

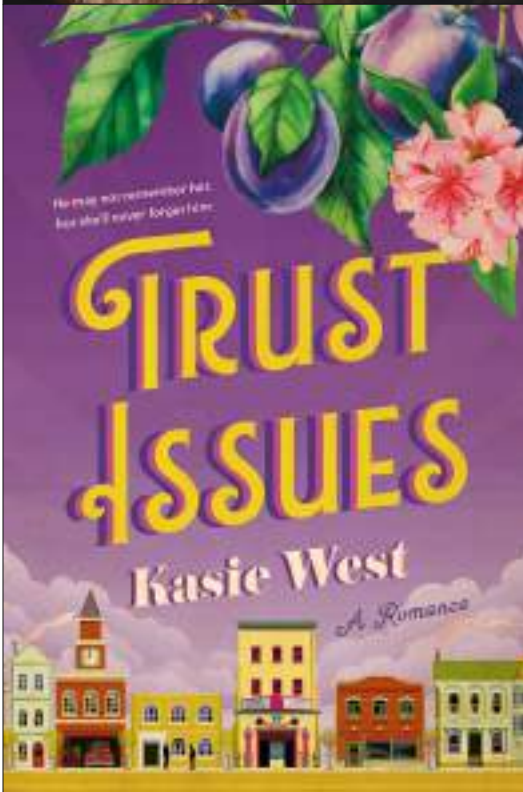


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ROYAL CONNECTIONS:
The Royals book 7
by Traci Hunter Abramson

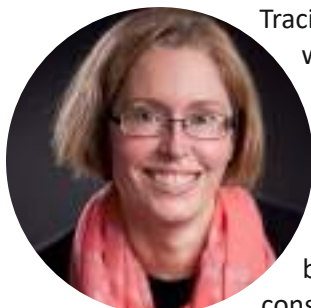
Princess Tayla came to Italy to escape her past. Preston Mitchell came for a career breakthrough. Neither expected a threat to themselves or their growing attraction

Princess Tayla of Alameda has spent two years rebuilding her life after a shattered engagement and a very public royal scandal—but when a new “secret admirer” begins breaching palace security, old fears return with dangerous intensity. Hoping distance will quiet both the headlines and the threat, Tayla agrees to escape to Italy to assist with preparations for a luxury Amalfi Coast resort that her good friends are opening.

Preston Hale is desperate for a fresh start. A struggling photographer stuck in a career going nowhere, he seizes the opportunity of a lifetime—a freelance assignment at the new Amalfi Coast resort. What begins as a professional breakthrough quickly becomes far more complicated when Preston finds himself drawn to a woman clearly hiding more than her title.

As unsettling messages follow Tayla across borders, familiar allies—including Princess Victoria and Prince Alan—join the effort to uncover the culprit. With danger closing in and trust growing fragile, every relationship is called into question. In a setting built for romance but shadowed by escalating peril, Tayla and Preston discover that remaining in Italy to explore their blossoming love may be the most dangerous move of all.

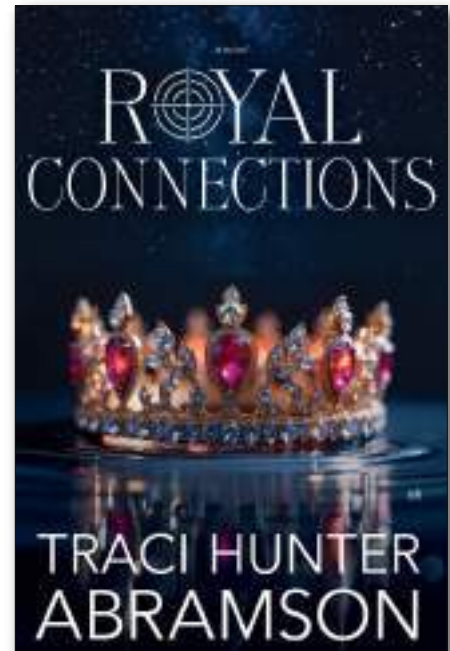
Also in the series



Traci Hunter Abramson was born in Arizona, where she lived until moving to Venezuela for a study abroad program. After graduating from Brigham Young University, she worked for the Central Intelligence Agency for several years, eventually resigning in order to raise her family. She has gone on to write a number of bestselling suspense novels that have consistently been nominated as Whitney Award

finalists. She currently lives in Virginia with her family where she enjoys sports, travel, writing, and recently retired from coaching high school swimming. www.traciabramson.com

Romantic suspense



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Rights available: Translation (publisher has world English rights)

- Multiple award-winning author
- Each book in the series can stand alone
- Series has sold over 60k copies

Primary agent:
Kristen Terrette
Martin-Newens Literary Management

Material: Available

COLTER: THE ONE WHO NEVER LEFT

Callahan Legacy book 2

by Marina Adair

Three siblings. Three love stories. On one small Montana ranch where the brothers will burn the Earth to the ground for those they love

Colter Callahan loves three things: animals, work, and women—not necessarily in that order. Which is why owning the local animal hospital should be a dream come true. That is, until his vixen of a vet tech shows up—smart, sassy, and absolutely impossible to ignore. The problem? She's his employee, a single mom, and off-limits in every way that counts. Did he mention the age gap?

Sutton Rose has her own secrets. She's raising a little girl no one expected her to keep. Thanks to a clinic mix-up, the intended parents vanished, leaving surrogate Sutton stuck with the kid. And the kicker? The baby's biological dad is...Colter. Only he has no clue. So Sutton slides into his world under the guise of his new intern, trying to figure out if he's the man she wants—for her daughter, and maybe herself.

Of course, secrets have a way of coming out swinging. When Colter finally pieces it together, he's furious, confused, and more than a little smitten. But as chaos, laughter, and sparks fly, Colter and Sutton have to decide: do they play it safe, or dive headfirst into the messy, irresistible family life waiting just for them?

Also in the series



"From the very first scene I was hooked—Vivi, her suitcase disaster, and a series of accidental confessions in a small-town coffee shop full of strangers (and one very hot cowboy) had me cackling and immediately invested....Perfect for fans of Lucy Score or Lauren Blakely—or anyone who just needs a swoony cowboy romance in their life."

— @winewalknbooktok on IG



Marina Adair is a *New York Times* bestselling author whose fun, flirty contemporary romances have sold over a million copies. She has hit #1 overall in Amazon Kindle Paid and her *St. Helena Vineyard* series was optioned and made into the original Hallmark Channel Vineyard movies: *Autumn in the Vineyard*, *Summer in the Vineyard*, and *Valentines in the Vineyard*. Raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, she

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Cowboy romance



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Previous foreign publishers: Czech (Albatros), Italy (Newton), Portugal (Infinito/Particular), Ukraine (Ranok)

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

Primary agent:

Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

HOW TO FIND A ROMANCE IN A BOOKSHOP

by Poppy Alexander

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

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

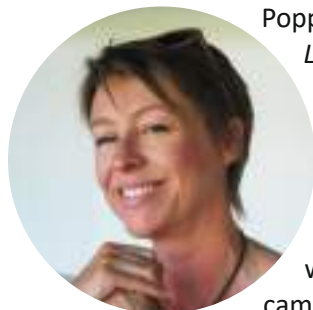
Ross McCloud's award-winning debut novel blew the minds of the world's literati, but that was five years ago. Now Ross and his keenly awaited second work have vanished. Something has gone wrong—horribly wrong—and Ross doesn't want to talk about it.

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

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

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

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



Poppy Alexander is the author of *The Littlest Library*, *Storybook Ending*, and *25 Days 'Til Christmas*. She wrote her first book when she was five. There was a long gap in her writing career while she was at school, and after studying classical music at university, she decided the world of music was better off without her and took up public relations, campaigning, political lobbying, and a bit of journalism instead. She takes an anthropological interest in family, friends, and life in her West Sussex village where she lives with her husband, children, and various other pets. www.poppy-alexander.com

Contemporary romance



Avon

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- A Most Anticipated August 2026 Book Release at Bookshop.org
- Listen to our short podcast about the book [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

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Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

BROKEN RIVAL

by Tessa Bailey

A gripping, heated romance about a girl trapped in a new reality, forced to make a choice between two brothers—one who is the high school golden boy, the other sworn to hunt down her kind—time travelers. This is Tessa Bailey as you've never seen her before!

Magnolia Brown loves Friday night football games, volunteering and dominating at high school swim meets. Just your average everyday 18-year-old. Except for one thing:

She's from 50 years in the future.

Magnolia's parents, two brilliant scientists, are the inventors of time travel, but due to widespread destruction and rampant abuse of the technology from a corrupt few, time travel is outlawed and punishable by death. When Magnolia's parents are seized and executed for illegally traveling to the past, they leave Magnolia stranded in 2026 without a way to get home.

Now Magnolia has nowhere to turn but a complicated Kansas family with two sons—Fallon, her high school sweetheart with secrets of his own, and Ramsey, the brooding militia commander who hunts and kills criminals like her. Magnolia knows Ramsey resents and hates her, but how can he be her true enemy when he looks at her with such hunger, despite his callousness, and guards her with his very life? Which brother can she trust, and is the real danger coming from inside the house?

"Broken Rival is Tessa Bailey at her most intense, raw, and impossible to put down. With crackling tension, deeply flawed characters, and a romance that hurts so good, this story grabs hold of your heart and refuses to let go. I devoured every page." – **Jennifer Armentrout, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Blood and Ash* series**

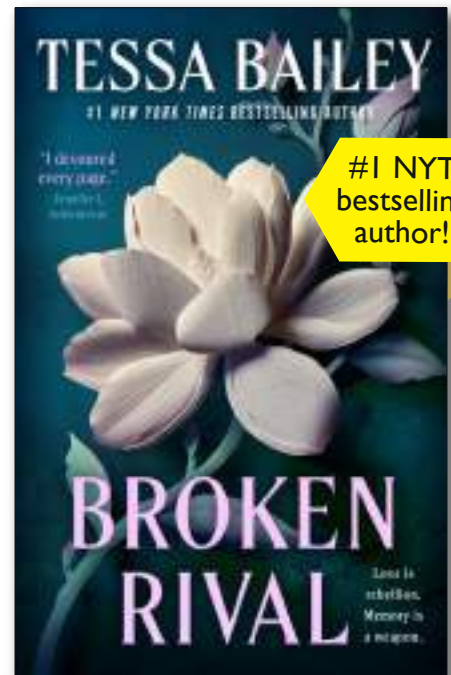
"A dystopian new adult romance with a tense premise and a steamy enemies-to-lovers arc. The love triangle leads to some high-heat sex scenes, and there's plenty of drama and angst as Magnolia navigates this fraught world...this page-turner offers plenty of excitement." – **Publishers Weekly**



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

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Dark romance



Avon

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Germany (Vajona)

Spain (Urano)

Ukraine (Vivat)

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Germany (Vajona), **Greece**

(Klidarithmos), **Hungary** (Maxim),

Romania (Nemira), **Russia** (Eksmo),

Spain (Urano), **Ukraine** (Vivat

Publishing)

- #1 *New York Times* bestselling author
- *USA Today* and *Globe and Mail* bestselling author
- Tessa Bailey has over 240k followers on TikTok

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

THE SUMMER WE HAPPENED:

Bellinger Sisters book 3

by Tessa Bailey

#1 New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey is back in Westport with a small-town second chance love story, the third installment of her beloved and bestselling *Bellinger Sisters* series

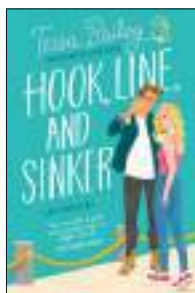
Blake Rhodes is the one that got away. She left their small fishing village of Westport six years ago and Ledger Dunn has missed her every second of that time.

Now, she's back in town, fresh from a divorce and determined to recapture her spark by working on the shrimping boat alongside Ledger, just like when they were teenagers. But just like those hot summer days, it's not long until those adrenaline fueled afternoons on the ocean lead to sexy complications after hours.

Blake has sworn off men after a rocky marriage and Ledger's demons are what sent Blake running in the first place. Yet there is no denying that they feel complete in one another's presence. Not to mention, Ledger is so determined to lift Blake's spirits post-divorce that he enlists the whole town in recreating her favorite parts of those not-so-long-ago summers.

Is there any denying it's true love? And can six years of missing each other convince Ledger and Blake to listen to their hearts and try one more time?

Also in the series



"Bailey strikes rom-com gold in this outstanding tale." – **Booklist**, **starred review**

"Bailey delivers on her usual trifecta of sharp banter, instant chemistry, and high-heat sex scenes....Another winning romance from an author at the top of her game." – **Kirkus**, **starred review**



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

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Contemporary romance

Avon

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**#1 NYT
bestselling
author!**

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Foreign sales:

Finland (Otava)

Sweden (HarperCollins Sweden)

Previous foreign publishers: **Albania**

(Botime Pegi), **Brazil** (Intrinseca),

Bulgaria (IBIS), **Croatia** (Znanje doo),

Czech (Grada), **Denmark** (Politikens),

Finland (Otava), **France** (Editions

L'Archipel), **Germany** (Rowohlt), **Greece**

(Klidarithmos), **Hungary** (Maxim),

Iceland (Bokafelagid), **Indonesia** (PT

Gramedia Pustaka Utama), **Israel**

(Ahavot 2018), **Italy** (Always Publishing),

Lithuania (Leidykla Sofoklis),

Macedonia (TRI), **The Netherlands**

(Velt), **Norway** (Bonnier), **Poland**

(Muza), **Portugal** (Particular), **Romania**

(Nemira), **Russia** (Eksmo), **Serbia** (Publik

Prakticum), **Slovenia** (Učila), **Slovakia**

(Pandora), **Spain** (Urano), **Sweden**

(HarperCollins), **Turkey** (Marti), **Ukraine**

(Family Leisure Club)

- #1 *New York Times* bestselling author
- *USA Today* and *Globe and Mail* bestselling author
- Tessa Bailey has nearly 500k followers on Tiktok and Instagram
- *It Happened One Summer* and *Hook, Line, and Sinker* were both bestsellers, Amazon Editor's picks, and earned multiple starred reviews
- Production began July 2026 on the film adaptation of *It Happened One Summer*

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford

Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

HELLBOUND

by Stephanie Binx

Dying is all in a day's work for a Hell-diver like Marian—until a routine round trip to the afterlife goes wrong—for fans of *Wren in the Holly Library* and TV's *Lucifer*

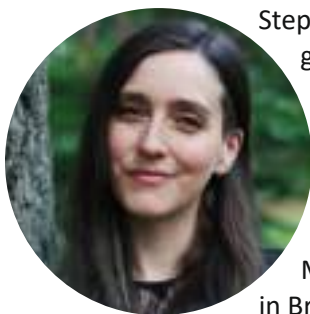
Hell is empty, and all the devils are here, but nobody knows why—not even the devils themselves. Now sadistic demons roam the earth, offering small fortunes to any mortal sucker dumb or desperate enough to die on their behalf as they retrieve artifacts from a Hell they can't recall. Washed-up journalist Marian Meyer is one of those mortal suckers dying for a living as she fetches clues for a demonic puzzle that she doesn't care to solve.

Riddled with debt she'll never be able to pay off and guilt over her mother's death, Marian made her first lucrative deal with a demon and never looked back. Never mind that being a Hell-diver means that she must voluntarily drown herself or that the human body wasn't meant to die more than once—and she's definitely feeling it.

Unfortunately, the last time Marian went to Hell, she came back wrong. Memories of that night are missing, and she'll do anything she can to find them, including teaming up with one of her mysterious (and oddly alluring) demonic patrons, Mr. Vale. But when their tenuous alliance thrusts Marian even deeper into a world of betrayal, humans with strange powers, and demonic politics, she'll have to decide if allying with Mr. Vale is her ticket to freedom or damnation in disguise.

One part slow-burn romance and one part acerbic wit, *Hellbound* is a dark urban fantasy romance perfect for readers who prefer their casts morally gray and the stakes sky-high.

"Hellbound is slick, dark and fast-paced. A tale of demons, alliances and betrayals, Binx has inventively woven romance, fantasy and the question of how many times is someone willing to die for a living? Wynonna Earp meets Lucifer meets Supernatural." – Angela "A.G." Slatter, author of The Cold House



Stephanie Binx is a great big nerd who loves video games, horses, ghost stories, romance, and morally gray love interests. She lives with her son, spouse, and their two needy cats in the Pacific Northwest. If she's not writing, then she's probably backpacking with a loud dog, or running a dungeon with her friends in the MMO du jour. She continues to not use her B.A. in Broadcast Journalism from Gonzaga. *Hellbound* is

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Dark romantic fantasy



Alcove

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Foreign sales:
Ukraine (Vivat)

Primary agent:
Alex Land
Mad Woman Literary Agency

Material: Available

THE KISS OFF: New York Hockey Love Stories book 1 by Lauren Blakely

The ice is heating up! #1 *New York Times* Bestseller Lauren Blakely returns with a brand-new sports romance series featuring pro-hockey heroes who finally meet their match in a team of superstar hockey heroines

Violet Starling has the perfect plan to get revenge on her cheating ex-boyfriend—seducing the new star of the men’s pro hockey team her ex coaches.

It should be easy enough—she’s the captain of the championship women’s pro team in New York, the city’s sports darlings, and they share their arena with the guys.

Beckett James, renowned as much for his discipline as for his platinum face card, is new in town, so when Violet crashes his pre-season team-building costume party, he never sees her coming. Here’s hoping their red-hot kiss distracts him when Violet’s ice-side at his first face-off.

It does a lot more than that, sparking a whole new rivalry between the men’s and women’s teams that seems to grow with every new stat they put on the board. The problem is, with every showdown, it’s getting harder for either of them to say no to the furtive texts, heated glances, and late-night rendezvous under the sports-drink billboards featuring their battle of the sexes.

It was only supposed to be a little revenge kiss, but Violet can’t stop thinking that the guy who’s supposed to be immune to distractions is now the one distracting her. If anyone finds out that the famous rivals are hiding a forbidden secret behind the scenes, it’s game over for both of them. But if Violet wins, she might lose her heart.

“Lacey slugs me. Holly shoots death rays at me.
“It was just a kiss,” I say, trying to backpedal.
“And now it’s...what?” Lacey asks.
I pause, shrug, smile. “A lot more.”



A #1 *New York Times* bestselling, #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling, and #1 Audible bestselling author, Lauren Blakely is known for her contemporary romance style that’s sexy, feel-good and witty. Her books have been featured in *US Weekly* and *People*. Lauren likes dogs, cake, and show tunes and she is the vegetarian at your dinner party.

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Hockey romance

Blackstone

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98k words

#1 NYT
bestselling
author!

Rights available: Translation

Foreign sales:

British 3 books (Hodder)

Option publishers: Hungary

(Könyvmolyképző), **Israel** (Adel Publishing House), **The Netherlands** (Sisters Press), **Turkey** (Agapi), **Ukraine** (Potiah)

Previous foreign publishers: Brazil

(Faro & Allbook Editora), **Czech** (Dobrovsky), **Denmark** (Flamingo), **France** (Chatterley), **Germany** (Ullstein), **Hungary** (Könyvmolyképző), **Israel** (Adel Publishing House), **Italy** (Sperling), **The Netherlands** (Sisters Press), **Poland** (Helion), **Romania** (Bookzone), **Russia** (Exmo), **Taiwan** (Reve Books), **Turkey** (Agapi), **Ukraine** (Potiah)

- Lead title
- Sold in a major deal, close to 7 figures for 3 books
- #1 *New York Times* bestselling, #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling, and #1 Audible bestselling author
- *USA Today* and Amazon Charts bestselling author
- Over 7 million copies of the author’s books sold and nearly one BILLION Kindle Unlimited pages read

Primary agent:

Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

MISTLETOE ALL THE WAY

by Lauren Blakely



She wants to make him Mr. Holiday. He wants to stay a certified Grinch. From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lauren Blakely comes a small-town spicy holiday romance about a guarded cowboy veterinarian and a Christmas-loving optimist who team up for a town holiday competition.

More from Lauren Blakely

Option publishers: **Hungary** (Könyvmolyképző), **Israel** (Adel Publishing House), **The Netherlands** (Sisters Press), **Turkey** (Agapi), **Ukraine** (Potiah)

Previous foreign publishers: **Brazil** (Faro & Allbook Editora), **Czech** (Dobrovsky), **Denmark** (Flamingo), **France** (Chatterley), **Germany** (Ullstein), **Hungary** (Könyvmolyképző), **Israel** (Adel Publishing House), **Italy** (Sperling), **The Netherlands** (Sisters Press), **Poland** (Helion), **Romania** (Bookzone), **Russia** (Exmo), **Taiwan** (Reve Books), **Turkey** (Agapi), **Ukraine** (Potiah)

I'VE GOT A CRUSH ON YOU: Darling Springs book 2

by Lauren Blakely



Two rival small-town innkeepers. Two competing visions. Only one bed. This is Oliver and Bridget's romance: a rivals-to-lovers, small town, romantic comedy!

- #1 *New York Times* bestselling, #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling, and #1 Audible bestselling author
- *USA Today* and Amazon Charts bestselling author
- Over 7 million copies of the author's books sold and nearly one BILLION Kindle Unlimited pages read

Primary agent:
Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

#1 NYT
bestselling
author!

JUST SCORING WITH LOVE: Hockey Ever After book 3

by Lauren Blakely



Sexy, big-hearted athletes; strong, clever women; and a small town you'll want to make your new home!



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BACK FOR SECONDS

by Betty Corrello

Two cups of chaos, a dash of generational trauma, and a pinch of Christmas magic makes for a sexy, sensory exploration of how food, sex, connection, and community can make even the darkest days shine bright with hope and love

June Alfiero is just trying to survive her first Christmas post-divorce. If growing up the only daughter of Evergreen's boardwalk pizza king taught her anything, it's how to eat or be eaten. She's done indulging family drama; she refuses to play games with her ex; and she definitely will not be falling for the viral vegan homecook she accidentally dragged on TikTok after one too many margaritas.

But when June comes face-to-face with the Adonis himself, Joey Pagano is nothing like his digital footprint. He's patient. Earnest. Maddeningly kind. And navigating his own heartbreak. The more time they spend together, sharing home-cooked meals and soft confessions—the more June's hardened exterior begins to melt.

Suddenly, her small Jersey Shore town is serving up more than bittersweet nostalgia: it's late-night kitchen experiments, flirty bickering, shared secrets, and the kind of steady companionship June had given up on. Joey doesn't shy away from her mess—he pulls up a chair, pours a glass of wine, and asks for seconds.

With every boardwalk stroll and cozy, flour-dusted moment, June feels something inside her unclench. Maybe healing doesn't have to be quiet. Maybe it can be loud, joyful, and a little chaotic—just like Evergreen at Christmas. But baring her soul to Joey means risking the kind of heartbreak she's barely recovered from.

Will June take a chance on the delicious magic growing between them—or close the door before Joey can knock again?

Contemporary rom-com



Cosmo Reads

October 2026

Trade paperback

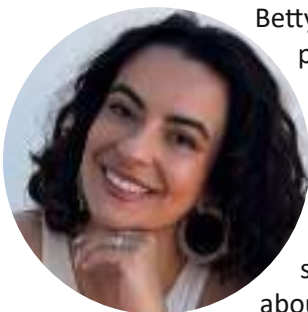
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Primary agent:
Claire Harris
Helm Literary

Material: Available



Betty Corrello is an author of contemporary and paranormal romances and a comedian. Despite her hardened exterior, she is biologically 95% marshmallow. Her greatest passion is writing stories where opposites attract, but love is chosen. In addition to many other troubling things, Betty is a proud Philadelphian. When she's not writing, she can be found fretting about niche historical events most have forgotten—

or petting her very tiny dog. www.bettycorrelloauthor.com

CLASH OF CLAWS: Shifter Guardians Academy book 1 by Elizabeth Dear

A new paranormal academy trilogy, featuring a fierce heroine hiding her inner beast and four shifter men denying their attraction for her while they train to fight monsters that invade the world when the moon is dark

When wraiths invade my neighborhood and shit goes sideways, becoming a Guardian might be the only way to earn myself—and my beast—protection. The elite training program begins at the local shifter college, so I pack up my swords and my brother, and off to school I go.

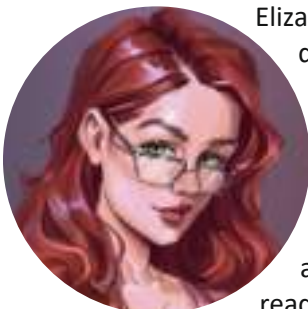
It's no surprise that Guardian training is sexist as hell. But I didn't expect to be trapped inside the campus walls, battling magical simulations rather than joining the real forces as they wage war on the monsters outside. For me, the stakes are higher than bragging rights and points on the leaderboard. I won't be distracted, especially not by the pull I feel to the most powerful quad of males in the program.

Heath Blackwell, the dominant Alpha wolf and quad leader;
Wyatt Gale, the cocky playboy bear shifter;
Aiden Blackwell, the uptight jaguar who's also my professor;
And **Elijah Harrow**, the terrifying yet entrancing basilisk.

I'll fight this infuriating attraction because I know the score. Powerful quads want a central bond, and that will never be my future.

Become a Guardian. Stay alive. Nothing else matters.

Next books in the series



Elizabeth Dear is a corporate girl who recently discovered she's also a dreamer and storyteller. She's a military spouse, a mom, and a lover of genre fiction, especially romance and urban fantasy. Academy romances were her first love. Her specialty is strong and uber-competent female leads with a backbone and a smart mouth. Elizabeth also discovered that readers love that her heroines tend to have

supportive, loving families—particularly strong sibling relationships—so she tries to incorporate that into each of her series.

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Paranormal romance



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- First book in a trilogy
- #1 bestseller in Paranormal and Top 10 bestseller in Polyamory Romance on Amazon (even 9 months after pub)
- 4.5 stars with over 14k ratings on Goodreads
- Over 52 million Kindle Unlimited page reads for the first two books in the series
- Watch this [rave TikTok review](#) from @allistermarie, 246k followers
- Listen to our short podcast about *Clash of Claws* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Katie Reed
Katie Reed Literary

Material: Available

QUIET OBSESSION:
Gravemont Elite book 1
by I.A. Dice

She almost died last year...now she's a sickness spreading through my veins. I hope it kills me before she finds out I almost killed her...

A deeply personal and humiliating experience with social media and a high school bully leaves Millie muting the bubbly, self-confident girl she once was behind a wall of silence, choosing her words carefully and distributing them only to a select few. Now a freshman attending the same university as her older brother, she's smothered by his constant vigilance and need to keep her safe—a real problem when she finds herself drawn to his best friend, Creed, who makes her feel “alive” for the first time since the incident.

As her voice returns and the chemistry between herself and Creed escalates, her words come easily to her brother and his other two best friends, but something about Creed makes it impossible for her to speak—until she learns that he views her silence as intentional punishment, reopening scars from his childhood.

As their attraction grows, the two not only must keep their feelings for each other secret from Millie's older brother but heal the traumas of their past if they want to find a healthy future together.

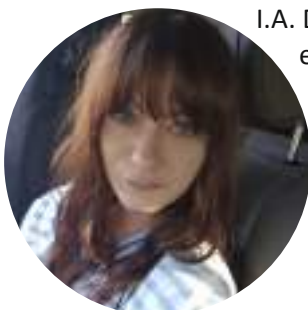
“He refuses to look at me as he drags on his t-shirt, then his hoodie and I move before I think, jumping to my feet. He shoulders his bag, facing the door, ready to walk out.

I bite my lip, ignoring the cold sweat sleeking my back. Half of me is choking, half is fighting to speak. Nausea curdles my stomach.

“Eli,” I whisper.

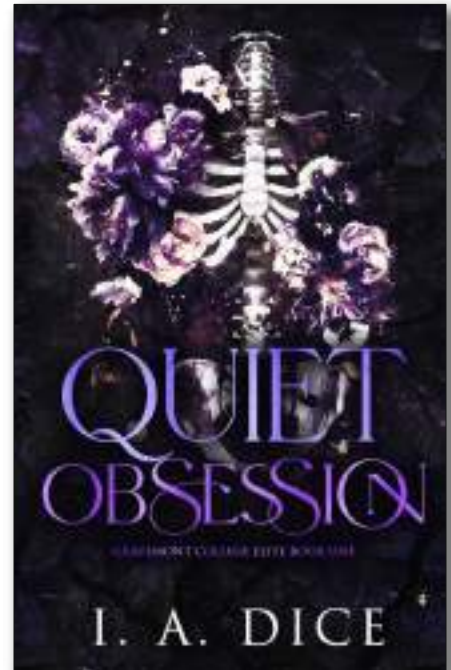
He freezes. His shoulders rise and fall with a deep breath, and I stand there, waiting, wringing my hands at my sides. I squeeze my eyes shut, bracing for...I don't know.

It feels like stepping off a cliff. Like falling and flying.



I.A. Dice is an internationally bestselling author of emotionally intense romance including the popular *Hayes Brothers* series (a Best of #BookTok collection of six titles), and an additional nine other titles—some dark and some light, but always spicy and with a HEA or HFN. <https://iadice.com>

New adult dark romance



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- Debuted at #1 in Dark Romance on Amazon
- More than 9 million Kindle Unlimited page reads sold in only 3 weeks
- Stayed in the top 5 in Dark Romance (Books and Kindle Store) for weeks, and the top 20 in New Adult & College Romance (Kindle Store)
- Hit the top 100 overall in the Kindle store
- TikTok loves this book, watch [HERE](#), [HERE](#), [HERE](#), and [HERE](#)
- Selected for the Nocturnal Ink Book Box
- Internationally bestselling author

Primary agent:

Cathie Hendrick-Armstrong
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

LOST AND FOUND:

Spunes book 3

by Tarah DeWitt

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

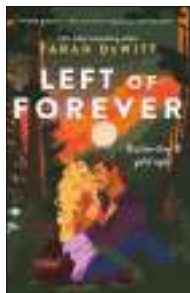
Bea always wanted to be a mom, but she never expected she'd have to lose her best friend to do it. Armed with nothing but her best friend's eggs and a bucket list to complete, Bea's world is a sea of changes.

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

"Silas and Bea's dynamic is sweet and tender, and the author is utterly unafraid to dig into the vulnerability that makes this romance achingly believable and ultimately human at its core. A tremendously beautiful conclusion to this small-town romance series." – *Kirkus*, **starred review**

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

Also in the series



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

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



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

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Contemporary romance



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Spain (Grupo Anaya)

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(Planeta), **British** (Piatkus), **Croatia** (Naklada Neptun), **Czech** (Dobrovsky), **France** (HLAB/Hachette), **Germany** (Droemer), **Hungary** (Kossuth Kiado), **Italy** (Newton Compton), **Lithuania** (Svajonių Knygos), **Portugal** (Grupo Leya), **Russia** (Eksmo), **Spain** (Anaya), **Turkey** (Nemesis/Epsilon), **Ukraine** (Verba)

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

Primary agent:

Carly Watters
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

LOVE AT FIRST FLIGHT

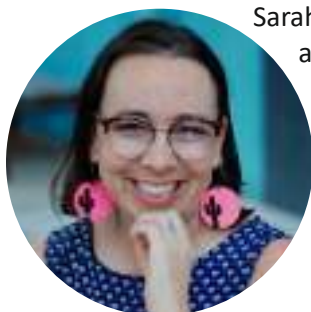
by Sarah T. Dubb

In the next nature-filled romance by *Birding with Benefits* author Sarah T. Dubb, a journalist shadows a prickly wildlife rehabilitator as they gain the trust of a wary hawk, all while trying—and failing—to keep things professional

Katrina Harrison isn't a people person. After a lifetime advocating for her endometriosis diagnosis and treatment, she's sick of explaining herself to people—now she relies on her prickly exterior to keep them away. Luckily, as the woman in charge of rehabilitation at Free Flight Wildlife Center, Kat spends most of her time with animals. At least until she meets a cute guy at a bar and finds she actually likes talking to him.

August O'Hare won't be in Portland for long—his position as Northwest Correspondent for the *Washington Tribune* is just one more stepping stone on the way to his break in DC and the stable life he's always yearned for. He's not looking to make attachments, but when he meets an intriguing woman at a bar who knows a shocking amount about wildlife, he reconsiders his determination to keep his sights on the future...until he learns that this very same woman is the subject of his next article, making her strictly off limits.

Now August and Katrina must gain the trust of a particularly skittish hawk, spending time with the bird—and each other—every day for the sake of the story. Their attempts to keep things professional crumble as their chemistry takes flight, and when the article takes on new dimensions, it looks like their relationship might do the same. But when August's article drags up a corporate conspiracy that not only impacts Free Flight but the community beyond, he'll have to decide if telling the truth is worth the cost to the career that's always defined him. And Kat will be forced to determine if she can trust someone like August to know and accept her for who she is, spines and all.



Sarah T. Dubb is a writer, public librarian, parent, and activist living the dream with chickens and desert tortoises in her hometown of Tucson. Odds are if you run into her at the library she will give you a sticker, convince you to try a romance, or give you a random bird fact—or maybe all three! www.sarahtdubb.com

Contemporary rom-com



Gallery Books

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

- Adapted into a Hallmark Original film
- *NPR*, 10 of the Best Romance Novels for Early 2024
- *Fangirlish*, The 14 Best Romance Books of June 2024
- Featured in *Audubon Magazine*
- Listen to our short podcast about *Birding with Benefits* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Amy Giuffrida
Belcastro Agency

Material: Available

LUCKY 22

by Ashley Eckstein & Samantha Chase

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

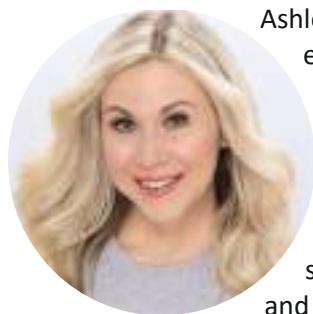
Ella Rose Holt believes in magic. Not always the fairy-tale kind, but the quiet kind that shows up when you least expect it. On the brink of her golden birthday, chasing acting dreams in Los Angeles, Ella's life feels full of possibility...and just a little unfinished.

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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Contemporary romance



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

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Blue Box Press

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WHAT LIES BETWEEN

by C.C. Foster

In this stunning debut gothic fantasy, a young woman haunted by the mystery of her sister's death must infiltrate a deadly banquet, hosted by her former lover, to finally gain the closure she deserves

Ianira Henbane knows that Lucien Blackwood is a murderer. All she needs is proof.

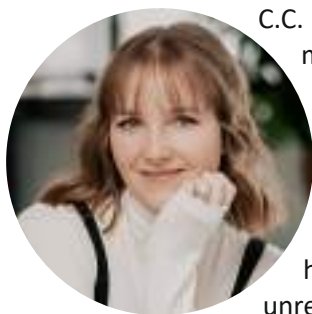
Condemned as a madwoman, Ianira spent ten years immured in an asylum for the Tainted—those who gain magic through death, at the cost of their sanity. Now released on probation, she's desperate to expose her sister's murderer and reclaim her freedom. But only one man holds the truth: her first love, Lucien Blackwood. Unfortunately, since he's the prime suspect, things are a bit...complicated between them.

After a decade of silence, Lucien is finally re-opening the doors to Blackwood Manor for a once-in-a-lifetime competition. He's seeking a successor to inherit his family's magic; a proposal that's too tempting for the greedy residents of Callidor to resist. It's also Ianira's last chance to confront him before he leaves the city for good.

The succession takes a deadly turn when Lucien enchants his guests with a slow-acting poison and seals them inside the manor. With only seven days to earn an antidote, Ianira has no choice but to compete if she's going to expose Lucien's crimes. As stakes rise and old feelings stir new passion between them, Ianira and Lucien are faced with an impossible choice: die holding on to their demons or live to become something far worse.

"Decadent and bloodthirsty, *What Lies Between* is a masterful debut. Foster's haunting prose cuts like a scalpel—sharp, unforgiving, and demanding to be felt. With rich atmosphere, deadly trials, and a delicious romance, the tale of Ianira Henbane and Lucien Blackwood is sure to leave a mark." – **Caitlan Honer, author of *Tides & Torment***

"*What Lies Between* is a wonderfully bloody, gut-twisting debut that both chewed on my heartstrings and blew my mind." – **Kennedy Cole, author of *There Used to Be People Here***



C.C. Foster grew up in northern England before moving to the USA in 2019, where she now resides in the beautiful state of New Hampshire. She holds a B.A. in Creative Writing and spends most of her days experimenting with story. When she's not writing spooky fantasy novels, you can find her deep in video games, ignoring her pile of unread books, or crying over *The Haunting of Bly Manor*. *What Lies Between* is her debut. ccfosterwrites.com

Horror romance



Harper Voyager

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- Sold at auction in a two-book deal, six-figures per book
- Listen to our short podcast about *What Lies Between* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Alex Land
Mad Woman Literary Agency

Material: Available

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

She swore to kill him. He swore to break her. But neither expected the bond that would ruin them both.

Talia, the disgraced heir of a fallen Evermere family, has one chance to save her dying brother. Bound by a deadly blood oath, she must cross the veil into the cursed Ruined Lands and assassinate the Shadow King.

First, she must survive the brutal trials of Noxhaven, a fortress carved above the Abyss where monsters roam the halls and rivals die screaming. But the moment Talia stands before the Shadow King with his blade beneath her chin and his power forcing her to her knees, she realizes the monster ruling Noxhaven may be far more dangerous than the horrors lurking below.

Because the Shadow King knows exactly what she is the instant he sees her: His fated mate.

Their bond is violent, addictive, and impossible to resist.

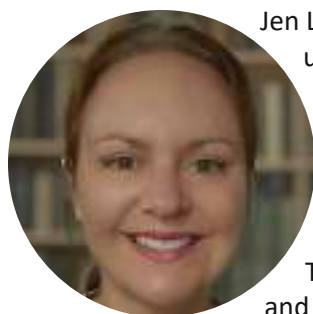
And the Shadow King has already given her a new name—Little Ruin.

But Talia's oath demands his death, and the Shadow King was never meant to love gently. He was made to conquer kingdoms, destroy enemies, and bend entire realms to his will. As the trials grow deadlier, Talia finds herself torn between the brother she crossed realms to save and the villain who refuses to let her go.

His shadows curled along the floor and caressed my heels as if just waiting for the order to end me.

Leaning forward, he touched his lips to my ear. "I will allow you to enter the competition, but you're not here to win. You're here to entertain the Abyss.

And so far, it's not impressed."



Jen L. Grey is the *USA Today* bestselling author of urban fantasy, paranormal romance, and romantasy. Book one of her *Fated to Darkness* series, *The King of Frost and Shadows*, was voted a Best of #BookTok book. She is active on Facebook, Instagram, and Tiktok, where she loves to connect with her fans. She lives in Tennessee with her husband, two daughters, and two Australian Shepherds. www.jenlgrey.com

Romantasy



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

Primary agent:

Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

PRETTY POISON FLOWERS

by Alexis Hall

When two former school enemies cross paths years later, one of them makes the other an indecent proposal: I'll solve your money problems if you agree to cater to my every whim for a year

As far as their school was concerned, there could be nothing between Griffin Jones, popular, easy-going football star, and nerdy freak Clarence Starling Van Zandt. But Griffin thought different, until Clarence left school, dropped off the radar, and only showed up six years later as a millionaire game developer.

So when his little brother needs cash fast to get out from under their transphobic parents, Griffin figures Clarence is the perfect person to go to. Except what Griffin doesn't realize is that Clarence has spent the best part of a decade hating him for something he knows nothing about. Something involving the old swimming pool building, a blowjob, and a phone camera. Which means when Griffin shows up, cap in hand, Clarence sees the perfect opportunity for revenge.

The goal was humiliation. To make Griffin feel just the tiniest bit of what Clarence had all those years ago. Except it turns out a sordid sex-and-power revenge fantasy is hard to pull off when the guy you're trying to revenge yourself on is kind of...up for it.

And also when you start to care for him.

“You make me want to absolutely ruin you.”

“What, like tell everyone?”

He shook his head. “Worse.”

“What's worse than that?”

“Own you. Break you. Drag my nails down your heart. Write my name on your bones.”

That didn't sound worse. That sounded...amazing.

“I'd let you,” I whispered.



Alexis Hall (whatever pronouns) does not like writing biographies or talking about himself in the third person. She lives in southeast England with their extensive collection of hats and four angry duckchildren. They are the author of *Boyfriend Material*, the *Spires* series, *Hell's Heart*, and many more.

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- Lead title
- Listen to our short podcast about *Pretty Poisoned Flowers* [HERE](#)
- *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning author
- Alexis Hall has been called “a dizzyingly talented writer” (*Entertainment Weekly*), “the best writer I've come across in years” (*Laura Kinsale*), and “a consistently beautiful writer” (*Kirkus*)

Primary agent:

Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary Agency

Material: Available

SOMETHING LIKE YOU:

Echo Lake book 1

by Bailey Hannah

A fake romance turns all too real when a country music star and the small-town boy next door go on tour together—from the *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Wells Ranch* series

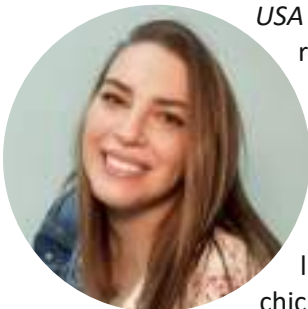
Keely James is country music's golden girl, living the dream on a sold-out North American tour. But when a viral duet reunites her with Beau Campbell, the boy-next-door from her childhood, sparks fly both onstage and off. Sensing an opportunity, her label turns their chemistry into a storybook romance for the spotlight: a fake relationship designed to keep fans hooked and tickets selling. For Beau, a ranch hand with a guitar, it's a chance he never expected. For Keely, it's just part of the job—until it isn't.

Between late-night songwriting sessions, long miles on the tour bus, and stolen moments away from the cameras, their staged romance begins to feel dangerously real. But when the truth behind their relationship is exposed, Keely's carefully crafted image begins to unravel, and Beau is left wondering if he was ever more than a means to an end. With her career on the line and his heart already bruised, can they afford to take a chance on a relationship that was meant to be for show?

Keely.

No fucking way.

It's a different last name, but that face. Those green eyes as bright as a sun-drenched summer hay field. Couldn't be the same Keely who grew up on a ranch down the road from ours. Surely not the same Keely who spent summer days building forts and catching tadpoles with us. Who sat on the porch eating ice cream while I practiced my guitar. Who had a gap between her front teeth big enough to stick her tongue through and always wore her hair in one long braid down her back.



USA Today bestselling author Bailey Hannah writes romances with a passion for strong heroines and rugged men who aren't afraid to love their women hard. Born and raised in small-town British Columbia, you can count on a touch of rural Canadian flair (dirt roads, rodeos, and ketchup chips) in her stories. Bailey Hannah lives with her husband, daughter, dogs, and chickens. In her spare time she enjoys reading,

spending time in the outdoors, and daydreaming about her characters.

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Cowboy romance



Penguin Random House

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Netherlands (Lovebooks), **Poland**

(Publicat/Książnica), **Portugal** (Penguin

Random House Grupo Editorial), **Russia**

(Exmo), **Spain** (Penguin Random House),

Ukraine (Family Leisure Club)

• *USA Today* bestselling author

• Books in the author's previous series, *Wells Ranch*, were *USA today*, Amazon, and national bestsellers

Primary agent:

Carly Watters

P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

TALLOW AND BONE

by Rhiannon Hargadon

A spicy, dark romantasy retelling of the Salem Witch Trials with a healer witch, a cursed village, and the choice between mercy and retribution

After her family flees allegations of treason in Europe, Amity Merriweather hopes Salem will be a fresh start. Instead, she finds a land poisoned by something far older. Toxic relationships. Crop failures. Sick children. Deep-seated superstition and irrational fear. With every death, the curse buried beneath Salem's soil grows stronger.

Gifted with rare earth magic, Amity has spent her entire life hiding, suppressing her magic. But now she has a chance to heal the town before hysteria turns neighbor against neighbor. But Salem doesn't want saving. Every acre of poison she clears is a risk, and she'll get no thanks from its citizens.

Meanwhile, Amity must choose between two very different men:

A male witch hardened by abuse, who would gladly burn Salem to its poisoned roots. He insists her mercy is wasted on monsters. Or a scarred shoemaker with a heart too generous for its own good, who offers Amity a home and a family. He believes everyone can be healed, even the broken.

But who is worthy of saving? What if they've never earned the right to her magic?

As accusations mount and innocents are dragged to the gallows, Amity faces an impossible choice. Keep sacrificing herself for people who would rather see her burn—or abandon Salem to the curse consuming it.



Rhiannon Hargadon is a dark fantasy/dark romantasy/grimdark author based in North Carolina. Other than being an indie author, she is a full-time engineering leader with a focus on distributed systems, storage, and data origin, specifically identity and access management. She feels passionately about women in STEM fields, as leaving all the decision-making to men and machines is generally a terrible idea. She holds degrees from Mount Holyoke College and Georgetown University. www.rhiannonhargadon.com

Dark romantasy



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- The cover reveal yielded more than 400 posts on social media
- Over 2,000 ARC signups three months before publication
- Selected for two book boxes: Everheart and Pretty Gal Crates
- **Previous book, *Bloody Black*:**
 - A #1 New Release on Amazon, Women's Fantasy Fiction
 - Hit #1 on Amazon in Action Adventure Fantasy and Dark Fantasy
 - Stayed in the top 3 on Amazon in Women's Fantasy Fiction for eight weeks
 - Over 9,400 Goodreads ratings
 - Gold medalist, 2026 IPPY awards
 - Gold medalist, dark fantasy category for the Indie Reader Awards
 - Listen to our short podcast about *Bloody Black* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Taryn Fagerness
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Sample material available

DANCE OF THE DARK MOTHER:

The Leora Duet book 2

by Taylor Hartley

This followup to *Song of the Hell Witch* continues Pru and Puck's story, marching toward a devastating conclusion amidst the spires of Talonsbury

Pru Merriweather's life has become a waking nightmare. Still reeling from the devastating attack on Stormlash manor, Pru has one choice: convince Hetty Jones, leader of the fearsome Ladies of Leora, to join her in the fight against zealot general, Maximus Hale, who threatens the existence of every woman in her beloved country—and the sanity of her lover, Puck Reed.

Meanwhile, as Puck agonizes over the capture of his daughter Beatrice, he must also confront his transformation into a Zeraph, a monstrous avenging angel whose will is directly tied to Hale's greater mission of conquering Leora. Tortured by nightly visions of his daughter, Puck battles the urge to rescue her on his own, knowing Hale will seize the opportunity to twist him into a loyal soldier.

Together, Pru and Puck enlist the Ladies in a rescue plan aimed not just at getting Beatrice back, but freeing the entire country from Hale's ever-increasing influence. But after Hetty sends Pru on a scouting mission, Puck loses the one tether keeping him from answering Hale's persistent call. And when Pru discovers a growing Zeraphel army determined to burn all women who voice dissent, Hetty reacts in a way Pru doesn't expect: she plans to take the coven and abandon Leora in favor of a country that celebrates rather than condemns women's power.

With her lover gone, Pru must discover how to both defeat the seemingly all-powerful Zeraphel and rally the Ladies to save a country destined to destroy itself. And Puck, chosen by Hale to bring the city of Talonsbury to heel in exchange for his daughter's freedom, must hold to his own inner strength—and his love for Pru and Beatrice—or else become one of the general's monsters.



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Dark romantasy



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Primary agent:

Danielle Burby

Mad Woman Literary Agency

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OUR DARK INCANTATIONS

by Wanda Hellmund

In this achingly romantic dark academia fantasy a young woman must embrace Dark Magic and an alliance with a deadly Wielder to fight a powerful threat cloaked in shadow

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

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

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

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

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

“An explosively haunting tale of magic, mental resilience and partnership—even in the darkest moments. Readers will be swept away by the devastating romance, and unable to stop turning pages late into the night. Spellbinding” — **Hazel McBride**, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of the *Bonded to Beasts* series

“[Hellmund] expertly crafts a heart-wrenching enemies-to-lovers romance, continually increasing the sexual tension and dangerous exploits of the two love interests until a breathtaking finish.” — *Library Journal*, starred review



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

- Sold, at auction, to Berkley in a two-book deal, for six-figures per book
- Berkley will do a deluxe edition
- A Buzz Books Romance 2026 pick

Primary agent:

Taryn Fagerness
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

THE LAST THORN

by Talia Hibbert

Rapunzel meets Beauty and the Beast in this thrilling, Gothic romantasy perfect for fans of Sarah A. Parker and Saara El-Arifi

Serenia Thorn is the royal family's secret shame: a changeling princess born without magic or beauty. Marked by hideous fangs and unnatural eyes, her world is defined by the isolated tower she cannot leave and the vicious kin she dreams of pleasing. But when her tower is breached and her father, the King of Albion, is assassinated by rebels, Serenia is forced to flee.

Only to be captured by a deadly rebel leader who demands her submission—and her soul.

Casimir Gray is the most powerful sorcerer Albion's ever known. He's also cursed, possessed by a beast that corrupts his body and consumes his mind. The only solution is a soul bond, a magical marriage that even death can't destroy—but his destined wife is Princess Serenia Thorn, the feral, vengeful daughter of the evil king Cas just slaughtered.

Hatred burns between them, but Cas and Serenia's forced marriage is not the only thing that's doomed. The land itself is crumbling, eaten alive by a void that wants Albion's magic at any cost. Can a nation torn asunder by civil war survive this final battle?

And can two born enemies form a sacred bond that just might save them both?

Serenia knew her existence was a secret; she also knew why. But it was another matter entirely to see a stranger doubt the blood in her veins just because she was born weak and wrong. Baring her fangs, she raised her weapon. "What's the matter, Gray? Your tiny mind can't fathom a changeling princess? Come closer and I'll prove to you whose daughter I am."



Talia Hibbert is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author who writes hot, emotionally resonant romance about diverse and complicated characters. Two of her series, *Ravenswood* and *The Brown Sisters*, have been optioned for TV and film. She lives in a small English town full of cozy cafes and nosy neighbors. Talia's hobbies include lighting scented candles, baking chocolate

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author!

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Russia (AST)

Spain (Penguin Random House)

Ukraine (Vivat)

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

Primary agent:

Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary

Material: Available

WITCH DANCE

by Isabel Ibañez

#1 *New York Times* bestseller Isabel Ibañez is back with an atmospheric, historical fantasy where forbidden magic, a deadly mystery, and an enemies-to-lovers romance collide in Renaissance Europe

In the summer of 1518, the citizens of Strasbourg are dancing themselves to death.

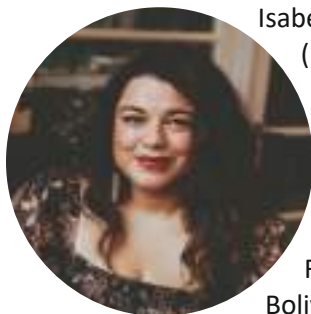
Brilliant medical student Evelina del Valle arrives determined to stop the plague before the quarantined city collapses...while keeping a terrible and fatal secret: she's a witch. But she's left her coven, her sister, and that life behind her for good. All she wants now is a career in healing. But Strasbourg's sickness defies everything she knows about medicine.

But then Evelina meets Alaric Keller: dangerous, secretive, and bound to the Black Forest looming beyond Strasbourg's walls, where rumors speak of hidden courts, gemstone magic, and bargains struck in the dark. His mother was the plague's first victim, and he's desperate to save her. He has no choice but to accept Evelina's help, but the way he looks at her suggests he already knows the secret she keeps—and he threatens to use it against her.

As suspicion tightens and the death toll climbs, Evelina is forced to choose what she's willing to sacrifice: the life she's built, the identity she's hidden, or the man who may not only hold the key to the truth and her heart, but also her ruin.

Because Evelina fears this is no ordinary plague.
And she knows that once the dance begins, it does not stop.

Evelina held his gaze, and for that fragile moment, they were not a witch and a fae prince, nor fugitives from their own bloodlines bound to the griefs that had transformed them. They were only two wayward souls who had run from the world and, against all reason, found each other.



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

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(Rageot), **Germany** (Ravensburger),

Hungary (Könyvmolyképző), **Italy** (Il

Castoro), **Romania** (Storia), **Spain**

(Hidra), **Turkey** (Artemis)

• #1 *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author

• **Previous book, *Graceless Heart*:**

— Instant #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller

— Amazon editors' pick, Best Science

Fiction & Fantasy

— Starred review, *Library Journal*

Primary agent:

Sarah Landis

Sterling Lord Literistic

Material: Available

BETWEEN TIDES & THUNDER

by Leena Kazak

In this internet-breaking hit romantasy, a princess, forced into a marriage with the prince of a rival kingdom in order to quell a rising rebellion, begins to love the man she was raised to hate, and dangerous secrets rise up from her past that could shatter her kingdom and her heart

She was raised to hate him. Now she shares his bed.

Princess Mayah of Tundrayn isn't allowed to want. Not freedom. Not love. Not even her own future. Instead, she's spent her life healing others' pain and swallowing her own. But when her father strikes a fragile alliance with enemy-kingdom Arbinj to crush a rising rebellion, she is bartered into a marriage she didn't choose for a crown she doesn't want.

She expects a prince. She gets the Dark Commander.

Zevayr is ruthless, unyielding, and a stormwielder with a reputation soaked in blood. He is everything Mayah was taught to fear. Yet as they race across rebel-torn lands, the less certain she is of where the monster ends and where the man begins.

In Arbinj's glittering courts, the Rebellion surges and dangerous secrets stir from Mayah's past—secrets that could shatter her kingdom, and her heart, if she lets them.

The question is not *if* Mayah will betray, but *who*: her people, her love, or herself?

"A standalone romantasy that delivers on the jaw dropping plot twists...a great read if you're looking for a bingeable fantasy romance with twists you won't see coming." — @fictionfeedsale, 32k IG followers

"This book made me cry, laugh, gasp, and straight-up cackle. It had my jaw on the floor and my heart melting. Any book that can do all of that? Automatic infinity-star read." — @throneofpaws, 21.5k IG followers



Leena Kazak has been spinning stories since she was ten years old, when she wrote her first short story and never looked back. She writes fantasy romance with fierce heroines, impossible choices, and immersive worldbuilding. Leena lives in the frigid Northeast with her brooding, handsome husband and their two adorable, half-feral sidekicks. (Leena and her husband are actually the sidekicks, but don't tell her kids that.) www.leenakazak.com

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Poland (Zielona Sowa)

Portugal (Porto Editora)

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Spain, at auction (SM)

Turkey, at auction (Ithaki)

Ukraine, at auction (Potiah)

- Sold in a 6-way auction for 7 figures
- #1 New Release in Romantic Fantasy on Amazon
- #1 bestseller in New Adult & College Fantasy on Amazon
- Over 20 million KU page reads
- Over 33,000 ratings on Goodreads
- Listen to our short podcast about the book [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

KEEPER OF THE GRAIL

The Lives of Guinevere book 2

by Paula Lafferty

In this swashbuckling, feminist timeslip retelling of Arthurian legend, England's Once and Future Queen Vera must save Camelot as dark forces threaten the kingdom

Vera never wanted to be queen. One day, she was a 21st-century waitress struggling to find a sense of purpose, and the next, she was ripped back to 7th-century Camelot, where she is Queen Guinevere—loved by King Arthur, befriended by Sir Lancelot, and suddenly responsible for a kingdom balanced on the edge of ruin.

Now Arthur must hide in the shadows—even from Merlin—lest his enemies learn the truth that Vera uncovered to save him. For Camelot is under siege. Vera and the Knights of the Round Table are preparing for war against the high council of mages, who seek to control not just the realm, but all its magic too.

As enemies close in and betrayal lurks around every corner, Vera must decide what kind of queen she'll be: a woman trapped by the fate written in legend—or the ruler willing to sacrifice everything to change the stars.

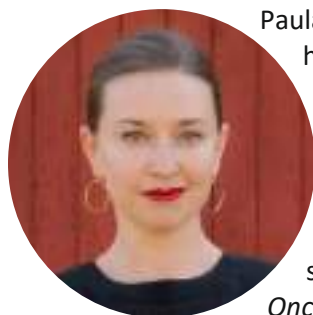
Keeper of the Grail is the second installment of *The Lives of Guinevere* saga, a sweeping story of adventure, fierce love, and a heroine determined to rewrite the legend itself.

Also in the series



"The fresh takes on legendary characters and propulsive plot twists make this a page-turner that will leave readers hoping for a sequel. An original and fascinating take on the romance of Arthur and Guinevere." — **Kirkus, starred review**

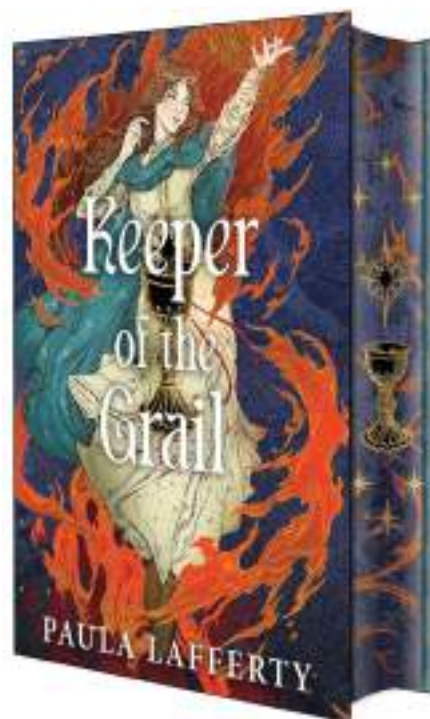
"Paula Lafferty crafts a unique and deeply romantic take on Arthurian legend with a modern twist." — **Marielle Thompson, author of *The Last Witch in Edinburgh***



Paula Lafferty lives in the Kansas City area with her husband, daughter, and Otto (the sweetest dog there ever was). She received a BFA in Film Production from Chapman University and a Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology. She has a taste for finding magic in "the ordinary" and a spark for discovering stories at every turn. *La Vie de Guinevere/The Once and Future Queen* was her debut novel which

she originally funded through a hugely successful Kickstarter campaign.
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Romantasy



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- Part of a trilogy
- **Previous book, *The Once and Future Queen*:**
 - Instant *USA Today*, Indie and Barnes & Noble bestseller
 - Amazon #1 Best Seller in Arthurian Fantasy
 - A Kirkus Best Book of 2025
 - A January 2026 Indie Next List pick
 - Starred review, *Kirkus*
 - Listen to our short podcast about *The Once and Future Queen* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:
 Taryn Fagerness
 Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

A TEASPOON OF MAGIC

by Jackie Lau

A charming story of romance and friendship, with a dash of magic and a pinch of mystery, set in a quirky apartment building

Whenever Grant Fung eats, he learns something about the person who prepared the food. This power—which he most certainly does not want—has caused him no shortage of trouble over the years. It’s part of the reason he usually keeps his distance from society, rarely leaving his apartment on the second floor of a large Victorian. It’s easier that way.

But his new neighbor, Vicky Knox, is constantly baking and trying to give away her creations, and Grant, to his consternation, is tempted by a particularly beautiful chocolate cake. He’s positive that if he eats it, he’ll learn more about her than he’d want to know, so he’s surprised when nothing happens. Apparently, Vicky is immune to his power, and they develop a tentative friendship.

Yet as he gets to know her better, it turns out that she’s not as immune as he first thought. That complicates their growing attraction, as does a series of strange occurrences in their building, which make him wonder about the magical abilities of the other tenants—and whether he really is better off alone.

Real people were too much hassle. He only wanted to know such things about the characters in novels. But this cake, which he swore she was now holding even closer to his nose, was a fresh chocolate fudge cake. Surely, he’d just learn that she loved rainbows, right?

He sighed once more. “Okay. Cut me a piece.” “Yay!” Her grin was more luminous than it had any right to be, and she scurried toward her door. “I’ll be back in two minutes.”

What had he gotten himself into?



Jackie Lau studied engineering and worked as a geophysicist before turning to her first love of writing. She is now the author of over 20 romantic comedies including *Love, Lies, and Cherry Pie*; *Donut Fall in Love*; and *The Stand-Up Groomsman*. When she’s not writing, she enjoys gelato, gourmet donuts, cooking, and reading. She lives in Toronto with her husband.

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Magical romance

Emily Bestler Books/Atria

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- Listen to our short podcast about *A Teaspoon of Magic* [HERE](#)
- **Previous book, *Time Loops and Meet Cutes*:**
 - A Target Book Club pick
 - A Best Romance Novel of 2025, *The New York Times* and *Elle Magazine*
 - *Paste* magazine, a most anticipated romance novel of 2025

Primary agent:

Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary Agency

Material: Available

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

by Kimberly Lemming

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

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

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

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

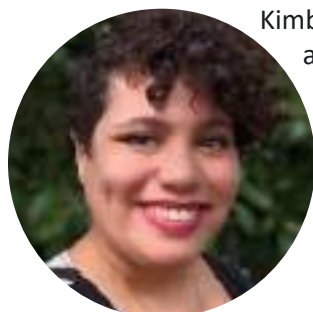
"Fast-paced and fun-filled, this is a sexy romp across the planet Waffles."
— *Kirkus*

Also by Kimberly Lemming



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

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



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

Sci-fi rom-com



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

Primary agent:

Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary Agency

Material: Available

THE FACELESS QUEEN

by Frankie Diane Mallis

Steal the face of the princess. Claim the heart of her prince.
Don't fall in love...

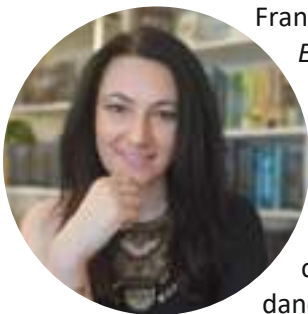
Exiled after the death of her mother, the Queen of the Witches, Princess Samara was forced to hide as a dancer for years amongst her enemies in the Kingdom of Eskalon, a place where discovery means death. But Samara can't be found by the witches either. She was born cursed, an Azete, a faceless one. A kind of witch whose shapeshifting power depends upon stealing the lifeforce of others.

Samara has feared her power ever since her mother's death, barely daring to use it except to feed off the men she entertains, and only in order to keep up her disguise. But when a chimera attack on her tavern leaves her exposed, she's brought back home to the current witch queen, and tasked with preventing a dangerous prophecy in exchange for forgiveness by the witches.

In Eskalon, the tyrant king's son, newly betrothed to a foreign princess, will father a child with the power to destroy the witches forever—unless Samara stops it. To save herself and her people, she must steal the face of the princess, claim the heart of her prince, and bear the child of prophecy herself.

But the prince's bed isn't what she expected, and maintaining her stolen face requires enormous amounts of magic and power. With all eyes on her, and everything at stake, feeding becomes more dangerous by the day. Meanwhile, tensions are rising between warring factions vying for power, and Samara is in the center of it all. But what's even more dangerous to the mission is Samara falling in love with her enemy, a man who doesn't know her true name, a man who has never seen her true face. Except when he dreams of a woman who looks just like her.

The closer she gets to the prince, the closer he gets to the truth of what she is. But her true face and power, the power she fears, may be the key to saving the man she loves, but only if she risks everything: her people, her life, and her heart.



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- First book in a duology
- Listen to our short podcast about *The Faceless Queen* [HERE](#)
- **Previous series, *The Drowned Empire*:**
 - Best of #BookTok banner on Amazon
 - Books in the series have been #1 Amazon bestsellers in multiple categories
 - Named one of the Five Favorite Indie eBooks on the Barnes and Noble Press Blog the week of August 11, 2022
 - Books in the series have been added over 93k times on Goodreads

Primary agent:
Taryn Fagerness
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Material available

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

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

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

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

A muscle clenched in his cheek. Infuriating as the whole situation was becoming, he couldn't afford to lose sight of the matter at hand. One way or another, he had to get this female out of his house before nightfall. And he had to do it without alerting the entire population of North Yorkshire that the notorious son of the equally notorious Earl of Eversleigh was temporarily back in residence.



USA Today bestselling author Mimi Matthews' books include *Fair as a Star*, a *Library Journal* Best Romance of 2020; *Gentleman Jim*, a *Kirkus* Best Book of 2020; and *The Work of Art*, winner of the 2020 HOLT Medallion. Mimi's novels have received starred reviews in *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *Booklist*, *Kirkus*, and *Shelf Awareness*, and her articles have been featured on the Victorian Web, the

Journal of Victorian Culture, and in syndication at *BUST Magazine*. In her other life, Mimi is an attorney. She resides in California with her family and pets. www.MimiMatthews.com

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- First book in a new series
- Next-generation spinoff of the acclaimed *Somerset Stories* series
- *USA Today* bestselling author
- #1 Amazon bestselling author in the category of Victorian Historical Romance
- Over one million copies of the author's work sold

Primary agent:
Kevan Lyon
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Material: Available

THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE AND EVERYWHERE

by Claire McKade

A propulsive, provocative, mind-bending dystopian romance, where, to survive a televised Dark Tower gauntlet, a scientist entrusts her life—and her heart—to her brother's killer

Hundreds of years after nuclear wars leveled the world as we know it, America's last remaining bunker city, the Colony, discovered the Bridge—an impossible skyscraper stretching into space. Each level houses its own twisted world, from a mad circus plagued by a demonic lion and malevolent ringleader to an abyss teeming with underwater ghosts and ship-wrecking sirens. No one has ever survived to reach the top of the Bridge, and no one knows what awaits on the other side. But according to city media, which televises each brutal level like a sports game, fighting up this nightmarish gauntlet is mankind's only ticket off Earth's dry husk.

To wayward physicist Monroe Beckett, the Bridge is a shortcut to extinction. She should know: it has already claimed the lives of her three older siblings. But when Monroe jumps into Level 1 to save her mauled lab partner, she's branded a "Crosser." And once you start, you must cross—or die trying. But dying isn't an option. After her famous brother Beau was murdered on Level 100, Monroe is all her dad has left. So she'll climb at any cost, even if it means placing her life in the bloody hands of her brother's killer, Ryker Zahir.

Ryker is infamous, dangerous, and Beau's former best friend. He claims the media framed him and offers his protection if Monroe helps clear his name. Her suspicions aside, she can't deny him. The bastard is obnoxiously good at keeping her alive—and that's not his only talent. As his stage mask falls, she struggles to reconcile the media's star villain with the disarmingly playful, selfless leader she comes to know behind the cameras. And she soon discovers the only thing deadlier than falling for her enemy is the lie that made him one.

To uncover the truth and survive its deadly levels, Monroe must find a way to beat the Bridge at its own game. But the Bridge isn't the only realm with monsters, and the most powerful people in the Colony are hellbent on protecting the secret of what happened to Beau, and the very nature of the Bridge itself, even if it means destroying humanity's only true chance of survival.



Claire McKade believes "impossible" is just a matter of how big we dare to dream—a mindset she carried from Berkeley Law into complex commercial litigation, and into her stories that push the bounds of reality. Her passion on the page mirrors her zest for life. When not writing fiction or legal briefs, she can be found traveling the world, scuba diving, cooking, skiing, weightlifting, reading, or—most

likely—wrangling her one-year-old at the San Diego Zoo.

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Dystopian romance

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France, at auction (Robert Laffont)

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Poland 3 books (Skarpa)

Spain 3 books, on pre-empt (Hidra)

Ukraine 3 books (Family Leisure Club)

- Sold in a heated auction to Laura Schreiber at Avon/HarperCollins, three-book "major" deal
- First book in a trilogy
- Listen to our short podcast about *The Bridge to Nowhere and Everywhere* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

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Andrea Brown Literary Agency

Material: Available

FALL INTO PLACE

by Kristyn J. Miller

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

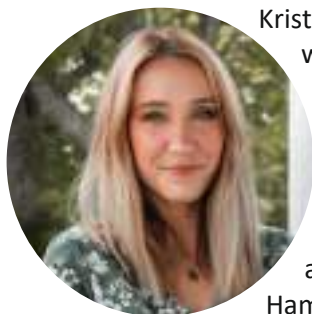
Lenore's life is falling apart. Propelled home from Manhattan to rural Vermont to spend one final autumn at her family's historic apple orchard before it's sold, Lenore struggles to say goodbye. Not only to French Hill Farm, but to everything that once inspired her art. Soon enough, entries in her late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

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

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

"A gentle, character-driven romance that captures themes of belonging, transition, and second chances with warmth and emotional clarity."
— *Library Journal*

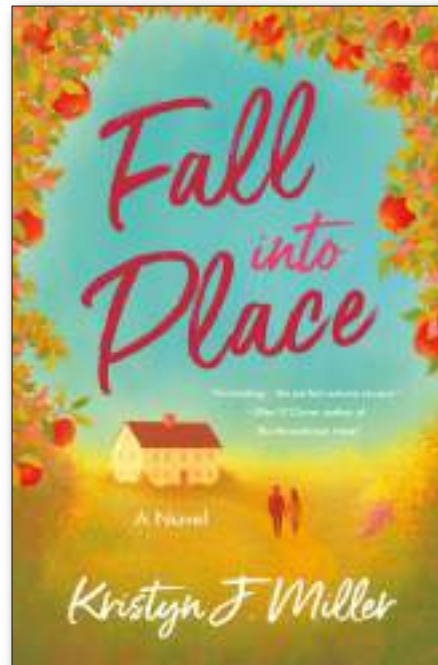
"A poignant, beautifully written romance about grief, home, and second chances, *Fall Into Place* is a swoon-worthy, slow-burn love story that feels like a warm hug for your heart." — **Valerie Bowman, internationally bestselling author of *The Honeycrisp Orchard Inn***



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Cozy romance



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Primary agent:
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Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

SUNFLOWER SEASON

by Danica Nava

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

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

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

Nothing, however, tests her resolve quite like running into her first love, the boy she left behind after her world imploded when she was 17. She’s back for a fresh start, not to unpack old heartbreaks.

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

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

Also by Danica Nava



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



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

Contemporary rom-com



Berkley

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• **Previous book, *Love is a War Song*:**

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

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

— An ABA Indies Introduce Pick for Summer/Fall 2024
— A LibraryReads Top Ten pick for August 2024
— An Amazon Editor’s Pick for Best Romance
— *Oprah Daily*, 6 Steamy Summer Romance Novels
— *PublishDrive*, Best Books to Read in 2024
— Picked for the *Booklist* and *LibraryReads* Read ‘n Rave 2024
— Starred reviews, *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Library Journal*

Primary Agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

HALF AGONY, HALF HOPE

by Gabe Cole Novoa

A reclaimed retelling of Jane Austen's *Persuasion* in which a trans man is reunited with the man he almost married years ago and still loves, but whose heart he broke

Newly out trans man, Reginald "Reg" Elliot is reunited with Captain Wentworth, the man he almost married years ago and still loves. As they strike up a friendship, Reg must decide whether to reveal that he is, indeed, the same person who once broke his first and only love's heart.

Lush and sweeping, full of chemistry and wit, capturing the ache of long-denied love and the heady joy of living life as one's true self and being seen—and loved—as such, *Half Agony, Half Hope* is, like Austen's own work, both sharp and tender, devastating and soaring, funny and deeply romantic—while centering queer and trans characters living rich, happy lives full of heart-stopping romance and family love.

Reg couldn't help the smile that bloomed across his face at Mary's use of his name. Even now, in the midst of his sister's woes, she used his new name without hesitation; it filled his chest with warmth and lightness, the contentedness of a cat sprawled in a splash of sunlight. Mary saw him as her brother. For years, this was a dream he'd dared not hope for, and now it was here, unfolding before him.



Gabe Cole Novoa (he/him) is a Latinx transmasculine, award-winning, *New York Times* Bestselling author who writes speculative fiction featuring marginalized characters grappling with identity. Now leveled up with an MFA in Writing for Children, when he isn't buried under his two cats, you'll likely find him knitting or crocheting something cute. Gabe is the author of *Most Ardently: A Pride & Prejudice*

Retelling, *The Wicked Bargain*, *The Diablo's Curse*, *These Vengeful Gods*, and the *Beyond the Red* trilogy, written under a former pseudonym.

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Historical romance



Sourcebooks

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- Sold at auction
- Audio rights sold in a competitive situation
- Listen to our short podcast about *Half Agony, Half Hope* [HERE](#)
- *New York Times* bestselling author
- The author's previous book, *Most Ardently*, was a *New York Times* Bestseller, Stonewall Honor book, and Goodreads Choice Award nominee

Primary Agent:

Lara Perkins
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

Material: Available

'TIL UNDEATH DO US PART by Ellie Palmer

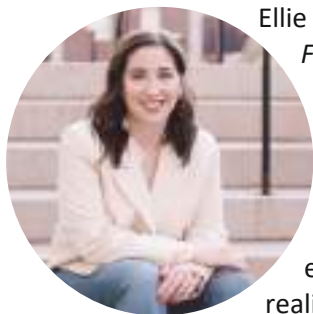
Butcher & Blackbird meets *My Roommate is a Vampire* by way of *Fargo*, in this paranormal-horror rom-com about a young husband and a wife who have their problems, but maybe vampirism can save them?

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

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

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

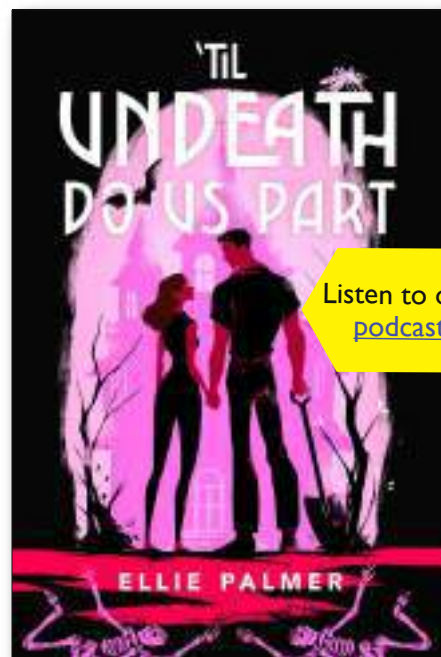
"I'll always find you," he said, twining his fingers in hers. "I think I've already proven that I wouldn't let a little thing like death get in the way with us." Her head fell into her chest when she laughed. "So we don't have a house. Or a car. And I'm dead—both literally and legally. What's next for us?"



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- *USA Today* bestselling author

Primary agent:
Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

CREATIVE DIFFERENCES

by Annabel Paulsen & Lydia Wang

A second-chance romance about indie-rock fame, friendship, and the kind of chemistry that refuses to fade—even offstage

Swanboat was your favorite band’s favorite band. But after one perfect record and one fraught, intimate tour, the confessional-indie rock trio—lead singer Amelia Wells, guitarist Ramona Sloane, and bassist Bea Fink—suddenly broke up.

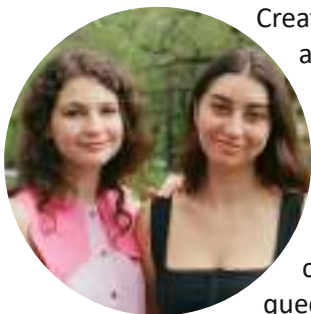
Five years later, Amelia is a star: She’s transitioned into mainstream pop music, performing sold-out shows for obsessed fans. It’s everything she’s convinced herself she should want...even though her fame has started to feel less like success and more like loneliness.

Ramona hasn’t spoken to Amelia since the last night of the tour. She’s content playing small crowds and avoiding Amelia’s inescapable hit single, “Emergency Contact,” during her slot at the local indie radio station.

When Amelia’s record label suggests a Swanboat reunion tour, she and Ramona each have their own reasons for agreeing. And they’d both do anything for Bea, who still doesn’t know about the kiss that broke their band apart. All Ramona and Amelia have to do is get through two months of playing the songs that made them fall in love in the first place...and try not to do it all over again.

Propulsive and sexy, *Creative Differences* is a sapphic second-chance romance for fans of *Here We Go Again* and *Daisy Jones & The Six*.

“The truth is, Ramona doesn’t know Mia Wells. She knew *Amelia*. And if she were bitter, she might say she never really knew Amelia Wells at all, because she left their band to go solo, move to Silver Lake, and shop at, like, Erewhon. But Ramona isn’t bitter.



Creative (and romantic) partners Annabel Paulsen and Lydia Wang published their debut rom-com *Here For the Wrong Reasons* in 2024, which received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*. Annabel holds an MFA in Fiction from The New School, and Lydia is the love and life editor at *Women’s Health*, where she covers the intersections of sex, health, and queerness. They live together in Brooklyn and hope to someday co-parent a pug named Elise. www.annabelandlydia.com

Contemporary romance



Bindery Books

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• Will be supported by tastemaker Nina Haines, founder of the sapphic book club and imprint Sapph-Lit. @nina.haines has 30k followers on Instagram and over 63k followers on TikTok.

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Bindery Books

Material: Available

LIGHTNING & THUNDER

by Sara Raasch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That's what he's always been.

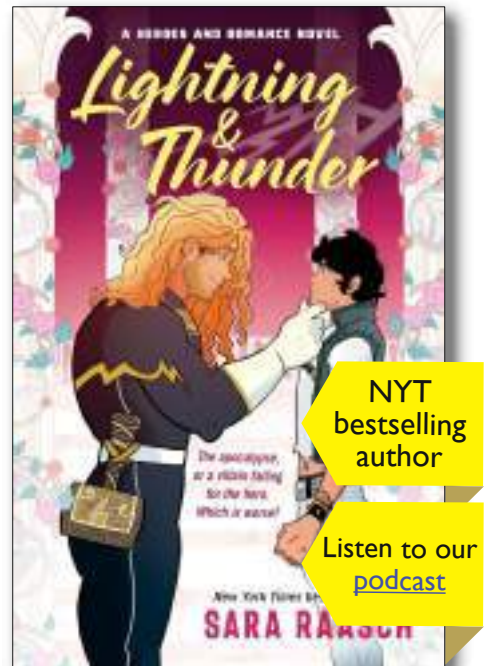
Everything else is fear and pain and monsters in the dark, but him? He's safe. And I hate it so much, I always have; I hate that I can never truly hate him.



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

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M/M romantasy



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Germany audio (Argon)

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- Listen to our short podcast about *Lightning & Thunder* [HERE](#)
- *New York Times*, *USA Today*, Indie, and Barnes & Noble bestselling author
- Author has over 100k social media followers
- **Previous book, *The Entanglement of Rival Wizards*:**
 - Instant *USA Today* and indie bestseller
 - Hit the top 10 in LGBTQ+ Fantasy in the Kindle store
 - *The New York Times*, 2025 Books to Read

Primary agent:

Michelle Wolfson

Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

BLACKHEART by Pixie Rella

The walls were built to keep the monsters in.
But some monsters are made, not born

When an attack on the Waywards leaves her community devoured and her home destroyed, Elora and her best friend barely escape with their lives. Cornered and forced to wield Blackheart poison to save Luna, Elora drains herself, risking capture to protect the last living friend she loves. But when Luna uses Elora to escape to safety, Elora is shocked—and in mortal danger completely alone.

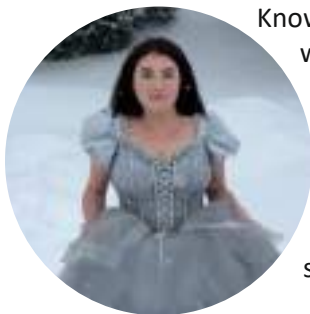
Facing down the cloaked, blood-hungry Sapphires means certain death—until Elora is rescued by a mysterious Witchlord. Playing the Witchlord's cruel games is another kind of prison; but she's almost able to secure her freedom when a man from her best friend's past is sent to deliver Elora to the dying king.

Once Elora learns her true identity, coming to terms with her ties to the crown puts her on a perilous journey that ends in a war, a wedding, and a twist of fate that puts the future of all Blackhearts in Elora's poisonous hands.

"Ever read a book that you immediately want to start over? Here it is! ...Elora's powers, backstory, and experiences were so unique and refreshing....This may be my new favorite book." – **@tiffs.book.time on IG**

"Dark, emotional, and impossible to put down." – **@destinydarling__ on IG**

"The world itself, I just loved. I just want this injected into my veins.... Takes you on a wild adventure....I absolutely loved it. I love the fantasy elements in this." – **@lexmakisbooked on IG**



Known for blending fantastical gameplay and whimsical storylines, Pixie Rella is a professional gamer turned author. Pixie has a highly engaged following (200k+) and tens of millions of views monthly across platforms that has kept her debut novel ranking between 1200-2800 in the Kindle store since its release in December 2025.

Romantasy



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- First book in a trilogy
- The cover reveal garnered over 76k views
- Author has 100k followers on Instagram, 215k followers on TikTok, and 17k subscribers on YouTube

Primary agent:
Jeanne Da Vita
Martin-Newens Literary Management

Material: Available

BLOOD ON HIS HANDS, SIN ON HIS LIPS

by Katee Robert

Drew's childhood monster is back, but he's different than he was when they were children...and what he wants from her is different, too...in this chilling horror romance by mega-bestselling author Katee Robert

Drew learned young that monsters are real. As a child, she lived in terror of the all-too-human horrors hiding in plain sight. From that fear, something dark was born beneath her bed: a creature made of shadows, rage, and unwavering devotion. A monster that fed on her nightmares..and slaughtered the men who deserved to fear him. But after one horrific night, Drew drove her monster away and spent decades pretending she'd finally escaped.

Now, her carefully constructed life has fallen apart. Her perfect marriage is over, one reckless betrayal exposing every crack beneath the polished façade. For the first time in years, Drew feels shaken down to her core...and that's when her monster returns. But he isn't the creature she remembers. He's older. Darker. Stronger. The thing that once lurked beneath her bed now walks beside her—and the hunger in his gaze has nothing to do with fear.

As Drew struggles to rebuild her life, she finds herself drawn deeper into her monster's dangerous orbit. He sees every broken piece of her. Every scar. And instead of recoiling, he wants her more. But obsession has a price. Someone has been watching Drew, and they'll do anything to keep her from finding happiness.

Because monsters aren't the only things lurking in the dark.

The possessive urge to growl my approval is nearly overwhelming. For every moment of my existence, it's only been her. My North Star, my lodestone, my true purpose. Even during our years apart, she was never far from my thoughts. Every taste of fear was compared to the feast only Drew could provide and found lacking.



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

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Horror romance

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NYT
bestselling
author!

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• Many time *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

THE TAROT TRIALS

by Katee Robert

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

The deck has always been stacked against her.

Kestrel has trained her whole life to compete in the Tarot Trials. Her mother won once, earning a place among the five ruling Cinque—then paid for it with her life, executed for alleged treason against the Minor Court.

But fortune favors the bold.

Now it falls to Kestrel to take up her mother's mantle as Champion of the Moon, enter the Trials, and face her fate. If she can master her new powers of shadow and illusion, navigate the poisonous game of alliances and lies, and corner the fellow Champion who dealt the killing blow to her mother years ago, she may uncover the truth she's seeking without losing her head... or her heart. But in the Trials, betrayal is a question of when, not if. And winning the game isn't about what she must do to win, but who she needs to survive.

"Epic in scope, deliciously propulsive, and beautifully transportive....One of the most enjoyable fantasy series I've come across in ages." – **Olivie Blake**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Atlas Six*

"This magnificent, ambitious story delivers everything I love in a fantasy adventure and so much more." – **Kamilah Cole**, *USA Today* & national indie bestselling author of *An Arcane Inheritance*

"Proves yet again that Katee Robert is a master of their craft...This is a gritty, high-octane fantasy that will leave you shaking and begging for more." – **Thea Guanzon**, *New York Times* and #1 international bestselling author of *The Hurricane Wars*



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

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Romantic fantasy



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British 3 books, at auction (Tor UK)
Czech 3 books (Dobrovsky)
France (Editions Tredaniel)
Germany 3 books (LYX)
Hungary (Maxim)
Italy 3 books, at auction (Newton Compton)
Portugal 3 books, at auction (Penguin Random House)
Spain 3 books, on pre-empt (Penguin Random House Spain)

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

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

BLESSED BY THE DAMNED:
The Eternal Wars book 2
by Caty Rogan

Blessed. Gifted. Deadly. Don't miss this heart-stopping epic sequel to *Kissed by the Gods*

Leina wasn't supposed to wield a magical weapon or bond with a winged war-horse. She wasn't supposed to train in a dangerous military fortress, or find love with Ryot, a gods-blessed warrior. And she certainly wasn't supposed fight for the kingdom that ripped her family apart. As the skies teem with ancient terrors, that very same kingdom looks to Leina to hold back the dark. They want a girl who will bleed for them. But Leina is done bleeding.

Because their world was built on the bones of the damned.
And the only way to save it is to unmake it completely.

Weaving together incredible action and aching romance, *Blessed By the Damned* dives deeper into an epic and unforgettable world that will leave you desperate for more.

Also in the series



"Electric from the very first page! *Kissed by the Gods* is one part sweeping romantasy and one part call to action, with a strong, smart heroine who constantly proves she's more than she seems....Caty Rogan's debut novel is simply fantastic!"
— **Sable Sorensen, USA Today bestselling author of *Dire Bound***



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

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

Romantasy

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**NYT
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author!**

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British, pre-empt, 4 books (Orion/Gollancz)

Bulgaria 2 books (Hermes)

Czech, at auction, 2 books (Albatros)

France, pre-empt, 4 books (HLAB)

Germany, pre-empt, 4 books (Heyne)

Hungary, pre-empt, 2 books (Alexandra)

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

Italy, at auction, 4 books (Rizzoli)

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

Poland 3 books (Kobiece)

Portugal, at auction 4 books (Porto)

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

Slovakia, 2 books (Albatros Slovakia)

Spain, pre-empt, 4 books (Hidra)

Turkey, pre-empt, 4 books (Indigo)

Ukraine, at auction, 4 books (Potiah)

- Sold in a 7-figure deal
- Part of a four-book series
- Hot on TikTok
- **Previous book, *Kissed by the Gods*:**
 - *New York Times* and Amazon Bestseller
 - Listen to our short podcast about *Kissed by the Gods* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available October 2026

**NOT ANOTHER HAPPILY EVER AFTER:
Tragically Ever After book 1
by A.R. Schilling**

A half-dead princess must sacrifice her heart to break a dark curse, torn between a calculating prince and a mysterious masked knight sworn to protect it

A dark curse looms over the realm of Riches and Ruin, a curse that only Sunday can break. There's just one problem. It didn't come with instructions on how to do so. So, when it called for her life the kingdoms took it literally. Or, tried to. For the very same curse that demanded the princesses life, also spared it. But not without leaving its mark....

Now, older and a little less alive, Sunday is tasked with trying once more to break the curse before its protection fades and old wounds reopen. The issue she's running into this time? There is only one thing left for the half dead princess to part with. The only thing that hasn't yet been sacrificed. Her heart.

A piece of herself that she covets more than the air she breathes is now to be placed in the hands of prince whose intentions are to do everything but love it.

That is, of course, if the masked knight duty bound to protect it doesn't steal it first.

“I fear this one may be your last.”
“My last what?” I ask blankly.
Then the pity in his eyes hits me square in the chest
Oh. I sit upright, in-part to protest, but also to make
sure I still can.
It only took twenty years. Well, twenty years and
eleven months since I drew my first breath—the same
one that could have been my last had the pontiffs
been wrong about the curse. About me.



A.R. Schilling is an author and STEM student studying Environmental Engineering with a specialty in Conservation in Florida. She is a lover of lost worlds and new beginnings. Whether it's spent visiting Disney's parks or swimming at the beach, she finds inspiration to create wherever she goes. She is the author of *Stargazers Salvation* and *Not Another Happily Ever After*. On Instagram @a.r.schilling

Romantasy



**Independently published
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Trade paperback
61k words

Rights available: British and translation

- Was a top Fantasy new release on Amazon
- Hit the top 30 in Fairy Tale Fantasy, Mythology & Folk Tales, and Dark Fantasy Horror on Amazon
- Over 1,000 preorders
- Author has 22.7k followers on Instagram

Primary agent:
Andie Smith
Creative Media Agency

Material: Available

UNTAMED:
Primorian Crown book 1
by Analise Song

**She was hired to kill a fae prince.
She bound their lives together instead.**

Sera has one last job before she walks away from the Obsidian Hand forever. Kill Prince Caelan Vaelor of Twilight, the fae realm's most feared exile, and buy her best friend's life in return. She arrives at his masquerade with a golden dagger and a plan. She leaves with a serpent tattoo burned into her arm and her life force tethered to the man she just tried to murder.

The bond is merciless. Distance tears through them both like a blade. Closeness is the only relief. Sera and Caelan must now keep each other alive long enough to find a way to break the bond.

Caelan has spent two centuries ruling a kingdom built from borderlands, under a sky he darkened as a child when his untamed magic slipped. He does not trust easily. He does not let people close. But the assassin bound to him is stubborn, sharp-tongued, and, inconveniently, the only person who has ever looked at his power and wasn't afraid.

As they travel through haunted forests and monster-filled gorges hunting the ingredients to break the bond, something more dangerous than magic grows between them. And someone in the fae court is watching, waiting for Caelan to lose control.

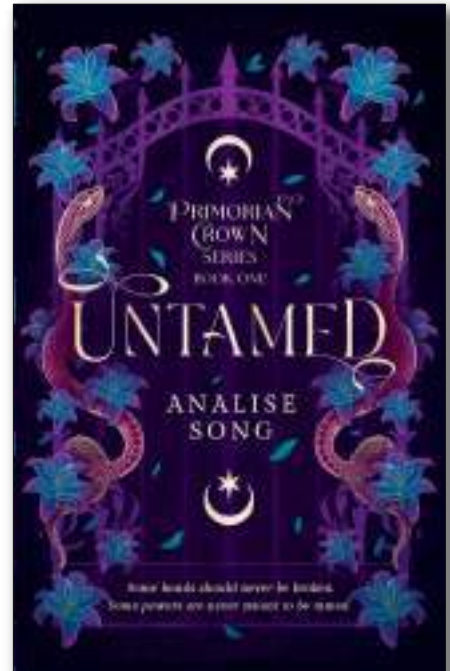
Some bonds are never meant to be broken.
And some powers are never meant to be tamed.

"A solid start to the *Primorian Crown Series* that will appeal to readers who enjoy fae romance, magical bonds, forced proximity, and fantasy adventures filled with secrets and danger." – **@donnasbookaddictionig on Instagram**

"The MMC is my favourite character, his bright energy and humour brought the story together for me. The FMC is an unbothered queen, especially when the MMC tries to annoy her. The bond between the FMC and MMC is a treasure to experience...." – **@shays.chapters on Instagram**

Analise Song is a former registered nurse turned stay-at-home mom who was advised to pick up a hobby while dealing with postpartum anxiety. She chose writing among the other 27 hobbies she has. She lives in an urban setting with her two kids, one husband, one chaotic Goldendoodle, six chickens, three ducks, five hundred book boyfriends, and five fish tanks. www.analisesong.com

Romantasy



Independently published
July 2026

Trade paperback
113k words

Rights available: British and translation

- First book in a series
- #1 bestseller in Fairy Tales and #2 bestseller in Mythology, Amazon

Primary agent:
Katie Reed
Katie Reed Literary

Material: Available

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

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

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

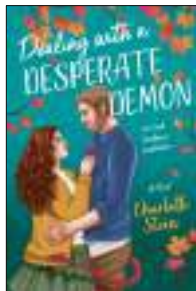
There's just one issue: he forgets his whole existence. All Halsten now remembers is being a big, hot, vampire Viking. And all he sees when he looks at Marley is his beloved little witch, his saviour, the light of his life. He goes from being a horror that haunts her nightmares, to a man who loves her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

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

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

"Marley and Halsten are endearing and sexy, making for a highly entertaining, centuries-spanning, and suspenseful tale." — **Booklist**

Also in the series



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

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



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

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Paranormal rom-com



St. Martin's Griffin

October 2026

Trade paperback

90k words

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

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

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

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

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

Primary agent:
Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary

Material: Available

CODE VIOLATION: The Rules of the Rink book 2 by Ruth Stilling

A hockey player falls for his brother's off-limits ex-girlfriend in this steamy second installment from bestselling author Ruth Stilling

I'm in love with my brother's ex-girlfriend. After years of acting like Vesper Stone isn't the girl of my dreams, I owe it to myself to be honest, even if the confession can only ever remain a secret. There are so many reasons why I should forget about her. As the captain of the Seattle Rogues, I shouldn't betray my only sibling, and I ought to honor the promise I made to our late mom to stand by him.

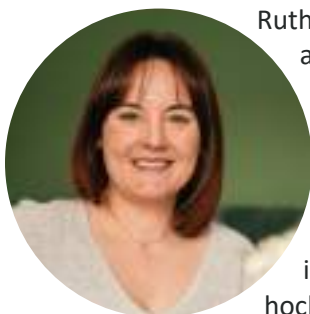
But my brother isn't a good man, and I can't take my eyes off the stunning bartender with sleek black hair and a smile that falters whenever she gets a text from the guy who never deserved her. Voicing my feelings is a terrible idea. My brother isn't only a bad person, but he's dangerous, too, and my top priority is protecting the one girl I can never have.

But I didn't make it as a pro hockey player without going after what I wanted, and regardless of who she is to my family, I can't stop showing up at her apartment. Maybe we can just be friends. I'd rather have that than lose her altogether. My brother doesn't need to know we hang out and eat pizza while watching a movie. But friends don't hold their breath whenever they catch each other's gaze, and they definitely don't do what we did the other night....

I should walk away.
For her.
For us.
For the sake of keeping the peace.

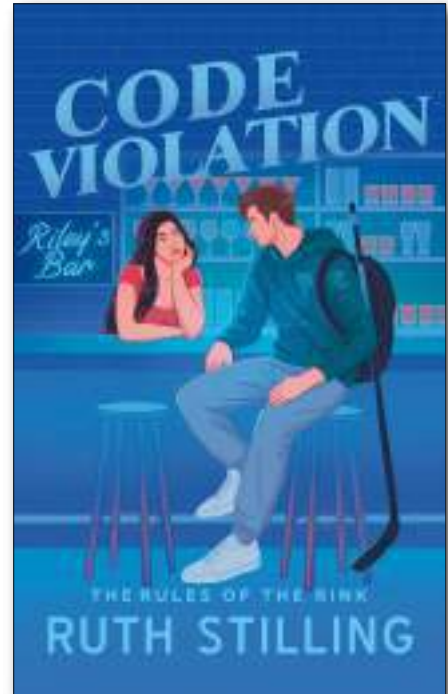
So, why am I standing outside Vesper's door right now, ready to lay my heart on the line? And why am I about to speak the words I vowed to take to my grave?

Because now that I've had her in my bed, I'll go to war to keep her—and our baby—forever.



Ruth Stilling is a bestselling spicy hockey romance author with a love for steamy stories where women bring pro athletes to their knees, both physically and metaphorically....Based in the UK, Ruth spends most of her time dreaming up ways to make her readers swoon and sweat with her favorite tropes. Her series include *The Blade Kings* and *Seattle Scorpions* hockey romances. authorruthstilling.com

Hockey romance



Independently published
September 2026

Trade paperback
87k words

Rights available: British and translation

Previous foreign publishers: Russia
(Exmo)

- Part of a series
- The author's previous work has hit the top 10 in Hockey on Amazon
- Over 72 million KU page reads for the author's work

Primary agent:
Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

TRIGGER HAPPY by Meredith Trapp

In this wickedly funny, very murder-y rom-com, two rival contract killers are hired for the same job—and must pretend to be married to survive

For these rivals, the chemistry is lethal.

Sabrina and Lawton go together as well as Dom Perignon and Frito pie. They have nothing in common—except for the fact that they un-alive people for a living.

Sabrina's a clever, Manhattan darling with a penchant for poison-tipped manicures. Lawton is a reckless, down-and-dirty cowboy who isn't afraid to get the pigs involved in clean-up duty. They despise each other, and not just because of what happened two years ago.

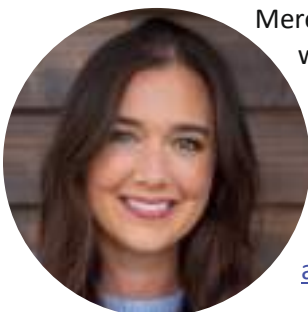
When they're hired for the same surveillance job in cozy, postcard-perfect Wyoming, they quickly realize they'll have to stop tossing out death threats if they want to get it done. There's only one problem....They have to pose as an oh-so-happily married couple to get close to their targets, which means strolling through pumpkin patches and smiling on horseback rides—all while pretending they're not fantasizing about what the other would look like in a coffin.

Things get even messier when they start wondering if they've walked into a dangerous trap. And, more importantly—will they kill off any chance at something real before they make it out alive?

"Get ready for witty banter, steam and laughs. I devoured this book!" –
Saffron A. Kent, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Branded*



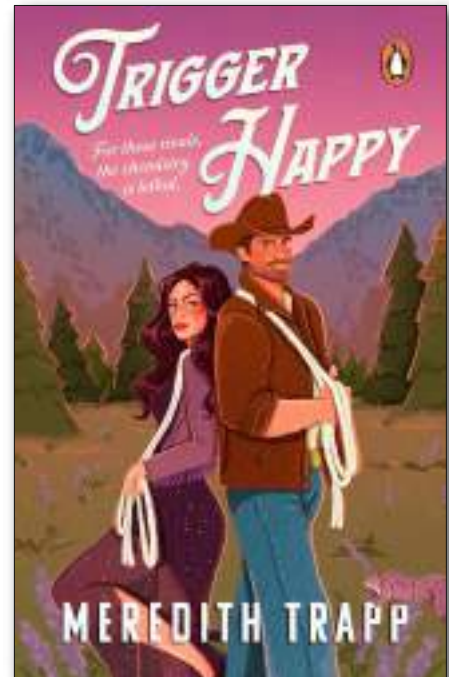
"I saved you. You're welcome."
"Saved me?" I scoff. "Did you think I'd let him suffocate me with his Patagonia vest?"
"Now, that'd be fun to watch." He snaps his fingers, and a memory lights up his face. "Remember when I choked that murderer dentist with floss? Admit it, that got you a little wet."



Meredith Trapp is a professional daydreamer who writes romance stories full of spice, smooches, and swoons. She lives in Texas with her favorite person and one lazy poodle. When she's not writing, you can usually find her walking beneath the Texas sun or spending time with her family at the lake.

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Dark rom-com



Atria/Emily Bestler Books
October 2026

Trade paperback
87k words

Rights available: Translation

Foreign sales:
British (Transworld)

Primary agent:
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

A WILD PITCH

by Alicia Thompson

Timing is everything—in baseball and in love—in this slow-burn romance from *USA Today* bestselling author Alicia Thompson

As the brand-new closing pitcher for the Carolina Battery, Squire Murphy's job keeps him on the move. That's why it was an impulsive decision for him to adopt Princess Furball, a skittish cat. But now that she's in his life, he wants only the best cat-sitter for her while he travels for games. So when he meets poet Anna at a preseason fundraiser, the proposal that comes out of his mouth shocks them both.

Anna Thornton needs an insurance plan that will cover the steep cost of her diabetes treatment. After a sparky exchange with Squire leads to a spontaneous offer of a marriage of convenience, of course she says no. It's a wild pitch, but after some thought, Anna decides to take a swing....

As Squire and Anna adjust to their new living arrangement, their fake marriage starts to feel real, and even Princess Furball is settling in. The more Anna opens up around Squire, the more she pushes against the rigid control he's always had around his life. With the end of the baseball season approaching, will he ever give up his heart?

Sports romance

Berkley

June 2027

Trade paperback

129k words

Rights available: Translation (publisher has world English rights)

Publishers with options: **France** (City Editions), **Russia** (AST)

Previous foreign publishers: **Brazil** (Editora Rua do Sabão), **France** (City Editions), **Italy** (Il Castoro), **Turkey** (Nemesis), **Russia** (AST)

- *USA Today* and nationally bestselling author
- **Previous book, *In Every Possible Way*:**
 - Amazon Editor's Pick for Best Romance
 - Starred review, *Library Journal*
- **Previous book, *The Art of Catching Feelings*:**
 - An instant *USA Today* bestseller
 - One of Amazon's Best Romances for June 2024
 - A Barnes & Noble Best Book of the Year So Far
 - *The Nerd Daily*, Swoonworthy 2024 Romance Book Releases
 - *SheReads*, Must-Read Spicy Romance of 2024
 - *Woman's World*, 10 Must-Read Sports Romance Books

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

Also by Alicia Thompson



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

CAMP PEOPLE

by Liz Vidulich

Wet Hot American Summer meets *Emily Henry* in the story of a young woman avoiding adulthood by working at summer camp, who is forced to confront the repercussions of her isolation when her old nemesis returns during her final summer

Most 27-year-olds don't live full-time at summer camp, but in the years since tragedy left Paige Schilsky alone in the world, Mirror Lake has become her home, from the climbing tower she can scale blindfolded to the renovated boathouse she's decorated as most would their first apartment. When her boss tells her she's overstayed her welcome, Paige resolves to make the most of her last season as camp director—until the arrival of an old colleague threatens to ruin her summer before it begins.

Handsome and cocky, Oliver Trevenen earned Paige's ire from their first meeting, and nothing in the five years they worked together as counselors convinced her he was more than a loud mouth and pretty face. Now that he's back—cute as ever and living in the spare room of her boathouse—Paige is determined to keep her distance, but it's easier said than done in the bubble of summer camp. As they bring old camp traditions to a new generation and share late nights musing over the past, Paige discovers a sensitive person healing beneath Oliver's irreverent facade—and reveals a side of her heart she's long kept hidden.

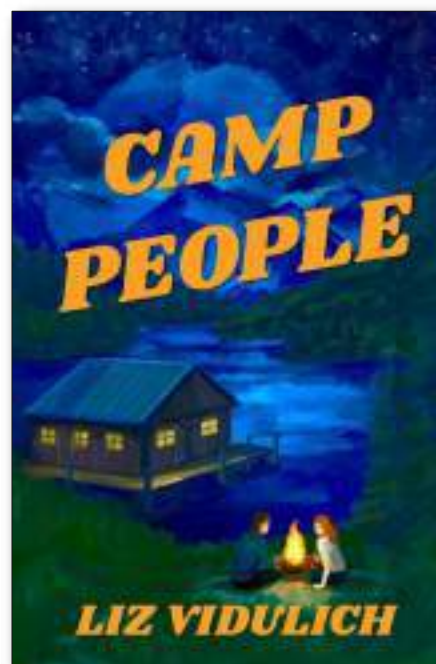
But September is just around the corner, and with it the perils of adult life Paige has been avoiding. When camp ends, Paige must figure out whether a relationship nurtured by summer and nostalgia—and a life defined by it—can make it in the real world.

"A heartwarming coming-of-age novel that will make readers fall in love with summer camp all over again." — *Kirkus*



Liz Vidulich writes love stories about how people deal and feel. A native of New Jersey, she studied English at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin and education at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She now lives on the North Fork of Long Island, where she spends her spare time drumming, watching sports, and walking the trails and beaches near her home. lizvidulichwrites.com

Contemporary rom-com



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Rights available: British and translation

Primary agent:

Claire Harris
Helm Literary Agency

Material: Available

MOONSHINE BECOMES YOU

by Olivia Waite

The Golem and the Jinni meets *A Discovery of Witches* in this historical romantasy set in Prohibition Era Seattle where monsters live alongside humans

It's been ten years since liquor was outlawed, but here at the Tooth and Claw, Seattle's monster speakeasy, the party never stops. Mickey Wright is a bard with a magical gift for music—along with human lounge singer Ivy and Sam, a card sharp and seer—he keeps the Tooth humming along under the surly supervision of stonewall bartender Jos.

Then someone comes along to change Mickey's tune.

Lucy is a siren journalist. She's investigating the death of her husband from a poisoned batch of booze—and she's not above using her irresistible siren's voice to get what she wants.

Mickey knows the Tooth has been lucky so far, especially since Jos's long-lost twin brother Jeremiah returns with a bottomless flask of elf-wine, whose golden sweetness intoxicates with pure and blissful hope. No poison, no transport problems, no risk. But now everyone's got their eye on the Tooth, and when Lucy's quest for vengeance finds a target, it's up to Mickey to improvise a way to keep everyone he loves alive.

Or else it will be the last song he ever plays

“You could worry a little, if you liked.” He looked up at her. She dropped her eyes and bit into the sandwich, blushing a little. After a moment she swallowed and said, “After all, I’m starting to worry a little about you.”

A warm wave buoyed his heart. “Just a little?”
“Maybe more than a little. You’re not very dangerous, Mickey Wright. And Kinch moves in deep waters. You’ll be out of your depth as soon as you try to wade in.”

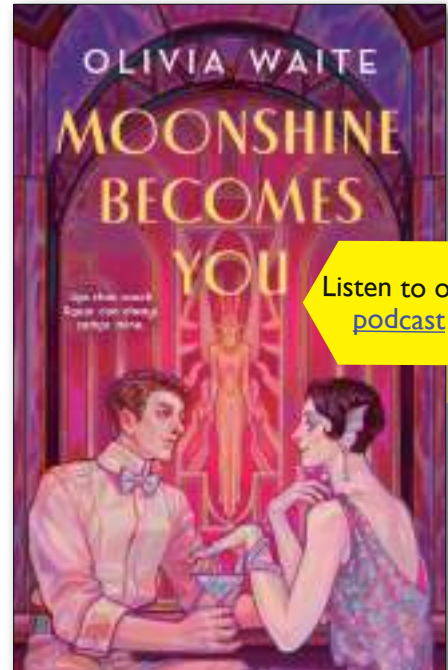
“All the more reason for me to keep you around, then.”



Olivia Waite writes queer historical romance, fantasy, science fiction, and essays. She is the romance fiction columnist for the *New York Times Book Review*. Her work has been shortlisted for the Hugo Award, the Locus Award, and the Washington State Book Award. When the birds are propitious, she sends out the *Oliviary*: a newsletter full of historical tidbits, informative longreads, and book

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Historical romantasy



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Bramble/Tor US

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- Listen to our short podcast for *Moonshine Becomes You* [HERE](#)
- Award-winning author
- **Previous book, *Murder by Memory*:**
 - A 2026 Hugo Award finalist for Best Novella
 - An Amazon Best Book of 2025
 - Amazon Editor's Pick, Best Mystery, Thriller, & Suspense
 - A March 2025 LibraryReads Pick
 - An Indie Next List Pick
 - Starred reviews, *Library Journal* and *Publishers Weekly*

Primary agent:

Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary Agency

Material: Available

TRUST ISSUES

by Kasie West

He may not remember her, but she'll never forget him...in this contemporary rom-com for readers of Emily Henry and Ali Hazelwood

While out of town on a work trip, Parker begins to question her boyfriend's fidelity when she receives an anonymous text with a link to his profile on a dating app. Desperate to be proven wrong Parker hires a food delivery driver to deliver both food and information. But the driver, upon learning what he's been hired for, ruins the surveillance mission by ratting her out to her boyfriend, effectively ending her two-year relationship with one ten-piece wing order.

Parker is angry at herself...and at the asshole food delivery driver. Too bad three months later he becomes the new hire at the newspaper where she works. He may not remember her, but she'll never forget him....

“I’d know if he was cheating on me. I’d feel it.” I tapped my chest, right in the spot that was tight at the moment. When had that happened?

“You know what you should do? To help you *know*.”

“What?” I asked, taking a deep breath to loosen my chest.

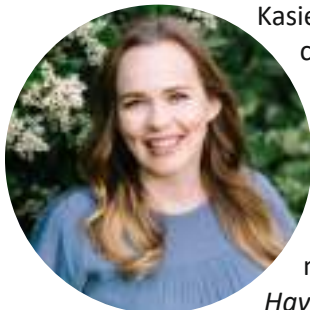
“Order him food.”

Also by Kasie West



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

“This engaging, witty, unputdownable romance is a must for all collections.” — **Library Journal**, starred review



Kasie West is the author of over fifteen (and counting) young adult novels. Her books have been named ALA-YALSA Quick Picks, Junior Library Guild Selections, and ALA-YALSA Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults. Her books have been translated into over 20 languages. Kasie is also the author of two adult

novels: *We Met Like This* and *Stranger Things Have Happened*. When she’s not writing, she’s

visiting her now-grown children, devouring books, binge-watching television, or taking care of her growing collection of houseplants. Kasie lives in Central California with her husband. kasiewest.com

Contemporary rom-com



Saturday Books/St. Martin's

April 2027

Trade paperback

89k words

Rights available: British and translation

Previous foreign publishers: Czech (Albatros), France (Talent Editions), Germany (Ravensburger), Israel (Yedioth Books), Italy (Oscar Mondadori)

• Previous book, *Stranger Things Have Happened*:

— A Romance Finalist in CALIBA's 2026 Golden Poppy Book Awards

— Most Anticipated Romance at *Goodreads*, *The Nerd Daily*, *She Reads*, and *Sweetie High*

— Listen to our short podcast about *Stranger Things Have Happened* [HERE](#)

• Previous book, *We Met Like This*:

— One of Amazon's Best Romances of September 2025

— Selected by Apple Books as a September Staff Pick

— A New Romantics Book Club Pick

— SheReads, Most Anticipated Contemporary Books of Fall 2025

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

Primary agent:

Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

X MARKS THE STALKER: The Hemlock Society book 1 by K.N. Wilder

Lights Out meets *Butcher & Blackbird* as a crime journalist tracks down a stalker only to discover he might be her perfect man in this sexy stalker rom-com

She hunts killers. He is one. Opposites attract has never been so literal.

Crime journalist Oakley Novak has built her career exposing Boston's darkest secrets, but she never expected a serial killer to turn the tables and stalk her.

Xander Rhodes spent weeks watching her through hidden cameras, captivated by her sharp mind and relentless drive, until she catches him red-handed and, instead of running, challenges him with a glare that could melt steel. Xander's either found his soulmate or lost his damn mind. Probably both.

When Oakley recruits him for her revenge plan against the man who murdered her parents, their partnership shatters every rule of Xander's secret murder society. Now they're being hunted by both sides—the law and the shadows—while racing against time to take down the untouchable enemy who took everything from her.

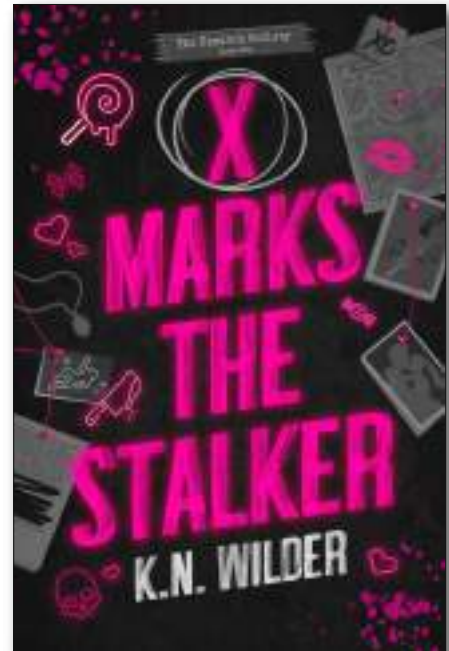
"I DEVoured this book! There was humor, spice, banter, with a side of murder and gore....*X Marks the Stalker* wasn't just a love story. It was a thrilling dark comedy with plenty of spice and murder mayhem that had me addicted from the first page." – @marislitcorner on IG

"When she catches him spying, does she scream? Nope. She stares him down like a queen and basically says, 'Wanna team up?' And suddenly we're in the best kind of murder rom-com. It's morally gray, wildly addicting, and honestly? I'd let Xander stalk me. Just saying." – @beths_dark_book_world on IG

"I ate this book up like Oakley eats up candy. If you are a fan of *Butcher and Blackbird*, you will love this." – @dorianbookfae on IG

K.N. Wilder writes dark romantic comedies from her cozy home, often with her dog as a furry co-conspirator. Fueled by a passion for reading, a wanderlust for travel, and a delightfully twisted sense of humor, she crafts stories where serial killers find love and murder is just another form of foreplay. She loves to make readers laugh in the face of danger.
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Dark rom-com



Hachette

September 2026

(originally independently published July 2025)

Trade paperback

89k words

Rights available: Translation (publisher has world English rights)

Foreign sales:

Brazil 2 books, at auction (Record)

Czech 2 books (Dobrovsky)

Finland 2 books, on pre-empt (Johnny Kniga)

Germany 2 books, at auction (Piper)

Hungary 2 books (Ventus Libro)

Israel (Yedioth)

Italy 2 books (Mondadori)

Portugal 2 books (LeYa)

Russia 2 books (AST)

Spain 2 books (Urano)

Ukraine 2 books (Family Leisure Club)

- Hit top 20 in in Romance Literary Fiction, Mystery, Thriller & Suspense Literary Fiction, and in Gothic Romance categories on Amazon
- Reviewed by @read_between.the_wines, 957k TikTok followers

Primary agent:

Cathie Hendrick-Armstrong
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

SHADECALLER:
The Resonant Gods book 1
by Claire Winn

A thief runs afoul of her city's bloodthirsty nobility when she accidentally binds her life to the charismatic half-monster bodyguard of a royal house

Ever since her mother's death in a failed rebellion, street-thief Blink has been desperate to understand the power she was born with—a siren voice that can command monsters, just like the scrimshawed god-bone instruments of the city's ruling Maestros. But music is outlawed in the city's lower reaches, so when Blink's only friend is caught helping her steal from the musical archives, he's sentenced to death. Blink prepares to rescue him from the Execution Theater run by the infamously bloodthirsty Maestro, Nadareina Solvari.

Sef has been Nadareina's bodyguard—more her pet—ever since she spared him from the massacre of his noble family and anchored a monster beneath his skin. Now unbreakably bound to her, he sustains himself on small acts of rebellion, staving off the monster's slow, inevitable takeover of his body and mind. But when Nadareina demands he join her onstage in slaughtering prisoners—an agonizing parallel to his family's demise—Sef decides to send her performance up in flames, even if he burns with it.

During Blink's attempted rescue and Sef's sabotage, the two clash, with unexpected consequences. Blink sings a melody she's only heard in her nightmares, breaking Nadareina's hold on Sef—and accidentally binding him to herself. Now, they're fugitives forced to work together, but Blink's plan to rescue her friend from the city's gilded Apex is at odds with Sef's dream of destroying it. And when their tentative pact leads them to ally with another hopeless rebellion, Blink begins to understand what her mother fought for—even if the monsters lurking within both her and Sef might doom them both.



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THE ROOMMATE SUBTEXT

by Elia Winters

RITA Award-winning author Elia Winters is back: *The Roommate Subtext* is a seriously spicy roommates-to-lovers romance with a unique, kinky twist!

Scarlet Pimpernel: Are you propositioning me?

Curious Rose: What if I am?

Freelance journalist Maggie St. Claire likes her hot, nerdy roommate Blake and his absurd collection of houseplants. But when she's hired to write an exposé about an enigmatic online kinkster known as The Scarlet Pimpernel, she can't exactly sit next to wholesome Blake while researching her current topic!

Botanist Blake Peabody isn't the type of guy people expect to be kinky. His double life writing erotica online allows him to satisfy his Dom impulses while protecting his public image. Until the mysterious 'Rose' texts him to explore some new desires. As their chats grow more intimate, his feelings develop for the Sub, even as he grows closer to Maggie.

By day, they navigate their evolving friendship; by night, their alter-egos come out to play. Will the surprise of who they truly are be a welcome one—or more shocking than their darkest fantasy?

Please sir, please may I come?

He smiled. She was so sweet when she was begging. He didn't know if her voice was low and rough, or high-pitched and desperate. He had imagined it several ways. But he was in the grocery checkout line, and he was also feeling saucy.

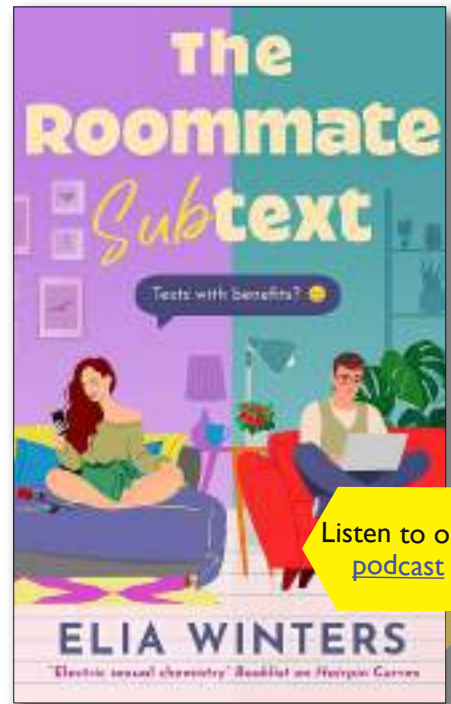
How far are you willing to be pushed? he asked.



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LEVEL UP FOR LOVE

by Lenora Woods

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

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

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

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

"Packed full of delightful enemies-to-lovers tension and a well-drawn emotional arc, *Level Up for Love* is cleverly funny, deliciously swoony, and charmingly nerdy. Another absolute knockout of a romance from Lenora Woods!" – Maria Millage, author of *Cut to the Ending*

Also by Lenora Woods



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



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AMELIA WAXLER REGRETS EVERYTHING

by Emily Zipps

To kiss the girl or not? One fateful decision leads to two very different parallel futures...but only one true love

When the cops showed up to a high school party 20 years ago, Amelia Waxler hid in a pantry with her friend, Grace. Mere inches apart, their eyes locked, time slowed, and in the space of a heartbeat, her world split in two.

In one timeline, Amelia kisses Grace. It's beautiful, perfect, and helps her realize she's gay. But after their disastrous breakup a few months later, Amelia spends the next 20 years making it her personality to leave before she can be left—girlfriends, jobs, cities. But when her dad gets sick, now 35-year-old Amelia moves back home to Santa Monica and tries to do what she's never done before: make a commitment.

In the other timeline, gay-panicked Amelia flees the pantry instead of kissing Grace, and they both get arrested for underage drinking. This Amelia spends her young adult life obsessed with not getting in trouble and being responsible—she has no idea what she actually wants or likes. When her relationship with her husband crumbles and her dad gets sick, she moves back home to figure out where everything went wrong.

For the first time since high school, the two versions of Amelia are in the same place at the same time...and so, in fact, is grown-up Grace. For both Amelias, there's instant chemistry with Grace, but will their baggage doom their second chance at love with the girl who started it all?

This open-hearted homage to *Sliding Doors* explores how one choice—one kiss—might feel like it defines our future and who we know ourselves to be. But it may actually be the millions of little choices along the way that lead us right back to who we really are, and the person we're meant to love.

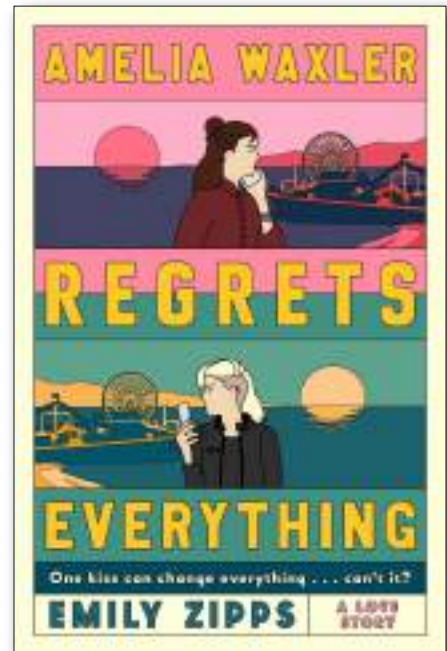
“Grace moves, leaning infinitesimally in. Ami feels herself keening toward Grace, like something is pushing her forward from behind.

Just a centimeter from Grace now, just a breath away. Ami forgets to breathe, and....



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