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Book Club Fiction

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The Cut of the Moon

Cynthia Ellingsen

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

A startling mystery and a longing for love link two women, a century apart, in a haunting novel about family secrets by the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Lost Letters of Aisling*.

Jewelry designer Lindsey McKenna is thrilled to be working at an antique exhibit at a local landmark that has been her obsession: the Wind Thorne estate. During the 1920s, it roared. Until an unsolved murder shadowed its legacy. Today, restored as a museum, Wind Thorne draws crowds of visitors to upstate New York. When one of them approaches Lindsey with an old diary, Lindsey is drawn deeper into Wind Thorne's storied past.

It's 1925 when young Ruby Thornhill steals her beloved sister's engagement ring—a naive but heartfelt attempt to stall her upcoming wedding, which Ruby fears will tear the siblings apart. What the theft triggers thrusts Ruby into danger, and with it comes the realization that Wind Thorne is home to potentially inescapable secrets.

Aided by a charming gemologist, Lindsey gradually uncovers Wind Thorne's history—and to her surprise, her own history as well. Now two young women, nearly a century apart, are righting the wrongs of their family and putting the past, and all its heartbreaking mysteries, to rest.

About the Author

Cynthia Ellingsen is the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Lighthouse Keeper*, *The Winemaker's Secret*, *A Bittersweet Surprise*, and *A Play for Revenge* in the Starlight Cove series as well as several standalone novels, including *The Lost Letters of Aisling*, *Marriage Matters*, and *When We Were Sisters*. She is a Michigan native and currently lives in Lexington, Kentucky, with her family and two Siamese cats. For more information visit www.cynthiaellingsen.com.

Key Selling Points

DUAL TIMELINE MYSTERY WITH ROMANTIC INTRIGUE: Two women connected across a century by a stolen engagement ring and the dark secrets of Wind Thorne estate. Jewelry designer Lindsey McKenna investigates an unsolved 1920s murder while Ruby Thornhill's impulsive theft triggers dangerous consequences that echo through generations.

ATMOSPHERIC 1920S SETTING WITH GOTHIC UNDERTONES: Set against the roaring twenties at the Wind Thorne estate in upstate New York, capturing Jazz Age glamour and danger. The estate—once a symbol of wealth, now a museum haunted by unsolved murder—provides richly atmospheric gothic intrigue.

PROVEN BESTSELLING AUTHOR: Cynthia Ellingsen is the Amazon Charts bestselling author of multiple novels including *The Lighthouse Keeper*, *The Winemaker's Secret*, and *The Lost Letters of Aisling*. Her books consistently resonate with readers who love emotional, atmospheric fiction with strong sense of place.



Book Club Fiction

IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662529399
Tropes	DualTimeline #HistoricalMystery #UnsolvedMurder #FamilySecrets #SisterhoodBonds #1920sGlamour #JewelryMystery #GothicAtmosphere #EstateSecrets #GenerationalConnections

Rights Available

All Languages

Rights Sold

Estonian and Ukrainian

Other Titles by Author

The Lost Letters of Aisling
A Play for Revenge

So Very Lucky

Caitlin Devlin

MARCH 1, 2026

You knew her. You loved her. Then she vanished...

When celebrated singer Calista plunges to her death during a concert in Rio, her former girlfriend Stevie is watching, along with the rest of the world. But while millions of fans mourn, Stevie can't shake the feeling that something isn't right.

Then Calista returns—alive, a little changed, but wanting Stevie back in her life for the first time in years. At first, seeing her again feels like a miracle. But as Stevie is drawn deeper into Calista's world of smoke and mirrors, she begins to question everything: Calista's overprotective team, the gaps in her memory and the clues that don't add up about what really happened the night she fell.

As she gets closer to the truth, Stevie is also falling for Calista all over again. Stevie must decide: is uncovering the truth worth losing the person she loves twice?

Perfect for fans of *Luckiest Girl Alive* and Taylor Jenkins Reid, *So Very Lucky* asks: how well do we ever really know the people we love? An incredibly suspenseful novel, packed with secrets, that will stay with you long after you finish reading.

About the Author

Caitlin Devlin studied English and Creative Writing at Warwick University before graduating to work in music and theatre journalism. As a teenager, she started writing novels as Christmas presents for her younger sister and brother. Her work has been recognised by competitions such as the IGGY & Litro Young Writers' Prize, the Flash 500 Short Stories competition and the Exeter Writers Short Story Competition. She is also a performed playwright. Her debut adult novel, *The Real Deal*, was published by Lake Union in 2024.

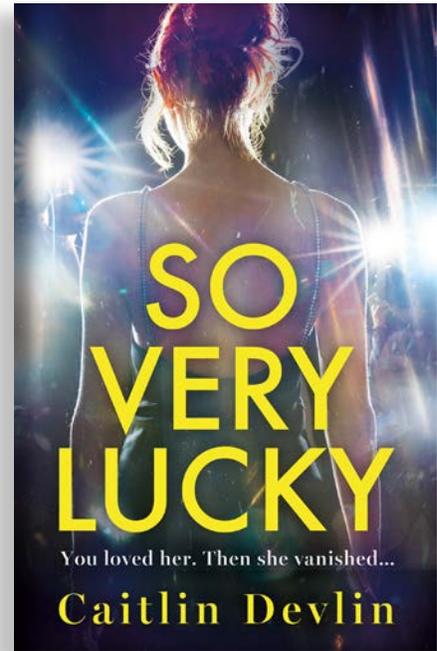
Follow Caitlin on TikTok at @catmdevlin.

Key Selling Points

RIISING TALENT WITH PROVEN DEBUT SUCCESS: Caitlin Devlin's debut adult novel, *The Real Deal*, was published by Lake Union in 2024. Her work has been recognized by prestigious competitions including the IGGY & Litro Young Writers' Prize and the Exeter Writers Short Story Competition.

SAPPHIC ROMANCE MEETS PSYCHOLOGICAL SUSPENSE: This novel combines LGBTQ+ representation with a gripping mystery. The second-chance romance between Stevie and Calista adds emotional depth to the suspenseful investigation of what really happened the night of Calista's "death."

CELEBRITY CULTURE AND IDENTITY EXPLORATION: Set against the glamorous backdrop of the music industry, the novel explores themes of fame, manipulation, and constructed personas. The question of whether Calista is the same person who "died" creates compelling tension about identity and authenticity.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662536168
Tropes	#SapphicRomance #SecondChance #CelebrityMystery #PsychologicalSuspense #LGBTQFiction #MusicIndustry #IdentityMystery
Socials	Tik Tok: 660K

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The Water Women

Bonnie Blaylock

MARCH 1, 2026

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

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

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

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

About the Author

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

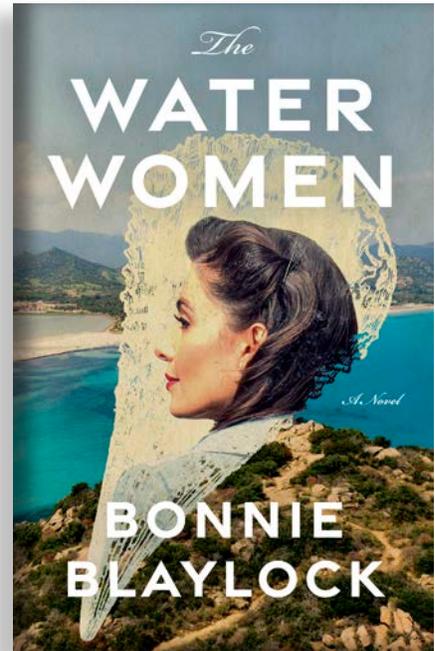
Key Selling Points

UNIQUE HISTORICAL SETTING: Brings to life the little-known tradition of sea silk harvesting in Sardinia, offering readers an immersive journey to a richly described Mediterranean island and a rare glimpse into an ancient craft practiced by women for centuries.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY SAGA: Three generations of Sardinian women navigate the complexities of tradition, secrecy, and love, creating an emotionally resonant story that explores how family legacies both bind and liberate.

STRONG CRITICAL PRAISE: Endorsed by bestselling authors Joy Jordan-Lake (*Echoes of Us*) and Mark Sullivan (*Beneath a Scarlet Sky*), who praise Blaylock's vivid imagination and enchanting storytelling.

PROVEN AUTHOR: Blaylock's debut *Light to the Hills* won the prestigious Porch Prize for fiction, establishing her as a compelling voice in historical women's fiction with a gift for bringing forgotten histories to life.



Book Club Fiction

IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662535666
Tropes	Multi-generational family saga, Mother-daughter relationships, Historical fiction, Mediterranean/coastal setting, Family secrets and tradition, Cultural heritage, Strong female protagonists, Sisterhood

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Other Titles by Author

Light to the Hills

The Lacemaker's Fortune

Andrea Catalano

MARCH 31, 2026

In the 1870s, the fate of an immigrant desperate to escape the factories of New York City collides with the ambitions and passion of two men in an enthralling and darkly sensual novel by the author of *The First Witch of Boston*.

New York City, 1879. Eileen Maguire is a factory lacemaker limited by her humble circumstances and dreaming of a better life. Lawrence Barnard is the sole heir of one of Manhattan's wealthiest families, but his means keep him confined by the expectations of society. When their paths cross one fateful winter night, Eileen and Lawrence become caught under the spell of the charismatic and enterprising Stanley Jones, who extolls the boundless opportunities awaiting in the West. The millinery shop Eileen dreams of owning with her sister is possible, as is the freedom to make his own choices that Lawrence so craves.

What begins as an idealistic journey westward quickly becomes something unexpected and sinister once the group lands in Leadville, Colorado, a wild silver mining boomtown high in the Rocky Mountains. A love triangle emerges, pitting promises and passion against betrayals and lies. With their starry-eyed intentions gone terribly awry and forbidden desires threatening to undo them, it will take heartbreak and a shocking secret to shake Eileen and Lawrence out of their blinded stupors and remind them that their fortunes are entirely in their own hands. Set against the backdrop of the Gilded Age, this is a dark tale of dangerous, suspenseful seduction.

About the Author

Andrea Catalano is the author of the Amazon bestseller *The First Witch of Boston*, which was a 2025 Goodreads Choice Awards Best Historical Fiction Nominee. A historical novelist, Andrea holds a master of philosophy in historical studies degree from University of Cambridge, UK. Originally from the Boston area, she currently lives in Texas, with her husband, children, two fluffy cats, and many, many books. Find her online at www.andreacatalanoauthor.com.

Key Selling Points

GILDED AGE SETTING WITH AUTHENTIC HISTORICAL DETAIL:

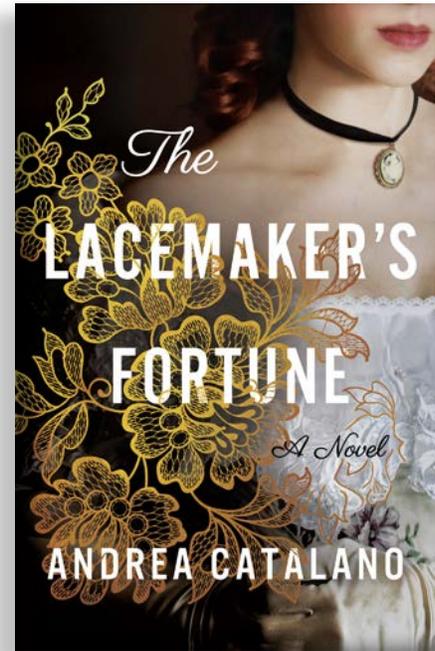
Set against the backdrop of 1870s New York City and the wild silver mining boomtown of Leadville, Colorado, this novel captures the stark contrasts of the era—from the brutal factory conditions of immigrant workers to the glittering wealth of Manhattan's elite to the lawless frontier of the Rocky Mountains. The historical authenticity and vivid sense of place will appeal to readers of Paula McLain and Paulette Jiles.

DARK, SUSPENSEFUL LOVE TRIANGLE WITH DANGEROUS SEDUCTION:

What begins as an idealistic journey westward quickly transforms into a sinister tale of manipulation and betrayal. The charismatic Stanley Jones lures both protagonists with promises of freedom and opportunity, but his true intentions create a volatile love triangle where passion, lies, and forbidden desires threaten to destroy them all. This psychological tension elevates the novel beyond traditional historical romance into darker, more suspenseful territory.

DUAL PROTAGONIST NARRATIVE EXPLORING CLASS AND GENDER CONSTRAINTS:

The parallel journeys of factory worker Eileen Maguire and wealthy heir Lawrence Barnard offer compelling perspectives on the limitations imposed by both poverty and privilege in the 1870s. Their struggles to break free from societal expectations—Eileen from her humble circumstances, Lawrence from his family's rigid demands—create a powerful narrative about self-determination and the courage required to forge one's own path.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662526015
Tropes	#GildedAge / #HistoricalFiction / #LoveTriangle / #DangerousSeduction / #ImmigrantStory / #WildWest / #LeadvilleColorado / #ClassDivide / #ForbiddenDesire / #DarkRomance / #BetrayalAndLies / #SelfDetermination / #1870sAmerica / #SilverMining / #FactoryLife

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All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The First Witch of Boston

Girls Our Age

Phoebe Thompson

MAY 5, 2026

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

Lily, Ana, and Margot have been best friends ever since Hawthorne Res Life assigned them as roommates during their first year of college.

Ten years later and Lily is planning her wedding to the endlessly supportive and entirely symmetrical Jack. Ana is a fourth-grade teacher at the prestigious Horizon Academy, alma mater of her long-term boyfriend, who's finally asked her to move in. Margot is about to land a life-changing promotion at ad agency McQueen O'Doul.

It all looks good from here.

But when the three friends converge on Maine for the wedding, the real challenges they've been able to keep from each other begin to surface. It's finally time to open up about the very private struggles they've hidden for too long and the risks they've taken to protect themselves, and those they love, from the truth.

About the Author

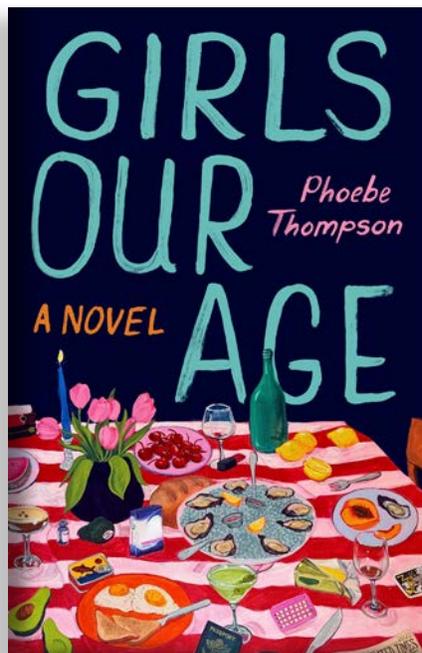
Phoebe Thompson writes about female friendship, mothers and daughters, and money. She studied English literature at Bowdoin College, got her MFA in fiction at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and runs a marketing agency in Brooklyn, New York. For more information, follow her at @phoebethompsonwrites or visit www.phoebethompsonwrites.com.

Key Selling Points

AUTHENTIC PORTRAYAL OF MILLENNIAL WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES: The novel captures the gap between social media perfection and messy reality as three women navigate career pressures, relationship challenges, and identity questions in their late twenties. This honest depiction of modern female friendship will resonate with readers who loved *Big Friendship* by Aminatou Sow and Ann Friedman.

MULTI-PERSPECTIVE NARRATIVE WITH EMOTIONAL DEPTH: Each protagonist gets her own voice and storyline—Lily planning her picture-perfect wedding, Ana teaching at a prestigious academy while questioning her relationship, and Margot chasing a career-defining promotion. The interwoven perspectives create a rich, layered story about the different paths women take and the bonds that hold them together.

TIMELY THEMES ABOUT AUTHENTICITY AND VULNERABILITY: The novel explores how women hide their struggles to protect themselves and others, and the liberation that comes from finally being honest. These themes of authenticity, mental health, and the courage to be vulnerable will appeal to contemporary readers seeking meaningful, relatable fiction.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662534324
Tropes	#FemaleFriendship #ComingOfAge #HiddenSecrets #QuarterLifeCrisis #FoundFamily #ReunionStory #MultiplePOV #WeddingSetting

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All Languages

Off the Record

Sara Goodman Confino

JUNE 9, 2026

An aspiring newspaper reporter comes across a mystery that threatens to turn the Cold War hot in a funny, thrilling, and strictly undercover romantic comedy by the bestselling author of *Don't Forget to Write*.

In 1962, opportunities are typically few for nice Jewish girls clacking away at ninety words per minute in a newspaper typing pool. Except Judy Greenberg isn't typical. An aspiring reporter in DC, she's aiming for journalistic greatness—not finding a husband. Just don't tell her mother.

Then one day she answers her boss's private line. The message is curiously cryptic. It's also delivered in a Russian accent. Judy is certain she has stumbled upon a scoop. Charming reporter Jack Fields isn't one to dismiss Judy's instincts. Perfect. A seasoned ally she can trust, not to mention pass off as a pretend boyfriend around her relieved parents. Together, they're following the leads—from a clandestine hotel bar to the dressing room of a slinky Cuban nightclub singer to an exhilarating underground of secrets and spies stretching from Moscow to Havana to Texas.

Now Judy must choose between the safe life expected of her or one hell of a dangerous story that could make her career. She might even fall in love for real. If her ambitions don't get her killed.

About the Author

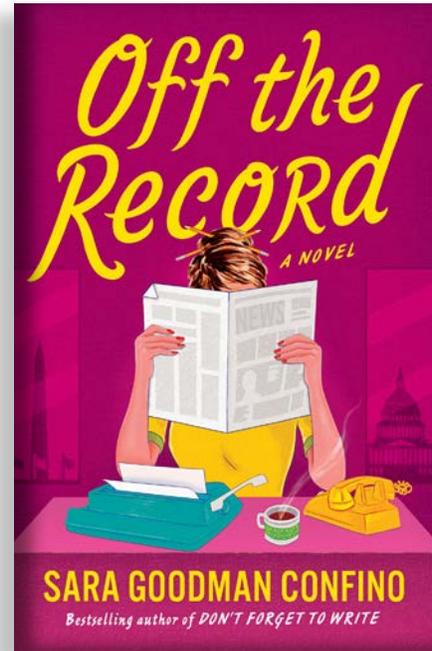
Sara Goodman Confino is the bestselling author of six novels: *Don't Forget to Write*, *Good Grief*, *Behind Every Good Man*, *She's Up to No Good*, *For the Love of Friends*, and *Off the Record*. After spending more years than she's willing to publicly admit teaching high school English and journalism, she is currently writing full-time and trying to make a living off the crazy stories in her head. She lives in Montgomery County, Maryland, with her husband, two sons, two miniature schnauzers, and a goldfish that seems to be vying for the world record of longest-living fish. When she's not writing or frantically parenting, she can be found on the Peloton, at the beach, or at a Bruce Springsteen concert, sometimes even dancing onstage.

Key Selling Points

BESTSELLING AUTHOR WITH PROVEN TRACK RECORD: Sara Goodman Confino has published six novels and built a dedicated readership with her signature blend of humor, heart, and historical detail. Her previous works have resonated with fans of smart, funny female protagonists navigating complex situations with wit and determination.

HIGH-CONCEPT PREMISE BLENDING MULTIPLE GENRES: This novel masterfully combines Cold War espionage thriller, romantic comedy, and feminist coming-of-age story. The 1962 setting—complete with Russian spies, Cuban nightclub singers, and clandestine hotel bars—creates an atmospheric backdrop for Judy's journey from typing pool to investigative journalism, appealing to readers across multiple genres.

TIMELY THEMES ABOUT WOMEN BREAKING BARRIERS: Judy Greenberg embodies the struggle of ambitious women in the early 1960s who refused to accept limited roles. Her determination to pursue journalism over marriage, combined with the fake-boyfriend subplot and genuine partnership with Jack Fields, creates a compelling narrative about women choosing their own paths and the allies who support them.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662537554
Tropes	#FakeDating #WorkplaceRomance #ColdWarEspionage #JournalistProtagonist #UnderdogHeroine #SlowBurn #HistoricalMystery #1960s

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Good Grief
Behind Every Good Man

Late in the Day

Imogen Clark

JUNE 16, 2026

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

When Harriet Carmichael leaves her husband, she is determined to begin again: new home, new life, a chance to live on her own terms. A life drawing class seems harmless enough, until she finds herself drawn to Mac, the charming but elusive model.

Her adult children disapprove of her every move, and when Mac—significantly younger and apparently homeless—moves in with her, their suspicions reach fever pitch. Yet there is an undeniable spark between Harriet and Mac, one that makes Harriet question what she truly wants from this new chapter. While her family is convinced she's being manipulated by a conman, Harriet longs to believe in his genuine affection. But she has secrets of her own, shaped by experiences she has never dared to share.

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

About the Author

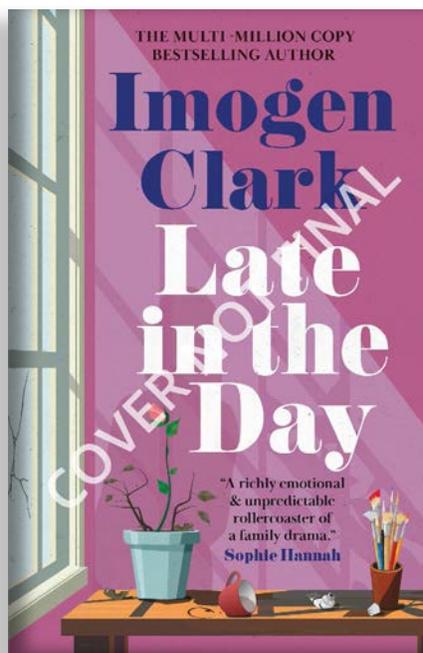
Imogen Clark writes contemporary book club fiction about families, secrets and the choices that shape us. Her novels have topped the Amazon Kindle charts eight times and are now translated into ten languages, reaching readers all over the world. Originally a lawyer, Imogen left her legal career to raise her four children before returning to her first love—books. She studied English Literature part-time at university and soon began writing stories of her own. When she's not writing, Imogen is usually planning her next adventure. A passionate traveller, she finds inspiration for her novels everywhere from Yorkshire, where she lives with her husband, to the far corners of the globe. You can connect with Imogen at www.imogenclark.com, where you can also sign up for her monthly newsletter. She is active on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok as Imogen Clark Author.

Key Selling Points

MULTIMILLION-COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR: Imogen Clark's novels have topped the Amazon Kindle charts eight times and are translated into ten languages, demonstrating proven commercial appeal and a loyal global readership eager for her signature blend of emotional depth and family drama.

UNCONVENTIONAL LOVE STORY WITH EMOTIONAL COMPLEXITY: This age-gap romance between a woman starting over and a younger, mysterious man defies expectations while exploring mature themes of authenticity, judgment, and whether it's ever too late to reveal your true self—offering readers a nuanced, thought-provoking take on second chances.

TIMELY THEMES OF MIDLIFE REINVENTION: Harriet's journey of leaving her marriage and rebuilding her life on her own terms will resonate deeply with readers navigating their own transitions, while the conflict with her adult children adds layers of relatable family tension that book clubs will love to discuss.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662537028
Tropes	Second chance, new beginnings, midlife reinvention, age-gap romance, younger man/older woman, self-discovery, heart vs. judgment, living authentically, starting over after marriage, found family

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

In Another Life
A Borrowed Path

Philippa Flynn's Year of Panic and Piracy

Jacqueline Firkins

JULY 7, 2026

An introverted history professor and a former romance cover model collaborate on a life-changing endeavor in a witty and swoon-worthy novel about new beginnings in unexpected waters.

When a sinkhole nearly swallows her whole, burned-out history professor Philippa Flynn takes it as a wake-up call. Leaving her carefully planned but unfulfilling life behind, she moves into an old seaside house she inherited from her grandmother, a bestselling author of swashbuckling romances. Philippa expects the clutter, disrepair, proximity to the family she deliberately moved away from, and reclusive writer she'll be sharing the house with. She doesn't expect that writer to also be the cover model who personified Iris Flynn's bare-chested, cavalier-booted pirate king.

While navigating their awkward cohabitation and searching for creative inspiration, the pair discovers the outlines for six more novels they could work on together. But Philippa's used to facts, Dylan has writer's block, and neither can craft a love scene while real sparks are flying.

To write the story on the page, Philippa will have to embrace the one she's living, even if it means swapping tenure for treasure maps and plans for pirate kings.

About the Author

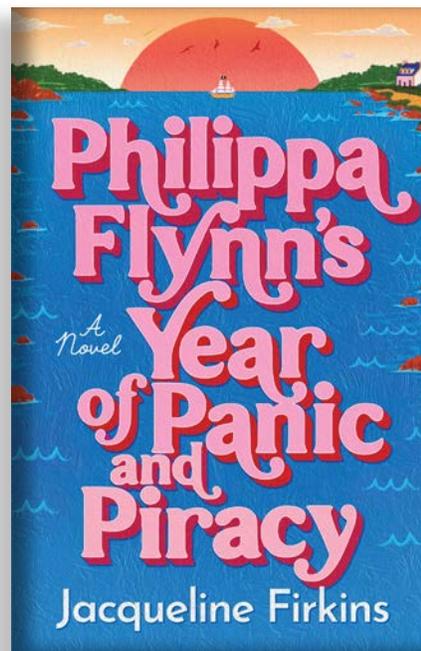
Jacqueline Firkins is the author of six novels, including *The Predictable Heartbreaks of Imogen Finch*, *How Not to Fall in Love*, and *Marlowe Banks, Redesigned*. A costume designer and lover of beautiful things, Jacqueline is on the full-time faculty in the Department of Theatre & Film at the University of British Columbia where she teaches character design, world-building, and period costume construction courses. When not obsessing about where to put the buttons or the commas, she can be found running by the ocean, eating excessive amounts of gluten, listening to earnest love songs, and pretending her dog understands every word she says. For more information, visit www.jacquelinefirkins.com.

Key Selling Points

MULTI-GENERATIONAL WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIPS: Philippa has only ever felt seen by her grandmother, and she finally faces the grief of her passing by embracing her grandmother's whimsical legacy, and letting go of expectation.

PIRATE HOOK: The protagonist's grandmother was best known for her pirate romance series, and filled her coastal Maine home with pirate paraphernalia—in addition to owning a real historic sailing ship. As Phil and Dylan pick up her legacy together, Phil embraces a pirate-like boldness and sense of adventure, without a plan, toward a new horizon.

CROSS-GENRE PLATFORM WITH ROOM TO GROW: Jacqueline gained an audience primarily in romance, but launching her in women's fiction suits her deeper emotional explorations and trope-busting instincts.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662539336
Tropes	Pirates, slow burn romance, fresh start, bookish romance, forced proximity

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All Languages

Salt Sisters

Lindsey J. Palmer

JULY 21, 2026

Against the stunning backdrop of Cape Cod, two sisters reunite and confront their painful past in a powerful novel about family expectations and life's unforeseen turns.

Twin sisters Jocelyn and Maddy Marx grew up in a tight-knit family on Cape Cod, but they couldn't be more different. Jocelyn, laid-back and dreamy, still lives in their hometown as a Realtor. Maddy, intense and ambitious, left for New York after college and never looked back. Until the summer they turn thirty-one.

After a dramatic fall from grace in her career, a pregnant Maddy returns to the Cape with her husband and announces she's back for good. For Jocelyn, it's less a reconciliation than a reminder of a life that was ripped away from her and the deep grief she's carried ever since. Back in each other's orbit, the sisters reopen old wounds and are forced to confront what it will take to heal.

Salt Sisters is a moving exploration of sisterhood and motherhood, and the courage it takes to face the past, forgive, and finally let go.

About the Author

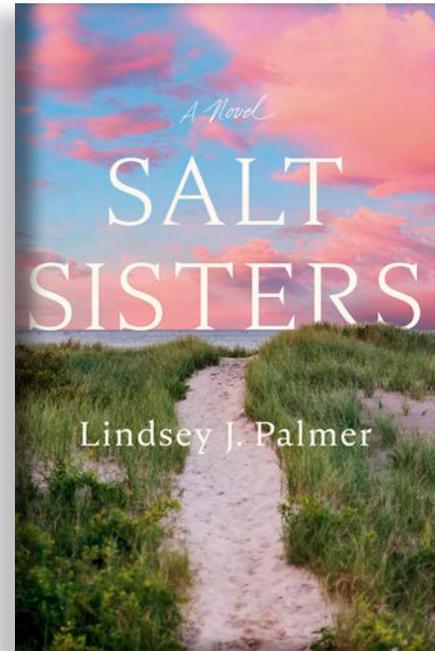
Lindsey J. Palmer is the author of four novels, *Reservations for Six*, *Otherwise Engaged*, *If We Lived Here*, and *Pretty in Ink*. She is the deputy editor of BrainPOP, an animated education site for kids. Previously, she was an editor at *SELF*, *Redbook*, and *Glamour*, and taught high school English. She holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's in English education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Lindsey lives on Cape Cod with her family. For more information, visit www.lindseyjpalmer.com.

Key Selling Points

COMPLEX FAMILY/SIBLING/SISTER DYNAMICS: The novel centers on two women who have every reason to lead identical lives as twins, and yet, have always been at odds. This book explores the ways we wound and repair as only siblings can.

FEMALE PROTAGONISTS NAVIGATING MENTAL HEALTH AND MOTHERHOOD: Each sister navigates her own mental health struggles in closed orbit, with proximity crashing them together. Maddie struggles with infertility and ultimately a traumatic pregnancy/birth, followed by the insurmountable fog of postpartum depression. Jocelyn was a young mother, but now grieving her lost daughter, PTSD triggers her worst moments as her sister lives the life she'd yearned for.

ATMOSPHERIC AND ASPIRATIONAL SETTING: Set on Cape Cod where the author resides, the crisp salty breeze and sunrises on the idyllic beach dunes are an evocative and emotional echo to the sisters' turmoil and reconciliation.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662540257
Tropes	Sisterhood, twins, motherhood, postpartum depression

Rights Available

All Languages

The Way Home

Amanda Prowse

JULY 28, 2026

From the multimillion-copy bestselling author of *Waiting to Begin* and *Ever After* comes an evocative, tender story about belonging, community, and the relationships that hold us together.

What if a stranger threatened to take away a lifetime of cherished memories?

Lilly-Bob loves her home by the River Thames in the heart of London. Throughout her childhood, it echoed with music and her father's love, and for seventy years it's been her sanctuary through a life well lived. These days, the familiar walls and treasured memories keep loneliness at bay.

But for months she's been ignoring letters from a building developer, and now a compulsory purchase scheme threatens to take her home by force. Seventeen-year-old Lilly-Bob didn't fear change, but present-day Lilly refuses to let go.

As the pressure builds, Lilly feels increasingly alone. But as her neighbours rally together, she finds herself drawn into the fold—making new friends, finding purpose, and glimpsing the possibility of something new.

Torn between the comfort of the past and the call of progress, Lilly-Bob must decide: is home made of bricks and mortar, or is it a place inside ourselves?

About the Author

Amanda Prowse is a multimillion-copy bestselling author who has published more than thirty novels and is one of the most prolific writers of contemporary fiction in the UK today.

Crowned 'the queen of family drama' by the *Daily Mail*, she writes about life's challenges—from heartbreak and loss to dysfunctional family dynamics—but also about the pockets of delight that can be found in our relationships with others, often when we need them most.

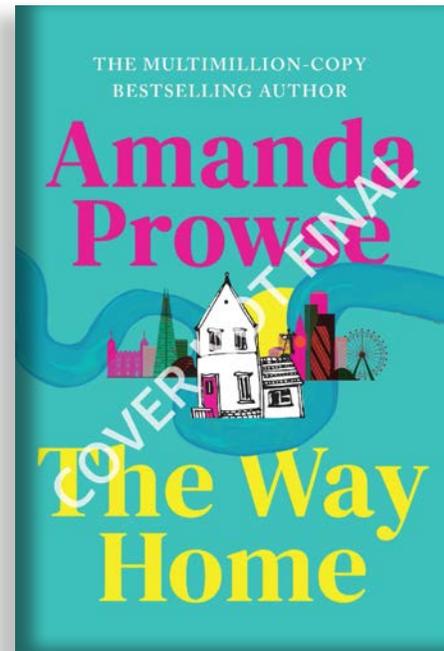
Amanda is known for her relatable characters, emotionally compelling plots, and the sense of connection that readers feel with her stories.

She is an ambassador for The Reading Agency and feels passionately about supporting other women, spending as much time as possible outdoors (preferably by the sea!), and her family.

Key Selling Points

RELATABLE CONTEMPORARY STORY: Features authentic characters navigating modern challenges with emotional depth and humor.

PROVEN AUTHOR: Amanda Prowse has 3M readers reached, demonstrating strong reader loyalty and commercial viability, a top author for APub UK.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662515248
Tropes	mother daughter relationship, London setting, coming of age, multigenerational saga, found family, second chance romance, art and artists, childhood trauma, single motherhood, lifelong friendship, forced relocation, 1970s Britain, emotional journey, women's fiction
Socials	10k on IG, 6.5k on Facebook, 1.5k on TikTok

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Life As Planned
Ever After

The Castle in the Glen

Rhys Bowen

AUGUST 4, 2026

A ghostwriter plunges into danger as she unravels the dark secrets of a powerful Scottish family in a thrilling novel of romance and mystery by the bestselling author of *Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure*.

Australian writer Emma Callander has been recruited to complete the final historical mystery in a series by celebrated author Iris Blackburn. It's 1964, and Iris's memory is fading. She's certain that only Emma can do justice to her novel about a murder on the Isle of Skye. When Emma ventures to Scotland for research, she discovers it isn't fiction at all, but rather a true crime unsolved for more than fifty years.

It was 1904 when a couple's suspicious drowning led to the disappearance of a mysterious young woman the locals called the Wild Girl. To this day the mystery is unforgettable, especially among the descendants of an aristocratic family who'll do anything to keep their secrets buried. From the misty Highlands to a medieval castle, Emma and Tony Gordon, Iris's handsome lawyer, work ever more closely to uncover them.

But while Iris may be known for her fiendishly clever twists, there's one not even Emma could have seen coming.

About the Author

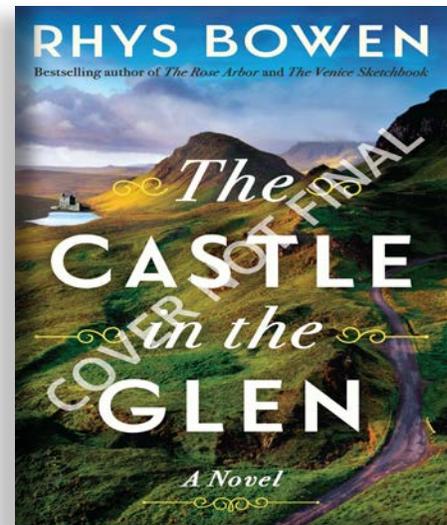
Rhys Bowen is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than sixty novels, including *Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure*, *The Rose Arbor*, *The Paris Assignment*, *Where the Sky Begins*, *The Venice Sketchbook*, *Above the Bay of Angels*, *The Victory Garden*, *The Tuscan Child*, and *In Farleigh Field*, the winner of the Lefty Award for Best Historical Mystery Novel and the Agatha Award for Best Historical Novel. Bowen's work has won sixteen honors to date, including multiple Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity Awards. Her books have been translated into many languages, and she has fans around the world, including more than seventy thousand Facebook followers. A transplanted Brit, Bowen divides her time between California and Arizona. For more information, visit www.rhysbowen.com.

Key Selling Points

BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF OVER 40 NOVELS: Rhys Bowen is a *New York Times* and Amazon Charts bestselling author whose books have sold millions of copies worldwide. Winner of multiple Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity awards, Bowen has proven her mastery of historical mystery across beloved series including Royal Spyness and Molly Murphy, making her one of the most trusted names in the genre.

BRILLIANTLY LAYERED MYSTERY-WITHIN-A-MYSTERY: This novel features a triple-nested narrative that keeps readers guessing on multiple levels. In 1964, aspiring writer Emma reads a manuscript about an investigation set in 1932—only to discover that the “fiction” is based on a real tragedy that took place in 1904. As Emma uncovers dangerous secrets connecting all three timelines, she realizes that solving the historical mystery may put her own life at risk.

ATMOSPHERIC SCOTTISH SETTING: Set against the haunting, mist-shrouded landscapes of the Isle of Skye, this novel combines the brooding atmosphere of a classic gothic mystery with rich historical detail. From ancient castles and wild moorlands to the claustrophobic world of 1960s publishing, Bowen creates an immersive sense of place while exploring themes of identity, justice, and the secrets families keep across generations.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662527210
Tropes	Story Within a Story, Dark Family Secrets, Heroine in Peril, Reclusive Author, Forbidden Romance

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure
The Rose Arbor

A Thousand Painted Hours

Barbara O'Neal

AUGUST 11, 2026

An epic, emotionally charged novel about love, art, and survival spanning 1900s colonial India to Blitz-era London by the *USA Today* bestselling author of *When We Believed in Mermaids*.

In the shadow of the London Blitz, artist Elsie Turner clings fiercely to her canvases, refusing to let war dim the colors that define her. The bombs test her nerve, but the struggle also stirs memories of her golden youth in India and of the long-lost love of her life.

The daughter of a British civil servant in the Himalayan station of Nainital, Elsie crosses cultural divides to forge an unlikely bond with Tanveer Singh, a Sikh prince with hopes, dreams, and far-reaching ideas. What begins as shared sketchbooks and stargazing becomes first love and a secret correspondence. When Elsie's father is summoned to England, Elsie is severed from the world she knows—and is determined to preserve it through both her art and a connection with Tanveer that endures through the most tumultuous years of their lives.

Across four decades and two continents, Elsie navigates a journey from lush colonial India to war-torn London, amid landscapes of beauty, protest, and peril. As past and present collide, the most impossible choices and sacrifices are yet to be made in the name of love, war, and survival.

About the Author

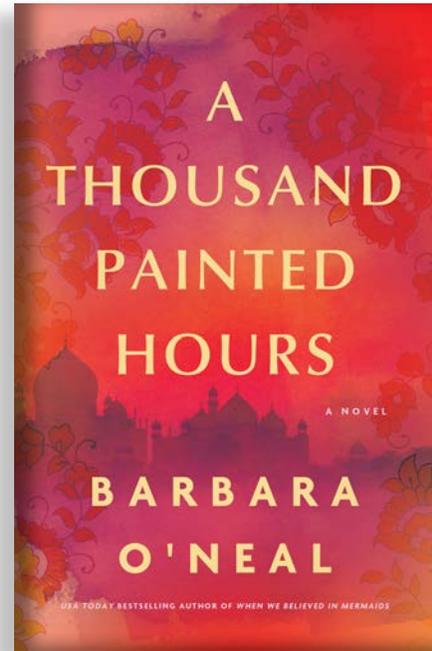
Barbara O'Neal is the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and Amazon Charts bestselling author of twenty novels of women's fiction, including the #1 Amazon Charts bestseller *When We Believed in Mermaids*, as well as *The Last Letter of Rachel Ellsworth*, *Memories of the Lost*, *This Place of Wonder*, and *The Starfish Sisters*. Her award-winning books have been published in more than two dozen countries. She lives on the wild Oregon Coast with her husband, a British endurance athlete who vows he'll never lose his accent. For more information, visit www.barbaraoneal.com.

Key Selling Points

STAR-CROSSED HISTORICAL ROMANCE: O'Neal depicts a romance that feels timeless (friends-to-lovers separated by circumstances outside of their control) while simultaneously grounded in the specific textures of 1900s-1940s Britain and India.

LUSH IMMERSIVE SETTING: The novel is painted with sensory detail—the scent of cardamom and sandalwood, monsoon rains, desert heat, and English gardens—creating a vivid sense of place that mirrors Elsie's artistic eye.

STRONG, MULTIFACETED FEMALE JOURNEY: From finding her voice as a painter, to her ongoing political awakening, Elsie's growth as a character also offers a gradual yet eye-opening perspective for readers less used to interrogating positionality.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Family Drama
ISBN-13	9781662514968
Tropes	Friends-to-lovers romance, star-crossed romance

Rights Available

Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

Other Titles by Author

The Last Letter of Rachel Ellsworth
When We Believed in Mermaids

The Sweet Tea Odyssey

Catherine Mann

AUGUST 11, 2026

For three generations of southern women, life has its detours in a poignant novel about healing the broken bonds of family by the USA Today bestselling author of *Lightning in a Mason Jar*.

It's hurricane season in South Carolina. But a different storm brews for three generations of headstrong women impelled by a road trip that changes the course of their lives.

With her waterfront home on the market, a twenty-year marriage ended, and nerves fraying, Rosalynn Yates evacuates with her daughter Elsie, her overbearing mother Lillian, and Rosalynn's mobility service dog Dusty. For Elsie, who's growing up too fast, getting away from Sullivan's Island and an emotional teenage minefield is perfectly timed. As for Lillian, she thinks nothing of hitting the road. In full Mama Bear mode, she did it thirty-five years ago when Rosalynn's accident sparked the landmark Capitol Crawl to fight for the passing of the ADA. And Rosalynn's crusade still isn't over. Their destination: a Virginia hospice where Lillian's husband waits out his final weeks.

As old betrayals, new anxieties, and secrets rise to the surface, Rosalynn, Elsie, and Lillian are tested at every turn. But these women know that hope and reconciliation, like making the perfect pitcher of sweet tea, takes preparation, a lot of care, and an infinite amount of patience.

About the Author

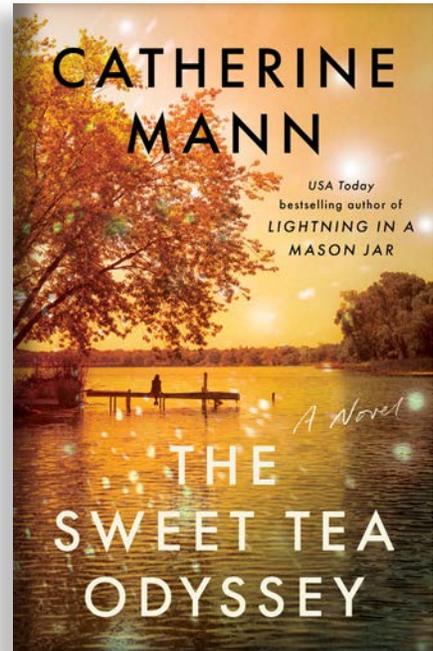
Catherine Mann is the *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning author of *Lightning in a Mason Jar* and many other works of contemporary women's fiction and romance that have been published in more than thirty countries. After years of moving around the US, Catherine settled back in her home state of South Carolina with her Harley-riding husband. Empty nesters, they have a blended family of nine children, nine grandchildren, two dogs, and three feral cats, who all provide endless inspiration for new novels. For more information, visit www.catherinemann.com.

Key Selling Points

MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY SAGA FOCUSED ON WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES: The novel centers on three generations of women navigating complex family dynamics, divorce, and illness during a crisis-filled road trip.

DISABILITY REPRESENTATION: A dual timeline provides flashbacks to the establishment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and blends social justice and empowerment themes with the exploration of complex family dynamics.

STRONG PLATFORM: Author has a large existing fanbase and strong online presence, and is a frequent guest speaker at universities, libraries, RWA Conferences, local writing chapters, and book clubs. Her APub debut, *Lightning in a Mason Jar*, performed well in AFR.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662535871
Tropes	#MultiGenerationalSaga #RoadTrip #MotherDaughterRelationship #FamilySecrets #HealingAndReconciliation #SouthernFiction #DisabilityRepresentation #SecondChances #TerminalIllness #DivorceRecovery #ComingOfAge

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Lightning in a Mason Jar

Between Greek Balconies

Francesca Catlow

AUGUST 14, 2026

When barrister Alisha Harding suffers a panic attack in a judge's chambers, she's forced to take a sabbatical on the Greek island of Nisyros—a place she dreamed of living since childhood.

Burnt out from fighting for women's rights and haunted by the suicide of her friend Karine, Alisha arrives broken and searching for peace. Her scruffy, antisocial neighbor Helios seems determined to avoid her. But when he finally reveals he speaks perfect English, their connection deepens into something neither expected.

Helios is hiding his own devastating secret: he lost his daughter in a car accident he believes was his fault, and his wife has banished him from their son's life. As Alisha helps Helios uncover the truth about the accident, he helps her heal from her trauma. But with only six months on the island and her career calling her back to London, can their love survive the distance between two worlds?

A heartfelt story about grief, healing, and finding home in unexpected places—and people.

About the Author

Francesca Catlow writes bestselling fiction filled with passionate love stories that feature flawed, and sometimes broken, characters as they face a crossroads in their life. She often explores heartbreaking themes while also whisking readers off to beautiful locations. Francesca loves to travel. Born and raised in the heart of Suffolk, England, she has travelled extensively in Europe with her French husband and, more recently, their two children. In 2024 she relocated to France where she spends her days dreaming up stories and her evenings sitting in her garden relaxing with her family. In 2023 Francesca was a finalist for the prestigious Kindle Storyteller Award, and was nominated for an Innovation Award for her work with libraries in Suffolk.

Key Selling Points

SWOON-WORTHY ROMANCE: Features beloved romance tropes with fresh twists and emotional payoff that readers crave.

PROVEN AUTHOR: Francesca Catlow has 150K readers reached, demonstrating strong reader loyalty and commercial viability.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
ISBN-13	9781662538599
Tropes	Holiday, Vacation Romance
Socials	1.2K followers on Instagram

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Under a Greek Sky
Greek Secret

The English Bookstore in Bologna

Boo Walker

AUGUST 18, 2026

Against the sunlit backdrop of Italy, five expats discover each other—and rediscover themselves—in a charmingly funny and poignant novel by the author of *An Unfinished Story* and *A Spanish Sunrise*.

Tucked away on a cobblestone street in enchanting Bologna, Italy, is the only English bookstore in the city. It's owned by prickly Sandy Cooke, who keeps love, and even romantic fiction, at a distance. Her employee, timid and hopelessly optimistic Moira, dreams of transforming the struggling shop into a vibrant community hub. Against the odds, one Bolognese summer, it becomes a haven for fellow expats at their own crossroads.

Bianca is a psychotherapist escaping both a breakdown and withering reviews of her new self-help book. On her heels is her father, George, wrestling with retirement—and regrets. He's had a few, but the light of his life has always been his daughter. Then there's Harold, a young and awkward barista from Denver recovering from his first belly-flopping high dive into love. Maybe it's time for reinvention.

At the only English bookstore in Bologna, paths converge for five damaged souls who discover that healing doesn't require much—just honest connection and an open heart.

About the Author

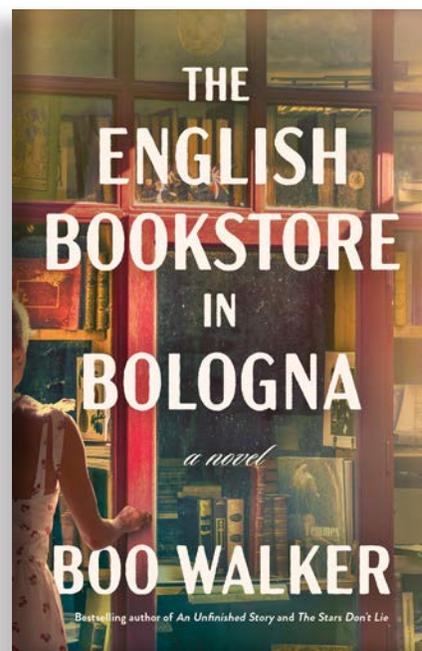
Boo Walker is the bestselling author of *Before We Say Goodbye*, *The Secrets of Good People*, *An Echo in Time*, *The Stars Don't Lie*, *A Spanish Sunrise*, *The Singing Trees*, *An Unfinished Story*, and the Red Mountain Chronicles, among other novels. Boo tapped his creative muse as a songwriter and banjoist in Nashville before working his way west to Washington state, where he bought a gentleman's farm on the Yakima River. It was there, among the grapevines and wine barrels, that he fell in love with telling high-impact stories that now resonate with book clubs around the world. Rich with colorful characters and boundless soul, his novels will leave you with an open heart and a lifted spirit. Always a wanderer, Boo currently lives in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with his wife and son. He also writes thrillers under the pen name Benjamin Blackmore. For more information, visit www.boowalker.com.

Key Selling Points

RICH EUROPEAN SETTING WITH AUTHENTIC CULTURAL IMMERSION: The Bologna setting offers vibrant armchair travel appeal with detailed Italian food, customs, and daily life. The English bookstore bridges cultures, letting readers explore Italy through a familiar lens.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL ENSEMBLE WITH BROAD APPEAL: Four perspectives spanning ages 20s-60s address relatable challenges from quarter-life crises to retirement depression, creating a rich tapestry of connection.

BOOKSTORE SETTING WITH BIBLIOPHILE APPEAL: The “books about books” setting, featuring Bianca's publishing journey and bookstore operations, appeals to dedicated readers. Combined with the Italian backdrop, it creates a distinctive hook in contemporary fiction.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662523786
Tropes	#Booksaboutbooks #FoundFamily #EnsembleCast #ExpatriotCommunity #SecondChances #HealingJourney #FatherDaughterRelationship #FishOutOfWater #FreshStart #EmotionalRecovery #ItalianSetting #SmallBusiness #CommunityBuilding

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Before We Say Goodbye
The Secrets of Good People

Dreams of Earth and Sky

Shirley Perez West

AUGUST 18, 2026

A ranchero's daughter in 1845 California fights for her home in a sweeping historical romance of rebellious love, family loyalty, identity, and sacrifice.

California, 1845. Mexican rancheros reign, and while American ambitions threaten their future, the Ávila family's rancho, El Sueño, is for now a safe haven.

It's time for twenty-year-old Mariana Ávila, the strong-willed daughter of a wealthy ranchero, to accept tradition and marry. Though Ramón, her childhood sweetheart, is her best prospect, Mariana bristles against convention and aims to follow her own path. When foreign settlers and US forces encroach on the Californios, Mariana meets Irish immigrant Patrick Murphy and is suddenly caught between two admirers and two worlds about to collide. As everything Mariana knows collapses around her, she must navigate the twists of fate to come and the devastating price of American conquest that threatens more than her beloved El Sueño.

Set against the epic backdrop of a tumultuous moment in California's history, this is, at its heart, the intimate story of a young woman's fight to protect her family's legacy and search for love across an impossible divide.

About the Author

Shirley Perez West grew up on the San Francisco Peninsula among the remnants of California ranchos. After years as a journalist and a public relations professional, she dived into the historical archives to find the voices of the Mexican Californios, learn the story of her forebears, and write about this buried piece of the Western saga. Shirley holds a BA and an MS in journalism, and her work has appeared in the short-fiction anthologies *Midnight in the Garden* and *Echoes* and in the poetry collection *Sheltering*. A longtime Oregon resident, she divides her time between Portland and the coastal village of Manzanita, where she enjoys paddling for a women's dragon boat team.

Key Selling Points

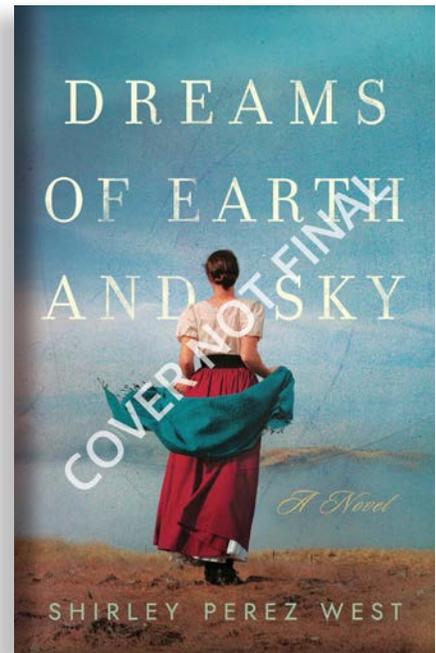
DEEPLY RESEARCHED AND WELL-CRAFTED HISTORICAL NOVEL:

Set amid California's brutal transition from Mexican territory to American state, *Dreams of Earth and Sky* unearths the 19th century turmoil over land and borders that led to the Land of Dreams as we know it today. The author's career in journalism meets her poetry background in this passionate love story with themes of family loyalty, cultural identity, and the struggle to preserve one's home.

DEBUT AUTHOR WITH PERSONAL CONNECTION TO THE HISTORY:

The author was born and raised in the Bay Area with ancestral ties to the region, and was drawn to the street and place names she grew up with that echo this history. History book figures like Ramon de Haro and rebel leaders like Jose Castro are living and breathing in Shirley's unforgettable storytelling.

STRONG NON-WHITE FEMALE PROTAGONIST: Mariana is a Mexican woman, the daughter of a wealthy ranchero struggling against cultural and society expectations for her future. Readers will love her fiery spirit that propels her from corseted wealth to heartbroken hero, her fierce loyalty and love for her family never once wavering.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662540387
Tropes	Historical romance, slow burn, forbidden romance, love triangle, fiery heroine, Mexican history, California

Rights Available

All Languages

The Lost Kingdom of Daughters

Weina Dai Randel

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

From the *Wall Street Journal* Bestselling author of *The Last Rose of Shanghai*, comes a story of a love triangle of two American brothers and a Moso woman set in 1950s China, in the mountain valleys of the Himalayas.

This sweeping tale explores love, betrayal, and cultural identity against the backdrop of the matrilineal Moso society, where women choose their lovers freely and marriage doesn't exist.

About the Author

Weina Dai Randel is an award-winning, internationally bestselling author of six historical novels, including the *Wall Street Journal* best-seller *The Last Rose of Shanghai*, which was also optioned for film; *Night Angels*, which was long listed for the Massachusetts Book Awards; *The Master Jeweler*; and the *Empress of Bright Moon* duology.

She is a winner of the RWA RITA® Award, a finalist for the National Jewish Book Awards, and a two-time Goodreads Choice Awards Best Historical Fiction nominee.

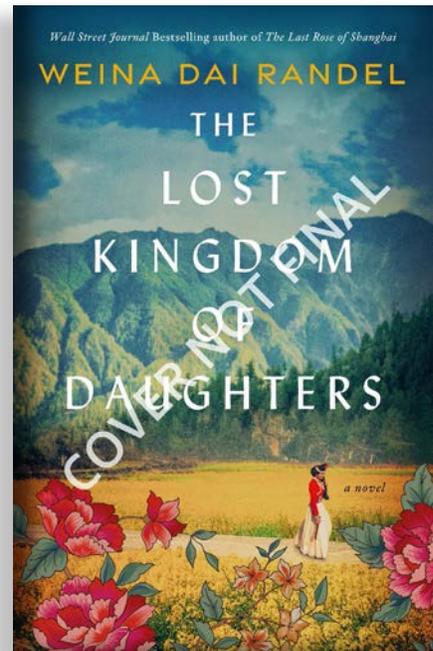
Her novels have been translated into seventeen languages, including French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Hebrew. Weina lives in the Greater Boston area with her family. For more information, visit weinarandel.com.

Key Selling Points

Fresh perspective: strong female character portrayed through the world of the Moso matrilineal society. A unique perspective on love, family bonds, and the clash between tradition and modernity.

Dual timeline: the novel follows our main character's daughter in the present day, as a grown woman, as she comes to the Himalayas for the first time to meet her mother, and alternates with the 1950s, when the father and uncle first came there and fell in love with her.

Love, war, and intrigue: the American men's presence among the Moso people in the 1950s disrupted their usually peaceful society and set off a war with a neighboring tribe.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662522567
Tropes	Love triangle

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Master Jeweler
The Last Rose of Shanghai

Tell Two Friends

Ann Garvin

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

People aren't the only mystery for a woman striving to find normal in a darkly humorous and empowering novel of psychological suspense by the author of *I Thought You Said This Would Work*.

Jane Baye, a physics professor in Wonder Lake, Wisconsin, has been feeling a little anxious, underappreciated, and overwhelmed lately. No wonder. Jane is the current guardian of her teenage niece, divorced, and suffering the repercussions of outing her ex as a serial cheater in a small town where he holds significant influence.

Being trolled online and ostracized by the community for trying to ruin his life feels like death by a thousand cuts. Not to mention her creepy neighbor Truman who watches every move she makes. When her house shows signs of a break-in, Jane has never felt so isolated or unnerved.

Then she meets Kyle Robertson, a charming, decent, and good-looking new hire in the university art department. Of course Jane has mistaken the rush of hormones for love before, but Kyle is her second chance at trust—especially in herself. It's the only way to see a path forward. If it weren't getting so dark.

About the Author

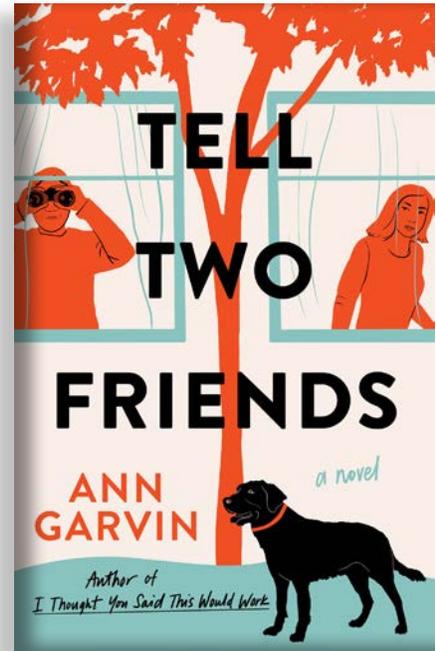
Ann Garvin, PhD, is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *There's No Coming Back from This*, *I Thought You Said This Would Work*, *I Like You Just Fine When You're Not Around*, and other funny and sad novels about people who do too much, in a world that asks too much from them. Ann teaches in the low-residency master of fine arts program at Drexel University and lives in Wisconsin with her anxious and overly protective dog, Peanut. She is the founder of the Tall Poppy Writers and is dedicated to helping authors find readers and vice versa. For more information, visit www.anngarvin.com.

Key Selling Points

FEMALE PROTAGONIST OVERCOMING TRAUMA FROM TOXIC RELATIONSHIPS: Jane's ex is a serial cheater and the scandal about their divorce goes viral. She's reeling from this at the start of the story but learns to trust herself again.

CONTENT PIVOT FOR ESTABLISHED AUTHOR: This is the author's first foray into cozy mystery/domestic thriller. It uses a classic mystery/thriller setup of an outsider in a judgmental small town trying to uncover dangerous truths, while employing the author's signature humor and Wisconsin quirk.

TIMELY THEMES ABOUT DATING AND NAVIGATING REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE: The story examines manipulation, gaslighting, and recognizing red flags, and social media infamy. Ultimately, the protagonist must trust her instincts over social expectations. She channels her experience into creating an app called Tell Two Friends, designed to help people identify manipulative behavior and share safety information.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662533389
Tropes	#PsychologicalSuspense #DomesticThriller #UnreliableNarrator #GaslightingRecovery #SmallTownSecrets #ToxicRelationship #SecondChanceRomance #TrustIssues #OnlineHarassment #HomeStalking #TraumaRecovery #AcademicSetting #SmallTownJudgment

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Bummer Camp
I Thought You Said This Would Work

The Wonder of One

Suzanne Redfearn

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Amazon #1 bestselling author of *In an Instant* returns with a novel that's both murder mystery and poignant coming-of-age story.

When six-year-old Vivien Kendall, born with a prominent facial birthmark, discovers figure skating, she finds her path to defy a world that judges on appearance and a family legacy marred by scandal.

Spanning two decades and framed by a murder investigation, this emotionally rich story follows Vivien's journey from bullied child to Olympic athlete to reluctant social justice icon, showcasing how our greatest challenges often become our greatest strengths.

About the Author

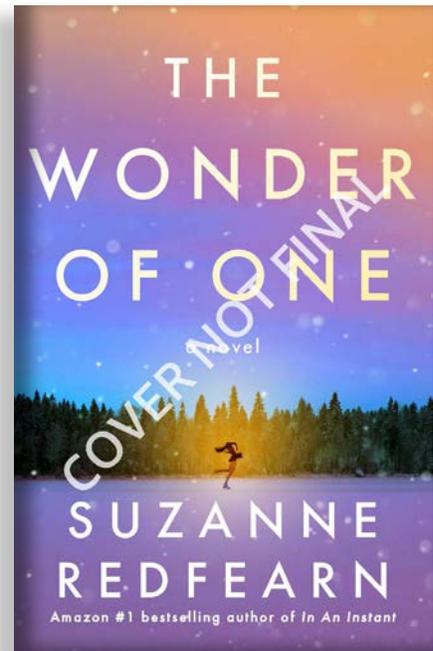
Suzanne Redfearn is the award-winning author of six novels: *Hush Little Baby*, *No Ordinary Life*, *In an Instant*, *Hadley and Grace*, *Moment in Time*, and *Where Butterflies Wander*. In addition to being an author, she's also an architect specializing in residential and commercial design. Suzanne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

Key Selling Points

UNDERDOG STORY WITH UNIVERSAL APPEAL: A coming-of-age bildungsroman following a figure skater who overcomes bullying, family tragedy, and systemic prejudice to become an Olympic athlete. Her journey from terrified six-year-old to international icon resonates with anyone who has felt different or marginalized.

COMPELLING MYSTERY STRUCTURE: The narrative opens with a murder investigation in 2025, then unfolds Vivien's life story through flashbacks, creating page-turning suspense.

TIMELY INCLUSIVE THEMES WITH PROFOUND EMOTIONAL STAKES: The novel tackles immigration rights, racial equality, body positivity, and challenging beauty standards in sports, as well as terminal illness, lost love, motherhood, and legacy. The Olympic performances are thrilling, but the heart of the story lies in Vivien's relationships and her ultimate act of love for her daughter.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662530234
Tropes	Immigrant struggles, family secrets, underdog story, inspirational, grief and healing

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Call of the Camino
In an Instant

Ghost Orchid

Dani Cessna

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

For fans of *The Orchid Thief* and *Where the Crawdads Sing*, *Ghost Orchid* plunges readers into the mysterious depths of the Everglades, where loss and redemption bloom in unexpected places.

When Miranda, a young park ranger struggling with unresolved guilt over her best friend's death, encounters Estelle—a reclusive old woman rumored to be the swamp witch of the Loop Road—she finds her carefully constructed walls beginning to crumble.

As Miranda is drawn into Estelle's world of extraordinary botanicals and uncanny plant communion, local whispers about her new friend's abilities intensify. At the heart of the rumors? That Estelle possesses a rare plant with the power to resurrect the dead: the ghost orchid. But Miranda isn't the only one interested in Estelle's secrets, and some will stop at nothing to claim the orchid's power for themselves.

About the Author

Dani Cessna was born and raised in the wilds of Pennsylvania, and grew up roaming the woods. A park ranger for eighteen years, she has lived in five states and worked at six different national parks. She currently resides in the Poconos of Pennsylvania.

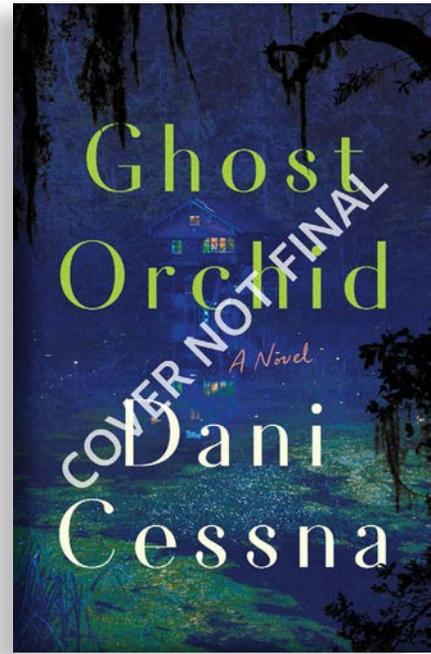
Key Selling Points

MULTI-GENERATIONAL FRIENDSHIP/FOUND FAMILY FOCUSED ON WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES: The novel centers on two women from different generations, navigating grief and loneliness, and finding healing and family in their unlikely connection.

WITCH/PLANT MAGIC: Witchiness is on trend, and Estelle's unique plant magic and lovable brassiness treads the line of magical realism without veering hard into fantasy.

RICH NATURAL WORLD SETTING: The Everglades setting is lush and mysterious, with authentic descriptions by a real park ranger—a perfectly believable place for a swamp witch, sparks of magic, or burying bodies.

DEBUT WITH STRONG POTENTIAL: Author is a working park ranger, breathing authenticity into the protagonist in this gripping, emotional debut. Her social following is limited, but she's eager to grow.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662541452
Tropes	Found family, witch, magical realism, swamp, murder mystery

Rights Available

All Languages

Broken Glass Houses

Lorna Lewis

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

For fans of Megan Miranda and Ashley Flowers, *Broken Glass Houses* delivers a gripping family drama and psychological suspense wrapped in Southern charm and devastating secrets.

When Carmen kidnaps her best friend Parker after a tragic accident claims Carmen's family, their friendship shatters like the glass houses they've built around their lives. Lewis masterfully explores how grief can distort love into something unrecognizable, while weaving a tale of redemption that feels both earned and authentic. Her nuanced portrayal of Black Southern women navigating trauma makes this a standout debut I'm thrilled to champion.

About the Author

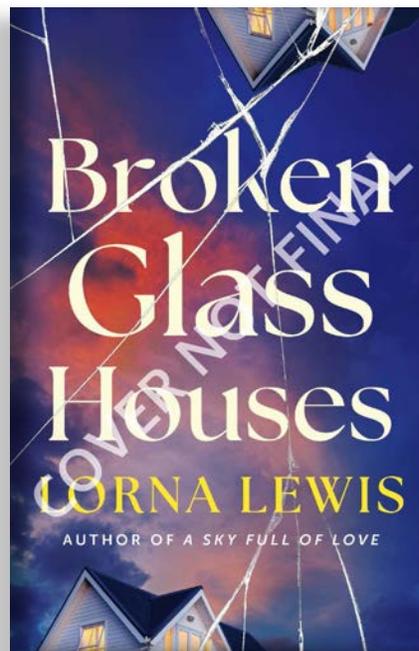
Lorna Lewis is gifted in turning characters' dreams into drama and crafting stories rich with emotion while exploring the complexities of real-life situations such as marriage, infidelity, fertility struggles, betrayal, and the power of forgiveness. In addition to being an author, Lorna is also an educator. She believes in using her creativity to inspire and teach others both in the classroom and through her writing. A native of Varnado, Louisiana, a small town much like the ones she loves bringing to life in her stories, Lorna's southern roots influence the sense of community, culture, and warmth in her work. When she's not writing her next novel, Lorna enjoys spending quality time with her husband and their two beautiful children, finding joy in family life, and drawing inspiration from her own experiences to enrich her writing.

Key Selling Points

Dual Narrative of Grief and Secrets with Emotional Depth: This emotionally charged novel interweaves two compelling storylines: Carmen's devastating journey through unimaginable loss after losing her husband and children in a tragic accident, and Parker's desperate attempt to hide her traumatic past from her perfect-seeming life. The book explores how grief can distort judgment and how buried secrets can destroy even the strongest relationships, delivering the psychological complexity and moral ambiguity that readers of Jodi Picoult, Liane Moriarty, and Celeste Ng crave.

Authentic Southern Black Community and Family Dynamics: Set in Cypress Ridge, Louisiana, the novel offers rich, authentic portrayals of Black Southern life, from family Sunday dinners and church communities to the complexities of class, legacy, and respectability within African American families. The story tackles adoption, colorism, generational trauma, and the weight of family expectations with nuance and emotional depth, positioning it perfectly for the growing market of readers seeking diverse, contemporary fiction that centers Black women's experiences, similar to audiences for Tayari Jones, Brit Bennett, and Tia Williams.

Market-Bridging Psychological Thriller Elements: What begins as women's fiction about friendship and grief takes a shocking turn when Carmen kidnaps Parker "for her own good," creating genuine suspense and moral complexity. This thriller twist will attract readers who loved *The Woman in the Window*, *Big Little Lies*, and *The Silent Patient*—those who appreciate psychological suspense grounded in realistic relationships rather than traditional crime narratives. By bridging literary women's fiction with domestic suspense, the novel expands its commercial potential across multiple reader demographics who enjoy stories that ask: When does love become control? How does trauma justify the unjustifiable? Can friendship survive betrayal born from desperation?



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Family Drama
ISBN-13	9781662535062
Tropes	Best friends to enemies to friends, tragic loss, kidnapping, psychological suspense, family secrets, adoption revelation, toxic mother-daughter relationship, marriage in crisis, redemption arc, small-town dynamics, found family, generational trauma, dual POV, Southern setting, female friendship

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

A Sky Full of Love

The Daughters of Rosebud

Sonny Buttar

OCTOBER 13, 2026

In a devastating debut, author Sonny Buttar weaves together threads of family trauma, forbidden love, and cultural identity into a remarkable story about hope and forgiveness.

Salma Chaudhry was eighteen the day her life changed forever—again. When she was five, her family immigrated from Pakistan to America to start anew. But after her sister's violent death, Salma's family would never be the same.

1989

Asma was a force to behold. A year older than Salma, the college freshman fully embraced her American life. But her conservative parents disapproved and began orchestrating an arranged marriage. When Asma refused, running off to her lover, their fears only intensified. And when they eventually confronted her, the unthinkable happened.

2007

Now thirty-six, Salma's tried everything to forget that day and any role she played in it. Numbly avoiding all attachments, she lives the quiet life of an elementary teacher. But just as a new student opens a connection to her sister's past, a call from her father offers a road to reconciliation. And as Salma finally faces her pain, she discovers a freedom—and the hope to move forward.

About the Author

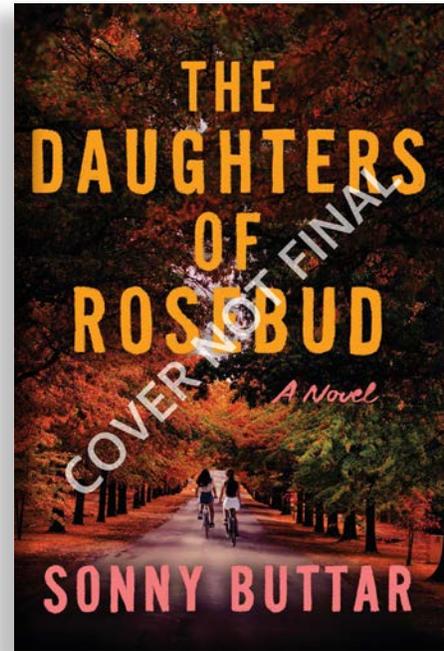
Sonny Buttar was born in Lahore, Pakistan, and raised in the American Midwest. earned her Master's in Fine Arts from the Warren Wilson Program for Writers in July 2023. She is the First-Place winner of the 2023 CRAFT First Chapters Contest. *The Daughters of Rosebud* is her first novel.

Key Selling Points

Powerful Immigrant Family Saga with Universal Appeal: This emotionally resonant novel explores the complex dynamics of a Pakistani immigrant family in rural America, capturing the universal struggles of belonging, identity, and intergenerational conflict. The story will resonate deeply with readers of Celeste Ng's *Everything I Never Told You*, Fatima Farheen Mirza's *A Place for Us*, and fans of multigenerational immigrant narratives who appreciate nuanced portrayals of cultural displacement and adaptation.

Dual Timeline Narrative with Compelling Mystery Element: The novel's structure brilliantly alternates between 1989 and 2007, creating a page-turning reading experience as readers gradually uncover the tragic events that shattered the Chaudhry family. This narrative approach will appeal to readers who enjoy psychological depth combined with the slow-burning revelation of family secrets, similar to audiences of Brit Bennett's *The Vanishing Half* or Ann Patchett's *Commonwealth*.

Authentic Representation of LGBTQ+ and Cross-Cultural Relationships: The book sensitively portrays queer relationships across cultural boundaries, examining how love exists in tension with family expectations and religious traditions. This representation, coupled with themes of forgiveness, redemption, and chosen family, will attract diverse readers seeking stories that honestly depict the intersection of sexuality, culture, and family dynamics, similar to the audience for Ocean Vuong or Garth Greenwell.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Family Drama
ISBN-13	9781662540608
Tropes	Immigrant family struggles, forbidden love, family secrets, honor killing, dual timeline narrative, coming-of-age, found family, teacher-student relationship, cultural clash, generational trauma, sisterly bond, redemption arc, LGBTQ+ awakening, small-town isolation, grief and healing

Rights Available

All Languages

Recipe for Rain

Annie Rains

NOVEMBER 10, 2026

Perfect for fans of Robyn Carr, Elin Hilderbrand, and Jenny Hale.

Three estranged siblings reunite at their late grandmother's beloved Shelter Inn on a storm-battered North Carolina island for one last summer together. When Duncan mysteriously vanishes, leaving behind a letter revealing his terminal Huntington's Disease, environmental scientist Amelia and free-spirited Maggie must set aside years of resentment to find him.

Guided by Grandma Laverne's mystical recipe cards—handwritten instructions for both cooking and life—the sisters navigate their fractured relationship while Duncan secretly helps a woman with PTSD reclaim her future. As Amelia opens her heart to a local physician and Maggie reconnects with her first love, they discover that healing doesn't require perfection—just honest connection and an open heart.

About the Author

Annie Rains is a bestselling author of contemporary fiction, full of hope and heart. After years of dreaming about becoming an author, Annie published her first book in 2015 and has been chasing “plot bunnies” and deadlines ever since. When she isn't writing, Annie is spending time with her family, caring for her numerous pets, or reading a book by one of her favorite authors.

Key Selling Points

RECIPES AS METAPHORS FOR LIFE: With titles like, “Grandma Laverne's Recipe for the Perfect Summer Day,” the “recipes” are whimsical life lessons that help bring the family together.

COMPLEX, CONTEMPORARY FAMILY DYNAMICS: Multiple POVs present a blended, multi-generational family, with narratives connecting past and present, as well as complicated sibling dynamics and handling family crisis and terminal illness with hope and resilience.

STRONG PLATFORM: Annie is traditionally published and consistently writes 1 to 2 crowd pleasers a year. She has gained a very solid audience/fanbase primarily in romance and now she's looking to expand her brand into women's fiction. She has wonderful bookstore connections, and is very entrepreneurial on social. This project has a hint of romance, which will bring her readers in, but also expands her genre range.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662538131
Tropes	Found family, second chance romance, small town charm, terminal illness

Rights Available

All Languages

The Truth About Isha

Namrata Patel

NOVEMBER 17, 2026

For fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid, Kiley Reid, and Matt Haig, *The Truth About Isha* is a haunting contemporary novel that blurs the line between grief and supernatural connection.

When Alya survives a hiking accident that kills her friend Isha, she begins receiving what seem like messages from beyond—leading her to uncover devastating family secrets. Patel crafts an emotionally complex exploration of mental health, identity, and the families we choose, with a protagonist whose unreliable perspective keeps readers questioning reality until the final reveal.

This novel showcases Patel's ability to weave mystery, romance, and cultural identity into an unforgettable story about what we owe the dead—and ourselves.

About the Author

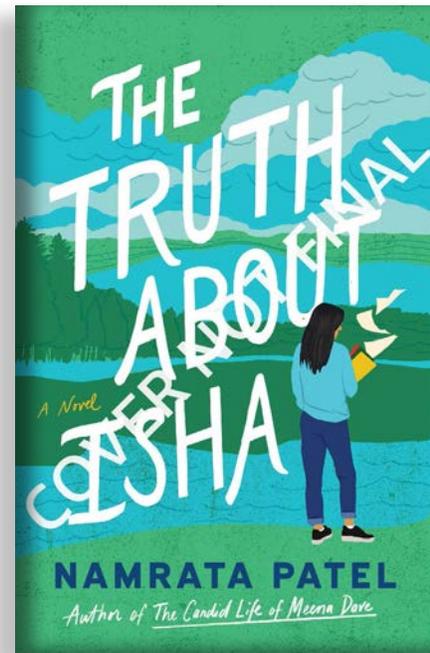
Namrata Patel is the bestselling author of *The Curious Secrets of Yesterday*, *Scent of a Garden*, and *The Candid Life of Meena Dave*. Her writing examines diaspora and dual-cultural identity among Indian Americans, multigenerational tensions tied to assimilation, and historical awareness of Indian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

Key Selling Points

Compelling BCF/Suspense with Speculative Elements: This novel blends suspense with speculative elements in a uniquely engaging way. The protagonist's struggle with her own sanity while experiencing what may be communications from beyond the grave creates a compelling narrative tension that will appeal to readers of both psychological suspense and speculative fiction. The story keeps readers guessing about what's real versus imagined, making it perfect for book clubs and discussion groups who enjoy debating ambiguous endings and unreliable narrators.

Rich Cultural Representation and Family Dynamics: The novel features diverse characters with South Asian backgrounds and explores complex family dynamics across generations and cultures. The Gandhi family's wealth and status contrasted with Alya's modest upbringing creates interesting class dynamics, while the exploration of immigrant experiences and cultural identity will resonate with readers seeking authentic representation in contemporary fiction. The book addresses themes of belonging, identity, and the meaning of family that will appeal to readers of authors like Celeste Ng and Jhumpa Lahiri.

Strong Female Protagonist Navigating Mental Health and Romance: The story centers on a relatable protagonist dealing with mental health concerns while finding unexpected love, creating appeal for readers of women's fiction and romance. Alya's journey from isolation to connection, her fear of inheriting her mother's mental illness, and her growth through therapy offer an empathetic portrayal of mental health struggles. The romance subplot with Jivan provides emotional depth and hope, appealing to readers who enjoy stories of personal transformation alongside romantic elements. This combination positions the book to attract readers across multiple popular genres.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662529214
Tropes	Found family, grief journey, slow-burn romance, family secrets, unreliable narrator, mystery investigation, mental health representation, second-generation immigrant experience, forbidden love (dating deceased friend's brother), chosen family over blood family

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Your Next Life Is Now
The Curious Secrets of Yesterday

The Lost Painting

Sara Blaydes

DECEMBER 1, 2026

A widow discovers a hidden masterpiece—and a decades-old mystery—in a gripping dual-timeline novel about loss and redemption by the bestselling author of *The Restoration Garden*.

When 37-year old Maya Bishop inherits a remote cottage on the Washington coast, she's searching for a fresh start after her husband's sudden death. But while repairing the neglected property, she discovers something extraordinary hidden in a linen chest: a nineteenth-century painting marked with bloody fingerprints and a chilling confession scrawled on the back— I killed her. I'm sorry.

The painting appears to be a piece stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art over eighty years ago. As Maya digs deeper, she uncovers the story of two sisters who became entangled with the mysterious Covington Estate in 1943, a place where priceless artwork was hidden during World War II and where one of the sisters died under suspicious circumstances.

With the help of her enigmatic neighbor Nick, Maya travels to New York and then North Carolina, racing to authenticate the painting and honor the dying wish of the woman who hid it. But the closer she gets to the truth about what happened at Covington Estate, the more she realizes that some families will do anything to keep their darkest secrets buried.

About the Author

Sara Blaydes is the author of *The Last Secret of Lily Adams*. She has been obsessed with books ever since she demanded her parents teach her to read at four years old so she could steal her older brother's comic books. It was only natural she start crafting stories where she, a perpetual daydreamer, could escape into worlds of her own creation. She currently lives in British Columbia with her handsome husband, two amazing children, and an overly anxious Boston terrier. She believes books are magic, summer is the best season, and parsley is never optional. For more information, visit www.sarablaydes.com.

Key Selling Points

AUTHOR'S PROVEN TRACK RECORD + STRONG COMMERCIAL

HOOK: Sara Blaydes' last book, *The Restoration Garden*, has done exceptionally well, establishing her as a reliable author with a dedicated readership. *The Lost Painting* builds on this success with an even more compelling dual-timeline narrative that will appeal to both her existing fanbase and new readers seeking sophisticated historical fiction with contemporary resonance.

MYSTERY MEETS EMOTIONAL JOURNEY: This novel masterfully weaves together a WWII-era art heist at a grand estate with a present-day widow's quest for answers, creating an irresistible puzzle that spans generations. The mystery of a stolen Impressionist painting hidden for 80 years—complete with a cryptic confession written in blood—drives both timelines while exploring themes of grief, redemption, and the sacrifices women make to protect those they love.

STRONG SENSE OF PLACE -- FROM GILDED AGE OPULENCE TO PACIFIC NORTHWEST SOLITUDE: The story transports readers between the lavish, secret-filled corridors of 1940s Covington Estate (inspired by real locations like Biltmore) and the haunting beauty of a remote Washington state cottage. This contrast creates rich atmospheric tension while the estate's hidden passages, wartime intrigue, and forbidden romance in the past mirror the contemporary protagonist's journey from isolation to connection, making this perfect for fans of Kate Morton and Kristin Hannah.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662539756
Tropes	Dual Timeline,Hidden Painting,Widow's Journey,Secret Passages,Forbidden Romance

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Restoration Garden
The Last Secret of Lily Adams

The Knocking

Laura Lee Bahr

Book Club Fiction

JULY 14, 2026

In a house this haunted, both the living and the dead pose dangers to a female journalist in nineteenth-century New York in a chilling historical gothic by the author of *Who Is the Liar*.

It's 1850 when intrepid journalist and women's-rights advocate Edith Ann, "E. A.," Howe arrives at the home of iconic newspaper founder Horace Greeley. Her assignment is to chronicle the uncanny gifts of Cathie Fox, an eleven-year-old medium in Horace's charge. Mysterious knocking sounds follow Cathie as she channels the restless spirit of the Greeleys' deceased son, Pickie—a ghostly consolation to Horace's profoundly unwell and grieving wife. As her condition worsens, E. A. suspects foul play.

Something is very wrong in this house. Sharp-tongued housekeepers warn her to steer clear of the attic. Pickie's alleged messages from beyond are more disturbing than comforting. And the seemingly guileless Cathie claims that the house is eating her alive. All the while Cathie's beautiful English governess is awakening something restless in E. A.

As she wrestles with her own childhood terrors, E. A. must investigate the story of the spirit-knockings and reveal whether the greatest threats are coming from the living or the dead.

About the Author

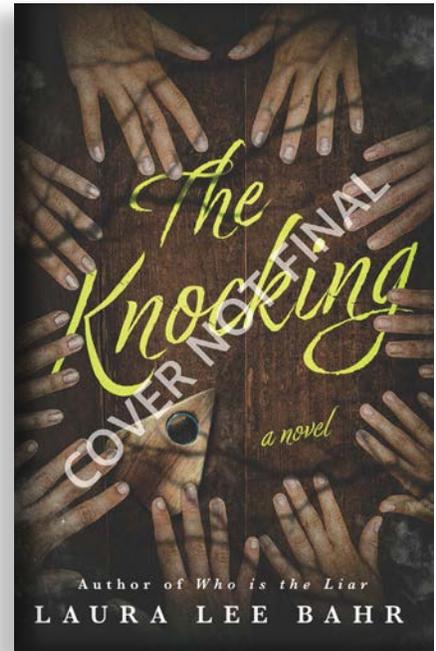
Laura Lee Bahr is the author of the novels *Who Is the Liar*, *Haunt*, winner of the Wonderland Book Award for Best Novel of 2011; and *Long-Form Religious Porn*; and the short story collection *Angel Meat*, a Wonderland Book Award winner for Best Collection 2017. Her short stories have been featured in over a dozen literary magazines and anthologies, including *Ghost Parachute*, *Tragedy Queens*, Francesca Lia Block's *Lit Angels*, and the Noir Volume of Nicholas Winding Refn's byNWR.com. Her filmography includes writing/directing the feature film *Boned*, winner of Best Micro-budget Feature, Toronto Independent Film Festival. She was awarded the spring 2018 writer-in-residence at the Kerouac House in Orlando, Florida. For more information, visit www.lauraleebahr.com.

Key Selling Points

HISTORICAL SPIRITUALISM MEETS GOTHIC MYSTERY: The novel brilliantly weaves the true story of 11-year-old Cathie Fox—one of the famous Fox sisters who sparked the American Spiritualism movement—with atmospheric gothic horror set in a genuinely haunted house, creating a unique blend of historical fiction and supernatural thriller and keeping readers guessing about what's real.

FEMINIST NARRATIVE WITH QUEER ROMANCE: The protagonist is a fierce abolitionist and women's rights advocate navigating a passionate and complex same-sex relationship in 1850s America. She's a smart, spunky, stubborn heroine readers will root for.

SOCIAL JUSTICE HOOK: The book cleverly uses the spiritualism craze as a lens to examine urgent moral questions about slavery, women's autonomy, equality, and taking a stand, making it relevant to contemporary readers.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662542220
Tropes	historical mystery, spirit mediums, grief and trauma, queer historical romance, haunted house

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Who Is the Liar

A Heartbeat at My Feet

Kristin Judd

JULY 28, 2026

Fate has a sense of humor in this witty, heartfelt tale of love and second chances told in two perspectives—a woman in midlife desperate for something new, and a lost dog seeking his purpose.

After years of dreams deferred, Josie Ballard's life is about to change. She and her husband are off to Sorrento for a summer adventure, but on the eve of their departure, Josie discovers his infidelity. Devastated, she leaves her faithless husband, heading for the sun-drenched Italian coast. Alone, future unknown.

Five thousand miles away, Cicero, a rather snobbish terrier of indeterminate breeding, is likewise living an upturned life after his beloved human's passing. Heartbroken, he wanders the wilds of Pompeii. When a flustered tourist with a kind smile appears in the ruins, clutching her tote bag and map, Cicero and Josie collide like the two lost souls they are.

In a series of turns as twisty as Sorrento's streets, Cicero leads Josie to her second act: Hugo, a charming and somewhat contrary local bookseller. Against a backdrop of quaint villages, sun-dappled olive orchards, and the shimmering Mediterranean Sea, Hugo and Josie embark on a friendship that just might tiptoe into romance, with little Cicero to help them along the way—for dogs, he reasons, are nothing if not experts when it comes to love.

About the Author

Kristin Judd is an acclaimed author of historical and contemporary fiction. A former teacher, she holds a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Washington and a master's in teaching from Western Washington University. When she's not reading and writing, Kristin loves anything that gets her outdoors, whether it be hiking in the mountains, riding horses in the woods, or digging in the garden. Kristin lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, children, and many pets, including an opinionated terrier much like Cicero.

Key Selling Points

UNIQUE DUAL-PERSPECTIVE NARRATION: The novel features a distinctive narrative structure alternating between Josie's human perspective and Cicero's charming canine viewpoint, offering readers an emotionally rich and often funny dual lens on the story.

EVOCATIVE ITALIAN SETTING: Set primarily in the stunning Amalfi Coast region of Italy, the book transports readers to picturesque locations like Sorrento, Positano, Capri, and Pompeii, creating an immersive travel experience alongside the emotional journey.

HEARTFELT MIDLIFE REINVENTION STORY: Josie's journey of self-discovery and second chances after her marriage collapses will appeal to readers who enjoy stories about finding oneself and new beginnings later in life.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Women's Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662542978
Tropes	dog narrator, second chance romance, international romance, midlife reinvention, Italy travel, bookstore owner

Rights Available

All Languages

Looks Perfect

Jessica Siskin

OCTOBER 6, 2026

What comes between a fashion influencer's perfect image and her genuine self? The perfect stranger—in a sharp and witty novel about identity, social media, and making a true connection.

Online style influencer Stella Lerner's brand is nearing one million followers. Even better, the fashion industry's top VC wants to take Stella's business global. Sounds perfect. Except offline, the optics aren't so great.

The relationship with her boyfriend, Alex, is crumbling and the demand for content is as big a burden as maintaining her carefully curated persona. Feeling lost and needing escape, Stella joins a new dating app that promises deep—if anonymous—chats, a safe place to bare her soul. That's when Stella connects with an intuitive, honest, and empathetic stranger who calls himself Pineapple. Stella may be looked at by millions, but this man, here and now, makes Stella feel seen for the first time.

She never guessed that what started as a diversion would become a path of self-discovery. Or that with every new conversation with Pineapple, Stella's search for authenticity would come with stakes more emotional, and way more surprising, than she could have imagined.

About the Author

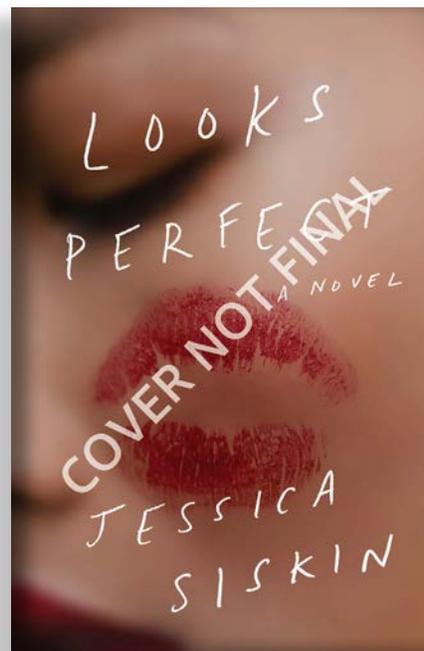
Jessica Siskin earned her MFA from the New School. She is the founder of Misterkrisp, a popular Instagram-based food art business specializing in custom Rice Krispies Treats and social media content. She is the author of *Treat Yourself!*, a cookbook featuring her inventive food art. Jessica lives in New York City.

Key Selling Points

UNIQUE HIGH-CONCEPT ROMANCE: The innovative premise of a dating app that strips away all visual information creates genuine suspense and a shocking twist ending that readers won't see coming, elevating this beyond typical contemporary romance.

WITTY, BINGEABLE VOICE: Jessica Siskin's sharp, self-aware, often hilarious first-person narration makes this an addictive page-turner with the perfect balance of humor and emotional depth.

INSIDE VIEW OF FASHION WORLD: Immersive behind-the-scenes access to Fashion Week, brand partnerships, content creation, and the business of building a fashion empire is catnip for readers who loved *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Crazy Rich Asians'* glamorous settings.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662542459
Tropes	Identity crisis, second chance romance, social media, fashion industry, double life
Socials	60K followers on Instagram

Rights Available

All Languages

The Murder of Harry Houdini

Sara Herchenroether

DECEMBER 1, 2026

Summer 1926. Harry Houdini is waging war on fraudulent mediums, and his friendship with Spiritualism believer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is crumbling. Among Houdini's ghost detectives is Everett Summers—a World War I veteran who doesn't know he's actually Bunk Bonifacio, a Marine who lost his mind and his memory in the trenches.

When Bunk investigates medium Sarah Syveran, he crosses paths with Ruby Zmolek, a nurse who recognizes the man he used to be. Ruby holds the key to his past, but the truth could destroy the fragile identity he's built as Everett. As Houdini's crusade turns dangerous and the line between fraud and faith blurs, Bunk must decide: expose the mediums or expose himself.

In a world where everyone is hiding something, the greatest illusion might be the one he's living.

About the Author

Sara Herchenroether lives outside Columbus, Ohio with her husband and four children. Originally from Massachusetts, Sara studied English at Northwestern University and taught high school English in New York City for seven years. Sara is a breast cancer survivor.

Key Selling Points

Heart-pumping historical: Pairing a Sherlock Holmes atmosphere with the New York grit of *Boardwalk Empire* and the “magical” brinks-manship of *The Prestige*, and bursting with timely themes of blind belief vs. scientific inquiry, the power of celebrity, and a world on the precipice of change, this sweeping novel will appeal to readers of fiction featuring real-life and literary figures that clearly mirrors our current world. It also exploits Houdini's actual “ghost detective” agency—a little-known chapter of history.

Richly Atmospheric 1920s Setting: Immerses readers in Jazz Age New York and the Spiritualism craze that swept America after WWI, complete with séances, vaudeville theaters, speakeasies, and the golden age of stage magic.

Genre-Blending Appeal: Seamlessly combines meticulously-researched historical fiction, mystery thriller, psychological drama, and romance, while exploring deeper questions about grief, truth, and belief.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662543128
Tropes	Historical mystery, unreliable narrator, forbidden romance, conspiracy theory, Jazz Age glamour, magician's secrets revealed, historical figures as characters, revenge plot

Rights Available

All Languages

How to Ruin a Wedding

Elba Luz

AUGUST 4, 2026

When a professional wedding crasher storms the wrong party, an irresistibly charming man enlists her services for a job that's about to give her outlook on love a run for its money.

Lucy Delgado knows all about things that don't work out. Between two failed marriages and losing her job, "meant to be" doesn't seem to mean much anymore. And watching her sister's marriage deteriorate isn't convincing Lucy otherwise.

Desperate for money and disillusioned by love, she turns her nothing-left-to-lose attitude into action as a professional wedding saboteur. Lucy knows how to play any part—old lover, nosy relative, wise stranger—to save brides and grooms from making the same mistakes she did.

Until she crashes the wrong ceremony.

For Anders Kennedy, Lucy's timing couldn't be better. She's exactly what he needs to derail his own sister's upcoming nuptials by posing as Anders's new girlfriend so she can slip into the family circle and sabotage from within. And Anders has the kind of money Lucy can't afford to turn down.

As they fake-date their way through family celebrations, high jinks, and secrets, Lucy and Anders are forced to confront their cynicism about marriage. Their schemes were meant for the greater good, but what if love really does conquer all?

About the Author

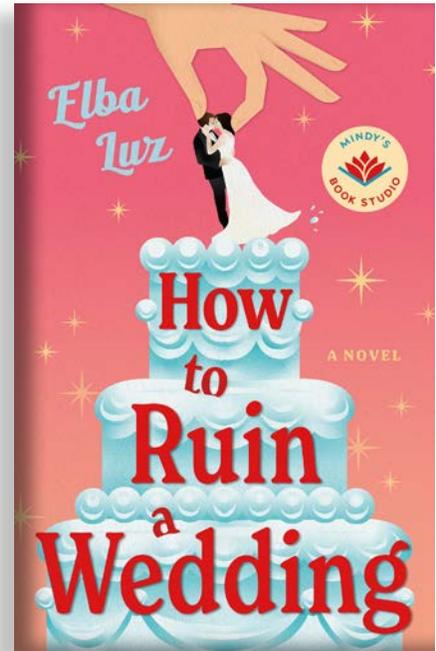
Elba Luz is a lover of stories, whether in the form of anime, manga, video games, or books. A failed astrophysicist turned publishing professional in New York City, she can be found annoying people with facts about space or lounging about with her adorable pit bull Stormy. She writes romance for adults and teens.

Key Selling Points

HIGH-CONCEPT PREMISE WITH A TWIST: A professional wedding wrecker hired to sabotage a wedding falls for her client—then realizes she's targeting the wrong couple. This unique premise delivers both comedy and stakes, with Lucy's chaotic schemes providing laugh-out-loud moments while her growing feelings for Anders create genuine romantic tension.

EMOTIONALLY RESONANT FOUND FAMILY STORY: Beyond the romance, this is a deeply moving exploration of what it means to belong. Lucy's relationships with Anders' family—especially young Olive and complicated Valerie—showcase how found family can heal old wounds. The sister bond between Lucy and Taina adds emotional depth that elevates this beyond typical rom-com fare.

A HEROINE READERS WILL ROOT FOR: Lucy is flawed, funny, and achingly real—a woman who's spent her life taking care of everyone else while believing she's not worthy of care herself. Her journey from self-sabotage to self-acceptance, from wedding wrecker to wedding planner, offers a satisfying character arc that romance readers crave. Her passion for rescue dogs and determination to build something meaningful adds layers beyond the love story.



IMPRINT	Mindy's Book Studio
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662539145
Tropes	Fake Dating, Grumpy/Sunshine, Found Family, Forced Proximity, Second Chances

Rights Available

All Languages

Romance

If These Walls Could Talk

Alexandria Bellefleur

DECEMBER 8, 2026

From award-winning author Alexandria Bellefleur comes a witty friends-to-lovers queer romance about guarding your heart, finding your voice, and gaining the courage to get what you want.

College sophomore Ryan Miller was born for the stage. But he's living his father's dream now, pursuing a teaching degree and sensible future. Everything's on track until his new roommate walks in—and Ryan finds himself face-to-face with his old high school crush.

Colton Everett is talented, magnetic, and impossible to read. Their icy reunion eventually melts into late-night talks and whispered confidences, but their surprising friends-with-benefits arrangement feels far from casual. They make rules. Break them. And tiptoe around their feelings.

A visit from Colton's sister, who thinks they're just friends, brings their secret simmer to a boil. It's hard to keep pretending—especially when forced to share a bed. And as Ryan struggles to balance family expectations with his own desires, a miscommunication threatens to destroy the only relationship that feels grounding. But just as he's about to give up, a spark from an unexpected source offers one last chance to follow his heart.

About the Author

Alexandria Bellefleur is a bestselling and award-winning author of swoony contemporary romance books that often feature loveable grumps and the sunshine characters who bring them to their knees. A Pacific Northwesterner at heart, Alexandria now lives in New York City with her cats, Mills and Boon. Her special skills include finding the best pad thai in every city she visits, remembering faces but not names, falling asleep in movie theaters, and keeping cool while reading spicy books in public. Her debut novel, *Written in the Stars*, won both a 2021 Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Romance and a 2020 Ripped Bodice Award for Excellence in Romantic Fiction.

Key Selling Points

Strong LGBTQ+ representation with authentic character development and a focus on emotional growth, Especially after this success of HEATED RIVALRY, we think readers will be excited for more M/M romance that features robust character development and plenty of swoonworthy moments.

Tackles relevant themes of grief, family expectations, and pursuing passion versus practicality that will resonate with new adult readers

Features a perfect blend of humor, heart, and heat while exploring complex family dynamics and personal growth. Alexandria is a top author in the contemporary sapphic romance space and this is her first foray into New Adult.



IMPRINT	Skyscape
GENRE	Romantic Comedy
ISBN-13	9781662541025
Tropes	Friends-to-lovers, roommates-to-lovers, second chance romance, forced proximity, miscommunication, friends with benefits, found family, healing from past trauma, coming-of-age, slow burn, mutual pining, artistic expression as love language.
Socials	17.2k followers on Instagram

Rights Available

All Languages

The Prague Chronicles

Shapeshifters Agency Series Book 1

B.E. Pfeiffer

APRIL 14, 2026

The launch of the new romantasy series by bestselling author B.E. Pfeiffer—a tale of forbidden love, ancient power, and the fate of the world.

After a painful breakup, Ophelia travels to Prague seeking distraction. What she discovers instead is a centuries-old secret: a powerful golem she accidentally awakens. As if that weren't catastrophic enough, she's captured by a clandestine organization—because only Ophelia possesses the ability to neutralize this creature. Einar, an Icelandic shapeshifter with glacial eyes and an even colder heart, is assigned to protect her.

He despises humans—until Ophelia begins to chip away at the frozen armor around his heart. Through the mystical streets of Prague, the two must forge an uneasy alliance to save the world. But the closer they grow, the more dangerous their mission becomes—and not just because of the golem, but because of the undeniable connection sparking between them.

About the Author

If you ask Bettina E. Pfeiffer, born in 1984, about her stories, you should bring plenty of time. Because alongside her family, her often headstrong characters are her greatest love. That's why she spends much of her time in mystical worlds filled with magic, demons, gods, and legendary creatures. The business administration graduate has no shortage of ideas—only a shortage of time, as family, cats, household duties, and her day job all demand attention alongside her writing.

Key Selling Points

Atmospheric European Setting: Prague's Gothic architecture and mystical history provide rich, cinematic backdrop (similar appeal to *Shadow and Bone's* Ravka).

Mature Enemies-to-Lovers: Shapeshifter hero who “despises humans” offers delicious tension and character growth arc.

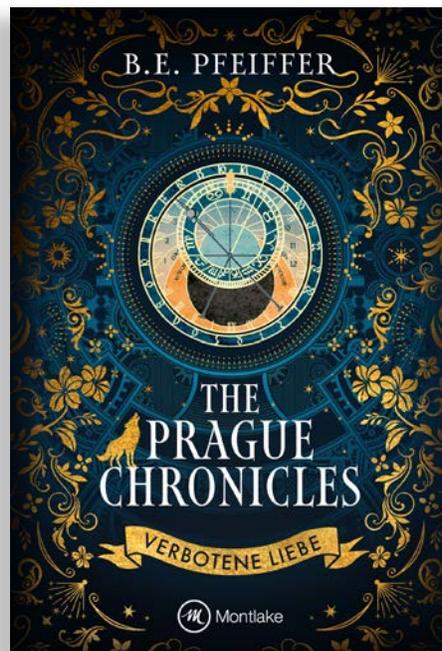
Market Differentiation: Golem folklore offers fresh angle vs. saturated Greek/werewolf markets

European Gothic Atmosphere: Prague setting provides cinematic, atmospheric backdrop.

Cultural Depth: Jewish folklore adds literary weight and cultural richness.

Unique Positioning: Golem folklore is underutilized in romantasy compared to fae/vampire tropes—offers differentiation in a crowded market.

Target Readership: Romantasy readers who love historical European setting + supernatural romance and shapeshifter romances Readers seeking mythology-based fantasy beyond Greek/Norse pantheons Crossover appeal to urban fantasy readers.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Romance
ISBN-13	9782496719482
Tropes	#ForbiddenLove #EnemiesToLovers #ForcedProximity #IceKingHero #ShapeshifterRomance #ChosenOne #ProtectorRomance #FatedMates #UrbanFantasy #Romantasy #AncientMagic #PragueSettings #WorldEndingStakes

Rights Available

All Languages

Her Wolf

Wolves of Montrevere Series Book 1

Sapir A. Englard

JULY 14, 2026

She saved a dying wolf outside her apartment. Now supernatural assassins, government agents, and an ancient Fae syndicate all want her dead—and only the werewolf she rescued can protect her.

It's been eight years since columnist Drew Colter watched her sisters die in a supernatural attack. Eight years of no one believing her, eight years of researching a world she can't prove exists. Until the night that world finds *her*.

The wounded wolf she rescues isn't what he seems—he's Lucien Delterre, Alpha of the Montrevere werewolf pack. For Drew, Lucien is her chance to finally prove what happened to her sisters wasn't delusion. For Lucien, Drew is the only witness who can help him uncover who tried to murder him—and why.

But their investigation has deadly consequences. As they dig deeper, Drew and Lucien discover something neither expected—a mystical bond that ties them together in ways neither can escape or fully understand.

In a battle where love might be their deadliest weakness, Drew must decide if she's willing to risk everything for the truth—and for the wolf who's claimed her heart.

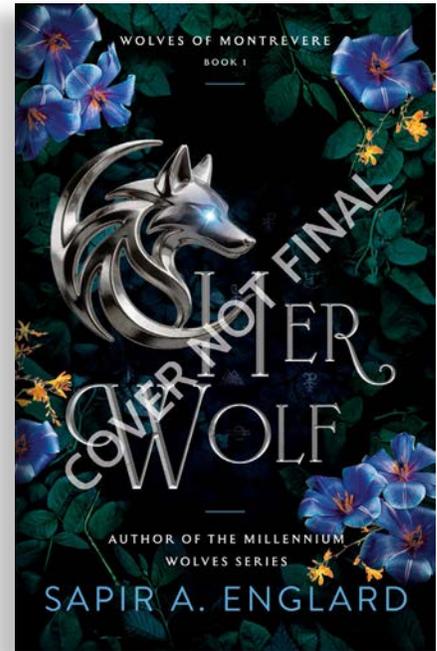
About the Author

Sapir A. Englard is the author of massive digital hit *The Millennium Wolves*. Published in 2019 on the Galatea app, the twelve-book series has amassed more than 210 million reads. The series is also available in French from Hugo Publishing. Englard's success has been documented in *The Boston Globe* and *Forbes*, as well as on TechCrunch and other websites. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, Sapir is a full-time writer and musician.

Key Selling Points

BELOVED AUTHOR RETURNS TO HER ROOTS: Sapir A. Englard made her mark with the breakout success *The Millennium Wolves*, and now returns to the werewolf romance genre that launched her career.

RICHLY BUILT SUPERNATURAL WORLD: Englard creates an intricate "Otherborne" universe with detailed worldbuilding—from the underground Fae city to werewolf pack politics and magical "Spellscripts." The story balances steamy romance with action, political intrigue, and a diverse cast of supernatural beings.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Paranormal - Romance
ISBN-13	9781662536427
Tropes	Fated mates, alpha werewolf, enemies-to-lovers, forbidden love, soul mates, protective hero, and strong female protagonist

Romance

Rights Available

All Languages, excluding French

Other Titles by Author

Cloak of the Vampire
Dance of the Phoenix

Every Single Broken Piece

Michelle Heard

JULY 21, 2026

A tattooed, touch-averse alpha becomes the sunshine to a grieving woman's darkness—but the secret connecting him to her family's brutal murder could destroy the love that's healing them both.
From *USA Today* bestselling author Michelle Heard.

Kelcie

After losing my entire family in a brutal attack, I'm drowning in grief. The only bright spot? My mysterious new neighbor, Levi—a tattooed bestselling author who somehow understands my pain.

He's grumpy, he's damaged, and he hates being touched. Except by me.

Levi

I moved next door to Kelcie for one reason: to make sure she's okay after the tragedy that took her family. A tragedy I know more about than I should.

She's the only person whose touch doesn't make my skin crawl. The only one who makes me want to be whole again.

But I'm hiding a devastating secret—one that connects me to the worst night of her life. And when she discovers the truth, it could destroy the fragile love we've built from our broken pieces.

About the Author

Michelle Heard is the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and Amazon bestselling author of over sixty romance novels and counting. She specializes in love stories as heartwarming as they are heart-wrenching, about characters who would burn down the world for each other.

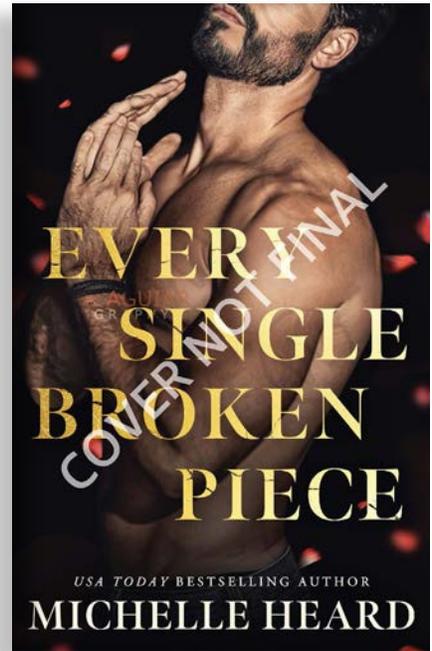
Before she began writing, Michelle had a career in banking. Now she lives happily in South Africa with her son—her right-hand man when it comes to all things publishing—and her daughter-in-law, who is also her best friend.

Key Selling Points

TRAUMA-INFORMED ROMANCE: Sensitively explores grief and healing after family tragedy with emotional authenticity.

NEIGHBOR-TO-LOVERS: Proximity and slow-burn tension as reclusive author helps heroine rebuild her life.

DARK SECRET HOOK: Hero's devastating connection to heroine's past creates page-turning suspense alongside romance.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662536823
Tropes	Amnesia, Grumpy/Sunshine, Forced Proximity, Military Romance, Family Secrets

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Things That Break Us

Tracked

Off the Grid Series Book 1

Dr. Rebecca Sharp

JULY 28, 2026

To infiltrate a wilderness retreat and find her missing sister, she must pose as the girlfriend of a rugged survivalist. The problem? He's her sister's ex, and the man she's always desired. The danger? Their pretend passion is turning real.

When ER doctor Lara Crane's sister vanishes in the Wyoming wilderness, she turns to the one man with the skills to find her—the one man she shouldn't want. Professional tracker Calder Stone is her sister's ex-boyfriend and the forbidden attraction Lara has buried for twelve years.

For Calder, a survivalist who lives by control and careful rules, Lara has always been the exception. Their search leads to a remote couples-only retreat hiding deadly secrets. The only way in? Pose as lovers. But in the intimate confines of their undercover charade, pretending reveals a desire that's dangerously real.

As they uncover the sinister truth behind the retreat—and her sister's disappearance—someone will kill to keep it buried. Trapped in a wilderness where danger lurks behind every tree and their forbidden desire ignites with every stolen touch, Lara and Calder must risk it all to survive. Including their hearts.

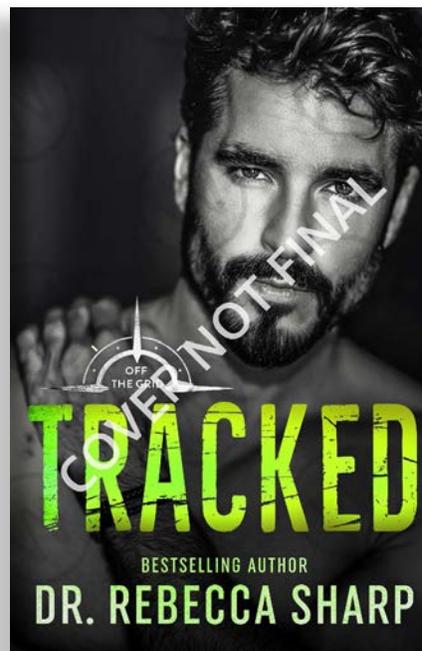
About the Author

Rebecca Sharp is the author of over sixty novels of contemporary romance in a variety of genres. From new adult to extreme sports romance and forbidden romance to romantic comedies, her books feature strong heroines, hot alphas, unique love stories, and always a happily ever after. She is also a dentist in Pennsylvania, and when she is not seeing patients or writing, Rebecca loves to snowboard, cook, and travel with her amazing husband, affectionately referred to as Mr. GQ. She loves to hear from readers. For more information, visit www.drrebeccasharp.com.

Key Selling Points

ROMANTIC SUSPENSE MEETS SURVIVAL THRILLER: Tracked delivers an addictive blend of high-stakes suspense and scorching romance as ER doctor Lara Crane teams up with rugged survivalist tracker Calder Stone to rescue her missing sister from a dangerous cult. Sharp expertly weaves together pulse-pounding action, wilderness survival expertise, and the spicy forbidden attraction between Lara and her sister's ex-boyfriend.

AUTHENTIC EXPERTISE: Sharp's medical background brings authenticity to Lara's character, while the detailed survival and tracking elements create an immersive, believable thriller experience.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Romantic Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662541940
Tropes	Enemies to lovers, fake dating, forced proximity, forbidden love (sister's ex), slow burn, protective alpha hero, brooding hero with a soft side, strong heroine, and small town/rural setting.
Socials	37K TT followers, 1.7M TT likes, 21K IG followers

Romance

Rights Available

All Languages

The Black Orchid

Loreth Anne White

AUGUST 18, 2026

A propulsive true crime–inspired thriller of masks, murder, and long-awaited justice by *Washington Post* bestselling author Loreth Anne White.

By invitation only, nine elite guests board the luxurious *Black Orchid* for its maiden voyage through the mythic Aegean Sea. Not all of them will survive.

Poppy Buchanan, personal assistant to legendary war photographer Lillith McGregor, sees the cruise as her chance at a better life—if she can edge her way into Lillith's will. But their exclusive company includes Lillith's disinherited stepson and his ruthlessly ambitious fiancée, a silent Israeli businessman with a dangerous past, a charming Dutch antiques dealer with an agenda of his own, and a retired FBI profiler hunting a serial killer he believes is aboard. Each passenger is a piece in a deadly puzzle decades in the making.

Within three days, their paths will collide during a catastrophic storm. Long-buried secrets surface. Masks fall away. And the ensuing revelations trigger a chain of events that leads to one of the most devastating maritime disasters in recent history. But the sinking of the *Black Orchid* is no accident—it's a reckoning.

About the Author

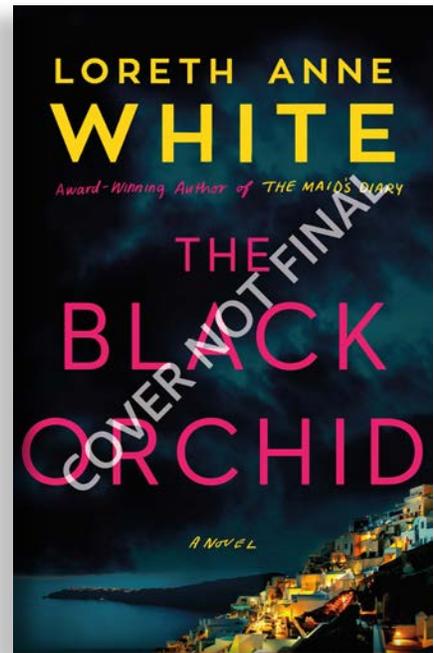
Loreth Anne White is an award-winning Amazon Charts, *Washington Post*, and *Bild* bestselling author of thrillers, mysteries, and suspense with over four million books sold around the world in more than twenty languages. Before turning to fiction, she worked as a journalist in both South Africa and Canada. She resides in the Canadian Pacific Northwest, dividing time between Victoria on Vancouver Island, a ski resort in the Coast Mountains, and a remote lakeside writing cabin in the Cariboo. When Loreth is not crafting stories, you'll likely find her on—or in—the lakes or ocean or on local trails, where she tries—unsuccessfully—to avoid bears. For more information on her books, please visit www.lorethannewhite.com.

Key Selling Points

INNOVATIVE STRUCTURE: White masterfully weaves together a true-crime documentary framework with multiple timelines, creating an immersive experience that feels like binge-watching a prestige limited series. The Greek mythology integration adds literary depth while the countdown to maritime disaster provides edge-of-your-seat suspense.

BESTSELLING AUTHOR AT PEAK POWER: Loreth Anne White has consistently delivered critically acclaimed psychological thrillers, earning starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly*. *The Black Orchid* represents the culmination of her craft—combining propulsive pacing with deeper psychological complexity and moral ambiguity.

INSPIRED BY TRUE CRIME THAT CAPTIVATES: The novel draws from the infamous Charles Sobhraj case—one of history's most fascinating serial killers—giving the story authentic true-crime foundation that will appeal to the massive audience for podcasts, documentaries, and shows like *The White Lotus*.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
ISBN-13	9781662542688
Tropes	Maritime disaster, cold case investigation, serial killer mystery, hidden identities, redemption arc, true crime, psychological manipulation, inheritance drama, unreliable narrators, dual timeline, and family secrets.

Rights Available

Chinese, English, French, German, Hungarian, Russian

Other Titles by Author

The Maid's Diary
The Swimmer

The Summer Between Us

Jennifer Probst

AUGUST 18, 2026

A broken surf champion. A driven single father. And one summer that forces them to choose between the lives they planned and the love they never saw coming in this romance by *New York Times* best-selling author Jennifer Probst.

Once a rising surf champion, Rowan Delaney now works at a Waikiki surf shack, her ocean view a constant reminder of the injury that ended her career. Then she meets Kelsey, a lonely young girl on vacation who has her eyes on the whitecaps and a hunger to ride them. Teaching her is the first thing that's felt right in months. The only problem? Kelsey's controlling, workaholic single father—who's far too attractive for Rowan's peace of mind.

Hawaii is strictly business to Everett Hale. Open a luxury hotel, secure his promotion, and return to New York with the moody daughter he's struggling to reach. The last thing he needs is a stubborn free spirit like Rowan teaching Kelsey to chase waves instead of opportunities. But she's showing his daughter how to be fearless—and making him fall for the one woman he can't take home.

Like the perfect wave, one summer could change everything...and neither of them is ready for the fallout.

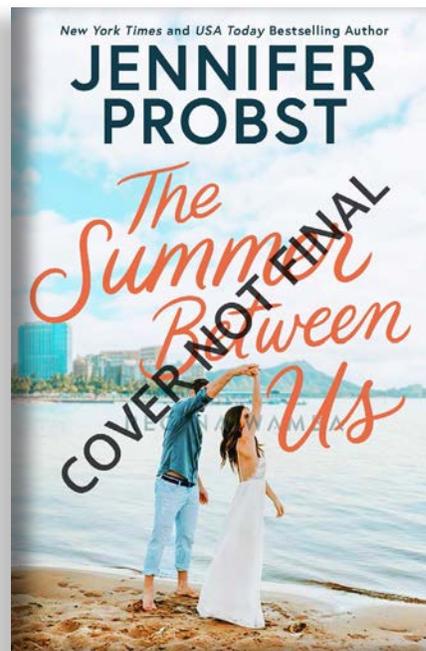
About the Author

Jennifer Probst is the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of over sixty books in contemporary romance fiction, including the Meet Me in Italy series, the Sunshine Sisters series, and the Outer Banks novels. Her work has been translated in over a dozen countries and sold more than a million copies. Jennifer wrote her first book at twelve years old. She bound it in a folder, read it to her classmates, and hasn't stopped writing since. She holds a master's in English literature and lives in the beautiful Hudson Valley in upstate New York. For more information, visit www.jenniferprobst.com.

Key Selling Points

EMOTIONAL BEACH READ WITH DEPTH: *The Summer Between Us* delivers a captivating summer romance exploring themes of grief, healing, and finding one's true path through a former professional surfer dealing with career-ending injury and the loss of her father.

PERFECT SUMMER ESCAPE: Set against the stunning backdrop of Hawaii's beaches and surfing culture, this novel offers readers the perfect summer escape with vivid descriptions and an immersive setting, plus a fun Easter egg for longtime Probst fans with the appearance of Wolfe Wells from her earlier works.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
ISBN-13	9781662542671
Tropes	Enemies-to-lovers, single dad romance, forced proximity, opposites attract, grumpy/sunshine, summer fling, small town charm, workplace romance, protective alpha male, slow burn romance, and beach romance.

Romance

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Meant to Be

When the Smoke Clears

Jewel E. Ann

AUGUST 25, 2026

From *USA Today* bestselling author Jewel E. Ann comes a bitter-sweet second-chance romance about deferred love, impossible timing, and the courage of choosing happiness after devastating loss.

Everleigh Reichart and William Landry fell hard—and far too fast. Their weeklong romance ended the moment Will, a twenty-nine-year-old firefighter, learned the truth: Everleigh was seventeen. He walked away to protect them both. Destiny had other plans.

Eleven years later, Will is still running into burning buildings, while Everleigh has become a brilliant psychiatrist. When a house fire strands her on his land, their old feelings ignite like patient embers. But she's desperate to keep concealing the childhood trauma that has shaped her life, and he's struggling under the weight of his father's terminal illness. Too soon, the strain snaps their fragile reunion, flinging them farther apart than ever before.

Now Everleigh must face her past to salvage a future with Will...if he can accept that loving her includes the broken parts too. But first, he needs to come and find her—this time by faith, not fate.

About the Author

Jewel E. Ann is a *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestselling author with a quirky sense of humor. When she's not saving the planet one tree at a time, you can find her role-modeling questionable behavior to her three boys, walking her doodle, binge-watching Netflix with her husband, and writing mind-bending romance.

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Drop her a message at author@jeweleann.com. She'd love to hear from you!

Key Selling Points

Author on the rise: Bestselling author Jewel E. Ann is an author on the rise. An undiscovered gem who is perfect for readers of Devney Perry and Rebecca Yarros's contemporary romance.

Steam and smarts: Strong emotional depth dealing with mental health, grief, and healing - appeals to readers looking for both emotional weight and romance. Unique character dynamics with a genius female psychiatrist and a pragmatic firefighter, offering both competency porn and emotional vulnerability perfect for readers of Rebecca Yarros's contemporary romances.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
ISBN-13	9781662535482
Tropes	Age gap romance, second chance romance, forced proximity (roommates), emotional healing, competence porn (both leads are experts in their fields), grumpy/sunshine dynamic, found family, hidden vulnerability, emotional wounds, childhood trauma, and the "only one bed" scenario.
Socials	24.9K Instagram followers

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

From Air
From Nowhere

Trust No One

Mary Burton

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

A woman's unexpected return to her isolated family estate puts her in a killer's path in this shocking suspense novel by *New York Times* bestselling author Mary Burton.

After seventeen years away, public defender Raine Hale returns to her family's crumbling Virginia estate when her estranged cousin Maria is hospitalized following a near-fatal cyanide poisoning. As sole beneficiary of Hale House and guardian to Maria's five-year-old daughter, Molly, Raine confronts a troubling legacy she vowed never to revisit—and is thrust into a deadly mystery.

But she can't trust anyone. Maria's husband has a violent past and crushing debts. Raine's manipulative ex refuses to sign divorce papers and won't stay away. Her former high school lover, now the lead detective on Maria's case, views everyone as a suspect, including Raine. And a brutal client who nearly killed her just got out of jail.

When people begin dying, Hale House becomes as dangerous as the secrets it holds. With a killer circling closer and Molly's life in her hands, Raine must unravel generations of family deceptions before she becomes the next victim buried in the family plot.

About the Author

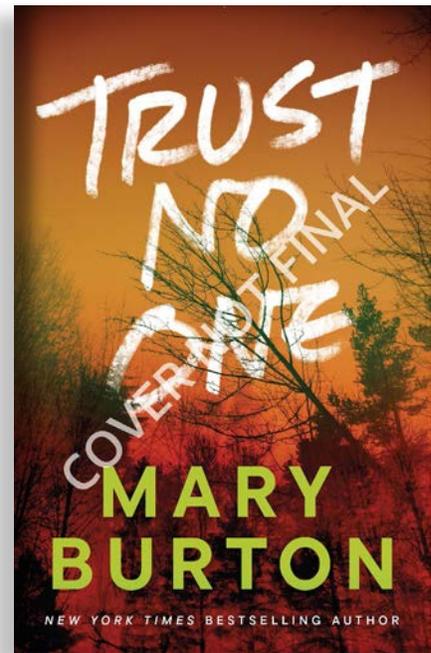
Mary Burton is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of more than forty romance and suspense novels, including *What She Saw*, *Another Girl Lost*, *The House Beyond the Dunes*, and *The Lies I Told*. She currently lives in North Carolina with her husband. For more information, visit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

Key Selling Points

MASTER OF ROMANTIC SUSPENSE DELIVERS A TWISTY SMALL-TOWN THRILLER: Burton brings her signature blend of pulse-pounding suspense and simmering romance to this intricate mystery. Burton's trademark "scorching action" and "tension-filled plot with plenty of twists" (praised by *Publishers Weekly* and *Crimespree Magazine*) will keep readers guessing until the shocking final pages.

COMPELLING HEROINE WITH HIGH STAKES: Public defender Raine Hale returns to her crumbling ancestral estate to escape a violent attack, only to find herself at the center of a murder investigation. Juggling custody of a traumatized five-year-old, a dangerous ex-husband, and rekindled feelings for her high school love—now the lead investigator—Raine must untangle a web of betrayal spanning seventeen years.

PROVEN TRACK RECORD WITH DEVOTED READERSHIP: With over 40 novels and consistent praise as "the modern-day queen of romantic suspense" (*Bookreporter*), Burton has built a loyal following. Her books regularly earn starred reviews, with readers praising her ability to balance "gentle romance with high-tension suspense" (*Publishers Weekly*)



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Romantic Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662530333
Tropes	Small town secrets, second chance romance, inheritance drama, unreliable narrator, murder mystery, obsessive stalker, family legacy, hidden identities, gaslighting, and revenge.

Romance

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

What She Saw
Hide and Seek

Altar of Lies

Sweetwater Sins Series Book 1

Jenika Snow

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

A cult survivor escaping her past finds unexpected love—and new-found fears—in a heart-stopping dark romance by USA Today bestselling author Jenika Snow.

After escaping with her life from a terrifying cult, Violet Santos has reinvented herself in the quiet mountain town of Sweetwater Lake. But when bodies turn up in the woods bearing the same ritualist markings carved into Violet's traumatic memories, she knows that the hell she fled from has followed her here.

Enter Grayson Iverson, a criminal psychologist working with the FBI to investigate the crimes. Then he meets Violet and is immediately drawn to the vulnerable young woman with the haunted eyes. And for the first time since Violet can remember, she no longer feels alone. She's met someone she can trust. But as their intense connection deepens into a passionate romance, the murders in Sweetwater Lake escalate. So do Violet's fears. Grayson is more than a protector. He is obsessed.

Maybe Violet doesn't know Grayson at all. But if the man she loves is not her salvation, then who is he? And what does he want of her?

About the Author

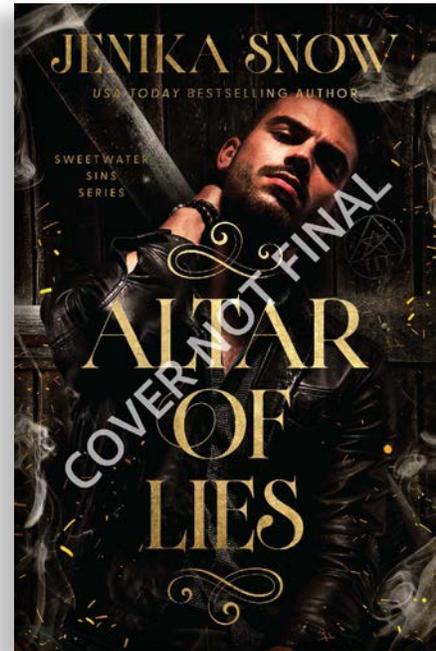
Jenika Snow is a *USA Today* bestselling author of dirty books, an admirer of rainy days, a profanity expert, an animal lover, and a book boyfriend enthusiast. Jenika has published hundreds of contemporary, paranormal, and dark romances since 2009, selling over three million copies worldwide. For more information, visit www.jenikasnow.com.

Key Selling Points

Intense Dark Romance with Psychological Thriller Elements: *Altar of Lies* delivers a gripping narrative that blends cult suspense with a passionate romance, following Violet as she escapes her traumatic past only to be drawn back into danger. With the psychological intensity of Pepper Winters, the emotional depth of Tillie Cole, and the dark suspense of Penelope Douglas, this novel's atmospheric tension and high-stakes storyline will captivate readers who crave darkly addictive, character-driven stories.

Powerful Themes of Trauma, Healing, and Redemption: This compelling story explores the aftermath of cult indoctrination and the journey toward healing, featuring richly developed characters who navigate complex emotional landscapes. The portrayal of trauma recovery alongside a passionate relationship offers readers both emotional catharsis and hope, appealing to those who appreciate psychologically nuanced fiction.

From USA Today Bestselling Author Jenika Snow: With hundreds of romances published since 2009, Jenika Snow brings her signature emotional intensity and character development to this dark thriller. Her established fanbase and proven track record of delivering compelling stories with romantic elements ensures *Altar of Lies* will satisfy her loyal readers while attracting new fans of psychological suspense and dark romance.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662540806
Tropes	Cult survivor, dark romance, enemies to lovers, protective hero, second chance romance, forced proximity, small town suspense, trauma recovery, fake death, chosen one, betrayal and redemption, FBI agent hero, found family

Rights Available

All Languages

In Every Lifetime

Karla Sorensen

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

A woman wakes up with no memory of her existing marriage in an emotional and heart-wrenching novel of trauma, hope, and trying to fall in love all over again.

Open your eyes, darling.

I wake up in a hospital, the memory of the last year of my life erased, and Grant Hastings beside me. I do remember him—my late brother’s arrogant and wealthy British best friend. No one I’d ever consider marrying. Yet here he is, claiming to be my husband.

Suddenly I’m returning to a beautiful house I don’t recognize, wearing a ring I don’t recall receiving, living in a world of privilege with a version of Grant I never knew existed, and expecting to rebuild a life with a man I don’t even like. Now that his aristocratic family has arrived for Grant’s birthday, I have to pretend that our marriage is intact. With every disorienting new day, I wonder what I’m doing here.

Torn between suspicion and curiosity, I have to decide. Am I better off leaving the past forgotten? Or trusting Grant to help me find my way back, and falling in love all over again without remembering why I ever fell to begin with.

About the Author

Karla Sorensen is the #1 Amazon bestselling author of the Kings series, the Wilder Family series, the Best Man series, the Washington Wolves series, and many other novels. Karla refuses to read or write anything without a happily ever after. When she’s not devouring Dramione fanfic or avoiding laundry, you can find her watching football (British and American) or HGTV, or listening to Enneagram podcasts so she can psychoanalyze everyone in her life, in no particular order of importance.

With a degree in advertising and public relations from Grand Valley State University, she made her living in senior healthcare prior to writing full-time. Karla lives in Michigan with her husband, two boys, and a big, shaggy rescue dog named Bear. For more information, visit www.karlasorensen.com.

Key Selling Points

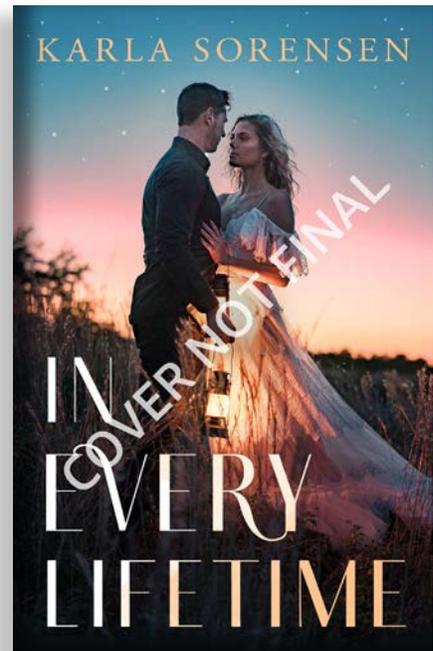
AMNESIA WITH HIGH STAKES: Mercy waking up with no memory of her marriage creates immediate emotional tension and forces both characters to rebuild their relationship from scratch.

MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE EVOLUTION: The transformation from practical arrangement to deep love—then having to rediscover it—delivers double the emotional payoff.

TEACHER HEROINE/FAMILY DYNAMICS: Middle school teacher protagonist brings relatable career challenges and authentic family relationships that ground the romance.

PROVEN AUTHOR: Karla Sorensen brings established Montlake readership and commercial track record to this compelling story.

COMMERCIAL COMPS: Positions alongside Emily Henry and Abby Jimenez, tapping into the contemporary romance market seeking emotionally resonant, character-driven stories.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
ISBN-13	9781662536205
Tropes	Grumpy/Sunshine; Only She Can Touch Him; Neighbor Romance; Damaged Hero; Healing Love; Slow Burn
Socials	30k followers

Romance

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

How Not to Fall in Love
Single Dad Dilemma

Florescentia

The Luminary Series Book 1

I.V. Ophelia

SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

She opened doors to the Otherside for power. Now a cosmic being wants to keep her there forever in this dark fantasy romance of forbidden desire and deadly bargains.

In Gilded Age Astraea, where stars govern fate and smog chokes the sky, Lucia Collesano-Fairfax has mastered the impossible: she can open doors to the Otherside and harvest luck from the shadows that dwell there. Her rituals have brought her wealth, success, and security—until one goes catastrophically wrong, killing her husband and severing her from the supernatural power she's relied upon.

Desperate to undo her mistake, Lucia strikes a dangerous bargain with Altair, a cosmic entity who offers her everything she's ever wanted to know about the universe. But Altair's interest in her isn't coincidental—Lucia was marked for him from birth. Now that promise is coming due. As Lucia ventures deeper into the Otherside, she discovers the marks on her skin aren't a blessing but a seal binding her to Altair's world.

To escape, she must outwit a being older than stars and decide what she's willing to sacrifice for freedom—before the choice is made for her.

About the Author

I.V. Ophelia is the author of *The Poisoner* and *The Arachnid* in the gothic vampire series *The Poisoner*. Born in small-town New England, she now haunts the streets of New York City, writing the most unhinged tales she can conjure. When not crafting gothic romance, she works as a full-time artist, hoards nineteenth-century gowns and antique furniture, dotes on her menagerie of pets, and plots her next literary transgression. Discover more of her deliciously dark world at www.ivophelia.com.

Key Selling Points

DARK ROMANCE WITH DEPTH: Florescentia delivers morally complex, monster-romance heat while exploring grief, ambition, and forbidden knowledge. Lucia is a brilliant inventor who bargains with cosmic entities on her own terms—this is romance for readers who want their love stories beautifully twisted.

LUSH VICTORIAN WORLDBUILDING MEETS COSMIC FANTASY: Ophelia creates an intoxicating alternate Victorian New York where bioluminescent technology and shadow creatures blend seamlessly with period detail. *Florescentia* offers an immersive, sensory experience that recalls *Annihilation's* atmospheric dread and Ava Reid's gothic sensuality.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Dark Romance
ISBN-13	9781662534621
Tropes	Enemies-to-lovers, forbidden romance, monster romance, star-crossed lovers, bargain with supernatural entity, morally gray characters, and found family.
Socials	53.1K IG followers, 16.7K TT followers, 770.6M TT likes

Rights Available

All Languages

Rights Sold

German, Spanish, Russian

Other Titles by Author

Fruit of the Flesh

Branded Betrayal

Kristen Luciani

SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

In this dark Western romance, a young woman returns from her corporate city life in Denver to her hometown of Whiskey Creek, Wyoming following the death of her favorite aunt.

A surprise inheritance leaves her with a herculean task: making the struggling family ranch profitable in six months, or losing it forever. Also back in town is the man who shattered her heart when she needed him most. Years ago, he walked away without explanation, leaving her devastated and alone in the wake of her parents' deaths.

Now, as she struggles to keep the ranch from slipping through her fingers, he reappears with secrets that could destroy any chance of reconciliation. The truth he's been hiding cuts deep: He knows what really caused her parents' deaths, and his reasons for leaving her were far more complicated than fear of commitment. This ruggedly passionate hero has a fast temper and a complicated past with a local crime lord, torn between his responsibility to family, helping the heroine, and keeping her safe.

As our heroine is forced to begrudgingly accept his help with the ranch, old feelings resurface alongside new dangers that could cost them everything they're fighting to protect.

Montlake's first foray into the emerging dark Western romance subgenre, this story explores questions of loyalty, second chances, and how far you'll go to protect the ones you love.

About the Author

Kristen Luciani is a *USA Today* bestselling author of steamy and suspense-filled romance. She's addicted to kickboxing, Starburst jelly beans, and swooning over dark, broken anti-heroes. Kristen is happily married to her own real-life hero of over 20 years.

In addition to penning spicy stories, she also has a part-time job as her three kids' personal Uber driver, which she manages to successfully juggle along with her other tasks: laundry, cleaning, laundry, cooking, laundry, and caring for her adorable Boston Terrier puppy.

Key Selling Points

DARK WESTERN ROMANCE: This novel is Montlake's first foray into the emerging subgenre of dark Western romance, blending small town Western charm with a darkly suspenseful plot laced with danger and betrayal.

COMPELLING GRAY-MORALITY HERO: The novel's hero is a ruggedly passionate man with a fast temper and a complicated past with the local crime lord, torn between his responsibility to his family, helping our heroine, and keeping her safe at the risk of losing her, making for a gripping romance that weaves together questions of loyalty, second chances, and how far you'll go to protect the ones you love.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Romantic Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662541070
Tropes	surprise inheritance, enemies to lovers, second chance, childhood sweethearts, redemption, forbidden romance, love triangle, small town romance, possessive hero, save the small business, jerk with a heart of gold

Rights Available

All Languages

Always Be My Pumpkin

Linda McEvoy

OCTOBER 1, 2026

Gracie Sullivan has spent ten years trying to forget Flynn Anderson—her first love, her best friend, and the boy who laughed when she hoped he'd ask her to the Halloween Ball.

When he left for America without a proper goodbye, she moved on with Jamie, building a life that looked perfect on the surface. Now Gracie's back in Oakwood, single and determined to focus on her library career. But when Flynn returns to help his uncle Pat, all those carefully buried feelings come flooding back. Between organizing the village's first Samhain festival and sharing close quarters in a cozy cottage, keeping things "just friends" becomes impossible.

As Halloween approaches, Gracie discovers a decade-old letter that changes everything she thought she knew about the night Flynn left. With the whole village watching and her heart on the line, she must decide: play it safe, or finally ask Flynn to stay?

A heartwarming Irish romance about second chances, found family, and the courage to fight for the love you deserve—perfect for fans of cozy small-town stories with big feelings.

About the Author

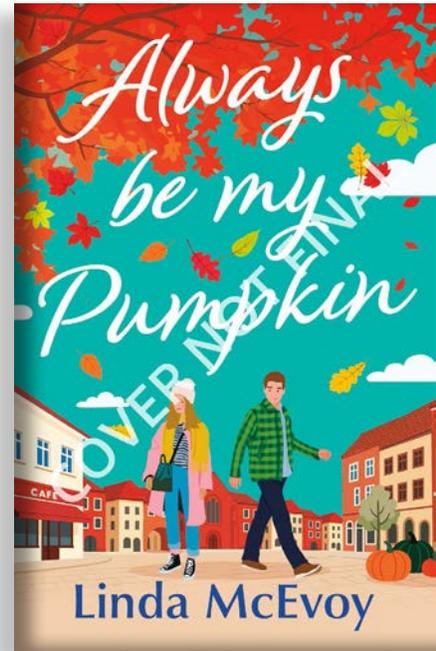
Linda writes cosy, uplifting, small town love stories filled with heart, Irish humour, and swoony romance. A former librarian, she hails from a small town in Ireland. Her debut, *The Christmas Market*, reviewed as magical, quirky, and romantic, will be followed by a best friends to lovers autumn romance with *Stars Hollow* vibes, coming autumn 2026. Represented by Nicky Lovick, WGM Atlantic Group.

Key Selling Points

SWOON-WORTHY ROMANCE: Features beloved romance tropes with fresh twists and emotional payoff that readers crave.

FRESH VOICE: Linda McEvoy brings unique perspective and compelling storytelling to APub.

STRONG MARKET POSITIONING: Positioned alongside successful titles like *The Pumpkin Spice Cafe* (Laurie Gilmore), *The Comfort Food Cafe* (Debbie Johnson), *We Belong Together* (Beth Moran), *If It Makes You Happy* (Julie Olivia), *Fall I Want* (Lyra Parish), *The Holiday Cottage* (Sarah Morgan), *The Cinnamon Spice Inn* (Harper Graham), tapping into proven readership.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Romantic Comedy
ISBN-13	9781662542206
Tropes	One bed, innocent cohabitation, second chance, childhood friends reunited, friends to lovers, fake dating

Rights Available

All Languages

Wild Silver and Lead

Snake Ops Series Book 1

Lexie Axelson

OCTOBER 6, 2026

In a world where the dead walk, the living are more dangerous—and one forced marriage might be the most lethal trap of all in this dark military romance by Lexie Axelson.

Ten years after the Raven Virus turned the dead into flesh-eating monsters, Scottie Cuevas has survived by following one rule: trust no one. But when a bullet meant for an eight-point buck tears through her chest instead, she wakes in Smoke Hollows Peak—a fortified town that shouldn't exist. Her shooter? Captain Slader Jennings, the most lethal soldier in the classified Snake Ops unit.

Slader offers a deal: marry him to stay in Hollows, join his elite team, and he'll help find her missing family. What begins as convenience ignites into obsession. But someone wants Scottie dead, and Hollows Peak harbors secrets darker than the infected roaming beyond its walls.

As assassination attempts escalate and her fractured memories return, Scottie discovers the night her family disappeared holds the key to everything. In a world where the infected aren't the only monsters, she must decide: trust the ruthless cowboy who owns her heart, or uncover the truth that could destroy them both.

About the Author

Lexie Axelson is a South Texas-born, East Coast-living author who writes the kind of dark, angst-y romances that haunt your heart long after the last page. A proud Hispanic author and military spouse, she blends raw emotion, high-stakes tension, and swoon-worthy book boyfriends into every story. When she's not crafting love stories laced with danger, you'll find her watching horror movies and traveling with her family.

Key Selling Points

EXPLOSIVE POST-APOCALYPTIC ROMANCE: Enemies-to-lovers intensity meets survival stakes as a tattooed military cowboy and fierce tracker collide in a zombie-ravaged world where trust is deadly and desire is dangerous.

IMMERSIVE DYSTOPIAN WORLD: A hidden military fortress harbors dark secrets, elite Snake Ops soldiers, and brutal rival factions—all while hordes of infected "criers" and mutated "roarers" threaten humanity's last stand.

GRIPPING CHARACTER ARC WITH SHOCKING TWISTS: Scottie's transformation from lone survivor to elite operative forces impossible choices between her missing family and forbidden love, while mysterious memory gaps conceal a devastating betrayal that explodes in a cliffhanger ending.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Dark Military Romance
ISBN-13	9781662540431
Tropes	Enemies-to-lovers, forced proximity, marriage of convenience, possessive alpha male, grumpy/sunshine, military hero, protective hero, traumatized hero, strong female lead, dystopian world, survival romance, forbidden romance, and morally gray characters.

Rights Available

All Languages

Romance

Lavender Hill

The Love Stone Series Book 1

Aurora Rose Reynolds

OCTOBER 13, 2026

After catching her fiancé cheating, a heartbroken woman makes the bold decision to leave her old life behind and return to her Oregon hometown to rebuild and heal.

What she doesn't expect is to find herself falling for the handsome, dedicated cop who's running for sheriff—a man deeply rooted in the community she once left behind.

As she settles back into the rhythms of small-town life, surrounded by the unwavering support (and occasional annoyances) of family and a cozy town full of colorful characters, she begins to rediscover herself. The chemistry between her and the aspiring sheriff is undeniable, but both carry their own baggage and fears about opening their hearts again.

Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Pacific Northwest, this charming contemporary romance explores themes of second chances, finding home, and the courage it takes to let love in after loss.

The first book in The Love Stone Series, where protagonists find fateful heart-shaped stones that portend finding true love, this story delivers Aurora Rose Reynolds' signature blend of emotional depth, chemistry, humor, and the satisfying arc of rebuilding your life in your hometown after losing the life you thought you wanted.

About the Author

Aurora Rose Reynolds is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author whose wildly popular series include *Until*, *Until Him*, *Until Her*, *Fluke My Life*, *Underground Kings*, *How to Catch an Alpha*, and *Shooting Stars*. Her writing career started in an attempt to get the outrageously alpha men who resided in her head to leave her alone and has blossomed.

Key Selling Points

Heart & Humor: Aurora Rose Reynolds' novels are charming, character-driven romances that will have you chuckling and sweep you off your feet in turn, bringing every ounce of the emotional depth, chemistry, and happily-ever-after that contemporary romance readers adore.

Small Town Appeal: *Lavender Hill* is set in a cozy Pacific Northwest town full of colorful characters and the unwavering support (and annoyances) of family, and provides a satisfying arc of rebuilding your life in your hometown after losing the life you thought you wanted, hitting all the high notes of the small-town romance genre.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
ISBN-13	9781662540615
Tropes	small town romance, protector hero, workplace romance (client/professional), broken engagement, parents love him, matchmaking/set up, damsel in distress
Socials	84k Facebook followers, 36k Instagram followers

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Reckless
Rushed

Scouting the Single Dad

Axes & Endzones Series Book 3

Sara Ney

OCTOBER 13, 2026

When a small-town event planner's major festival is failing and she desperately calls in a favor for a celebrity appearance, she's expecting a famous football player to show up, sign some autographs, and save her event.

What she gets instead is said football player's brooding single dad showing up with his adorable, scheming daughter in tow—and zero intention of leaving Star Lake, Washington anytime soon. The daughter, Benny, isn't just along for the ride; she's actively matchmaking, determined to find her dad a girlfriend and convinced that the stressed-out, driven event planner is perfect for him.

As Layla works frantically to make her festival a success, she finds herself spending more time with Hayes and Benny than planned. He's not the arrogant athlete she expected—he's patient, devoted to his daughter, and surprisingly down-to-earth despite his fame.

The lakeside setting provides a cozy, intimate backdrop as professional stakes collide with personal ones in this sports romance with humor, heart, and a scene-stealing kid.

About the Author

Sara Ney is an Amazon and *USA Today* bestselling author of new adult college and adult romance, notably the *How to Date a Douchebag* and *Campus Legends* series, as well as *Falling for the Fake Lumberjack*, with more in the works.

Her books have been translated for many foreign markets, including Germany, Italy, Brazil, and Israel. Sara lives alongside her partner Jeff in a blended household overrun by four independent teenagers. She enjoys a weekly *Cute Date Night*, where she and Jeff discuss TV shows they're bingeing and plot new novels together—something he is freakishly good at. Sara also loves traveling because it's the only time she has the bathroom to herself.

Key Selling Points

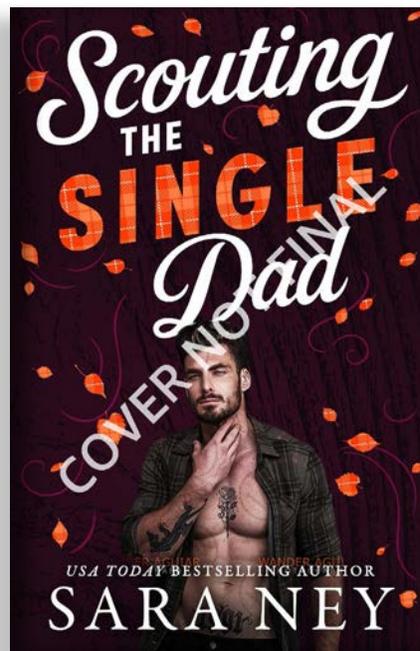
MATCHMAKING DAUGHTER HOOK: Benny isn't just a side character—she's the scene-stealer who actively pushes her dad and Layla together, creating organic comedy and heart.

DUAL STAKES: Layla needs the festival to succeed (professional stakes) while navigating unexpected attraction to a man who's "more dad than celebrity" (personal stakes).

COZY LAKESIDE SETTING: Star Lake, Washington provides intimate small-town backdrop that contrasts with Hayes's high-profile football career—appeals to readers seeking escapist small-town romance.

SERIES CONTINUITY: Third book in *Axes & Endzones* series featuring "strong female girls-next-door fall for big, broody star athletes" in recurring lakeside town setting—built-in readership from Books 1-2.

PROVEN AUTHOR: Sara Ney is a *USA Today* bestselling author with established sports romance readership and books translated into multiple foreign markets.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662541056
Tropes	Single Dad • Grumpy/Sunshine • Small Town • Sports Romance • Slow Burn • Fish Out of Water • Matchmaking Kid • Celebrity in Hiding

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Biggest Player
Married to the Scottish Player
Falling for the Lumberjack

Thief of Hearts

The Heart of the Goddess Series Book 1

Sariah Wilson

OCTOBER 13, 2026

A warrior who never loses. A thief who never fails. One impossible quest forces them to choose between duty and a love that could destroy them both.

Basileia of Thrace lives for the fight. Battle-favored and undefeated, she's spent her life proving herself worthy to lead her clan—until her mother names someone else as heir. Desperate for answers, Basileia enters a brutal tournament where the grand prize is a diviner stone that can reveal how to change her mother's mind. But victory comes with a price.

Kidnapped by slavers and forced into an impossible quest, Basileia must retrieve a god-weapon guarded by monsters and ancient magic. Her only ally is Zain—the charming, infuriating king of thieves who keeps saving her life while hiding secrets of his own. As they face deadly trials together, the line between enemies and something more begins to blur.

But as they close in on the god-weapon, Basileia discovers that Zain's secrets run deeper than she imagined—and that trusting a thief may be the most dangerous gamble of all. Some thefts can't be undone, especially when your heart is among the spoils.

About the Author

Sariah Wilson is the *USA Today* bestselling author of more than two dozen romantic fantasy and contemporary romance novels, including *A Tribute of Fire* and *A Vow of Embers* in the Eye of the Goddess series, *The Chemistry of Love*, and *Roommaid*. She happens to be madly, passionately in love with her soulmate and is a fervent believer in happily ever afters—which is why she writes romance. She currently lives with her family and various pets in Utah, and harbors a lifelong devotion to ice cream. For more information, visit her at www.sariahwilson.com.

Key Selling Points

FRESH SPIN ON A BELOVED WORLD: Set in the same universe as Wilson's Eye of the Goddess trilogy, *Thief of Hearts* follows fierce warrior Basileia—a new protagonist who must forge her own path, choosing between duty and her heart, with no prophecy to guide her.

MYTHOLOGY MEETS HIGH-STAKES ROMANCE: Wilson blends Greek mythology with a deadly tournament structure, mistaken identity plot, and rescue mission, while the gods' tragic love story mirrors and complicates the central romance.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Romantic Fantasy
ISBN-13	9781662540677
Tropes	Enemies-to-lovers, forced proximity, tournament/competition, quest, betrayal and redemption, revenge, strong female warrior, forbidden romance, magical abilities, slow burn romance, and morally gray love interest.

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

A Curse of Ashes
A Vow of Embers

Hate You More

Love & Loathing Series Book 1

Donna Alam

OCTOBER 15, 2026

Clara is a Park Avenue princess cut off by her family and stuck waitressing to survive. The only way to access her trust fund? Get married. Gabe is the boy from the wrong side of the tracks who once worked for her parents. Now he's a billionaire Fintech mogul—and the last man on earth she'd ever marry.

When Clara accidentally dumps canapés on Gabe at a high-profile event, their explosive confrontation goes viral. Overnight, Solis stock skyrockets. Gabe offers her a job, but Clara counters with a better deal: a marriage of convenience. It's purely business. They despise each other. Nothing could go wrong. Except everything does...

About the Author

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

Key Selling Points

ENEMIES-TO-LOVERS MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE WITH SCORCHING CHEMISTRY: Clara and Gabe have history, resentment, and an undeniable attraction they're both fighting. Their fake marriage forces them into close quarters where witty banter masks deeper feelings, creating the delicious tension readers crave.

MANHATTAN LUXURY AND FINTECH GLAMOUR: Set in the world of high finance and Park Avenue privilege, this romance delivers aspirational settings, designer suits, and the glittering backdrop of New York City's elite social scene.

CLASS CONFLICT AND POWER DYNAMICS: The “wrong side of the tracks” boy made good versus the fallen princess creates compelling tension. Their past roles—groundsman and employer's daughter—add layers of complexity to their relationship and make their eventual equality all the more satisfying.

SERIES LAUNCH WITH RECURRING CHARACTERS: First in the Love & Loathing series featuring four founding partners of Solis. Each book will feature a new couple while maintaining the core friend group, perfect for readers who love interconnected office romances.

WITTY BANTER AND EMOTIONAL DEPTH: Humorous and heartfelt with sharp dialogue that crackles off the page. The excerpt showcases Clara's impulsive anger (threatening Gabe with a fork) balanced with vulnerability and self-awareness about her mental health journey.

SECOND-CHANCE ROMANCE ELEMENTS: Their past “fleeting romance” adds emotional weight—this isn't just enemies-to-lovers, it's also about healing old wounds and getting a second chance at what they once had.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
ISBN-13	9781662537295
Tropes	#billionaireromance/#romancebooks/#kiss/#instagood/#cute/#lovestory/#couples/#relationshipgoals/#-forever/#love/#couple/#romance/#passion/#relationship/#friendstolovers/#spicyromance/#enemiestolovers/#oppositesattract
Socials	14.3K likes on TikTok, 5.3K followers on Instagram, 11K likes on FB

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

No Romeo
No Knight

What the Smut?

C. Hallman

OCTOBER 20, 2026

June Ryan is a twenty-one-year-old introverted smut writer who's never lived out the spicy scenes she pens. That is, until she boards a plane to Las Vegas and finds herself entangled—literally and figuratively—with a brooding hitman on the run.

When June's accidental "research" mishap and a few too many glasses of wine lead to a mortifying meet-cute with Adrian Winters (thirty-two, emotionally unavailable, and deadly in more ways than one), neither expects the flight to end with a kidnapping, a rescue, and a forced hideout in his safe house.

While Adrian tries to keep things strictly business, June's candid charm and quirky habit of narrating her own life break through his defenses. Soon, they're acting out her most forbidden fantasies under the guise of "research," all while dodging bullets and unraveling a mob boss's plot. But as they take on the west coast's most powerful criminal at a masquerade ball, it's not just June's confidence that's growing—so is her heart.

With a heroine who finds her voice (sometimes out loud, always at the worst moment) and a hero who discovers he still has a heart to lose, *What the Smut?* is perfect for readers seeking spice, snark, and a satisfying happily ever after.

About the Author

C. Hallman is a *USA Today* bestselling author who wrote her debut novel in 2018 and has since published over 100 books in various romance subgenres. Her works have been on numerous bestseller lists and have been translated into 8 languages around the world. Born and raised in Germany, Cassandra attended business school in her hometown before immigrating to America when she was only eighteen. At nineteen, she married her husband, who was active duty military at that time. Together, they traveled the country for years, before finally settling down.

Now, she lives in the mountains of North Carolina with her husband of sixteen years, their three children, two dogs, and one hairless cat. With a love for reading, that love slowly transpired into writing, she put her fingers to the keyboard and started writing about the dark side of romance.

Key Selling Points

HIGH HUMOR: C. Hallman's novels are unabashedly funny, with larger-than-life characters whose distinctive voices and personalities provide hilariously embarrassing scenarios, sharply sardonic banter, and an effortlessly enjoyable read.

HIGH HEAT & HEART: Hallman also includes a strong heaping of spice in her stories, effortlessly weaving humor and heat for a romantic-comedy that truly delivers on both fronts and gives readers a happily ever after that feels both earned and electric.

HIGH-STAKES: Continuing her trend of violently dangerous "bad boy" heroes, this novel is propulsive from start to end with high-stakes action, from kidnapping to dodging bullets and unraveling a mob boss's plot, as our protagonists fall in love in the midst of a life-threatening suspense.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Romantic Comedy
ISBN-13	9781662540158
Tropes	enemies to lovers, only one bed, grumpy/sunshine, first kiss/virgin romance, "teach me", forced proximity, fish out of water, damsel in distress

Rights Available

All Languages

The Apparent Trap

Ali Rosen

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Set in the high-stakes world of morning television production, a successful NYC producer finds her professional and personal lives colliding in unexpected ways when her widowed father begins a May-December romance that raises eyebrows—and her concerns.

As she navigates the complicated emotions of watching her parent move on after loss, she finds herself unexpectedly falling for an older chef with his own complicated baggage. The irony isn't lost on her: here she is judging her father's age-gap relationship while falling into one of her own.

With signature wit and warmth, this contemporary romance explores themes of grief, second chances at love, and learning that happiness doesn't follow a prescribed timeline or formula. The behind-the-scenes media setting adds professional stakes and authentic workplace dynamics, while the dual age-gap romances create rich thematic parallels.

About the Author

Ali Rosen is the bestselling author of four novels, including the Amazon Editors pick *Unlikely Story*, described in a starred review by *Kirkus* as “a swoonworthy romance reminiscent of a Nora Ephron movie.” Aside from escaping into fictional worlds, Rosen is also the Emmy Award- and James Beard Award-nominated host of *Potluck with Ali Rosen* on NYC Life, as well as the author of three cookbooks, including the best-selling *15 Minute Meals*.

She has been featured everywhere from *The Today Show* to *The New York Times* and has written for *Bon Appétit*, *The Washington Post*, and *New York magazine*. Rosen is originally from Charleston, South Carolina, but now lives in New York City with her husband, three kids, and rescue dog. She can usually be found wandering the Union Square Greenmarket or curled up in a chair reading a romance novel.

Key Selling Points

WORKPLACE ROMANCE WITH A MEDIA TWIST: Set in the high-stakes world of morning television (where Ali has her roots!), this contemporary romance offers a fresh take on workplace dynamics while exploring behind-the-scenes drama of news production - a setting that will appeal to fans of *The Morning Show* and Emily Henry's *Beach Read's* journalism backdrop.

COMPLEX FAMILY DYNAMICS & EMOTIONAL DEPTH: The story skillfully weaves together multiple relationship threads - dealing with grief, parent-child relationships, and found family - while maintaining a perfect balance of humor and heart. The emotional complexity elevates it beyond a simple romance.

STRONG, COMPETENT, AND SEXY HEROINE: As is Ali's hallmark, *The Apparent Trap* features well-developed female friendships and professional relationships that don't take a backseat to the romance, with particular appeal to readers who enjoy seeing characters grow both personally and professionally throughout the story.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Romantic Comedy
ISBN-13	9781662538711
Tropes	age gap, workplace romance, forced proximity, slow burn, grumpy/sunshine (reversed with the FMC being more reserved), found family, second chances at love, secret relationship, and the “only one bed” scenario during their time in Sweden
Socials	66.7K Instagram followers

Romance

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Slow Burn
Unlikely Story

In Love and Betrayal

The All in Billionaires Series Book 2

Elle Nicoll

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Three years ago he broke her heart. Now he's determined to win it back.

Dove Fairfax has built a successful life at Fairfax Guardian. She's strong, independent, and determined never to let anyone hurt her again—especially not Dr Vance Falcon, the brilliant surgeon who walked away from their passionate affair without a word. But when Vance returns to London, he's a man on a mission.

He left to protect her, and now he's ready to fight for the second chance they both deserve. As the truth about his disappearance emerges, Dove must decide: can she trust the man who shattered her heart? Or will the secrets of the past destroy any hope for their future?

A sizzling billionaire second-chance romance perfect for fans of T L Swan and Rosa Lucas.

About the Author

Elle Nicoll is a British author, and ex long-haul flight attendant, who was born in Sheffield and now resides near the south coast.

She writes steamy and angsty contemporary romance novels, all based around love, and is known for her BookTok favourite novel, *Pleasing Mr. Parker*. Elle loves putting her characters through challenges that make them grow from the beginning of the story, until they get their HEA. They have to fight hard for it...but when they get there, it's so worth it.

All of Elle's characters are different. Whether they are a brooding CEO, the best friend who always held the heroine in his heart, a Hollywood heartthrob, or a silver fox with gentlemanly manners and a deliciously filthy tongue, they are all unique and infuriating in their own way.

Because no one is perfect.

When Elle isn't writing she is either on her spinning bike (the source of where many ideas come to her), adding to her crystal collection, or sipping lattes at the beach.

Key Selling Points

SWOON-WORTHY ROMANCE: Features beloved romance tropes with spicy storylines, fresh twists and emotional payoff that readers crave.

FRESH VOICE: Elle Nicoll brings unique perspective and compelling storytelling to A Pub with a very strong digital and social audience.

STRONG MARKET POSITIONING: Positioned alongside successful titles like TL Swan, Donna Alam, tapping into proven readership.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
ISBN-13	9781662541216
Tropes	Second chance romance, age gap romance, doctor romance, billionaire romance, pregnancy romance, alpha male, enemies to lovers, brother's best friend, medical drama, forced proximity, emotional romance, family saga, grief and loss, happily ever after
Socials	28k FB, 15k TikTok, 15k IG, 15k Newsletter

Rights Available

All Languages

The Rose Moon

Carolyn Brown

DECEMBER 1, 2026

Three women return home with nothing left to lose—and find friendship, second chances, and the love they never thought they deserved.

When Kate Grady returns to Applewood, Texas after fifteen years, she's broke, divorced, and inheriting a house from the nanny who raised her. She expects nothing from this small town that once shunned her—until she discovers she's not alone.

Fiona Tisdale and Gloria Winters have also come home to claim their inheritances from Ula Kelly, the woman who saw potential in three outcasts nobody else wanted. One is pregnant with twins from a violent assault. Another battles alcoholism and shattered dreams. Together, they're offered Ula's final gift: a chance to build the lives they were denied. But Applewood hasn't forgotten their mistakes, and the past refuses to stay buried.

As secrets surface about their tangled connections—including a shocking revelation about Kate's true parentage—these three women must decide whether to run again or finally claim their place. In a town that tried to break them, they'll discover that survival isn't enough—and that the strongest roots grow from the most unlikely soil.

About the Author

Carolyn Brown is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly* bestselling author and RITA finalist with more than 140 published books. She has written women's fiction, historical and contemporary romance, and cowboys-and-country-music novels.

She lives in the small town of Davis, Oklahoma, where everyone knows everyone else, knows what they are doing and when, and reads the local newspaper on Wednesday to see who got caught. She and her late husband, Mr. B, are parents to three grown children and too many grandchildren and great-grandchildren to count on the fingers and toes of one person.

Key Selling Points

HEARTWARMING WOMEN'S FICTION WITH SMALL-TOWN

CHARM: *The Rose Moon* delivers everything readers love about Carolyn Brown—strong female friendships, second chances at love, and the healing power of community.

PROLIFIC AUTHOR WITH DEVOTED READERSHIP: Carolyn Brown is a powerhouse in sweet contemporary romance and women's fiction, with over 140 published novels and a dedicated fanbase. Her books consistently perform well, and readers who love authors like Debbie Macomber and Susan Mallery will embrace this ensemble cast and multi-layered narrative.

TIMELY THEMES OF FEMALE EMPOWERMENT AND CHOSEN FAMILY:

The Rose Moon explores how women lift each other up through life's hardest moments—divorce, addiction recovery, unplanned pregnancy, and family estrangement. With its themes of resilience and the power of female friendship, this book will resonate with book clubs seeking uplifting, character-driven stories about women reclaiming their lives.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary
ISBN-13	9781662528798
Tropes	Second chance romance, found family, small town romance, age gap romance, single mother romance, inheritance plot, forced proximity, workplace romance, secret pregnancy, and opposites attract.

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Tomorrow Tree
The Wild Card

Juicy Little Secrets

Orchard Cove Series Book 2

Jaine Diamond

DECEMBER 15, 2026

She came home to escape. The last person she expected to see was her first crush.

Returning to Orchard Cove under the guise of helping with harvest season, she's secretly fleeing a toxic relationship and trying to rebuild her life. But when she runs into the gorgeous ex-biker who once broke her teenage heart, all those painful, embarrassing memories come flooding back. He's hardened now. Troubled. And completely off-limits.

She knows getting involved would be a mistake. He knows she deserves better than him. But the chemistry between them is undeniable, and soon they're giving in to temptation—in secret. As summer unfolds amongst the orchards, their forbidden connection deepens. But with her past threatening to catch up and his demons still haunting him, can two broken people find healing in each other's arms?

About the Author

Jaine Diamond is a Top 50 Amazon US and a Top 5 international best-selling author. She writes contemporary romance featuring badass, swoon-worthy heroes endowed with massive hearts, strong heroines armed with sweetness and sass, and explosive, page-turning chemistry. She lives on the beautiful west coast of Canada with her real-life romantic hero and daughter, where she reads, writes and makes extensive playlists for her books while binge drinking tea.

Key Selling Points

SWOON-WORTHY ROMANCE: Features beloved romance tropes with fresh twists and quick humour.

FRESH VOICE: Jaine Diamond brings unique perspective and compelling storytelling to A Pub, with a proven track record in digital sales.

STRONG MARKET POSITIONING: Positioned alongside successful titles like TL Swan, Donna Alam, tapping into proven readership.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
ISBN-13	9781662540318
Tropes	Small town romance, second chance romance, redemption, big city life, first love, enemies to lovers, rural setting
Socials	8k FB, 7k IG, 2k TikTok

Rights Available

All Languages

Crime, Mystery & Thriller

Crime, Mystery &
Thriller

amazon publishing

Das Zodiak-Kind

Ein Arne-Stiller-Thriller Book 9

Elias Haller

MAY 12, 2026

Behind every picture a secret. Behind every secret a bloody crime.

A new case for cryptologist Arne Stiller by bestselling author Elias Haller.

An operation in an abandoned villa ends with a discovery that leaves the Dresden police speechless: dust in the twilight, peeling plaster, an old painting that has come loose from the wall.

Behind it is a walled-up corpse. Chief Inspector Arne Stiller is called in, because not only the discovery but also the painting itself poses riddles. It shows a child stacking colorful building blocks. Stiller is convinced there's more to it.

When more canvases are removed, even more bodies come to light—carefully hidden, coldly staged. Stiller must understand what story this house is telling—and who is continuing to write it. Because while he investigates the rooms, the murderer continues his series.

About the Author

Elias Haller, born in 1977, is a passionate writer, but above all he has been a police officer for over twenty years. He lives and works in Chemnitz, the city where his successful series featuring Chief Inspector Erik Donner is also set.

Key Selling Points

AUTHENTIC POLICE PROCEDURAL FROM A REAL OFFICER: Elias Haller brings over twenty years of active police experience to his crime fiction, delivering the kind of procedural authenticity and insider knowledge that readers crave. His dual career as both law enforcement professional and bestselling author gives his work unparalleled credibility in the German crime fiction market.

HIGH-CONCEPT SERIAL KILLER MYSTERY WITH UNIQUE HOOK: The premise of bodies walled up behind paintings creates an irresistible puzzle-box narrative. Each canvas removed reveals another victim, building tension as the cryptologist protagonist races to decode the killer's message before the next murder. The combination of art, architecture, and cryptology offers a fresh twist on the serial killer genre.

PROVEN BESTSELLING AUTHOR WITH ESTABLISHED SERIES: Haller's successful Erik Donner series has already demonstrated his commercial appeal in the German market. This new Arne Stiller series featuring a cryptologist protagonist positions him to expand his readership while maintaining his core fanbase, offering strong series potential for international publishers.



IMPRINT	Edition M
GENRE	Police Procedural
ISBN-13	9782496718461
Tropes	#PoliceProceduralThriller / #SerialKillerMystery / #CryptologistProtagonist / #HiddenBodies / #ArtAndMurder / #RaceAgainstTime / #DarkSecrets / #PuzzleMystery / #GermanNoir

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Der Kryptologe
Die Sättigung

Dead in the Water

John Marrs

JANUARY 20, 2026

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

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

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

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

About the Author

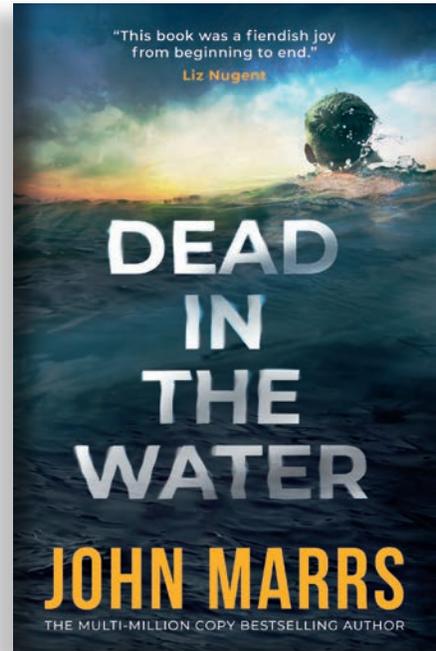
John Marrs is an author and former journalist based in Northamptonshire, England. After spending his career interviewing celebrities from the worlds of television, film and music for numerous national newspapers and magazines, he is now a full-time author. Follow him at www.johnmarrsauthor.com, on Instagram @johnmarrs.author and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/johnmarrsauthor.

Key Selling Points

BESTSELLING AUTHOR WITH PROVEN TRACK RECORD: John Marrs is a multi-million copy bestselling author whose high-concept thrillers have captivated readers worldwide. This is his fourteenth book, and his previous titles have been translated into multiple languages, establishing him as a master of the psychological thriller genre. His unique premises and twist endings have earned him a devoted global readership.

IRRESISTIBLE HIGH-CONCEPT PREMISE: The hook is pure catnip for thriller readers: a man who must repeatedly die to recover a suppressed memory. This fresh take on the near-death experience trope combines the psychological intensity of repressed memory with the visceral stakes of life-and-death obsession. The premise alone will drive word-of-mouth and social media buzz.

TIMELY EXPLORATION OF MEMORY AND TRUTH: In an era of unreliable narrators and psychological manipulation, *Dead in the Water* taps into our deepest fears about what our minds might be hiding from us. The novel explores themes of trauma, buried secrets, and the lengths we'll go to uncover the truth—even if that truth destroys us. The addition of a mysterious stranger willing to help Damon die repeatedly adds a sinister layer of suspense.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
ISBN-13	9781662527708
Tropes	#NearDeathExperience #RepressedMemory #ObsessiveProtagonist #DangerousStranger #BuriedSecrets #MindBendingMystery #PsychologicalThriller #HighConcept
Socials	IG 55,000 TikTok 29,000

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

You Killed Me First
The Stranger in the House

Reasons to Lie

Emily Listfield

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

Because everyone has a reason to lie. And someone will stop at nothing to keep the truth buried.

About the Author

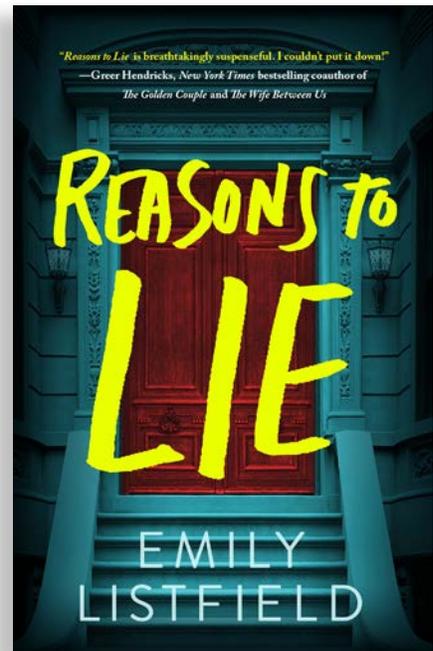
Emily Listfield is the author of seven novels, including a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. Her books have been published in numerous foreign countries. She is the former editor-in-chief of *Fitness* magazine and executive editor of *Parade's HealthyStyle*, and her writing appears frequently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

Key Selling Points

MULTIPLE UNRELIABLE NARRATORS WITH SECRETS: Three mothers keeping devastating secrets navigate friendship and betrayal after a student is murdered. Shifting perspectives create page-turning suspense as readers question who to trust and what really happened in the woods.

PRIVILEGED MANHATTAN PRIVATE SCHOOL SETTING: Elite Dearborn Academy explores class divides between outsiders and Manhattan's powerful families. Enigmatic newcomer Hollis's picture-perfect life hides nagging doubts about her past.

PROTECTIVE MOTHERS FACING IMPOSSIBLE CHOICES: How far will these mothers go to protect their families—even if it means turning on one another? Moral ambiguity and high stakes drive compelling tension as alliances crack.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662534379
Tropes	#DomesticThriller / #SuburbanNoir / #Whodunit / #SecretsAndLies / #UnreliableNarrators / #ProtectiveMothers / #ToxicFriendship / #PrivateSchoolMystery / #DarkAcademia / #ClassDivide / #ManhattanElite / #TrustNoOne / #MoralAmbiguity / #FemaleFreindshipGoneDark / #ChildrenWithSecrets

Rights Available

All Languages

Rights Sold

French

A Novel Crime

Deborah Levison

MARCH 31, 2026

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

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

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

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

About the Author

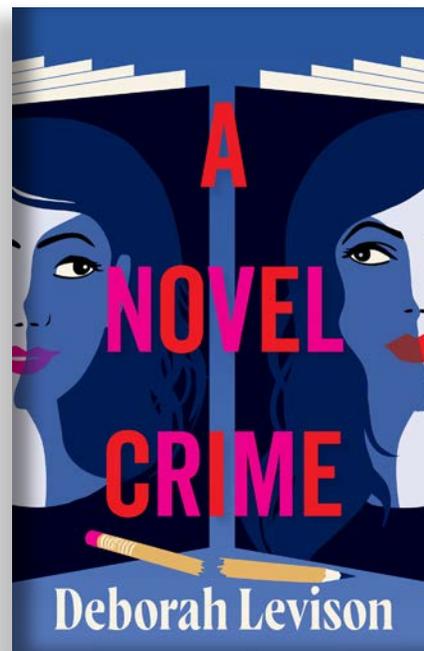
Deborah Levison is the award-winning author of the novel *A Nest of Snakes* and the true crime book *The Crate*. Her life has two parts: the first in Canada, where she attended the Royal Conservatory of Music and the University of Toronto, and the second in Connecticut with three children, two doodles,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

Key Selling Points

DARKLY COMIC PUBLISHING INDUSTRY SATIRE: Razor-sharp wit skewers the cutthroat world of book deals, launch parties, and literary ambition. Perfect for readers who love behind-the-scenes glimpses of publishing with biting humor and insider commentary on author envy, coauthorship dynamics, and the price of literary success.

ANTIHEROINE WITH DUAL IDENTITY: Struggling writer Marcy Jo Codburn transforms into "Summer Branigan"—her bolder, blonder alter ego—to blackmail her way to success. This morally gray protagonist will appeal to readers who love flawed, desperate characters willing to cross ethical lines for their dreams.

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR: Deborah Levison brings her sharp observational skills and literary credentials to this meta-narrative about writing, storytelling, and the stories we tell ourselves. Her ability to blend humor with psychological depth creates a unique voice in contemporary fiction.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662532061
Tropes	#Antiheroine / #DarkComedy / #Booksaboutbooks / #Blackmail / #DualIdentity / #UnlikelyPartnership / #ClassDivide / #DesperateProtagonist / #FraudAndDeception / #KidnappingPlot / #TwistEnding / #MetaFiction / #ProfessionalJealousy / #MorallyGray / #SatiricalThriller

Rights Available

All Languages

The View from Here

Rachel Howzell Hall

JULY 7, 2026

A paranoid widow fears her late husband isn't gone at all in a gripping psychological thriller by the *New York Times* bestselling author of Anthony Award–nominated *These Toxic Things*.

After eleven years, Nicole Baxter and her husband Truman's marriage is beginning to fracture. Suddenly, during a scuba diving accident near Catalina Island, Truman is gone. No body. No signs of foul play. Presumed dead.

Clinging to the hope that Truman might still be alive, Nicole is devastated, in denial, and struggling with insomnia, as well as guilt over the secrets she kept from the man she loved—a pregnancy, a miscarriage, and an incautious fling with an attentive neighbor. Then come the strange occurrences putting Nicole further on edge. The scent of Truman's cologne. The wet footprints in the house. The cryptic texts from his phone. And the message written on her bathroom mirror: *I'll luv u 4ever*.

Nicole has never felt so alone, isolated, and paranoid. If she's losing her mind, then why does it seem so real? If it's real, how is that possible? As Nicole's grip on reality slips away, the answers are becoming a matter of life and death.

Revised edition: This edition of *The View from Here* includes editorial revisions.

About the Author

Rachel Howzell Hall is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *What Fire Brings*, *Fog and Fury*, *The Cruel Dawn*, *The Last One*, *What Never Happened*, *We Lie Here*, *These Toxic Things*, and *Now She's Gone*. They All Fall Down, and, with James Patterson, *The Good Sister*, which was included in Patterson's collection *The Family Lawyer*. A two-time *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize finalist as well as an Anthony, International Thriller Writers, and Lefty Award nominee,

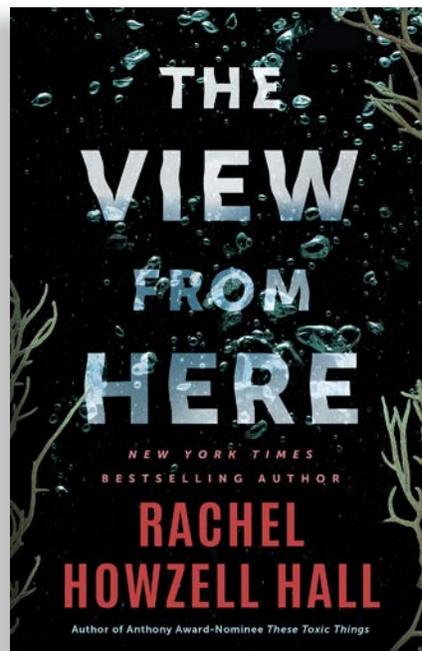
Rachel is also the author of *Land of Shadows*, *Skies of Ash*, *Trail of Echoes*, and *City of Saviors* in the Detective Elouise Norton series. A past member of the board of directors for Mystery Writers of America, she has been a featured writer on NPR's acclaimed *Crime in the City* series and the National Endowment for the Arts weekly podcast. Rachel lives in Los Angeles with her husband and daughter. For more information, visit www.rachelhowzell.com.

Key Selling Points

PROVEN AUTHOR: Rachel Howzell Hall brings established readership and commercial track record to this compelling standalone thriller; this republication has been lightly updated

GENRE APPEAL: Strong Woman Sleuth elements appeal to core thriller and mystery readership seeking compelling narratives.

COZY GONE CRAZY: Rachel's novels always sound like a soft touch, but there's real crime, true heart, and honest gasps in these pages.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Woman Sleuth
ISBN-13	9781662538971
Tropes	#UnreliableNarrator / #PresumedDead / #Gaslighting / #PsychologicalThriller / #GriefAndGuilt / #IsHeReallyDead / #Haunting / #IsolationAndParanoia / #SecretsAndLies / #Infidelity / #FracturedMarriage / #MentalDeterioration / #DomesticThriller / #MindGames / #TrustNoOne / #LifeOrDeathStakes

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Mist and Malice
Fog and Fury

The Great Game

Arvind Ethan David

JULY 14, 2026

An outsider in London investigates a series of brutal murders targeting English aristocrats in a timely and provocative historical novel brimming with intrigue, wit, and rage.

London, 1905: Law student and military veteran Balvinder dev Singh has found an extralegal way to fund his studies. As friend and accomplice to the infamous gentleman thief AJ Raffles, he rubs shoulders with the upper crust—and steals their valuables. That is, until their next mark, an imperialist general, is grotesquely murdered in the library of his Mayfair mansion. Bal and Raffles find themselves implicated in a series of killings that soon attracts the attention of Scotland Yard—and the aging Sherlock Holmes himself.

As Bal works to clear his name, he must hide his checkered past from a new acquaintance, the beautiful Irish violinist Maud Adler. Her fiery views lead Bal to question his own place in the world. But when he comes face-to-face with a plot to strike at the very heart of the British government, he must decide how much he's willing to risk for his adopted city.

About the Author

Arvind has written seven graphic novels, including most recently his adaptation of Raymond Chandler's *Trouble Is My Business* (Pantheon, May 2025) and the Bram Stoker Award–nominated *Darkness Visible* with Mike Carey. Arvind has also written multiple hit audio originals, including the science fiction anthology series *Earworms*, *The Crimes of Dorian Gray*, and the nonfiction audiobook *Douglas Adams: The Ends of the Earth*.

In theatre, Arvind's plays include *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*, both based on the novels by Douglas Adams, and the family musical *The Boy With Wings*, based on Lenny Henry's children's book. He also contributed additional material for David Baddiel and Erran Baron Cohen's musical *The Infidel* and was a lead producer of the Grammy and Tony Award–winning Broadway musical *Jagged Little Pill*.

Arvind has written and produced extensively in television, including *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* for Netflix, *Anansi Boys* for Amazon, and the Asian Academy Award winner *The Garden of Evening Mists* for HBO.

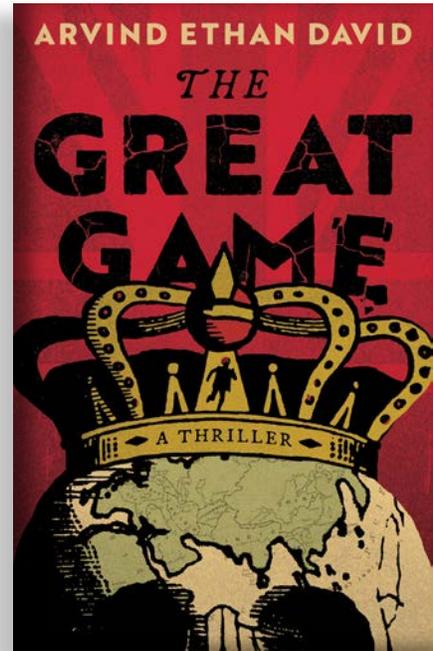
The Great Game is his debut prose novel.

Key Selling Points

STRONG PLATFORM: Exciting debut novel from an award-winning playwright and Broadway producer (*Jagged Little Pill*, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*) with roots and connections in the US, UK, India, Singapore, and Malaysia.

CROSSOVER APPEAL: This exhilarating debut begins as a witty classic mystery, ratchets up to a race against time thriller, and evolves into a provocative, deeply felt examination of power and complicity. Commercially accessible and satisfying, with potential to be a conversation-starting literary crossover hit like *The Ministry of Time* or *Fingersmith*. Decolonization has never been this exciting.

UNIQUE MAIN CHARACTER: Law student, army veteran, and amateur sleuth Balvinder Singh recalls the conflicted heroes at the heart of *Babel*, *Midnight's Children*, and *The Sympathizer*, but better in a fight (and in bed).



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Historical
ISBN-13	9781662540356
Tropes	Gaslamp mystery, amateur sleuth, race against time, international conspiracy, colonialism, interracial romance, steamy historical romance, immigrant experience, terrorism and political violence, police brutality, cultural assimilation, Sherlockiana, escaping toxic relationships, family secrets, psychological thriller, gripping, twisty, kindness of strangers, neighbours, friends, jealousy

Rights Available

All Languages

Dead Girls Tell No Tales

Carissa Ann Lynch

JULY 14, 2026

Some stories refuse to die.

In the forgotten corners of small-town Indiana, Adriana McMahon serves up nuts and fudge at the mall while hiding from her dark past. When her seventeen-year-old coworker, Rebel James, drops off a blood-stained notebook full of stories about missing girls, Adriana recognizes a haunting pattern—one leading straight to New Day High School, where her own nightmare began decades ago.

Then Rebel disappears and the bodies of dead girls start appearing.

Each murder mirrors one of Rebel's stories with terrifying precision. But they also hint at Adriana's own past and a secret she hasn't told a soul. But how could Rebel, or anyone, have known? It's not long before the police are asking questions . . . and Adriana doesn't have the right answers.

As body count rises, Adriana must decide: Is Rebel crying out for help, or luring her into a twisted game? The truth might cost Adriana everything—including her life.

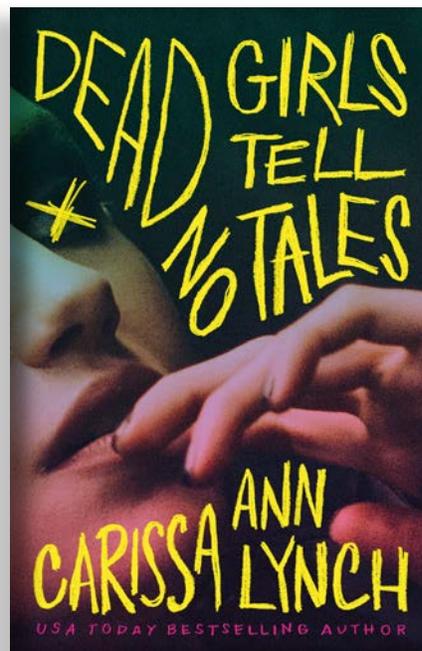
About the Author

Carissa Ann Lynch is the *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *The Bachelorette Party*; *The Traitors*; *The Summer She Disappeared*; *My Sister Is Missing*; *Without a Trace*; *Like, Follow, Kill*; *The One Night Stand*; *She Lied She Died*; *Whisper Island*; *The Secrets of Cedar Farm*; and more. She lives in a small town on the border of Indiana and Kentucky with her partner, children, cats, and a growing collection of books. She has a degree in psychology and has always been a little obsessed with the darker areas of the human mind. When she's not writing, she works as a suicide and crisis intervention counselor and coaches a team of emergency service workers on how to assess risk and respond to community mental health crises and disasters.

Key Selling Points

FRESH VOICE: Carissa Ann Lynch has been publishing with smaller presses, but her ideas are commercial and fresh. This emerging author bringing unique perspective and fresh energy to the Thriller genre.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DEPTH: Features unreliable narrators, twisted family dynamics, and shocking revelations that psychological thriller fans devour.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
ISBN-13	9781662538292
Tropes	#UnreliableNarrator / #DarkPastHauntingPresent / #MissingGirls / #SerialKiller / #MysteriousNotebook / #StoriesComeToLife / #IsShTheKiller / #SmallTownSecrets / #HidingInPlainSight / #PatternRecognition / #HighSchoolTrauma / #BodyCountRising / #TwistedGame / #CatAndMouse / #SharedSecrets / #LifeOrDeathStakes / #MetaFiction / #PsychologicalThriller

Rights Available

All Languages

The Other Twin

Shalini Boland

JULY 15, 2026

Her sister stole her future. Now she's coming to take it back.

Twins, separated at birth. One privileged, one forgotten. Only one knows the truth—and only one will survive.

Bella has it all: the dream house, the successful business, the perfect boyfriend. But while she builds her charmed life, her twin sister Jade struggles to make rent just a few miles away. To Jade, who has watched her sister's fairy tale existence from the shadows, Bella is living a life she stole. A life that should have been shared. A life Jade intends to claim.

As Jade methodically infiltrates her sister's perfect world, cracks begin to appear. Strange incidents multiply. Relationships fracture. But how do you defend yourself from a threat you don't even know exists?

When the sisters' deadly game of cat and mouse spirals out of control, both women must ask themselves a chilling question: how far will you go to protect the life you believe you deserve? And what happens when the person trying to destroy you shares your own face?

A deliciously dark psychological thriller about twin sisters, stolen lives, and the dangerous games we play to claim what we think we're owed. Perfect for fans of K.L. Slater and Gillian Flynn.

About the Author

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

Shalini lives by the sea in Dorset, England, with her husband, two children and their increasingly demanding dog, Queen Jess. Before kids, she was signed to Universal Music Publishing as a singer/songwriter, but now she spends her days writing (in between restocking the fridge and dealing with endless baskets of laundry). She is also the author of two bestselling sci-fi and fantasy series as well as a WWII evacuee adventure with a time-travel twist.

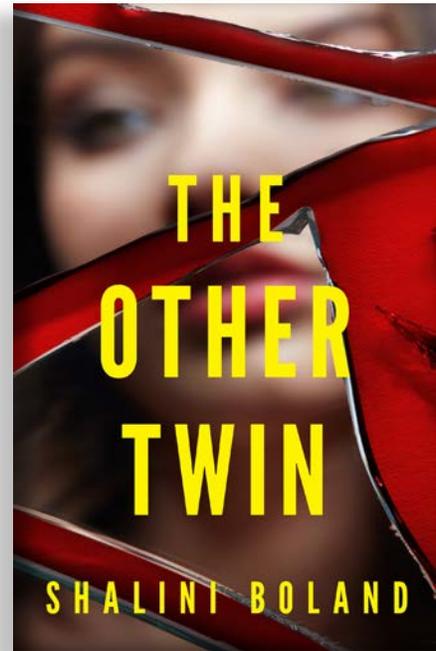
When she's not reading, writing or stomping along the beach, you can reach her via Facebook at www.facebook.com/ShaliniBolandAuthor, on TikTok @shaliniboland, on Bluesky @shaliniboland.bsky.social, on X @ShaliniBoland, on Instagram @shaboland, or via her website: www.shaliniboland.com.

Key Selling Points

STRONG MARKET POSITIONING: Key comps include: Lisa Jewell, Louise Candlish, T M Logan, and B A Paris.

STELLAR HOOKS: A domestic psychological thriller, with jaw-droppingly good twists that will keep thriller fans reading well beyond their bedtime.

PROVEN RECORD: sales of over 600K with A Pub and over a million with her non A Pub books.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
ISBN-13	9781662529542
Tropes	escaping toxic relationships, family secrets, psychological thriller, gripping, twisty, kindness of strangers, neighbours, friends, jealousy

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Ex
The Birthday Party

Silent City

A Pete Fernandez Thriller Book 1

Alex Segura

JULY 21, 2026

In the dark heart of Miami's underworld, a man's quest for redemption collides with a deadly criminal conspiracy in a harrowing novel of suspense by the award-winning author of *Secret Identity*.

Miami sports editor Pete Fernandez's life is falling apart. He's reeling from his father's death, still in love with an unfaithful ex, and drowning himself in booze and regret. Then comes the curious request from the father of missing crime reporter Kathy Bentley: Find his daughter. Playing detective and out of his element, Pete is dragged into something more sinister than he agreed to.

Kathy was investigating a notorious urban legend called the Silent Death, a phantom assassin who has haunted the dark streets of Miami for years. As Pete begins investigating, he reconnects with a childhood friend turned ex-con and stumbles into a conspiracy that only deepens when more bodies pile up. What started as a simple favor is now a race against time to stop a killer who's one step ahead of him.

It's a violent wake-up call. But redemption comes with a price, because Pete has no idea how much more he has to lose.

Revised edition.

About the Author

Alex Segura is the bestselling and award-winning author of *Secret Identity*, winner of the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for Mystery/Thriller, a *New York Times* Editor's Choice and an NPR Best Mystery of the Year. He's also the author of the Pete Fernandez series, as well as the Star Wars novel, *Poe Dameron: Free Fall*, and a Spider-Verse adventure called *Araña/Spider-Man 2099: Dark Tomorrow*. He lives in New York City with his family.

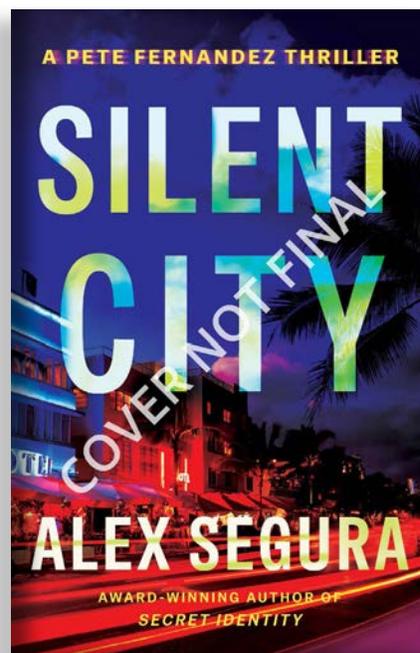
Key Selling Points

SERIES STARTER: This first in the republished Pete Fernandez series helped put the author on the map, paving the way for his break out.

ALTERED EGO AUTHENTIC PROCEDURAL: Combines compelling detective work with complex character development and timely social themes in a rich and edgy Miami setting.

RERELEASE AHEAD OF NEW STANDALONE: The author will be launching a new commercial standalone later this year that moves out of the comic book space, and back to the crime world.

COMMERCIAL COMPS: Positions alongside bestselling authors like Michael Connelly, tapping into proven reader demand for high-quality suspense.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Police Procedural
ISBN-13	9781662540004
Tropes	#ReluctantDetective / #AmateurSleuth / #DownwardSpiral / #MissingPerson / #UrbanLegend / #RedemptionArc / #ChildhoodFriendTurnedCriminal / #ConspiracyThriller / #BodyCountRising / #RaceAgainstTime / #GriefAndLoss / #UnrequitedLove / #InOverHisHead / #MiamiUnderworld / #PriceOfRedemption / #NoirDetective / #OneStepBehind / #CrimeThriller

Rights Available

All Languages

Crime, Mystery & Thriller

Ransom

Leslie Wolfe

AUGUST 1, 2026

When a seductive socialite falls in love with the wrong man, a master manipulator meets her match in an ingeniously twisting novel of psychological suspense by Amazon Charts bestselling author Leslie Wolfe.

Everyone knows who Olivia Taylor is. Or so they believe.

She's the glamorous philanthropist who just returned to her hometown after a long absence. She's the new fiancée of the wealthy and charismatic Winston Donovan. She's Las Vegas royalty, celebrated by the media and pursued by paparazzi at every turn.

And now she's accused of murder in the first degree. If convicted, she'll face death row.

Little by little, her life is picked apart and her relationships are torn to shreds. One by one, her lies disintegrate and her darkest secrets are exposed by scandalmongering socialites and bloodthirsty tabloids. Everyone has an opinion about Olivia Taylor and what she's done.

But the truth is, no one really knows who Olivia Taylor is at all.

A dark psychological thriller about obsession and the deadly lengths we'll go to for love, *Ransom* is a chilling exploration of how twisted, all-consuming passion can lead to betrayal and murder.

About the Author

Leslie Wolfe is the author of thirty novels, including the stand-alone thrillers *A Beautiful Couple*, *The Surgeon*, *The Girl You Killed*, and *The Hospital*, as well as the Tess Winnett series, the Detective Kay Sharp series, the Baxter and Holt series, and the Alex Hoffmann series. For more information visit www.lesliewolf.com.

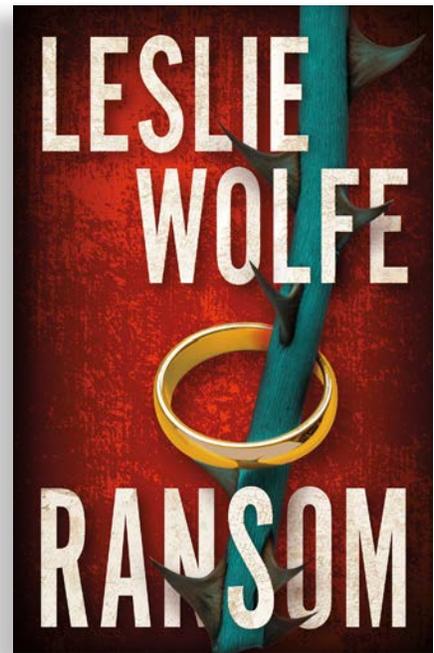
Key Selling Points

UNRELIABLE NARRATOR WITH LAYERED IDENTITY: Olivia Taylor is Las Vegas royalty—glamorous philanthropist, wealthy fiancée, media darling. But as her murder trial unfolds, her carefully constructed life disintegrates. Each revelation peels back another layer of lies, keeping readers guessing who she really is until the final page.

HIGH-STAKES MURDER TRIAL STRUCTURE: Accused of first-degree murder and facing death row, Olivia's life is picked apart by scandalmongering socialites and bloodthirsty tabloids. The courtroom drama creates page-turning tension as relationships are torn to shreds and darkest secrets are exposed.

DARK PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPLORATION OF OBSESSION: This isn't just a whodunit—it's a chilling examination of how twisted, all-consuming passion leads to betrayal and murder. The novel explores the deadly lengths people will go to for love, making readers question the line between devotion and obsession.

LAS VEGAS GLAMOUR MEETS DARK SECRETS: Set in the world of Vegas royalty with wealthy, charismatic characters and high-society intrigue, the glittering facade hides manipulation, lies, and dangerous obsession. The contrast between public image and private truth creates compelling dramatic irony.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Legal
ISBN-13	9781662537288
Tropes	#UnreliableNarrator / #FemmeFatale / #MurderMystery / #CourtroomDrama / #SecretsAndLies / #MasterManipulator / #DarkRomance / #ToxicLove / #Obsession / #PublicVsPrivate / #WealthAndPrivilege / #TabloidScandal / #PsychologicalThriller / #Betrayal / #LasVegasRoyalty / #DeadlyPassion

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Clean Slate

Olive Hunt Series Book 1

Brianna Labuskes

AUGUST 4, 2026

A crime scene cleaner is on the trail of a serial killer in a breathtaking novel of psychological suspense by USA Today bestselling author Brianna Labuskes.

Death pays well for Olive Hunt, a crime scene cleaner who channels her childhood traumas into erasing the suffering of others. After nearly ten years, she's seen it all. Nothing rattles her anymore.

Until now.

Two back-to-back suicides. A seedy motel. An upscale Atlanta hotel. No connection—except that Olive discovers the same strange item at each scene. Then a third body drops. Olive knows what the police refuse to see: These aren't suicides. They're murders staged to perfection.

Then the roses arrive. A vase of bloodred blooms on her doorstep. An anonymous note: *Thank you*. She's found him. A serial killer who's been leaving breadcrumbs only she can see. A killer who's been cleaning up his work—knowing she'll clean up after him. A killer who wants her to follow. And follow she must. No matter how terrifying the trail becomes.

About the Author

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

Key Selling Points

Unique Protagonist in Crime Fiction: Olive Hunt is a crime scene cleaner with a traumatic past who becomes entangled in a serial killer investigation. This fresh perspective offers readers a compelling alternative to traditional detective protagonists, appealing to fans of unconventional crime fiction like *My Sister*, *the Serial Killer* or TV's *Dexter*. The professional crime scene cleaner angle provides fascinating forensic details that true crime enthusiasts and procedural fans will appreciate.

Psychological Depth with Commercial Appeal: The novel skillfully balances fast-paced thriller elements with rich psychological exploration of trauma, family dynamics, and moral ambiguity. Olive's complicated relationship with her institutionalized mother and her fear of inheriting mental illness adds layers that will resonate with readers of psychological suspense like Gillian Flynn and Tana French, while maintaining the commercial appeal of bestselling crime fiction.

Strong Female Relationships and Moral Complexity: The book features compelling female characters and complex friendships at its core, particularly between Olive and Leah. The exploration of revenge, justice, and what we owe to those we've wronged will appeal to book clubs and readers who enjoy morally complex thrillers like those by Karin Slaughter and Lisa Gardner. The novel raises thought-provoking questions about justice that will spark discussion among readers who appreciate ethical dilemmas in their fiction.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Police Procedural
ISBN-13	9781662533150
Tropes	Amateur detective, found family, traumatic past, serial killer investigation, unlikely friendship, revenge plot, corporate conspiracy, moral gray areas, strong female protagonist, small-town connections, cleaning as metaphor, hidden identities, justice versus revenge, terminal illness, childhood trauma resurfacing

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Other Titles by Author

The Lies You Wrote
By the Time You Read This

The Getaway

Kieran Scott

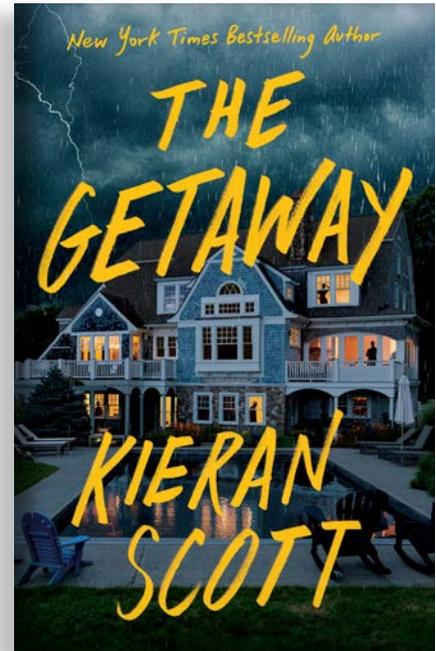
AUGUST 11, 2026

In a taut locked-room mystery from *New York Times* bestselling author Kieran Scott, a group of longtime friends confronts their darkest secrets—and deadliest impulses—on the brink of a hurricane.

For years, three couples have gathered at The Villa—billionaire Lincoln Foster’s Hamptons estate—for lavish weekends among friends. But this year, mysterious blue cards appear in each bedroom, exposing secrets: their host’s betrayals and the guests’ own dark deeds.

Everyone has something to hide. Marley and Marshall Foster. Suzy and Sean McTeague. Juliet and Josh Jacoby. Lincoln and his new wife, Hazel. Even uninvited guests hoping to be accepted among the elite.

With a hurricane bearing down, no one is getting out. When the revelations turn deadly, the trapped friends must confront what their lies have cost them—possibly their lives.



About the Author

Kieran Scott is the author of more than fifty novels for children and teens, eight of which, written under the pen name Kate Brian, have been *New York Times* bestsellers. Her mystery novels for adults include *Wish You Were Gone*, *Regrets Only*, and *People Will Talk*. To keep up with the author and her work, follow her on Instagram and Threads (@kieranscottauthor).

Key Selling Points

High-Concept Locked-Room Thriller with Irresistible Commercial Appeal: *The Getaway* delivers a propulsive *And Then There Were None* setup perfect for fans of Ruth Ware, Lucy Foley, and Lisa Jewell. Readers won’t be able to put this page-turner down. The combination of an isolated setting, escalating body count, and shocking twists positions this squarely in the red-hot domestic thriller market that continues to dominate bestseller lists.

***New York Times* Bestselling Author:** Kieran Scott writes as *New York Times* bestselling author Kate Brian, with eight *NYT* bestsellers to her name and over fifty published novels across multiple genres. Scott brings her proven storytelling expertise and massive built-in readership to this adult thriller, offering significant cross-promotional opportunities. Her established fan base, combined with her track record of commercial success, provides strong pre-publication buzz potential and retail confidence.

Explosive Secrets and Timely Themes Drive Unputdownable Suspense: *The Getaway* explores what happens when carefully guarded secrets detonate all at once—blackmail schemes, hidden affairs, adoption betrayals, and financial crimes collide in a pressure-cooker environment. The novel taps into compelling contemporary themes including the dark side of wealth and privilege, the lengths people will go to protect their families, and the devastating consequences of manipulation and revenge. With a diverse cast of morally complex characters each harboring dangerous secrets, the book offers rich material for book club discussions while delivering the addictive, twist-filled reading experience that drives word-of-mouth and social media buzz.

IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662538520
Tropes	Locked room mystery, friends weekend gone wrong, hurricane disaster, murder mystery, wealthy friends with secrets, blackmail plot, betrayal among friends, adoption struggles, marriage in crisis, infidelity, revenge plot, unreliable narrator, hidden motives, isolated setting, deadly accident, cover-up, false accusations

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The Crying Killer

Jess Lourey

AUGUST 18, 2026

A woman's secret. A small town with a dark past. A serial killer bent on revenge. Lies kill in a shocking true crime-inspired thriller by the Edgar-nominated author of *The Quarry Girls*.

Tuesday Hendrickson has spent eight years running from memories of that night. Her sister's screams. Blood on the walls. And Arsen Bauer, a monster known as the Crying Killer, shot down in a barrage of bullets as he fled. Case closed.

Intending to build a safe new identity out of the ashes, Tuesday changed her last name and moved away. She's now a private investigator who guards herself and her daughter, Julia, like their lives depend on it. And maybe they do. Because unless she's imagining things, Tuesday has seen Arsen on the streets of Saint Paul. She'd know her sister's killer anywhere.

When bodies begin surfacing bearing the Crying Killer's brutal and unmistakable signature, Tuesday is certain he's coming for them. Except no one believes that but her. As her paranoia intensifies, she is left with a terrible choice: unearth the shocking secret she buried with her sister, or become the Crying Killer's next victim.

About the Author

Jess Lourey is the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Quarry Girls*, *Unspeakable Things*, *Litani*, and *Bloodline*, as well as the Steinbeck and Reed thrillers, the Salem's Cipher novels, and the Murder by Month rom-com mysteries. Lourey writes about secrets, fosters kittens, and travels. She's surpassed a million readers; been short-listed for the Goodreads Choice Awards and the Edgar Award twice each; and won the International Thriller, Anthony, and Minnesota Book Awards.

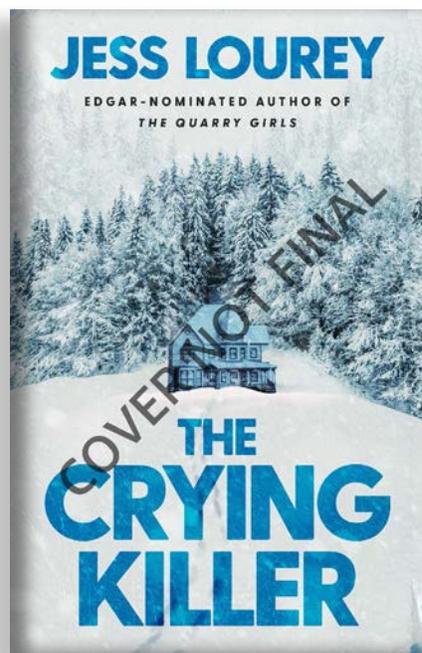
She also has an active reader group on Facebook called Lourey's Literati. For more information, including a link to her TEDx Talk, in which she discusses the surprising inspiration behind her writing career, visit www.jesslourey.com.

Key Selling Points

BASED ON A REAL CRIME: Based on the weepy voice killer who terrorized Minnesota in the 1980s.

FOCUS ON VICTIMS: Lourey continues to bring heart and heartache to her characters, exploring the trauma of the people so often forgotten in the wake of the crimes of killers.

UNSETTLING SUSPENSE: The whodunnit here is twisty and turny on multiple levels, providing the surprises that will shock even the most seasoned readers.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662531491
Tropes	#PresumedDeadKillerReturns / #NewIdentity / #DarkPastHauntingPresent / #SerialKillerSignature / #UnreliableNarrator / #Paranoia / #ProtectiveMother / #PrivateInvestigator / #BuriedSecret / #TrueCrimeInspired / #VictimFocus / #SmallTownSecrets / #SistersMurder / #NoOneBelievesHer / #RaceAgainstTime / #CopycatKiller / #TwistEnding / #PsychologicalThriller

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All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Laughing Dead
The Taken Ones

In the Killer's Sight

Mike Omer

AUGUST 18, 2026

When her niece disappears, a K-9 officer returns to the home of her own childhood trauma to track down a killer who hunts women like prey—and face the past that continues to haunt her.

Officer Kate Marino has a complicated relationship with her hometown. But there's one thing that could bring her back: Her seventeen-year-old niece Alice disappeared two days ago. And she's not the only woman who's gone missing.

With police dogs Nero and Bella (now retired) in tow, Kate returns to her childhood home and the ghosts that inhabit it. It's not just the looming presence of her father, however, that hinders Kate's investigation. Something even more sinister awaits her there.

Dead bodies confirm the missing women are the work of a serial killer who hunts his prey through the New Hampshire wilderness. With time running out, Kate's determined to find Alice before she becomes his next victim.

Alongside Deputy Sheriff Roy Hoover, Kate and her loyal dogs scour the area for clues, motive, and the secrets harbored by each victim. Kate ran away from Cooperton once before—but this time, she'll stay and face its demons...

About the Author

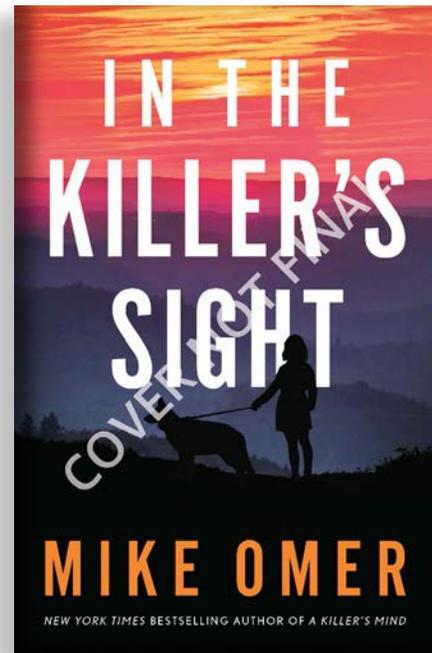
Mike Omer has been a journalist, a game developer, and the CEO of Loadingames, but he can currently be found penning his next thriller. He loves to write about two things: real people who could be the perpetrators or victims of crimes...and funny stuff. He mixes these two loves quite passionately in his suspenseful and often macabre mysteries. Mike is married to a woman who diligently forces him to live out his dream, and he's a father to an angel, a pixie, and a gremlin.

Key Selling Points

PROVEN AUTHOR: Mike Omer brings established readership and commercial track record to this compelling standalone thriller;

SERIAL KILLER SUSPENSE: Features the cat-and-mouse tension and forensic detail that fans of criminal investigation thrillers demand.

CANINE APPEAL: The dog is not just a plot device, but an important part of the investigation, with later chapters even highlighting the dog's unique perspective, in the vein of the recent thriller film *Good Boy*.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Serial Killers
ISBN-13	9781662530043
Tropes	#FamilyInDanger / #SerialKiller / #RaceAgainstTime / #WildernessSetting / #ReluctantReturn / #FacingDemons / #SmallTownSecrets

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All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Behind You
Please Tell Me

Mirror Image

Lauren Rico

AUGUST 25, 2026

Award-winning author Lauren E. Rico's intense psychological thriller plumbs the depths of trauma and identity in an emotional story about twin sisters set against the murky backdrop of the Everglades.

Dr. Jennifer Flores swore she'd never return to Miami—not after her mentor nearly destroyed her career and reputation to save his own. But when he asks the successful psychiatrist to consult on a high-profile case, she reluctantly agrees. This case echoes Jenn's own twin-related trauma, and no one is better suited for the job.

Separated at birth, identical twins Mary Langston and Samantha Kinski met by chance in college five years ago. Today, they were found deep in the Florida Everglades, one barely alive and the other deceased. Jenn's evaluation of survivor Mary's mental status reveals more of the sisters' extraordinary backstory. They experienced two vastly different childhoods: While adopted Mary thrived in the lap of luxury, Sam faltered in the brutal foster system.

As Jenn digs deeper into the twins' turbulent bond, a dark picture emerges. Psychological manipulation. Family secrets. Mistaken identity. And as she gets closer to uncovering the truth, she finally confronts her own devastating loss.

About the Author

Lauren E. Rico is an award-winning author and nationally recognized classical music broadcaster. Known for her twisty, emotional fiction, she has published more than a dozen novels, delighting readers with stories that explore the intersections of family, identity, and suspense.

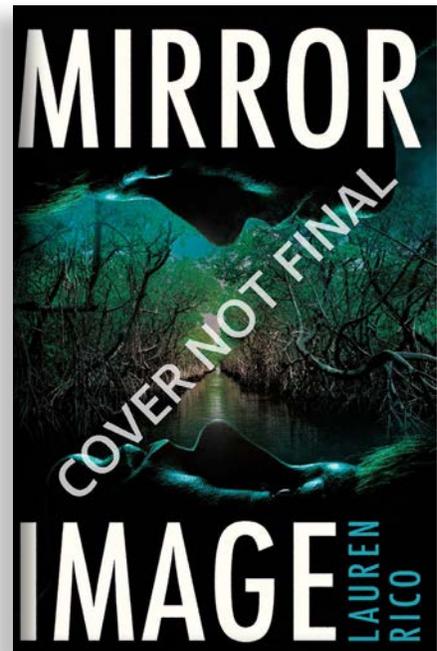
For over three decades, Lauren's voice has been a familiar presence on the airwaves, whether on SiriusXM's Symphony Hall channel, radio stations in New York City and beyond, or in-flight entertainment aboard several international airlines. A lifelong musician and former French horn student, she brings the same passion and storytelling energy to her broadcasts as she does to her novels.

When she's not writing or broadcasting, Lauren can be found puttering around with her husband, Tom, and their rescue pup, Sandy—plotting her next story along the way.

Key Selling Points

FRESH VOICE: With an eye for romance, Lauren Rico makes her thriller debut with a twisting tale that has us double guessing everything we think we know about sisters and twins.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DEPTH: Features unreliable narrators, twisted family dynamics, and shocking revelations that psychological thriller fans devour.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
ISBN-13	9781662540196
Tropes	#IdenticalTwins / #SeparatedAtBirth / #TwinsDifferentUpbringings / #OneTwinDead / #ClassDivide / #PsychologicalManipulation / #FamilySecrets / #MistakenIdentity / #UnreliableNarrators / #PsychiatristProtagonist / #EvergladesSettings / #TraumaAndIdentity / #MentorBetrayal / #HighProfileCase / #SurvivorsGuilt / #TwinBondGoneDark / #AdoptedVsBiological / #PsychologicalThriller

Rights Available

All Languages

The Oxford Detective Society

Lyssa Moore Mysteries Book 1

Faith Martin

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Meet Lyssa Moore: widowed biographer and accidental detective.

Hired to write the life story of 60s music icon Amelia 'Monty' Montrose, who drowned in the pond of her Oxfordshire home on her twenty-third birthday, Lyssa thinks she's landed her dream commission. More into footnotes than front pages, Lyssa prepares herself for river views, quiet archives, and the odd unnecessarily long lunch... But as she peels back the gloss on Monty's inner circle, she uncovers jealousies, vanished funds and a very modern campaign to scare her off the truth.

A night-time near miss on the road, a shadow at her door and a charming neighbour with secrets of his own leave Lyssa racing to finish the book and expose a killer before this biography becomes her obituary.

Warm, witty and atmospheric, this cosy mystery series follows a heroine who only ever wanted to write biographies, but always seems to chance upon another murder.

About the Author

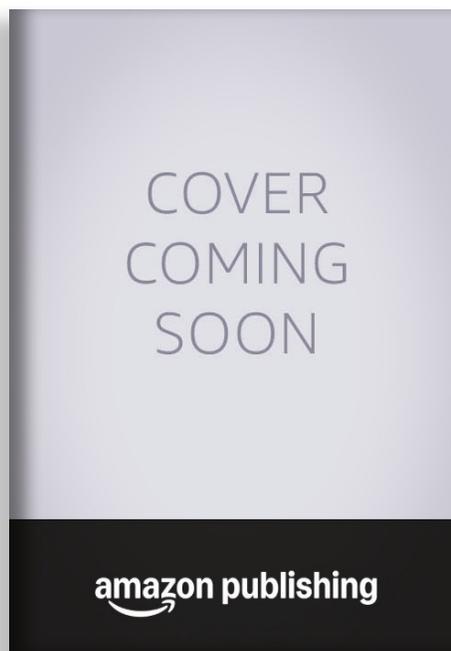
Faith Martin is one of the top ten most read authors of the last decade of Amazon Kindle. She is the bestselling crime writer of the DI Hillary Greene, Ryder & Loveday and Val & Arbie crime series. Faith has been writing for over 30 years and has sold more than 3 million books. She lives in Oxfordshire, enjoys calligraphy and is a countryside and nature enthusiast.

Key Selling Points

BESTSELLING AUTHOR: Faith Martin is one of the top ten, most-read Kindle authors of the past decade and has sold over 4 million copies.

CHARMING COZY MYSTERY: Perfect blend of intrigue and warmth with an engaging amateur sleuth and atmospheric setting.

STRONG MARKET POSITIONING: Positioned alongside successful titles like *The Shell House Detectives*, LJ Ross's bestselling series and *The Thursday Murder Club*, tapping into a proven readership.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Cozy
ISBN-13	9781662538407
Tropes	cozy mystery
Socials	2k followers on X

Rights Available

All Languages

Deadly Secrets

Dean Lincoln Legal Thriller Book 4

Peter O'Mahoney

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

One murder. Multiple conspiracies. No easy answers.

When twenty-one-year-old Joey Morrison is charged with murdering a teenage boy at Blackwater Ridge, a remote doomsday prepper compound, the evidence is damning: Joey's rifle, his fingerprints, witnesses placing him at the scene.

But as Dean investigates life at the isolated compound, he uncovers disturbing dynamics that suggest nothing is as it seems. Then a bomb explodes at the courthouse during Joey's bond hearing. Someone is willing to kill to keep Blackwater Ridge's secrets buried—and Dean's wife Emma and infant daughter Heather are now in danger.

Navigating a web of lies, corruption, and violence in the oppressive Lowcountry heat, Dean faces a case where defending the accused might cost him everything he loves.

About the Author

Peter O'Mahoney is the author of the bestselling Joe Hennessy, Tex Hunter, and Jack Valentine thrillers. O'Mahoney was raised on a healthy dose of Perry Mason stories, and the pace and style of these books inspired him to write, and he hasn't stopped since.

O'Mahoney loves to write fast-paced stories filled with exciting characters, thrilling legal cases, and mind-bending plot twists. His thrillers have entertained hundreds of thousands of readers around the world. O'Mahoney is a criminologist, with a keen interest in law, and is an active member of the American Society of Criminology.

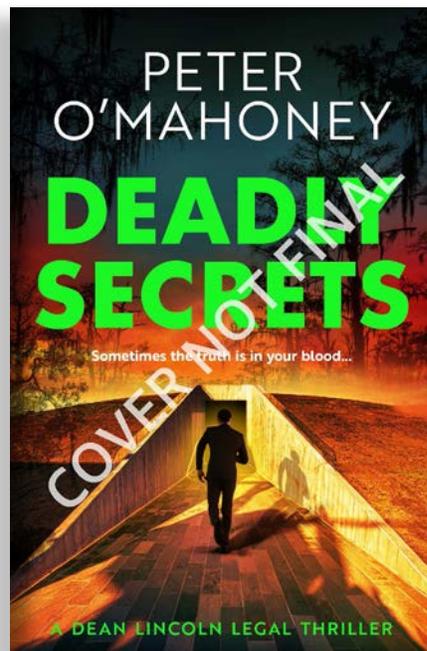
When not writing or spending time with his family, O'Mahoney can be found in the surf, on the hiking trails, in the boxing gym, at home reading, or staring at a beautiful sunset in wonder.

Key Selling Points

PROVEN COMMERCIAL SUCCESS: 260k readers reached across just 2 books, demonstrating strong market appeal and reader engagement, with 4 additional titles in the pipeline to capitalize on this momentum.

EXPERT VOICE IN LEGAL THRILLERS: High ACRs cement O'Mahoney as a trusted authority in the legal thriller space, delivering the courtroom tension and moral complexity that fans of Michael Connelly's "Lincoln Lawyer" series and John Grisham expect.

ATMOSPHERIC SOUTHERN STORYTELLING: Masterful blend of gripping legal drama with richly drawn Lowcountry setting and layered family dynamics, offering readers the perfect combination of page-turning suspense and emotional depth that elevates the genre beyond standard court



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Legal
ISBN-13	9781662539909
Tropes	Legal thriller, small-town secrets, corrupt officials, wrongfully accused defendant, courtroom drama, family man protagonist, conspiracy, doomsday preppers, cold case mystery

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Buried Lies
Reckoning Hour

Crime, Mystery &
Thriller

Watch Her Run

Jennifer Moorhead

SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

A glamorous young influencer faces captivity, paranoia, and the terror of unfiltered reality in this twisty thriller from Jennifer Moorhead, bestselling author of *Broken Bayou* and *Poison Wood*.

Young, gorgeous, and influential, Jade St. James should be boosting her glam lifestyle with a high-profile wedding to a dreamy LSU quarterback. Instead, after spotting a scarred bartender and nosy reporter, she bolts from the venue and wakes up in a secluded cabin, deep in the Louisiana swamp—injured, confused, and terrified.

Jade's caretaker is a mysterious woman who claims to protect her. But from what? From whom? While recovering, Jade scours her memories for clues from threatening DMs to a deadly fire from her past. The more Jade reflects, the less the woman's claims make sense. She needs to escape. But if her captor doesn't kill her, the unforgiving swamp will—no matter how skilled a runner Jade is, or rather, was.

Accustomed to comfort and luxury, Jade must now scratch and claw to survive. She soon discovers the real threat is closer than she thought. And her picture-perfect life, like the swamp around her, conceals untold terrors.

About the Author

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

Key Selling Points

PROVEN AUTHOR: Jennifer Moorhead brings established readership and commercial track record to this compelling standalone thriller.

GENRE APPEAL: Strong mystery & suspense elements appeal to core thriller and mystery readership seeking eerie atmospheric reads.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS: While this reads entirely as a standalone, it brings in a mischievous character from *Poison Wood*. Readers of Moorhead's last book will be thrilled to see this character return and explored in a different light as a secondary character.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662531408
Tropes	#InfluencerProtagonist / #Kidnapping / #Captivity / #MysteriousCaretaker / #IsolatedCabin / #LouisianaSwamp / #MemoryLoss / #LuxuryToSurvival / #ThreateningDMs / #DeadlyFire / #EscapeThriller / #FishOutOfWater / #UnreliableNarrator / #TrustNoOne / #HiddenThreats / #PicturePerfectLife / #HighProfileWedding / #ScarredBartender / #NosyReporter / #SurvivalThriller

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Other Titles by Author

Broken Bayou
Poison Wood

Death by the Sea

North Berwick Mystery Series Book 1

Hannah Ellis

OCTOBER 1, 2026

From bestselling Hannah Ellis, a seaside mystery full of secrets and suspicion.

Jamie Sinclair has quit his London IT job and is sleepwalking through grief. House sitting in North Berwick feels like a clean break, with sea views, odd jobs, and a black cat for company.

Then an elderly client dies, and Jamie's handiwork puts him first in line for the blame. With business drying up and gossip spreading, he teams up with a prickly local detective and two unlikely allies to find out what really happened.

Between missing cat posters, coastal cafés, and small town secrets, Jamie starts to suspect his arrival was not an accident.

About the Author

Hannah Ellis is an international bestselling author of more than forty books, with over a million copies sold worldwide. Best known for her heart-warming romance novels set in beautiful locations, she has recently turned her storytelling talents to cosy mysteries with the Lily Larkin Mystery series.

Her books have been translated into multiple languages, and have found devoted readers around the globe. Hannah has also written a series of children's books under the pen name, Hannah Sparks. The popular Land of Stars series is aimed at children aged 5 - 9 years.

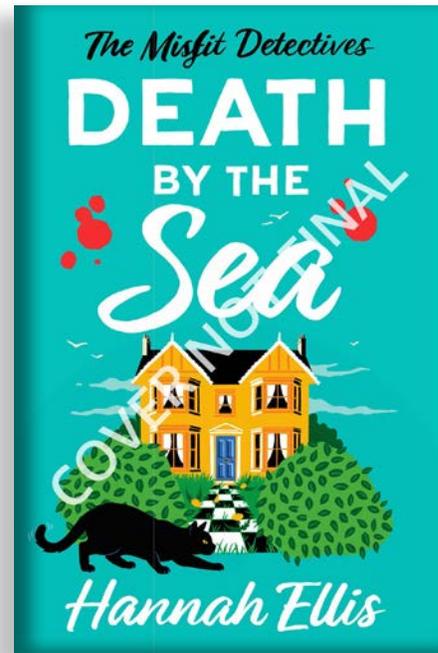
When she isn't writing, Hannah enjoys yoga, long walks, and jigsaw puzzles – and can usually be found with a cup of tea in hand.

Key Selling Points

CHARMING COZY MYSTERY: Perfect blend of intrigue and warmth with an engaging amateur sleuth, found family, and atmospheric setting.

FRESH VOICE: Hannah Ellis brings her unique perspective and compelling storytelling to A Pub from self-publishing in her second-ever cosy mystery series.

STRONG MARKET POSITIONING: Positioned alongside successful titles like Emylia Hall, Richard Osman, and Faith Martin, tapping into proven readership.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Cosy Mystery
ISBN-13	9781662541889
Tropes	Found family, amateur sleuth, Scottish, small town mystery, mysterious past
Socials	Mildly popular on Instagram; 1.2K followers (@authorhannahellis)

Crime, Mystery & Thriller

Rights Available

All Languages

The Woman I've Become

Debra Webb

OCTOBER 6, 2026

Decades after a girl escaped a serial killer's lair, the secrets of the past return to haunt her in a twisted novel of suspense from USA Today bestselling author Debra Webb.

Twenty years ago, Julia Belmont escaped a serial killer's captivity, but her best friend disappeared forever. Rebuilding her life from the trauma, Julia is a psychologist married to a wealthy mayoral candidate, and mother to a beautiful six-year-old girl, Olivia. All is good. Until a heartless reporter resurrects the darkest chapter of her past.

The wild accusations go viral, and Julia retreats with Olivia and her assistant to an isolated lake house in Connecticut where strange events begin to occur and threatening emails flood her inbox. As friends and enemies emerge from the shadows, Julia finds it hard to force away her memories, and harder still to face the terrible lies hidden in them.

One thing is true: No one has a clue what Julia did to stay alive.

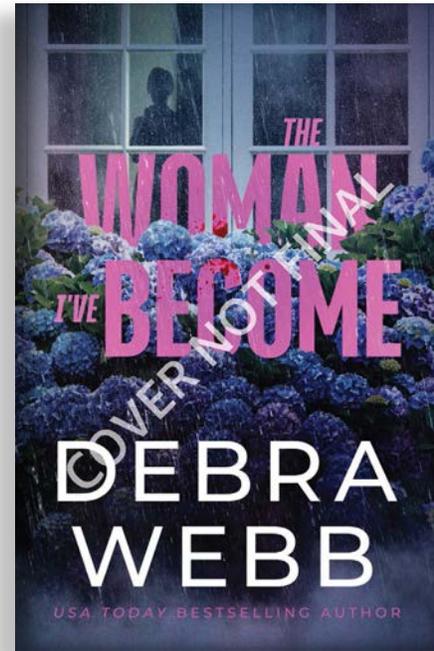
About the Author

Debra Webb is a *USA Today* bestselling author of more than 175 novels. She is the recipient of the prestigious *Romantic Times* Career Achievement Award for Romantic Suspense, as well as numerous Reviewers' Choice Awards. In 2012, Debra was honored as the first recipient of the esteemed L. A. Banks Warrior Woman Award for her courage, strength, and grace in the face of adversity. She was also awarded the distinguished Centennial Award for having published her hundredth novel. Debra has sold more than ten million books in many languages and countries.

Key Selling Points

A Gripping Psychological Thriller with Shocking Twists and Morally Complex Heroine: This page-turner masterfully weaves dual timelines—present-day confrontation and twenty-year-old secrets—to deliver multiple jaw-dropping revelations about the “Judge” serial killer case. Her psychological depth and unpredictable choices create a compelling character study that explores trauma, survival, and the impossible question: how far would you go to protect your child and escape your past? Perfect for fans of Gillian Flynn and Ruth Ware who crave suspense that keeps them guessing until the final page.

Timely Social Commentary Wrapped in Domestic Suspense: The novel tackles contemporary issues of wealthy predators, institutional corruption, and the systems that silence victims—themes that resonate powerfully with today's conversations about power and abuse. Set against the backdrop of high-stakes New York politics and privilege, this claustrophobic thriller combines intimate terror with unflinching examination of how trauma shapes lives, making it both entertaining and thought-provoking. This nuanced portrayal elevates the novel beyond typical thriller fare.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662533570
Tropes	#FinalGirl / #SurvivorOfSerialKiller / #DarkPastHauntingPresent / #EscapedCaptivity / #BestFriendDisappeared / #RebuiltLifeThreatened / #PsychologistProtagonist / #WealthyFamily / #MayoralCandidate / #ProtectiveMother / #IsolatedLakeHouse / #ThreateningEmails / #FriendsAndEnemies / #UnreliableMemories / #TraumaAndIdentity / #PsychologicalThriller

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All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Deep Dark Truth
The Drowning Season

The Ferryman's Daughter

Bloodlines Series Book 1

Yasmin Angoe

OCTOBER 13, 2026

The daughter of an infamous murderer gets caught up in a copycat's sick game in this thriller about legacy, self-determination, and corrosive secrecy from the bestselling author of *Not What She Seems*.

Forensic science teacher Sanaa Karrem buried her past as deep as she could. When her serial killer father, known as “The Ferryman,” disappeared eighteen years ago, she tried to disappear with him. She changed her name, built a new life. And for a while, it all felt like a distant nightmare.

But when bodies turn up with pennies on their eyes, Sanaa recognizes her father's signature. The nightmare becomes real again. Soon, Sanaa starts receiving threatening messages and increasingly disturbing “gifts.” The killer is toying with her, and she can't tell anyone—not even her own fiancé, Detective Marcus Morelli, lead investigator on the case.

As the body count rises, Sanaa leans on her expertise as a former medical examiner to close in on the killer. What she finds is a horrific manifestation of her father's legacy, hitting shockingly close to home. But what disturbs her most is how much that legacy still lingers within her . . .

About the Author

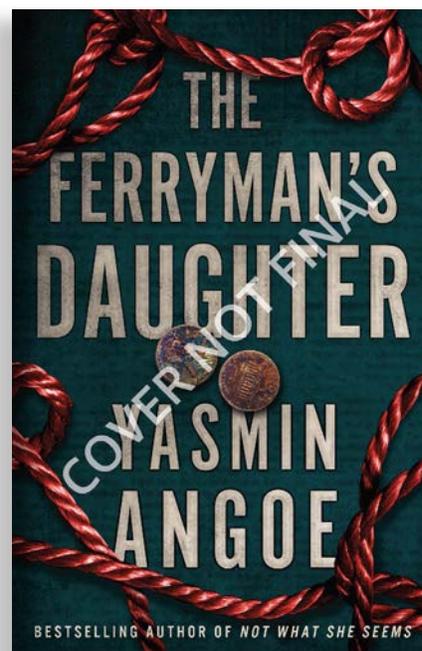
Yasmin Angoe is the author of *Her Name Is Knight* and a first-generation Ghanaian American currently residing in South Carolina with her family. She has served in education for nearly twenty years and works as a developmental editor. Yasmin received the 2020 Eleanor Taylor Bland Crime Fiction Writers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

Key Selling Points

A Gripping Dual-Timeline Psychological Thriller with Inherited Darkness and Complex Female Characters: This novel masterfully weaves between present-day murders and devastating flashbacks. The narrative features morally complex women at its center. The story subverts typical crime thriller tropes by focusing on female rage, ambition, betrayal, and the complicated bonds of friendship twisted into obsession.

Authentic Forensic Detail Meets Mythological Symbolism: The novel combines procedural authenticity with haunting mythological imagery of Charon, the River Styx, and pennies for the dead. This unique blend creates a distinctive atmosphere where ancient rituals of death meet modern forensic science, elevating the story beyond standard crime fiction into literary thriller territory with rich thematic depth about identity, rebirth, and crossing thresholds.

Broad Market Appeal Across Multiple Readerships: Perfect for fans of Karin Slaughter, Tess Gerritsen, and Gillian Flynn, this novel bridges multiple audiences: readers of psychological thrillers who loved *Sharp Objects* and *The Inheritance*; procedural fans of Patricia Cornwell and Kathy Reichs; and those seeking diverse voices in crime fiction. The female-driven narrative will appeal to book clubs discussing complex moral questions, while the North Carolina Triangle setting offers regional appeal, uniquely satisfying both commercial thriller audiences and literary fiction readers.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
ISBN-13	9781662529702
Tropes	Serial killer's daughter, dark family secrets, childhood trauma, false identity, best friend betrayal, wrongful accusation, psychological thriller, race against time, forensic investigation, copycat killer, protective found family, strained romance, mythological symbolism, forced choice, institutional corruption
Socials	X - @yasawriter; IG - @author_yasminangoe

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Other Titles by Author

Behind These Four Walls
No What She Seems

Last Looks

Cate Holahan

OCTOBER 20, 2026

A stylish psychological thriller from *USA Today* bestselling author Cate Holahan about a young fashion stylist whose seemingly perfect client turns out to be a dangerous widow with murderous intentions.

Cécile Duval's husband is dead, and she's convinced Nina Berry—a young American stylist—was his mistress. Hiring Nina to Paris under false pretenses, Cécile plans revenge. But her murder attempts fail, and the situation spirals when Nina's controlling fiancé Jean enters the picture.

Nina doesn't know she's walking into a death trap. Recently pregnant and planning to terminate, she's caught between Cécile's deadly obsession and Jean's escalating control. When Jean kidnaps Nina onto a sailboat, Cécile discovers her devastating mistake: she targeted the wrong woman.

Now two women who should be enemies must decide how far they'll go to survive.

About the Author

Cate Holahan is a *USA Today* bestselling suspense author and screenwriter. She has six standalone novels and is co-author of the #1 Audible bestselling series *Young Rich Widows*, as well as the Audible sequel *Desperate Deadly Widows*.

She's written two original movies for MarVista Entertainment which have aired on Fox's Tubi: *Deadly Estate* (March 2023) and *Midnight Hustle* (August 2023). Her novels have been translated into multiple languages and optioned for television. Her fifth novel, *Her Three Lives*, was a *Good Morning America* book club selection and her second book, *The Widower's Wife*, was a *Kirkus* Best Book of 2016. Her third novel, *Lies She Told*, was a *Kirkus* Best Book of 2017, as well as a Book of the Month Club Sept. 2017 selection.

Key Selling Points

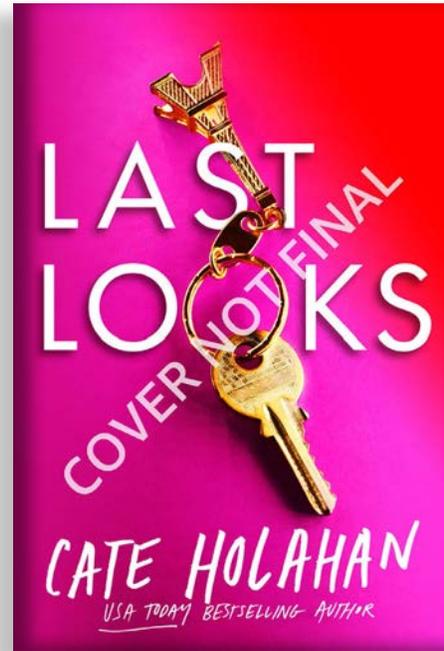
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR WITH PROVEN TRACK RECORD: Cate Holahan is co-author of the #1 Audible bestselling series *Young Rich Widows* and *Desperate Deadly Widows*. Her six standalone novels have been translated into multiple languages and optioned for television. *Her Three Lives* was a *Good Morning America* book club selection.

DUAL UNRELIABLE NARRATORS WITH REVENGE PLOT: Alternating perspectives between wronged widow Cécile planning murder and unsuspecting stylist Nina create page-turning tension. Readers question who is victim and villain as secrets unravel.

GLAMOROUS PARISIAN FASHION WORLD SETTING: Set in Paris and St. Tropez with luxury hotels, high-end shopping (Chanel, Versace, Dior), and Mediterranean yachts. Aspirational setting contrasts sharply with dark psychological manipulation beneath the gilded surface.

TIMELY REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS THEMES: Jean's tampering with Nina's birth control and kidnapping to prevent abortion explores bodily autonomy and reproductive coercion with chilling relevance.

TWIST ON MISTRESS REVENGE NARRATIVE: Cécile's revenge plot against the wrong woman subverts expectations. When she discovers Nina isn't the mistress, both women must unite against Jean's controlling abuse.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
ISBN-13	9781662538278
Tropes	#RevengePlot / #UnreliableNarrators / #MistakenIdentity / #WrongedWidow / #ControllingPartner / #ReproductiveCoercion / #UnlikelyAlliance / #ParisianSetting / #LuxuryFashion / #MurderAttempts / #Kidnapping / #SecretsAndLies / #TwistEnding / #WomenAgainstAbuser / #PsychologicalThriller / #DomesticNoir / #RevengeDrama

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Other Titles by Author

The Kidnapping of Alice Ingold

Untitled Bethany Briggs FBI Thriller

Cindy Fazzi

NOVEMBER 10, 2026

For fans of Steph Cha and Kellye Garrett, Fazzi's new thriller series delivers a gripping FBI procedural with a profound emotional core.

Bethany Briggs, a young Filipino-American intelligence analyst, finds herself investigating cases that lead directly to her own mother's violent past.

Fazzi masterfully weaves together themes of cultural identity, family loyalty, and moral ambiguity while delivering pulse-pounding suspense. The complex mother-daughter relationship at the center makes this thriller uniquely poignant, exploring how far we'll go to protect those we love—even when they may be monsters.

About the Author

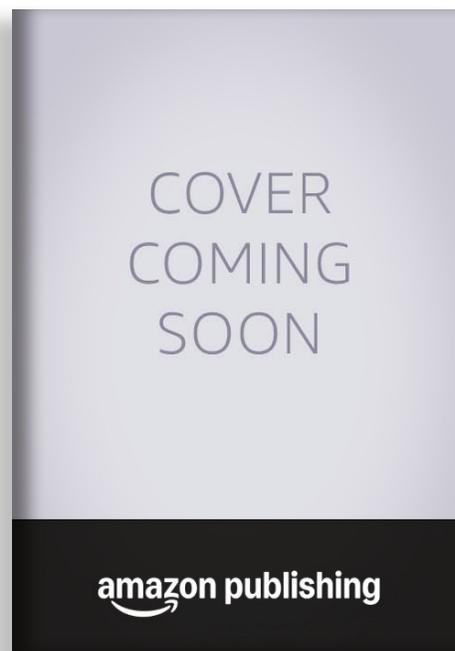
Cindy Fazzi is a Filipino American writer and former *Associated Press* reporter who has worked as a journalist in the Philippines, Taiwan, and the United States. The novel *Multo*, was a finalist in the Best Literary category of the 2024 Silver Falchion Award. Fazzi's historical novel, *My MacArthur*, was published by Sand Hill Review Press in 2018. Fazzi's short stories have appeared in *TOUGH*, *Snake Nation Review*, *Copper-Field Review Quarterly*, and *SNReview*.

Key Selling Points

A Gripping FBI Thriller with Authentic Insider Detail: This thriller delivers pulse-pounding suspense. Readers get an insider's view of real FBI procedures—from analyzing surveillance footage and creating tactical maps to conducting witness interviews and tracking fugitives across international borders. The intricate plotting weaves together multiple murder cases (Hawaii, San Francisco, Carmel) with escalating stakes, keeping thriller fans turning pages late into the night.

A Powerful Mother-Daughter Story with Devastating Emotional Stakes: At its heart, this novel explores the complex, fraught relationship between the characters. The emotional core—a daughter's love colliding with her duty to justice—elevates this beyond standard crime fiction into literary territory. The novel asks: How well do we really know our parents? What do we owe them versus what we owe ourselves?

Readership Appeal Across Multiple Markets: This thriller breaks new ground by centering a half-Filipino protagonist and exploring the Filipino diaspora experience through the lens of crime fiction, appealing to readers seeking diverse voices and underrepresented perspectives. The authentic procedural elements and intricate plotting will attract fans of Karin Slaughter, Tess Gerritsen, and FBI/law enforcement thrillers. The complex mother-daughter relationship and emotional depth will resonate with readers who loved *The Silent Patient*, *Big Little Lies*, and character-driven suspense. Filipino-American readers will find rare representation in the cultural richness.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Police Procedural
ISBN-13	9781662541513
Tropes	FBI investigation, mother-daughter relationship, family secrets, dual identity, moral ambiguity, vigilante justice, fish out of water, coming of age, found family, international conspiracy, redemption arc, unreliable narrator, forbidden knowledge, immigrant experience, cultural identity crisis

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Other Titles by Author

Danger No Problem, Sunday or the Highway

Crime, Mystery & Thriller

The Chaperones

Amy Meyerson

DECEMBER 8, 2026

Third-grade families from the elite Chester School plan a camping trip to Santa Cruz Island. Two days of kayaking, hiking, and bonding. Twenty-six miles off the California coast, the island is stunningly remote. Once the last ferry leaves, help is ninety minutes away—if the channel isn't too rough to cross.

When two children vanish in the night, parents scatter across the island searching. They find the boys safe. But one father returns from the beach with harrowing news: there's a body on the rocks beneath the bluffs.

Five parents harbor secrets about Cassie Bent, a prominent clothing designer at the center of everyone's drama. As Ranger Emmy investigates, she discovers the victim's identity—and realizes her own traumatic past is connected to this death. Trapped by the storm, someone will be forced to confront the truth about the predator they've been protecting.

Some secrets refuse to stay buried.

About the Author

Amy Meyerson is the internationally bestselling author of *The Bookshop of Yesterdays*, *The Imperfects*, and *The Love Scribe*. Her books have been translated into eleven languages and her short fiction published in numerous literary magazines.

Amy Meyerson teaches in the writing department at the University of Southern California, where she completed her graduate work in creative writing. She currently lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two children.

Key Selling Points

Aspirational setting: Amy Meyerson takes us from Venice Beach in *The Water Lies* to Santa Cruz Island in her perfectly crafted twisted *The Chaperones*. Will appeal to readers of Lucy Foley and Lisa Jewell.

Hot Hits: The PR campaign for *The Water Lies* resulted in a number of great features including a *People* Magazine book of the week.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
ISBN-13	9781662542138
Tropes	#ElitePrivateSchool / #IsolatedIsland / #MissingChildren / #BodyOnTheRocks / #MultiplePOV / #UnreliableNarrators / #DualTimeline / #SecretsAndLies / #PredatoryMale / #SexualAssault / #ProtectiveMother / #Affair / #ClassDivide / #RangerProtagonist / #TrappedByStorm / #ConfrontingThePast / #FamilyComplicity / #RemoteNationalPark / #PsychologicalSuspense / #DomesticThriller

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All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Water Lies

Science Fiction & Fantasy

Light Burned

Realm of Four Kingdoms Series Book 3

Jayci Lee

APRIL 14, 2026

Prophecies collide in this explosive finale to *USA Today* bestselling author Jayci Lee's epic romantasy series. Can one obstinate fox spirit save the worlds, even if it means destroying her heart?

Through every battle won and enemy defeated, Sunny thought she was the good guy—until now. The eternal darkness has breached the Realm of Four Kingdoms, threatening to consume all life, and her power may be the only hope for salvation. But what if she accidentally destroys the realm instead?

Sunny must return to the Realm of Four Kingdoms and face her destiny—for her friends, for Ethan, for everyone she's sworn to protect. Though no longer certain she's the hero they deserve, she will battle the darkness across the kingdoms, except for the one place she's forbidden: the Kingdom of Mountains where Ethan rules.

As ancient prophecies unfold and the gods' buried secrets emerge, Sunny and Ethan find themselves caught between duty and desire. Their fated love could be their greatest strength, or their ultimate downfall.

In this epic conclusion, they must choose: follow destiny's path, or forge their own way forward—even if it means watching everything they love burn in the flames of their defiance.

About the Author

Jayci Lee is a *USA Today* bestselling author of sexy contemporary romance and epic romantasy, featuring Korean American main characters. Her work has appeared in *Cosmopolitan*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, *E! News*, *Women's World*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*. Jayci is retired from her fifteen-year career as a litigator because she's a lover—not a fighter. She lives in sunny California with her husband, sons, and a fluffy rescue.

Key Selling Points

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR WITH ESTABLISHED SERIES:

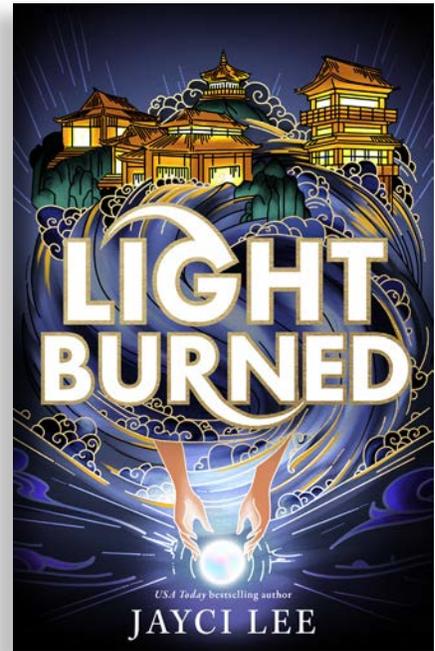
Jayci Lee delivers the explosive finale to her Realm of Four Kingdoms series featuring Korean American main characters. Her work has appeared in *Cosmopolitan*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*.

MORALLY COMPLEX PROTAGONIST QUESTIONING HEROISM:

Sunny thought she was the good guy—until now. Her power may save the realm or accidentally destroy it, creating compelling tension as she battles darkness while doubting her own heroism.

FATED LOVE WITH IMPOSSIBLE STAKES: Sunny and Ethan's romance is caught between duty and desire. Their fated love could be their greatest strength or ultimate downfall as they choose between destiny's path or forging their own way.

EPIC WORLD-ENDING STAKES ACROSS KINGDOMS: The eternal darkness threatens to consume all life. Sunny must battle across kingdoms except the forbidden Kingdom of Mountains where Ethan rules, creating geographic and emotional barriers.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Fantasy
ISBN-13	9781662532238
Tropes	#PropheciesColliding / #FoxSpirit / #EternalDarkness / #ChosenOne / #QuestioningHero / #ForbiddenKingdom / #FatedLove / #DutyVsDesire / #AncientProphecies / #GodsBuriedSecrets / #EpicFinale / #BattleAcrossKingdoms / #DestinyVsFreeWill / #LoveCouldDestroy / #DefianceAgainstFate / #RealmOfFourKingdoms / #Romantasy

Romance

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Nine Tailed
King Foretold

A Single Captive Spark

Rise of the Firebird Series Book 1

Emberly Ash

JULY 1, 2026

In the brutal aftermath of a human-changeling war, a twist of fate throws two enemies together to fight for their love and survival in a sweeping dark fantasy of betrayal, magic, and romance.

In the centuries-long battle between humans and changelings, those who are taken by the changelings do not live. They do not return. They are simply gone. And for the humans left behind, there is only the brutal reign of the Irskan king.

Having spent her life in the castle, Fionna has protected herself and her younger sister by securing a position as a servant. But when the rebels mistake Fionna for the Irskan princess, she becomes a hostage of Helio, the cruel changeling leader whose mismatched eyes haunt her dreams. Drawn to Helio even as she attempts to escape the rebels, Fionna finds herself questioning everything she once believed about his cause.

For Helio, undying loyalty to the rebels saved him from the ravages of war. But his hostage blunder has put his people in peril. He may possess secret magic, but even he is not immune to Fionna's charms. Uncovering what she knows about the castle may prove to be his most dangerous mission yet.

In this sweeping dark fantasy, a dangerous game of love, loyalty, and betrayal will decide the fate of a nation.

About the Author

Emberly Ash is the author of the Secrets of the Faerie Crown series and The Covenants of Velora series. She stole her first romance novel off her mom's bookshelf at the age of ten and never looked back. The author of eighteen romance books under her first pen name, Emberly craved something darker and steamier—enter the world of fantasy romance. Her books are dark, twisty, and not for the faint of heart. In the real world, she manages a fire-breathing seven-year-old and a grumpy mage of a husband. But you'll most often find her in her hot-pink writing cave, dreaming up your next book boyfriend. Spoiler alert: He's fae. For more information, visit www.emberlyash.com.

Key Selling Points

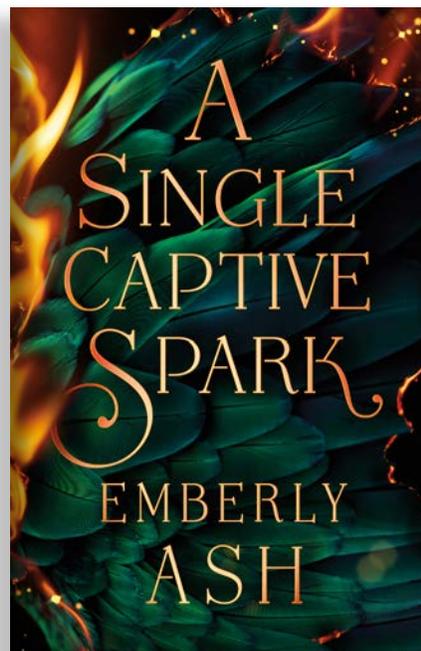
ESTABLISHED AUTHOR WITH PROVEN FANTASY ROMANCE

TRACK RECORD: Emberly Ash is the author of the Secrets of the Faerie Crown series and The Covenants of Velora series. With eighteen romance books under her first pen name, she brings proven storytelling expertise to dark, twisty fantasy romance that's "not for the faint of heart."

ENEMIES-TO-LOVERS CAPTIVE ROMANCE WITH MISTAKEN

IDENTITY: Fionna is kidnapped by rebel leader Helio after being mistaken for the Irskan princess. Their captive/captor dynamic creates intense forced proximity as servant and changeling leader are drawn together despite being on opposite sides of a centuries-long war.

DARK FANTASY WITH STEAMY ROMANCE: Emberly Ash delivers the darker, steamier fantasy romance her readers crave. Helio's mismatched eyes, secret magic, and cruel reputation mask vulnerability, while Fionna questions everything she believed about the rebel cause.



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Dark Fantasy
ISBN-13	9781662537370
Tropes	#HumanChangelingWar / #EnemiesToLovers / #MistakenIdentity / #CaptiveCaptor / #ForbiddenLove / #CruelLeaderSoftSide / #MismatchedEyes / #SecretMagic / #ServantMistakenForPrincess / #ProtectiveSister / #RebelLeader / #QuestioningBeliefs / #DangerousAttraction / #HostageSituation / #BrutalReign / #CenturiesLongConflict / #LoveVsLoyalty / #FateOfNation / #DarkFantasyRomance / #Romantasy

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All Languages

Fields of Asphodel

Callie Rowland

JULY 28, 2026

In this lush reimagining of Greek mythology, the daughter of Hades and Persephone defies the gods of the underworld to forge her own life amid war, curses, and unexpected romance.

For Asphodel, the free-spirited daughter of Hades and Persephone, being cursed to never fall in love with a god is a blessing.

Determined not to be trapped in a union like her mother, Del spends her life blissfully on the Isle of Flowers, far from her family in the underworld. But when Asphodel's parents ordain her marriage to Thanatos, the god of death, the freedom she's long since guarded is at risk of being stolen for eternity. So Del takes fate into her own hands: She kidnaps her groom-to-be and traps him on her Isle.

But defying the gods comes with a price. Without Thanatos to send mortals off to peaceful rest in the underworld, death will devolve into brutality and violence. The realms will be consumed by chaos. With time running out and her freedom on the line, Del must restore the balance she upended—even as she finds herself irrevocably drawn to the ever-charming and bashful Thanatos, who offers another way of saving the worlds by breaking her curse. Only then can Del *choose* to marry him.

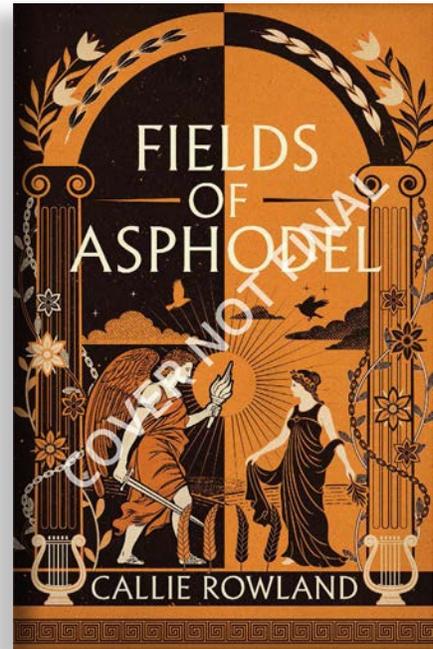
About the Author

Callie Rowland lives in Louisville, Kentucky, where she spends most of her time reading and writing. When she's feeling brave, she even hangs out with other people. She is the proud mother of a spider plant named Lucifer, a pothos named Lilith, and a cat named Lewis (who she is convinced is the guardian of realms). You can find her across social media @callierowland or on her website, www.callierowland.com.

Key Selling Points

GREEK MYTHOLOGY HOOK: Stories inspired by Greek mythology have seen strong success, with bestsellers like *A Song of Achilles*, *Adriadne*, *The Blood of Hercules*, and *Clytemnestra* making waves in the market. On Booktok, the “Greek Mythology Fantasy Book recommendation” hashtag has over 13M posts and with its commercial hook and swoony romance, *Fields of Asphodel* is the perfect fit for readers obsessed with the Greek mythology and those looking to explore the space.

EARLY PRAISE: Ahead of its publication, *Fields of Asphodel* is already receiving early praise, with Sydney J. Shields, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Honey Witch*, declaring, “This lyrical debut is blooming with unique floral magic, intricate world-building, and pitch-perfect forbidden love. Fans of spicy fantasy romance and Greek mythology will be completely obsessed. *Fields of Asphodel* is a romance with Death like you've never read before, and you will not be able to put it down.”



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Historical Fantasy
ISBN-13	9781662539794
Tropes	#Greekmythology #retelling #Forcedproximity #EnemiestoLovers
Socials	IG: 1,181

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The Last Harbinger

Last Harbinger Series Book 1

Jeff Wheeler

AUGUST 11, 2026

A princess and her entrusted protector must save a world on the brink of revolution in a thrilling historical fantasy by *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Jeff Wheeler.

Hastings Creigh is a rake, gambler, and spendthrift. He's also the best dragoon in the Muirwood military, and with mounting tensions between kingdoms, he's appointed as bodyguard to a princess on an off-world journey.

Princess Maia Fitzempress's duty has always been to her people and maintaining peace between the worlds. Now, she must venture to Kingfountain, where her aunt reigns as queen and her cursed cousins have fallen ill. If Maia can reestablish the royal line, she can secure its longevity.

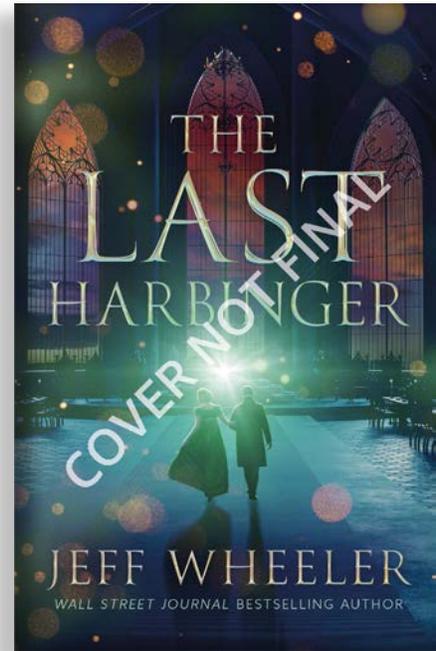
Yet in the devastating aftermath of war between two empires and with rebellion forces on the rise, Kingfountain holds danger for a princess and a bodyguard on a mission. Hastings and Maia must forge ahead on a quest to save themselves and a kingdom at the brink of civil war before cunning magical entities determine their destinies—even as an ancient force threatens to destroy both worlds.

About the Author

Jeff Wheeler is the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of more than fifty epic novels. *The Last Harbinger* is a continuation of his bestselling series, tying together many of his worlds to a depth he's never done before. Jeff lives in the Rocky Mountains and is a husband, father of five, and devout member of his church. Learn about Jeff's publishing journey in *Your First Million Words*, visit his many worlds at www.jeff-wheeler.com, and join his newsletter for free samples, updates, and what is coming next.

Key Selling Points

THRILLING EPIC FANTASY: This thrilling spinoff of the Harbinger series will enthrall readers, fans, and newcomers alike with the lush world building and action-packed story as they follow a military bodyguard and the princess he must protect on an journey that's filled with twists and turns.



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Epic Fantasy
ISBN-13	9781662541100
Tropes	#PrincessAndBodyguard / #RakeReformed / #MilitaryElite / #OffWorldJourney / #DutyToKingdom / #RoyalLineRestoration / #CursedCousins / #PostWarDevaststation / #RebellionRising / #QuestToSaveKingdom / #CivilWarBrink / #MagicalEntities / #AncientForce / #MultipleWorlds / #ProtectorRomance / #AppointedBodyguard / #MissionGoneDangerous / #EpicFantasy / #HistoricalFantasy
Socials	IG: 2.3k

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Invisible College
The Alchemy of Fate

Once Swindled

Lack and Luster Series Book 1

Laura Sebastian

AUGUST 25, 2026

From *New York Times* bestselling author Laura Sebastian comes a swoony, second-chance romance set in a magical Gilded Age world, where a con artist targets her biggest mark yet—and unexpectedly reunites with the one who first stole her heart.

The Ryskamp family fortune is in trouble. And Arden's gift for invisibility can't stave off his creditors...or the shame of catastrophic courtships. His only recourse is to marry a highborn Luster girl of his great-aunt's choosing. But when Arden goes to meet her, another woman catches his eye: the copper-haired beauty who ran away with his heart. And engagement ring.

Newly betrothed to yet another wealthy bachelor, Mavis has gone by many names—Arabella then, Delphinia now. Unlike the Lusters, however, Mavis lacks magical abilities, relying instead on her charms and her cons to get by. But no amount of money can repay her debts. And no amount of distance could prepare her for a reunion with her first mark.

Thrown together by fate, Arden and Mavis put aside their past to pull one last con that could save them both. The only price may be falling in love again. This time, for real.

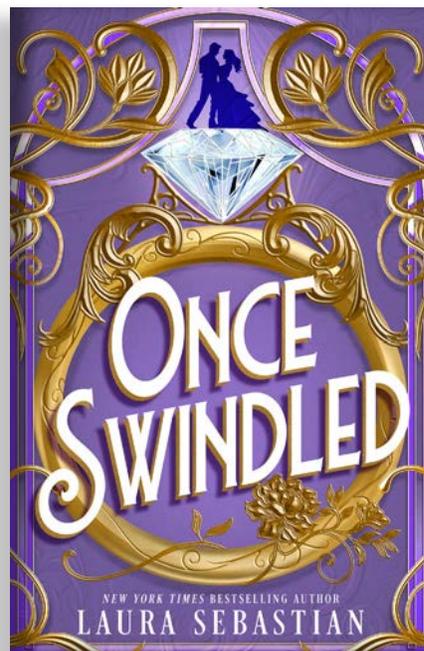
About the Author

Laura Sebastian grew up in South Florida and attended Savannah College of Art and Design. Now, she lives and writes in London, England, with her two dogs, Neville and Circe. Her work includes the *New York Times* bestselling *Ash Princess* series (*Ash Princess*, *Lady Smoke*, and *Ember Queen*) as well as the *Castles in Their Bones* series (*Castles in Their Bones*, *Stardust in Their Veins*, and *Poison in Their Hearts*). Laura is also the author of *Half Sick of Shadows*, her first novel for adults, and *Into the Glades*, aimed at middle-grade readers.

Key Selling Points

BESTSELLING AUTHOR ROMANTASY DEBUT: Known for her bestselling young adult series, *Ash Princess*, and her critically acclaimed adult fantasy *Half Sick of Shadows*, *New York Times* bestselling author Laura Sebastian takes her first foray into the romantasy space with this lush and swoony historical fantasy—the first in a duology of stand-alones.

SWOONY SECOND CHANCE ROMANCE: Fans of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* and *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* will be charmed by this sizzling second chance romance as they follow a con-artist who must reluctantly team up with her former mark in this lush, Gilded Age inspired world.



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Romance
ISBN-13	9781662538803
Tropes	#secondchanceromance #enemiestolovers #fakedating #spicy
Socials	IG: 10.6K; Tiktok: 11.6K

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All Languages

The Queen's Witch

Nancy Kress

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

From award-winning author Nancy Kress comes a lush historical fantasy that reimagines the life of Anne Boleyn from the lens of the witch who helps guide her in courtly rise—an enchanted tale of sisterhood, power, and a dangerous bid for the throne.

Alysoun Rowe descends from an ancient line of cunning women—healers and hedge witches whose full power only awakens when they bond with their destined Third. But after a spell goes frightfully wrong, she discovers her familiar is no ordinary object or animal. It's a distant kinswoman: Anne Boleyn, a brilliant young lady on the rise in King Henry VIII's luminous yet treacherous court.

Anne will do anything to wear the crown of England. And Alysoun will go just as far to unlock the wild magick spiraling inside her, even if it means breaking her coven's age-old rules.

As the king's desire morphs into a dangerous obsession and a ruthless witch hunt closes in, the two women form a reluctant truce. Bound by fate in a realm of lust, rivalry, and betrayal, they each face a choice. But how far will they go to seize power in a world that would gladly watch them burn?

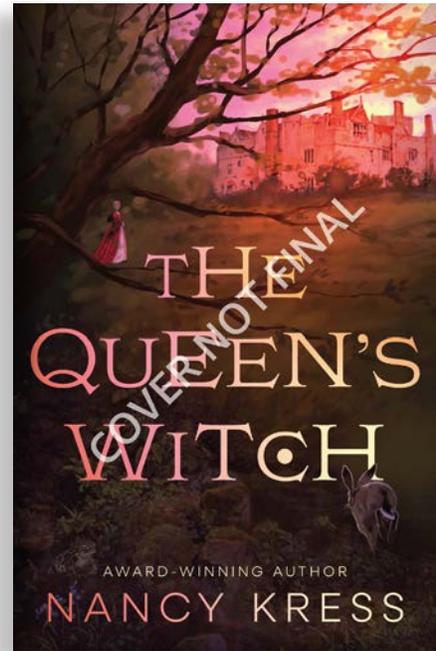
About the Author

Nancy Kress grew up near Buffalo, New York, and presently lives in Seattle with her husband, writer Jack Skillingstead, and Pippin, the world's most spoiled Chihuahua. Best known as a science fiction and fantasy writer, Kress has won six Nebula Awards from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers Association, two Hugo Awards from members of Worldcon (the World Science Fiction Convention), and numerous other awards and accolades. Her work has been translated into fourteen languages. Prior to becoming a full-time writer, Kress worked as an elementary school teacher, a corporate copywriter, and a college instructor. The Tudor period of English history has fascinated her from the moment she first read about Katherine of Aragon at the age of fifteen. When not reading or writing, Kress plays chess—badly, but with great enthusiasm.

Key Selling Points

CRITICALLY ACCALIMED AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR: Nancy Kress is the award-winning and critically acclaimed author of numerous books, and has won six Nebulas, two Hugos, a Sturgeon, and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award. This lush, historical fantasy with a strong commercial hook will appeal to fans of her works and new readers.

FEMINIST THEMES AND BINGEWORTHY READ: Perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo's *The Familiar* and S.T. Gibbson's *A Dowry of Blood*, *The Queen's Witch* is a grounded historical fantasy that has strong feminist themes as it follows two women (one a Queen, the other a burgeoning witch) who defy society's expectations of them to come into their own.



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Historical Fantasy
ISBN-13	9781662540233
Tropes	#WitchAndFamiliar / #HistoricalFantasy / #AnneBoleyn / #CunningWomen / #HedgeWitches / #DestinedThird / #MagicalBond / #ReluctantTruce / #UnlikelyAlliance / #AmbitiousWoman / #KingHenryVIII / #DangerousObsession / #WitchHunt / #BreakingCovenRules / #LustRivalryBetrayal / #BoundByFate / #SisterhoodAcrossTime / #WildMagic / #TudorPeriod / #PatriarchalPower / #PowerVsSafety / #FeministFantasy

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All Languages

Bane Bloom

Sharon Lynn Fisher

OCTOBER 6, 2026

In Victorian England, botanical illustrator Catherine “Cricket” Gray arrives at the mysterious Pine Cottage in England’s Lake District, hoping to secure her future with the London Society of Apothecaries. But the remote house and its remarkable glasshouse harbor dark secrets - and an enigmatic groundskeeper named Thomas Bane who seems determined to keep them.

As Cricket discovers a shape-shifting flower with the power to grant wishes and encounters fairy queens, woodwoses, and spirits, she finds herself drawn deeper into a world where magic and reality intertwine. Her predecessor has vanished without a trace, and the house itself seems to have plans of its own.

Despite Thomas’s warnings to stay away, Cricket can’t resist investigating the mysteries of Pine Cottage - or her growing feelings for its brooding caretaker. But Thomas has secrets of his own, including a supernatural heritage that binds him forever to the house and its otherworldly inhabitants.

With the Society planning to sell Pine Cottage, Cricket must decide whether to return to London and the life she knew, or embrace a new destiny with Thomas in a world where nothing is quite as it seems. In this Gothic romance filled with folklore and fairy magic, true love might be the most dangerous enchantment of all.

About the Author

Sharon Lynn Fisher is the author of *Grimm Curiosities*, *Salt & Broom*, and many other novels and short stories set in lush, romantic, and atmospheric worlds. Sharon lives in the Pacific Northwest woods outside Seattle, where she spends her free time looking for fairies and mushrooms. She’s married to her beta reader and is mom to two teens, an orange cat, and a handful of chickens. For more information, visit www.sharonlynnfisher.com.

Key Selling Points

COZY, EARTHY MAGIC WITH HISTORICAL WHIMSY: Perfect blend of cozy botanical magic and slow-burn romance that appeals to readers who love their fantasy grounded in the natural world. *Bane Bloom* combines Victorian gothic elements with whimsical fairy tale aspects, creating an atmospheric and hopeful story.

STONG, UNFORGETTABLE HEROINE: Features a competent, artistic female protagonist who maintains her agency while falling in love. High Praise from *Booklist*, *PW*, *Historical Novels Review* and *Midwest Book Review*.



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Historical Fantasy
ISBN-13	9781662528705
Tropes	grumpy-sunshine, romance, forced proximity, only one bed (sort of), mysterious, brooding love interest with a supernatural secret, found family, fish-out-of-water, forbidden love, magical house, competent female lead in a historical setting, enemies-to-lovers (mild version), and the “I’m dangerous, you should stay away from me” hero who can’t actually stay away from the heroine

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Tea & Alchemy
Grimm Curiosities
Salt & Broom

It's Paradise, Sweetheart (WT)

Brittany Amara

NOVEMBER 17, 2026

After the devastating end of her engagement to her fiancé, hopeless romantic Evangeline Windemere finds herself in a dream like city with a handsome stranger and is lured into his world of dark secrets and twisted obsession as sinister truths come to light—even as her past calls to her.

Evangeline Windemere should be enjoying premarital bliss. She's engaged to Slater, her childhood friend from the other side of the tracks who Evangeline gave up everything for: from her wealthy lifestyle to her relationship with her overbearing mother. All of it, Evangeline sacrificed for love. But being with Slater isn't the happily-ever after she imagined.

They can't afford their broke down apartment and they barely see each other because of work. Worse even, Slater seems to be withdrawing back to the street lifestyle that Evangeline's mother warned her about. When an explosive fight leads to the end of their engagement, heart-broken Evangeline's search for a fairy-tale romance leads her into the arms of a disarmingly handsome stranger who sweeps her away to a dreamlike city that's the pinnacle of perfect. But nothing is as it seems here, from the elusive staff that run his estate to the residents in the city itself.

With bloody secrets lurking beneath the surface and her new lover's façade slipping day by day, Evangeline must uncover the chilling truth of who is in her bed every night and who she may become if she doesn't escape him—even as her past with Slater catches up with her.

About the Author

Brittany Amara is an author, screenwriter, actress, and model with a passion for science fiction and fantasy that ventures beyond space and time. She loves writing about curious aliens, morally gray protagonists, other dimensions, rifts in reality, and all things playfully wicked. When she's not working on something new, Brittany can be found stargazing, collecting stuffed animals, and baking pumpkin bread. Brittany grew up in Bronx, New York, and graduated summa cum laude from SUNY New Paltz in 2021 with a degree in digital media production, creative writing, and theater arts. In 2024 she furthered her storytelling journey at Queen's University Belfast. Since then, her work in various genres has been recognized by film festivals and writing competitions across the globe. Find her online @brittany.a.mara, and for more information, visit her website at <https://brittanyamara.wixsite.com/my-site>.

Key Selling Points

POPULAR CATEGORY: Recent successes like *We Who Will Die*, *Phantasma*, *Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil*, *A Dowry of Blood*, and *Immortal Dark* have demonstrated that vampire and paranormal books are having a strong resurgence in media, and with its twisty blend of psychological thriller stakes and vampire lore, this is the perfect read for readers looking for more juicy vampire books to sink their teeth into.



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Contemporary Fantasy
ISBN-13	9781662542985
Tropes	#darkromance #vampires #grumpy-sunshine
Socials	IG: 1,260

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Bleeding Woods

amazon publishing

Nonfiction

I've Got a New Complaint

Laurie Notaro

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

A brutally and hilariously unfiltered look at being middle-aged-plus in an absurd modern world by the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Excuse Me While I Disappear*.

Laurie Notaro can time travel. The portal is Scottsdale, Arizona. Once inside her elderly parents' home, she's a child again—who's two years away from collecting Social Security. Caught between generations, Laurie is young enough to be thrust into the role of caregiver yet old enough to be grappling with her own creaking bones and analog life skills. It's an awkward age.

Navigating it is just a matter of winging it. She runs rampant through Italy with her American driving skills. Infuriating office politics leave her little choice but revenge and some hexes. Laurie also confronts a high school bully at a reunion, considers an elaborate funeral at a puppet theater, and fancies an ideal retirement plan involving bank robbery. As for sex at sixty, honestly, it's a challenge. The parts *are* a little rusty (at least they sound that way).

Regardless of indignity or mishap, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author finds agency with the sharp wit of a woman who refuses to go gently into that good night.

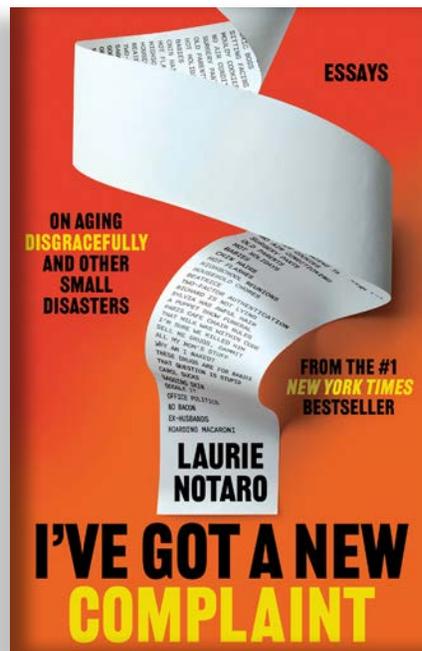
About the Author

Laurie Notaro has written a lot of books and is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author. A former journalist, Notaro watched her own colonoscopy and has taught her dog to “drop it” when she has deceased things in her mouth. Notaro is currently at the height of her powers and once shoplifted a pork roast. For more information, visit www.laurienotaro.com.

Key Selling Points

SIGNATURE VOICE AND PRESTIGE: Fans of Notaro's previous bestselling memoirs will recognize her self-deprecating style, absurdist observations, and ability to find comedy in humiliation.

RELATABLE GENERATIONAL HUMOR: Notaro captures the Gen X experience of aging with unflinching honesty humor, tackling topics that will resonate deeply with readers in their 50s and 60s, a large swath of our readership.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Memoir
ISBN-13	9781662528859
Tropes	dark humor, aging women, Gen X, workplace comedy, travel mishaps, mother daughter relationship, retirement planning, female friendship, menopause

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Murderess
Excuse Me While I Disappear

Hand on the Run

Michael Noonan and Will Peakin

NOVEMBER 10, 2026

When a group of surgeons set their minds to performing the world's first hand transplant, no one would believe they were giving a hand back to a convicted thief who would run off from the hospital with a stolen credit card and his nurse, leaving his family and doctors behind for a life on the run.

In this rollicking true story, two veteran journalists tell the story of the team of doctors and the patient who made divisive history, and the caper narrative that followed their unbelievable medical achievement.

About the Authors

Michael Noonan is a writer and filmmaker from Australia. He has taught writing, and film production at universities in Brisbane, Australia and Monterrey, Mexico. His Ph.D. in film and television production, titled *Laughing & Disability: Comedy, Collaborative Authorship and 'Down Under Mystery Tour,'* explored the screen representation of people with disabilities. He has made several documentaries, including the award-winning feature *Unlikely Travelers*, and over a dozen short films. He has been following the Clint Hallam saga since he first read about it in film school and, for the last six years, has been vigorously researching archives and tracking down the participants. A collection of his work can be viewed at www.michaeljnoonan.com

Will Peakin, one of the first to chronicle in-depth the story of hand transplantation, is an experienced reporter, feature writer, and editor. He was a section editor at *The Sunday Times* and a feature writer for *The Sunday Times Magazine*.

Key Selling Points

Stranger-Than-Fiction True Story: Clint Hallam's journey from convicted fraudster to medical guinea pig to fugitive offers an irresistible narrative arc filled with deception, media manipulation, and moral complexity that reads like a thriller.

Rare Reported Nonfiction: This is a standout addition to our fiction-heavy list, offering readers a meticulously researched true story with conversation-starting potential. The authors had unprecedented access to the book's subjects.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Narrative Nonfiction
ISBN-13	9781662530609
Tropes	Medical breakthrough, conman on the run, ethical dilemma, hidden past, media frenzy, body horror

Rights Available

All Languages

amazon publishing

Children's Picture Books

The Octopus

Guojing

APRIL 22, 2026

From award-winning Chinese author and illustrator of *The Only Child*, named to best of the year lists by the *New York Times*, comes a wordless picture about a young girl who helps an octopus find its way home.

One day on the beach, a girl befriends a lost little octopus. Without needing to speak, she understands the octopus must get back home.

Together, they travel through the ocean, meeting fish, turtles, and other sea creatures. Through this interaction, the girl comes to understand what the octopus truly needs and how she can help take care of the ocean in her own way.

About the Author

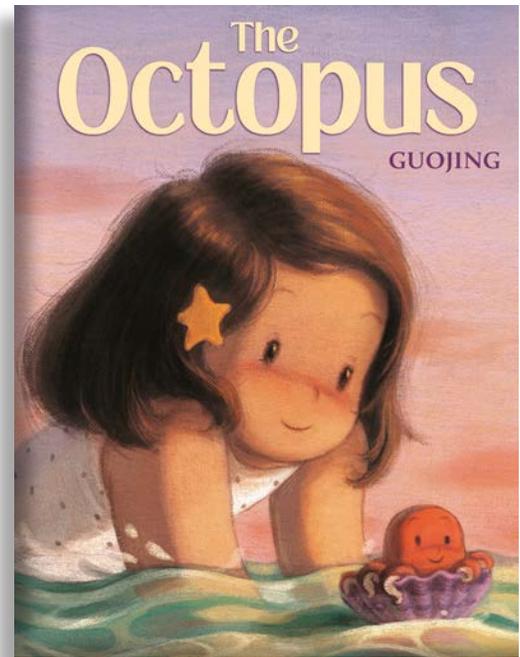
Guojing is a celebrated author-illustrator whose wordless and nearly wordless books *The Flamingo*, *Stormy*, and *The Only Child* have been named to best of the year lists by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *NPR*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and more. She grew up in China and now lives in Canada with her family.

Key Selling Points

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR WITH PRESTIGIOUS RECOGNITION: Guojing's wordless and nearly wordless books (*The Flamingo*, *Stormy*, *The Only Child*) have been named to best of the year lists by the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *NPR*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly*.

WORDLESS STORYTELLING WITH UNIVERSAL APPEAL: Without needing words, readers understand the girl's mission to help the lost octopus find its way home. The wordless format transcends language barriers, making this story accessible to children worldwide and perfect for early readers.

ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES AND OCEAN CARE: Through the girl's journey with the octopus, young readers learn about ocean conservation and how they can help take care of marine life in their own way, delivering an important environmental message with gentle storytelling.



Children's



IMPRINT	Two Lions
GENRE	Picture Book Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662521508
Tropes	#WordlessPictureBook / #LostAnimalNeedsHome / #EnvironmentalCare / #OceanConservation / #HelpingAnimals /

Rights Available

All Languages, excluding Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese

Someone Like Me

Allison McGhee

Illustrated by Hatem Aly

JUNE 2, 2026

From a Pulitzer Prize–nominated author and a *New York Times* best-selling illustrator comes a heartfelt story about moving somewhere new, the meaning of home, and making new friends.

A little girl sends a message in a bottle as she says goodbye to the home she has always known. With the bags packed and the farewells said, she begins her journey to a new place, and she wonders: Will the moon and stars look different when she's gone?

But soon it will be time to say hello—to her new world...and maybe even to a new friend? This touching picture book is a tribute to the power of new beginnings and the simple joy of human connection.

About the Contributors

About the Author

Allison McGhee is the author of many highly acclaimed works. Her children's books include *World So Wide*, illustrated by Kate Alizadeh; the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Someday*, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds; the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award–winning *Bink & Gollie*, cowritten with Kate DiCamillo and illustrated by Tony Fucile; and the Christopher Award–winning *Firefly Hollow*, illustrated by Christopher Denise. Her novels for adults include *Never Coming Back* and Pulitzer Prize nominee *Shadow Baby*. She lives in Minneapolis and is frequently on the road. Learn more at www.alisonmcghee.com.

About the Illustrator

Hatem Aly is an Egyptian-born illustrator whose work has earned multiple starred reviews and positions on the *New York Times* bestsellers list. His books include the Newbery Honor–winning novel *The Inquisitor's Tale* by Adam Gidwitz; the *New York Times* bestseller *The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Muhammad; and the Yasmin series, which he cocreated with Saadia Faruqi. Hatem currently lives in New Brunswick, Canada, with his wife, son, and more pets than people. Find him on most platforms as @metahatem and at www.metahatem.com.

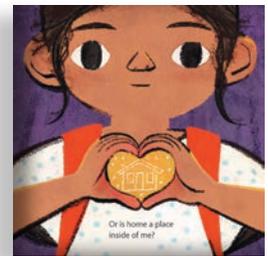
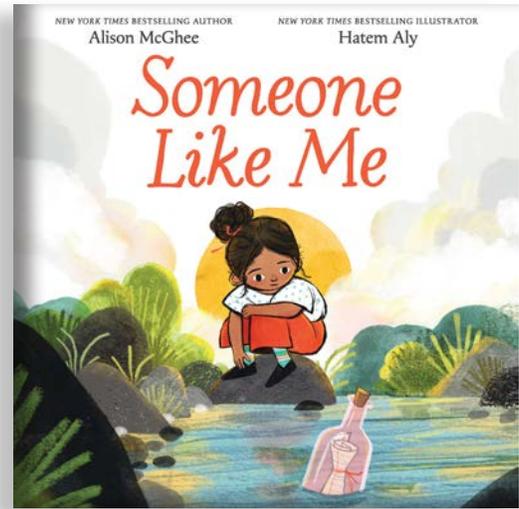
Key Selling Points

PRESTIGIOUS AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR TEAM: Pulitzer Prize–nominated author Allison McGhee (#1 *New York Times* bestseller *Someday*, Theodor Seuss Geisel Award–winning *Bink & Gollie*) teams with *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Hatem Aly (Newbery Honor *The Inquisitor's Tale*, *The Proudest Blue*).

UNIVERSAL THEME OF MOVING AND NEW BEGINNINGS: Sparse, poetic story about starting over somewhere new and wishing for a friend. The message-in-a-bottle framing device creates emotional resonance as a little girl says goodbye to her old home and hello to her new world.

TIMELESS ARTWORK FEATURING DIVERSE CHARACTERS: Beautiful, timeless illustrations showcase two diverse characters, making this story accessible and relatable to children from all backgrounds experiencing the challenges and hopes of moving.

TRIBUTE TO HUMAN CONNECTION: Celebrates the simple joy of making new friends and the power of new beginnings, offering comfort to children navigating transitions while emphasizing that home can be found wherever friendship blooms.



IMPRINT	Two Lions
GENRE	Picture Book Fiction
ISBN-13	9781542021678
Tropes	#MovingSomewhere New / #NewBeginnings / #MakingNewFriends / #MessageInABottle / #SayingGoodbye / #FindingHome / #HumanConnection / #DiverseCharacters /
Socials	Illustrator - 8600 followers on Instagram

Rights Available

English for author
All languages for illustrator

Other Titles by Author

World So Wide

Turkey's Fall Fumble

Turkey Trouble Series Book 9

Wendi Silvano

Illustrated by Lee Harper

AUGUST 25, 2026

Join Turkey and his friends as they celebrate the fall festivities in this silly addition to the popular Turkey Trouble series!

Turkey and his friends are so excited for the Harvest Moon celebration. There will be apple picking, a corn maze, a pie-eating contest, a hay-ride, and of course, the annual football match. This year, Farmer Jake is in charge of the corn maze, and he's been working hard on it—the farm animals can't wait to see what it looks like! In fact, Turkey doesn't want to wait another minute. So when Turkey gets a hold of Max's legen-dairy football, his excitement sends that ball right into the corn maze. Can Turkey and his friends find a way to get the ball back before Max finds out? With a few clever disguises, Turkey hopes to save this fumble...

About the Contributors

About the Author

Wendi Silvano was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has lived in Oregon, Colorado, and Peru. The author of the Turkey Trouble series, she has a BA in early childhood education and taught preschool and elementary school for eleven years. She is the mother of five children and the owner of an assortment of odd pets that are not nearly as clever as Turkey. She now writes from her home in Colorado, where she enjoys hiking, reading, and playing the piano. Visit her online at www.wendisilvano.com.

About the Illustrator

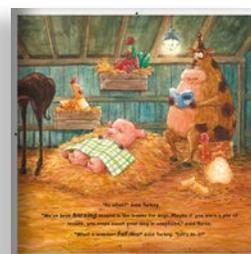
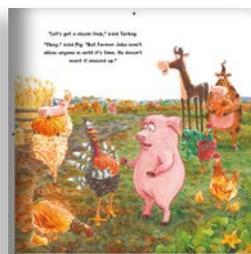
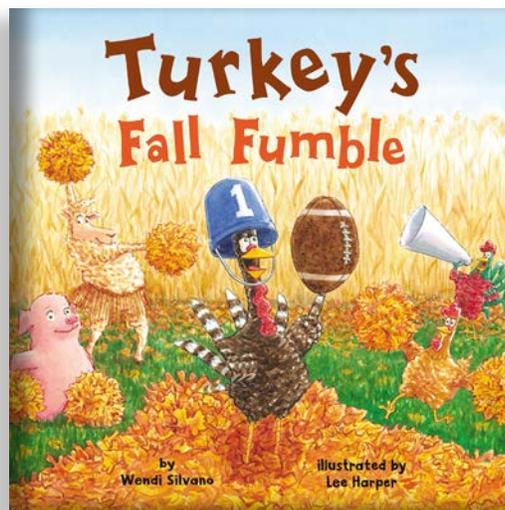
Lee Harper is the author-illustrator of the books *The Emperor's Cool Clothes* and *Snow! Snow! Snow!* Lee is also the illustrator of the Turkey Trouble series by Wendi Silvano, as well as the Woolbur series, written by Leslie Helakoski. A father of four, he lives on a small farm in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Krista, a Bernese mountain dog puppy, a barn cat, three sheep, two pigs, fifteen chickens, a gulp of barn swallows, and a murder of crows...but still no turkeys! In addition to writing and illustrating picture books, Lee enjoys visiting schools. Visit Lee online at www.leeharperart.com and at *Stella's Farm* on YouTube.

Key Selling Points

This top-selling and beloved Two Lions series has reached more than 800,000 readers. This is book 9, and we have book 10 planned for 2027 publication.

Features the signature series humor, with Turkey donning multiple disguises through the book, tons of puns, and Turkey working together with his farmyard pals to solve problems.

Seasonal fun: Includes autumn-themed activities, including a corn maze and a football game.



Children's

IMPRINT	Two Lions
GENRE	Picture Book Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662535147
Tropes	#SillyAnimalAntics / #AccidentalTrouble / #HarvestMoonCelebration / #FallFestivities / #PunFilledHumor / #SeasonalActivities / #TeamworkAndFriendship / #PictureBookSeries

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

Turkey's Birthday Bash
Turkey's Sandtastic Bash

Christmas Is Red and Green Only

Color Friends Series Book 3

Lindsay Ward

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

From the author of *This Book Is Gray* and *Pink Is Not a Color* comes a charming holiday story about friendship, sharing, and the importance of Christmas traditions.

It's Christmastime, and all the colors are so excited to decorate for the holiday! But when Green and Red decide that Christmas is red and green *only*, they leave the other colors out in the cold and decorate on their own. As Red and Green work to make this Christmas the most red and green *ever*, could it be that something is missing? Find out in this delightful holiday story as Red and Green learn to share the Christmas spirit.

About the Author

Lindsay Ward is the creator of the Color Friends series, the Scooper and Dumper series, and the Dexter T. Rexter series, as well as *Jessie: Queen of the Road*, *Rosie: Stronger than Steel*, *Between the Lines*, and *Brobarians*. She recently cowrote (with her husband, Frank Tupta) and illustrated *Best Day Ever*. She is also the author of *Our Spot*, illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard. Lindsay lives with her family in Peninsula, Ohio. Learn more about her online at www.lindsayward.com.

Key Selling Points

Popular series: *This Book is Gray* and *Pink is Not a Color* have reached more than 130,000 readers.

Seasonal fun: This is a nonreligious Christmas story set in this world of adorable color characters, with plenty of humor and quiriness. The theme of sharing the holiday is relatable and a nice fit with the spirit of Christmas.



IMPRINT	Two Lions
GENRE	Picture Book Fiction
ISBN-13	9781662535048
Tropes	#LearningToShare / #ChristmasTraditions / #FriendshipConflict / #TeamworkAndInclusion / #HolidaySpirit / #MakingAmends

Rights Available

All Languages

Other Titles by Author

The Book is Gray
Pink is Not a Color

