by Katee Robert

She was Olympus's Queen. Its sacrifice. Its savior. Its destruction....in this scorchingly hot modern retelling of Hermes and Atalanta and Circe

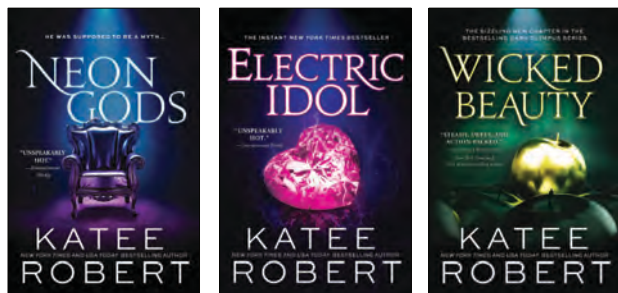
Long ago, Circe was Hermes' entire heart. The two women lived on the outskirts of Olympian society, content with a quiet life away from the spotlight. Then Circe caught the eye of Zeus...and was forced into a marriage that would take her freedom, her future, and in the end, her life. In the wake of the tragedy, gossip swirled about the woman Zeus married and (allegedly) murdered...but in time, everyone forgot about beautiful, tragic Circe.

Everyone but Hermes, who vowed on that day to bring Olympus to its knees.

Now, 15 years later, a new Zeus rules the city, a new Hades protects his people, a new hope dawns...and Hermes has begun to think there may be things about Olympus worth saving. With Atalanta by her side—and slowly rebuilding her heart—Hermes may finally be ready to set aside her fury and seek the city's rebirth instead of its total annihilation. But there is a beautiful devil on Hermes' other shoulder: a devil who rose, blood-soaked, from where Zeus left her for dead years ago. A devil who has waited all this time to have her revenge.

And no matter their past, no matter the desperate love they once shared, no matter the complicated triad forming between the three women, Circe will not rest until all of Olympus lays shattered at her feet...and the gods help anyone who gets in her way.

Also in the series



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



Katee Robert is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of spicy romance.

Entertainment Weekly calls her writing "unspeakably hot." Her books have sold over a million copies. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, children, a cat who thinks he's a dog, and two Great Danes who think they're lap dogs.

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Erotic fantasy



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

Primary agent:
Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

THE TAROT TRIALS

by Katee Robert

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

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

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

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

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

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

Magic, indeed.

"Happy hunting, Daughter."



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Romantic fantasy

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NYT
bestselling
author!

Rights available: Translation

Foreign sales:

Brazil 3 books, at auction (Companhia das Letras)

British 3 books, at auction (Tor UK)

France (Editions Tredaniel)

Germany 3 books (LYX)

Hungary (Maxim)

Italy 3 books, at auction (Newton Compton)

Portugal 3 books, at auction (Penguin Random House)

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

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

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

KISSED BY THE GODS: The Eternal Wars book 1 by Caty Rogan

Leina has spent a lifetime submitting. Kneeling. Enduring.
A kiss from a goddess changes everything

Leina has spent a lifetime submitting. Kneeling. Enduring.

Then soldiers come for her brother, and divine fury surges through her veins. She expects execution for the bodies she left in her wake. Her people have met bloody ends for far, far less. Instead, Ryot, a godsworn warrior born to privilege and raised in order, drags her into a world that was never meant for her. One of divine armies and death demons, winged war horses and monsters, sacred power and royal secrets.

A kiss from a goddess changes everything.

No longer a criminal, Leina is a prize. The kingdom's most powerful men want what the goddess touched. Leina wants only one thing, though: freedom for her people. And she'll trade herself for the strength to destroy the kingdom that broke them. Conscripted into a war she never asked for, fighting for gods she doesn't believe in, Leina must decide how far she's willing to go and what she's willing to lose. Because her power is more than a threat to the kingdom's buried secrets. It's a death sentence.

“And godsdamn, she looks good.

No—she looks dangerous.

She's glowing, but not in some delicate, soft way. Her magic hums around her. There's a wildness to her now, like she stepped straight out of a storm and brought it with her.

Being tethered to her beast agrees with her. It's in the way she stands—rooted, solid. She knows exactly who the hell she is now.



Caty Rogan wrote her first story at five—with crayons, dramatic flair, and a firm belief the Power Rangers were the villains. She later became an award-winning journalist (with a master's degree in international journalism with a language specialization in Portuguese), chasing stories across Texas, England, Indonesia, South Africa, and Equatorial Guinea.

Now she writes spicy romantasy full of badass heroines and he-falls-first heroes. Caty lives in Arizona with her two boss-girl daughters and her husband—her real-life he-falls-first hero—and survives on caffeine, popcorn, and pure chaotic energy.

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Romantasy



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France, pre-empt, 4 books (HLAB)

Germany, pre-empt, 4 books (Heyne)

Hungary, pre-empt, 2 books (Alexandra)

Israel, at auction, 4 books (S. Simson)

Italy, at auction, 4 books (Rizzoli)

The Netherlands, pre-empt, 4 books (Bruna)

Poland 3 books (Kobiece)

Portugal, at auction 4 books (Porto

Romania, pre-empt, 2 books (Editura Litera)

Slovakia, 2 books (Albatros Slovakia)

Spain, pre-empt, 4 books (Hidra)

Turkey, pre-empt, 4 books (Indigo)

Ukraine, at auction, 4 books (Potiah)

- Sold in a 7-figure deal
- First book in a four-book series
- Hot on TikTok
- Independently published version received a Top New Release banner and a Bestseller Banner on Amazon
- Listen to our short podcast about *Kissed by the Gods* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

FALLING FOR A VILLAINOUS VAMPIRE: The Sanctuary for Supernatural Creatures book 3 by Charlotte Stein

The third standalone in Charlotte Stein's *Sanctuary for Supernatural Creatures* series, featuring a blood-pumping enemies-to-lovers romance for the ages

Marley Maples is sure she's finally evaded her vampire mortal enemy. Halsten has stalked her across oceans of time, and many, many lives. But now she's arrived at the age of 30 in Hollow Brook, with no sign of him. So she's devastated when he suddenly shows and yet again tries to make her life hell. Until her two witchy best friends suggest a spell to make him forget all about her.

There's just one issue: he forgets his whole existence. All Halsten now remembers is being a big, hot, vampire Viking. And all he sees when he looks at Marley is his beloved little witch, his saviour, the light of his life. He goes from being a horror that haunts her nightmares, to a man who loves her and will protect her at all costs. And as much as she's skeptical, she can't help finding his fish-out-of-water, warrior ways and his desire to defend her endearing.

Maybe even a little sexy. In fact, it's starting feel very sexy indeed.

And if she's not careful, she's going to lose herself to a man she swore to hate. A man who might return to her eternal enemy, at any moment...

Also in the series



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

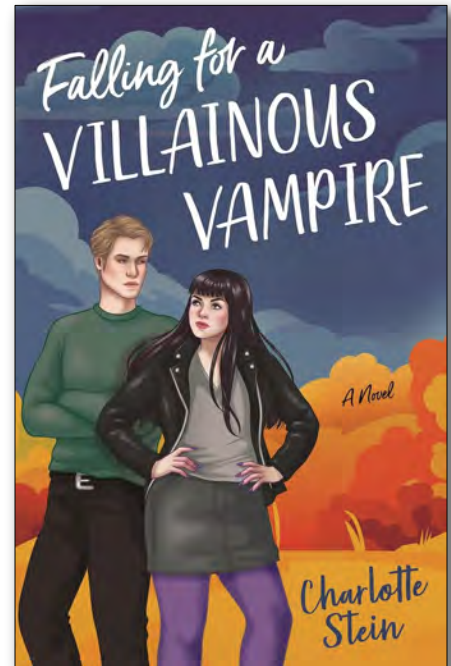
"Wildly imaginative. Sparks become incendiary in this uniquely spicy foray into fantasy." – *Booklist*



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Paranormal rom-com



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Previous foreign publishers: Poland (Kobiece), **Russia** (MTS)

- Sold in a pre-empt, in a three-book, six-figure deal

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

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

Primary agent:
Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary

Material: Available

WHILE YOU WERE SEETHING

by Charlotte Stein

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

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

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

Or so they're telling themselves.

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

Also by Charlotte Stein



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



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

Primary agent:
Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary

Material: Available

APPARENTLY, SIR CAMERON NEEDS TO DIE

by Greer Stothers

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

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

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

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

Even if it might get you killed, too.

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

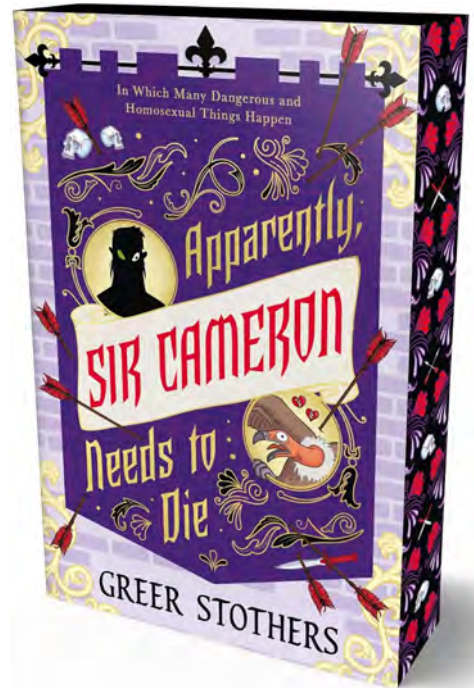
"Come for the silliness, stay for the twists." – **Caitlin Rozakis**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dreadful* and *The Grimoire Grammar School*

"When times are hard, comedy feeds the soul. I promise this book will make you laugh. The only way it could be improved is with more man-on-vulture action. Five stars." – **Alexandra Rowland**, author of *Running Close to the Wind*



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M/M romantasy



Titan Books

February 2026

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- Titan is doing a deluxe edition with stenciled edges and gold foil
- Award-winning author

Primary agent:

Ben Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary

Material: Available

WILD RUSSIAN STORM: Vancouver Mafia Romance book 3 by Odette Stone

The storm closing in on them becomes a fight for survival, trust, and the one fragile love neither ever expected....

When my controlling Bratva uncle planned to marry me off to a man with no mercy, I learned fast that some traps can't be escaped. My one desperate lie forced me into a life I didn't choose. One that tied me to a man everyone told me couldn't be trusted.

I'd hoped that returning to Vancouver would be the fresh start that would save me. But I was wrong. Axel tried his best to shield me from his brutal, dangerous world. But despite his best efforts, its shadows reached for me.

But the storm rolling toward us isn't what shakes me. He is. And how I keep hoping he'll let me in.

A lie bound us together.
Will the truth tear us apart?

Her expression was shy while she laid it on thick. "I know you said we shouldn't tell anyone, but I can't marry Sergei and move to Canada without you."

This girl was going to get me murdered. I was surprised that Grisha hadn't already put a bullet in my head.

Also in the series



"[A]n action-packed mafia romance that delivers a sweet and satisfying ending....This..was..INCREDIBLE! Literally every thing I hoped it would be and more it's positively amazing!"
– @bookoholic88 on IG

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Dark mafia romance



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- Hit top 10 in Mafia Romance, Amazon
- Final book in the series
- More than 500 million KU pages read across the series
- Author has ranked in the top 50 of all Amazon authors
- Listen to our short podcast about *Wild Russian Storm* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:
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Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

SEE YOU AT THE SUMMIT

by Jordyn Taylor

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

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

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

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

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

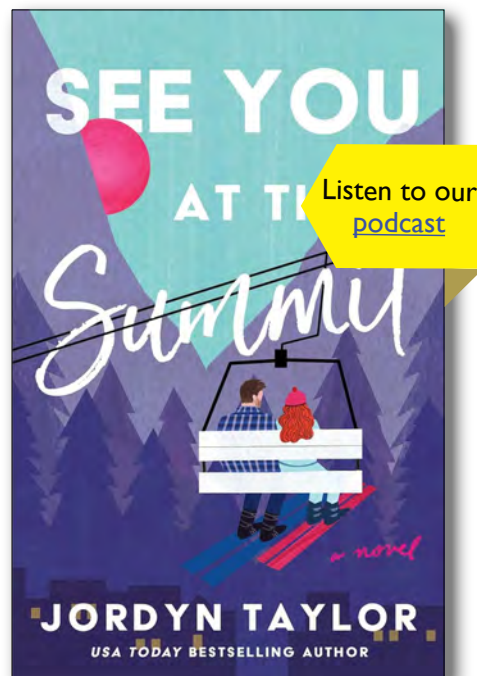
"A steamy and sweet ode to bisexual chaos and the complexity of the queer experience—*See You at the Summit* stole my heart! Humor, heat and hope radiates from the pages. Taylor's whip-smart prose wraps you up in a rainbow blanket and makes you believe love will win in the end!"
— **Rebekah Faubion,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

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



Jordyn Taylor is the award-winning author of the young adult novels *The Paper Girl of Paris*, *Don't Breathe a Word*, *The Revenge Game*, *The Rebel Girls of Rome*, and *Wicked Darlings*. Formerly Executive Digital Editor at *Men's Health* magazine, she is also an adjunct professor of journalism at New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. Jordyn was born and raised in Toronto, Canada, and now lives in Queens, New York. www.jordynhtaylor.com

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Gallery Books

January 2026

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- Author's adult debut
- Sold on pre-empt
- Listen to our short podcast about *See You at the Summit* [HERE](#)
- *USA Today* bestselling author

Primary agent:

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Mad Woman Literary Agency

Material: Available

IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY

by Alicia Thompson

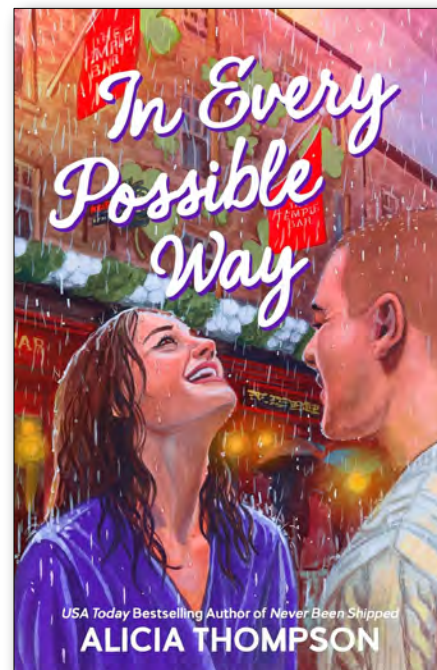
One woman's luck changes in an instant when she hits her head and wakes up in Ireland, in this whimsical, whirlwind romance

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

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

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

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



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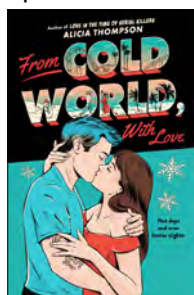
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Also by Alicia Thompson



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



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

- Multi-time *USA Today* bestselling author
- **Previous book, *Never Been Shipped*:**
 - An instant *USA Today* bestseller
 - One of Amazon's Best Romances of June 2025
- **Previous book, *The Art of Catching Feelings*:**
 - An instant *USA Today* bestseller
 - One of Amazon's Best Romances of June 2024
 - A Barnes & Noble Best Book of the Year So Far
- **Previous book, *With Love, From Cold World*:**
 - An instant *USA Today* bestseller
 - One of Amazon's Best Romances of August 2023
 - A *New York Times* Best Romance of the Year
 - One of the New York Public Library's Best Books of 2023

Primary agent:
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Material: Available

STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED

by Kasie West

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

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

What the hell is Sutton doing?

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

Also by Kasie West



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

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

— **Library Journal, starred review**



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

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- Listen to our short podcast about *Stranger Things Have Happened* [HERE](#)
- **Author's previous book, *We Met Like This*:**
 - Starred reviews, *Kirkus* and *Library Journal*
 - Amazon Editor's Pick Best Romance
 - Apple Books best of September 2025
 - Listen to our short podcast about *We Met Like This* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:
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Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

THE FOX AND THE DEVIL

by Kiersten White

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

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

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

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

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

A heart that beats for Anneke alone.

"Decadently dark gothic romance...." – **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"An excellent read." – **Library Journal**, starred review



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

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Dark romantasy



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- Lead title
- Del Rey is doing a deluxe edition
- *Book Riot*, Most Anticipated Books of 2026
- *The Nerd Daily*, Fantasy & Sci-Fi Book Releases To Devour In 2026
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- #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

Primary agent:
Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available



SEX, TEXTS, AND SWEATER VESTS

by Elia Winters

In this *Scarlet Pimpernel* retelling a journalist and her botanist roommate navigate a friendship by day and a secret online kink romance by night—unaware of each others’ identities. For fans of Katee Robert and Tessa Bailey, who enjoy some kink in their geeky romance

Maggie St. Claire has a pretty good life. Sure, she’s stringing together freelance writing and editing jobs, but that’s what’s necessary to support her sister Cora ever since their parents died. And yes, she still lives with a roommate, but she doesn’t mind sharing a Boston condo with nerdy Blake and his houseplant obsession. But when a federal investigation into her parents’ estate threatens her financial stability and her sister’s fledgling career, she must do the unthinkable: partner with slimy media mogul Arnold Chauvel, who wants her to write a hit piece about the mysterious online kinkster known only as the Scarlet Pimpernel. She isn’t expecting her research to unlock a new realm of unexplored desires.

Blake Peabody isn’t the kind of guy people would expect to be kinky, not with his sweater vests and botany degree, but he’s been living a double life. Writing erotica as the Scarlet Pimpernel is a perfect way to channel his impulses while protecting his squeaky-clean professional image. When the enigmatic Rose contacts him for some sexy online play, though, their chats quickly escalate to deeper intimacy and the tantalizing promise of more.

By day, Blake and Maggie navigate their roommate dynamic and blossoming friendship; by night, The Pimpernel and Rose delve into dominance and submission, unaware of each other’s real identity. When Chauvel escalates his attempts to unmask the Pimpernel, they must confront the nature of their relationship and whether the possibility of true love is worth the risk of being truly known.



RITA Award-winning author Elia Winters writes geeky, kinky, cozy erotic romance. She is a fat, tattooed, polyamorous bisexual who loves petting cats and fighting the patriarchy. Elia holds a Master’s degree in English Literature and teaches at a small rural high school in western Massachusetts, where she also runs the drama club. She balances her love of words with a love of baking, crafting, and a bottomless

well of geekiness; in her spare time, she is equally likely to be found playing tabletop games, kneading bread, cross-stitching, or binge-watching *Ted Lasso*. <https://eliawinters.com>

Spicy romance

Severn House
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Andrea Brown Literary Agency

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LEVEL UP FOR LOVE

by Lenora Woods

Forced together for a new D&D campaign, sparks fly as two former college rivals clash—both in and out of the game—in this blend of contemporary second-chance romance and fantasy from the author of *Roll for Romance*

In college, Reagan Riley and Wesley Locke were constantly at each other's throats, competing to be the best in their video game design program, until their unexpected hookup and Wesley's sudden disappearance following it severed their ties for good.

Six years later, Reagan has set aside her game design dreams, opting instead to stay close to her family in Connecticut and channeling her creative energy into D&D. When her longstanding group falls apart, she and her sister join their local game store's new, advanced campaign—only to find the demanding Dungeon Master at the helm is none other than Wesley. In the game, he is Vadrien, a merciless, power-hungry vampire lord, and Reagan is Sindra, the sword-wielding lady knight who will stop at nothing to cut him down.

When a game design opportunity opens up in the real world, Reagan and Wesley find themselves doubly pitted against each other. But as their buried spark reignites and Reagan starts to question why Wesley left all those years ago, can they find a way to play nice—and are they playing for more than just to win?

Contemporary rom-com

Dell

September 2026

Trade paperback

101k words

Rights available: Translation

Foreign sales:

British (Arcadia/Hachette)

• **Author's previous book, *Roll for Romance*:**

– *Paste Magazine*, Most Anticipated Romance Books of 2025

– Starred reviews, *Kirkus* and *Library Journal*

Primary agent:

Rose Ferrao

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Material: Available

Also Lenora Woods



"Woods's debut is an extended love letter to D&D and the perfect entry point for readers with only a cursory knowledge of the iconic fantasy game, allowing them to understand the beats of playing through a campaign. This cozy D&D-infused romance doubles as a swoony summer rom-com." – *Kirkus*, **starred review**



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