

# New Book News

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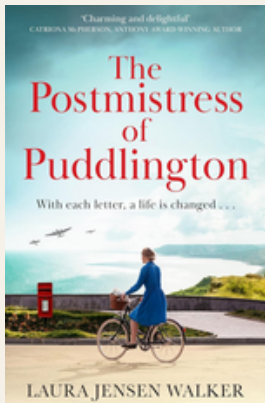
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# Fiction

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# THE POSTMISTRESS OF PUDDLINGTON

LAURA JENSEN WALKER



August 2026, by Severn House

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**SOLD TO** Seven House (USA)

**PAGES** 304

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Five women in an English village during WWII hold their community together while their loved ones fight abroad, with a book-loving one at the heart of it all.*

1934, Dorset. Nothing gives postmistress Hester Smith greater joy than cycling through the idyllic village of Puddlington on her trusty Raleigh, delivering the mail to her neighbours. Hester has always felt privileged to witness the highs and lows a single letter can bring. But when war comes to Puddlington's shores five years later, Hester suddenly finds herself in the devastating position of delivering news that no one should hear. With the village's young men fighting bravely on the front line, Hester and her fellow Puddlington women are determined to play their part for the war effort closer to home. As Hester's spirit and resolve are tested like never before, she encounters true friendship, courage, heartbreak and a journey of self-discovery that will change her for ever.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Bestselling, award-winning author Laura Jensen Walker is the Agatha and Lefty-nominated author of more than 20 books including MURDER MOST SWEET, HOPE, FAITH & A CORPSE, and DEATH OF A FLYING NIGHTINGALE.

02

A moving and heartbreaking a read, ideal for fans of historical fiction and The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

03

A warmly received WWII historical novel, already rated 4.60 on Goodreads, blending community, female resilience and the life-changing power of letters.

# WHEN NO ONE ELSE WILL

AMANDA SKENANDORE



May 2026, by Kensington

**OWNER** Kensington

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**PAGES** 304

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish\*, Portugal & Brazil.

\*Previously published by Maeva

*Inspired by a true story, this historical novel tells the story of a nurse who begins working at an illegal women's clinic at the heart of a 1940s Chicago trial.*

In the fall of 1939, as Europe is drawn into war, Mimi Lukas faces her own crisis in a Chicago neighborhood. Her husband, a once-promising White Sox player, is sidelined by injury, their savings are dwindling, and Mimi decides to return to nursing.

When she learns of an illegal women's clinic in need of a nurse, Mimi hesitates, torn between the law and her religious upbringing. Dr. Gabler's clinic, however, is clean, professional, and compassionate, offering patients dignity and strict secrecy rather than the danger she expected.

As Mimi meets the women who depend on the clinic and forms bonds with her colleagues, she begins to question the divide between what is legal and what is necessary. With authorities quietly complicit and pressure mounting, Mimi must decide how much she is willing to risk to defend the values she has come to embrace.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Perfect for readers of **Kristin Hannah**, **Kerri Maher**, and **Audrey Blake**, this author has an impressive background work with more than 1.000.00 copies sold in the United States.

02

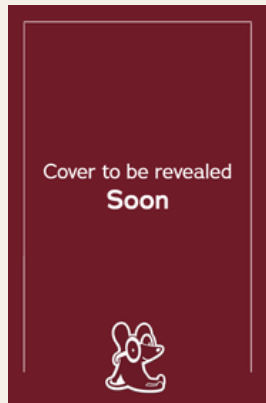
Set in 1939 Chicago, the novel brings the little-told history of women's healthcare vividly to life, exploring the moral and personal cost of choosing what is right over what is legal.

03

A powerful, character-driven story of courage and quiet defiance, celebrating the women who resisted as war approached and the cost of doing what was right grew ever higher.

# SPINSTERS

LOUISE CLAIRE JOHNSON & KRISTA WEBSTER



July 2027, by Kensington

**OWNER** Kensington

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**PAGES** TBD

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

***"Mad Men" meets "Sex and the City" historical fiction inspired by the real female trailblazers who shaped modern PR in the 1960s-80s.***

New York City, 1960: while the ad men of Madison Avenue chase power, a block away at Powell Public Relations, Rose, secretary to the CEO, has aspirations beyond scheduling meetings and making coffee. When a career-making opportunity lands in her lap, Rose seizes the chance to wage a campaign of her own. With Lottie and Ines—sharp recruits plucked from the secretarial pool—she sees that crack and begins to force it wider.

One campaign at a time, they build a PR empire that pulls them into the orbit of power, money, and secrets best kept hidden. Lottie is swept into a dangerous affair with John F. Kennedy, while Ines confronts systemic barriers threatening to stop her rise. Along the way, they find allies in unexpected places: Matilda, Rose's college friend turned Elizabeth Taylor's publicist, and trailblazers like Helen Gurley Brown and Gloria Steinem.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Mad Men meets Sex and the City in a sweeping historical novel inspired by the real women who helped shape modern PR, charting their rise from secretarial desks to the heart of New York's power circles.

02

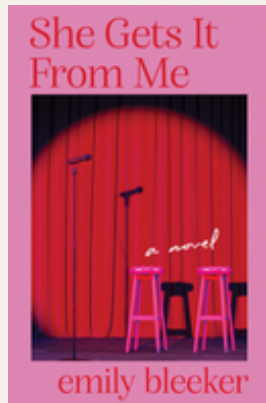
Spanning the 1960s through the 1980s, SPINSTERS blends career ambition, female friendship, scandal and glamour with appearances from cultural icons including John F. Kennedy, Elizabeth Taylor, Helen Gurley Brown and Gloria Steinem

03

A bold story of women refusing the roles assigned to them, exploring how ambition, ingenuity and solidarity allowed them to build influence from the margins and reshape the industries determined to keep them out.

# SHE GETS IT FROM ME

EMILY BLEEKER



February 2027, by Lake Union Publishing

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**PAGES** 365

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A funny, bittersweet novel about a mother-daughter stand-up comedy rivalry that becomes the only honest conversation they've ever had.*

When struggling Chicago stand-up comic Chloe Masterson turns a disastrous family dinner into a viral comedy set, her mother becomes the punch line, earning Chloe new fans, gigs, and the break she has been chasing. But Mary is not laughing.

Determined to give her daughter a taste of her own medicine, Mary takes the stage herself, only to discover she is unexpectedly good at stand-up. Soon, she is secretly climbing Chicago's comedy ranks while Chloe does the same across town, unaware that her mother has become her competition.

As both women race toward the same career-defining opportunity, their rivalry intensifies and old wounds resurface. Chloe and Mary must decide what matters more: winning the spotlight or finding their way back to each other.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A brilliantly commercial mother-daughter hook, where stand-up comedy becomes both weapon and love language as two women turn years of family tension into an increasingly public rivalry.

02

Set inside Chicago's comedy scene, the novel combines sharp humour, viral fame and career ambition with a deeply emotional exploration of what happens when private family history becomes material for the stage.

03

From Wall Street Journal and Amazon Charts bestselling author Emily Bleeker, whose novels have reached more than two million readers worldwide, bringing personal improv experience and an authentic comic sensibility to her freshest premise yet.

# PAUL IS DEAD

ALEX FORSTENHAUSLER & JOHN ROTONDO



February 2027, by Sideways Books

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*When a notorious pop star dies, his ambitious assistant recruits an unlikely impersonator, only to fall for him as their industry-wide deception spirals.*

When Paul Bradley, the world's most infamous pop star, dies in a freak accident, his record label faces two choices: confess what happened and risk bankruptcy, or find someone convincing enough to take his place.

Amanda, Paul's ambitious and overworked assistant, never imagined her job would put her at the center of the biggest cover-up in music history. With her career and freedom on the line, she teams up with a ruthless Hollywood fixer to transform Simon, an awkward small-town mascot, into the world's hottest superstar.

But keeping the illusion alive proves increasingly difficult. As Amanda grows closer to the lovable imposter behind the manufactured image, she begins questioning her ambition, her morality, and the cost of protecting a lie that keeps getting bigger.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

An irresistible high-concept dark comedy about a dead pop star, a desperate record-label cover-up and the unlikely man hired to replace him, blending twisty satire with unexpected emotional warmth.

02

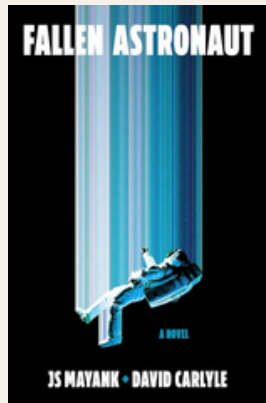
A sharp, timely takedown of celebrity culture, manufactured fame and the machinery of the music industry, designed to deliver both commercial entertainment and plenty of conversation.

03

From award-winning screenwriters John Rotondo and Alex Forstenhausler, whose cinematic instincts give the novel propulsive pacing and strong adaptation potential, with screen interest already flagged.

# FALLEN ASTRONAUT

J. S. MAYANK & DAVID CARLYLE



May 2027, by Crown

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**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*A disgraced law professor must defend an astronaut accused of murder aboard the ISS in a high-stakes courtroom thriller where justice itself goes into orbit.*

A dead body floats inside the ISS, blood suspended in zero gravity. Astronaut Charlotte Adams claims she killed her crewmate in self-defense, but the crime scene suggests otherwise. After a catastrophic return to Earth, she must stand trial for murder. Instead of hiring an experienced litigator, Charlotte chooses her old friend Nolan Cruz, a law professor who has not practised in years. His quiet life is suddenly upended as the case sends him into space alongside Kwame Davis, a wheelchair-using FBI agent and former astronaut candidate determined to investigate the first crime scene in orbit. Convinced of Charlotte's innocence, Nolan must untangle conflicting accounts of a deadly spacewalk while surviving solar flares, an ISS leak, and a trial unlike any before it. But proving what happened in zero gravity may be the only way to save Charlotte's life.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A major screen adaptation is already underway, with film rights snapped up at auction by **Apple Features** and development fast-tracked—an exceptional vote of confidence in the book's cinematic and commercial potential.

02

A propulsive, high-concept thriller blending courtroom drama with a speculative edge and a game-changing twist—an accessible, cinematic page-turner with broad crossover appeal, from devoted Grisham fans to even the most occasional reader.

03

A debut backed by exceptional screen credentials: J. S. Mayank has sold projects to Sony, Universal, CBS and ABC, served as a Netflix showrunner, and brings the same cinematic storytelling expertise to a novel already in development at Apple.

# THE STRANGER IN MY BED

AMANDA MCKINNEY



August 2026, by PRH USA

**OWNER** Taryn Fagerness Agency  
**SOLD TO** PRH (USA)  
**PAGES** 416  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A white-knuckle psychological thriller that will leave you reeling. Perfect for fans of Shari Lapena, Lisa Jewell, and Gone Girl*

When my husband's body washed up on a remote riverbank, the media swarmed. They called it an accident. Then a scandal. Then they called me a suspect. So I disappeared. New state. New life. New tenant. Jake is everything Matthew wasn't—kind, protective, and dangerously magnetic. Our connection ignites fast, blurring every line I swore I'd never cross. Until strange things start happening... Matthew's cufflink appears on my kitchen counter. The wedding photo I destroyed shows up on my nightstand. Someone is watching me. And now a woman is missing—a woman asking questions about Matthew. As the past claws its way back, I'm forced to confront the unthinkable: Who, exactly, is the man sleeping in my bed?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

An award-winning romantic suspense author with multiple #1 Amazon bestsellers across several categories, backed by a strong track record of both critical recognition and proven commercial appeal.

02

A compulsively readable popcorn thriller with ripped-from-the-headlines immediacy, relentless pacing and a cleverly layered web of twists—perfect for fans of Freida McFadden and Kaira Rouda.

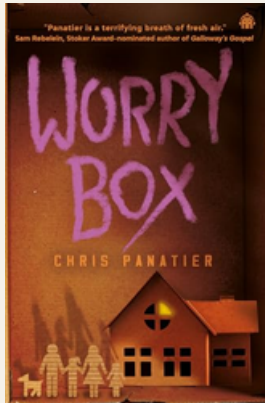
03

A character-driven psychological suspense that combines a chilling atmosphere and mounting paranoia with a thought-provoking exploration of trust, identity, love and deceit.



# WORRY BOX

CHRIS PANATIER



September 2026, by Angry Robot

**OWNER** Megibow Literary Agency  
**SOLD TO** Angry Robot (USA)  
**PAGES** 352  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish

*A dark and gripping adult horror thriller where a family's hidden secrets spiral into psychological terror and shocking twists.*

Nathan and Alison Martin seem to have it all: two kids, a dog, and a picture-perfect future. When they find a charming old house in Tumbling Hills—just outside town, with extra bedrooms and a cozy attic—it feels like destiny. Never mind that seven months ago, a gruesome murder—or maybe murders—took place within its walls. The house feels warm, welcoming. The children settle in instantly. It's perfect. Really, really perfect. As the Martins prepare to finalize the adoption of their foster daughter, Lailah, the dream begins to fracture. The attic meant to be her safe retreat becomes a place of dark spirals, as her intrusive thoughts grow louder and more frightening. Strange accidents follow. Tensions rise. Fingers are pointed. Love strains under suspicion. As the family fights to hold itself together, Lailah fears she's losing control—and the house seems to demand one thing above all else: a happy family, at any cost.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

An intense and satisfying haunted house story that will burrow deep into readers and allow them to feel the tension with their entire body. It is maddening and ominous in the best ways possible.

02

A fresh, immersive haunted-house horror exploring fractured trust, mental health and the terrifying consequences of good intentions through one family's unraveling.

03

**Chris Panatier** is a versatile, genre-spanning writer whose work was named among **Esquire's Best Horror of 2024** and selected for the prestigious **Bram Stoker Award** reading list.

# TRUST NO ONE

MARY BURTON



September 2026, by Montlake

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**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A public defender returns to her haunted family estate to protect her cousin's daughter, uncovering deadly secrets and facing a killer as suspicion and danger close in.*

After seventeen years away, Raine Hale returns to her family's crumbling Virginia estate when her estranged cousin Maria is hospitalized following a near-fatal cyanide poisoning. As sole beneficiary of Hale House and guardian to Maria's five-year-old, Molly, Raine confronts a troubling legacy she vowed never to revisit—and is thrust into a deadly mystery. But she can't trust anyone. Maria's husband has a violent past and crushing debts. Raine's manipulative ex refuses to sign divorce papers and won't stay away. Her former high school lover, now the lead detective on Maria's case, views everyone as a suspect, including Raine. And a brutal client who nearly killed her just got out of jail. When people begin dying, Hale House becomes as dangerous as the secrets it holds. With a killer circling closer and Molly's life in her hands, Raine must unravel generations of family deceptions before she becomes the next victim buried in the family plot.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A gripping family suspense novel where a return to a crumbling Virginia estate opens the door to old betrayals, buried secrets and a killer determined to keep the past hidden.

02

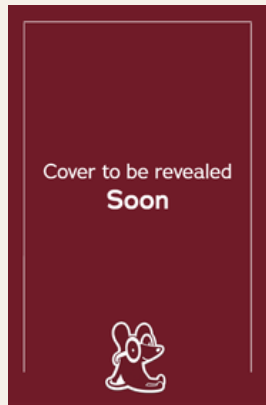
With multiple suspects, shifting loyalties and a heroine who can trust no one, **TRUST NO ONE** delivers the kind of tightly plotted, high-stakes mystery that keeps readers guessing until the final reveal.

03

From New York Times bestselling author Mary Burton, a dark and atmospheric thriller combining domestic suspense, family drama and murder with the added emotional stakes of a young child caught in the danger.

# ANATOMY OF A BETRAYAL

GRACE D. LI



June 2027, by Tiny Reparations Books

**OWNER** KT Literary Agency  
**SOLD TO** Tiny Reparations Books (USA)  
**PAGES** 400  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*A campus spy novel about ambition, love, and belonging, following two rival graduate students who find themselves on opposite sides of an international FBI investigation.*

At Stanford University, PhD student Rosalind Song is ready to publish her research. But it's a dangerous time to be doing science, especially as a foreigner, and when the FBI begins asking questions about her lab, she knows her carefully constructed life is at risk. Determined to discover what they are really after, Rosalind begins investigating the Gao lab and her supervisor's shadowy past. But she keeps running into Peter Sun, her longtime academic rival, and assumes this is simply another competition between them. Peter knows it is not. When the FBI approached him, they offered him a deal—and, without telling his family, friends, or Rosalind, he said yes. As secrets close in around them, both must decide how far they are willing to go to protect their careers, their families, and the truth.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Mr. & Mrs. Smith meets Past Lives in a high-concept campus spy thriller that turns academic rivals into opponents on either side of an FBI investigation, with a slow-burn love story raising the stakes at every turn.

02

Inspired by the real persecution of Chinese American scientists, the novel brings urgent political and cultural relevance to a gripping story about surveillance, suspicion, ambition and the price of belonging.

03

From the New York Times bestselling author of Portrait of a Thief, a sophisticated crossover thriller that combines international espionage with the emotional intensity of two brilliant young scientists forced to choose between loyalty, career and each other.

# SILENT NIGHTMARES

CHUCK PALAHNIUK & MICHAEL BAILEY



September 2026, Saga Press

**OWNER** The Tobias Agency  
**SOLD TO** Saga Press (USA)  
**PAGES** 320  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A chilling Victorian-inspired horror anthology that revives the tradition of winter ghost stories with new fiction from today's biggest voices in horror.*

For fans of Out There Screaming and Never Whistle at Night, a chilling anthology of tales centered around the longest nights of the year, with modern horror authors like Alma Katsu and Josh Malerman paying homage to the time-honored Victorian tradition of ghost stories, edited by Chuck Palahniuk and Michael Bailey. Great writers of centuries past like Charles Dickens, Edith Wharton, and Bram Stoker understood that darkness is always hiding amid the holiday cold and cheer, revealing sinister secrets. That in the stillness of winter, when the world is wrapped in a blanket of snow, the festive spirit masks the lurking horrors that dwell beneath the surface. From haunted halls to malevolent delights, from vengeful spirits of the past to creatures lurking in the shadows, expect to encounter beings that celebrate the season in frightful ways in this Victorian-inspired horror anthology.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Backed by a major Simon & Schuster push, with over 40,000 copies already requested by major US retailers ahead of publication, plus a premium collectible package featuring deckled edges, illustrated endpapers and original artwork.

02

A major seasonal horror anthology reviving the Victorian tradition of telling ghost stories during the darkest nights of winter, with a highly giftable concept perfectly positioned for the fall and holiday market.

03

Edited by Fight Club author Chuck Palahniuk and Bram Stoker Award winner Michael Bailey, with new fiction from leading horror voices including Alma Katsu, Josh Malerman, Cynthia Pelayo and many more.

# THE INVISIBLE ARCHITECT

LEE GOLDBERG



March 2027, by Thomas & Mercer

**OWNER** Amazon Publishing

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**PAGES** TBD

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A campus spy novel about ambition, love, and belonging, following two rival graduate students who find themselves on opposite sides of an international FBI investigation.*

My name is Wally Nash. I'm an actor, but my day job is working for Edison Bixby, the brilliant, obscenely wealthy insurance investigator who got shot in the head and now can't stop himself from saying whatever crosses his mind. That's where I come in—I apologize for him, while he figures out how the man-made world makes crime possible.

There's a killer out there exploiting bad design to commit murders that look exactly like accidents...because they are. A jogger trips and drowns. A car goes where it shouldn't. A person sits in the right place at the wrong time. The design does the killing, leaving the murderer invisible.

Except Bixby can see him. And here's the creepy The killer wants him to.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A brilliantly original mystery hook where a killer weaponizes bad design to create murders that look like accidents, delivering a fiendishly clever puzzle with immediate commercial appeal.

02

The sharp double act between blunt, brilliant investigator Edison Bixby and actor-turned-apologizer Wally Nash brings a rare mix of laugh-out-loud humour, suspense and high-stakes danger to the crime genre in the second book of the Edison Bixby series.

03

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Lee Goldberg, whose APub titles have sold 2.5 million copies, with decades of experience across bestselling fiction and hit TV series including Monk and Diagnosis Murder.

# IN HIS SHADOW

HANNAH BECKERMAN



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*Three estranged siblings reunite for their father's eightieth birthday, only for his sudden death to expose decades of secrets, resentment and suspicion.*

Walter Barratt is celebrating his eightieth birthday with his three children, together for the first time in over two decades. But when Walter suddenly dies, the estranged siblings are forced to confront the secrets that tore them apart.

People-pleaser Frances has always put her father's needs first, seeking approval under the weight of his narcissism. Troubled Robbie remains trapped in Walter's orbit while battling demons of his own, while Izzy, who fled halfway around the world, is still haunted by her childhood.

When doubts emerge over whether Walter's death was really an accident, the siblings' relationships reach breaking point. As twenty-four years of buried emotion erupt, the destructive hold their father had over each of them is finally exposed.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A propulsive family thriller built around an irresistible locked-in premise: three estranged siblings reunite for their father's eightieth birthday, only for his sudden death to expose decades of resentment, secrets and suspicion.

02

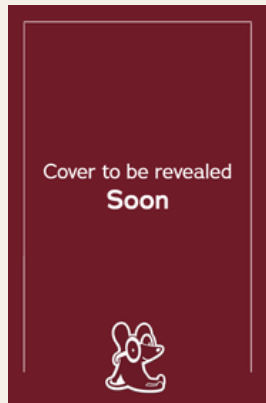
Combining domestic suspense with emotionally charged family drama, IN HIS SHADOW explores the lasting damage of a narcissistic parent and the dangerous ways childhood loyalties and wounds can shape adult lives.

03

From bestselling author and prominent literary journalist Hannah Beckerman, a highly promotable, morally complex thriller perfect for readers of Lisa Jewell, Andrea Mara and Louise Candlish.

# WHITE LIES AND CHERRY PIES

NANCY COCO



May 2027, by Kensington

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PAGES 352

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*A pastry competition turns deadly when a hometown baker and celebrity chef team up to expose a rigged contest and catch a killer.*

After honing her baking skills at a New York patisserie, Rowan returns to her hometown of Charlevoix, Michigan, hoping to find the job of her dreams. But when her grandmother secretly enters her in a pastry contest, Rowan suddenly finds herself competing for a chance to work at chef Jeremy Brandt's new pop-up supper club. Confident her Polish cake can win, Rowan is thrown when an unpleasant rival with a questionable past takes the lead. Suspecting the contest may be rigged, she confronts Jeremy—and sparks fly.

Then a dead body is discovered among the rose bushes. With both the case and their careers at risk, Rowan and Jeremy must work together to uncover the killer before everything collapses faster than an underbaked soufflé.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A brand-new cozy mystery series starring fan-favorite character Rowan Giles, first introduced in Nancy Coco's bestselling Candy-Coated Mysteries, giving existing readers a familiar entry point while welcoming newcomers.

02

A highly commercial cozy package combining mouthwatering pastries, small-town Michigan charm, amateur sleuthing and a scene-stealing lavender Great Dane, with just enough romantic spark to keep the pages turning.

03

From one of the most recognizable names in culinary cozies, this new series launch is already earning enthusiastic praise from bestselling mystery authors for its clever plotting, colorful cast and classic whodunit appeal.

# GHOST AND THE DEAD LIBRARIAN

CLEO COYLE



September 2026, by Kensington

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*A smalltown Rhode Island bookshop owner investigates the death of an eccentric librarian with the help of a wisecracking, 1940s gumshoe ghost.*

Young widow Penelope returns to her Rhode Island hometown to raise her son and revive her aunt's struggling bookshop. But her renovations do more than attract customers: they awaken Jack, the wisecracking ghost of a dead private investigator.

Pen has grown fond of Jack, despite his cold spots and habit of mis-shelving noir novels. And when eccentric librarian Dory is found dead inside the shop beside her own eerily pre-written obituary, Jack's investigative skills prove invaluable.

Convinced Dory's death was not suicide, Pen and Jack follow the clues from an abandoned cemetery to a Newport mansion. But when another body appears and a mysterious stranger makes Pen an offer that could change both her life and Jack's afterlife, they must uncover the killer before Pen becomes the next victim.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A standout cozy mystery hook that pairs a small-town bookseller with the wisecracking ghost of a 1940s private eye, blending classic noir attitude with warm supernatural charm.

02

A richly layered murder mystery that moves from a Rhode Island bookshop to ancient cemeteries and Newport mansions, weaving literary clues, local history and ghostly sleuthing into a highly atmospheric whodunit.

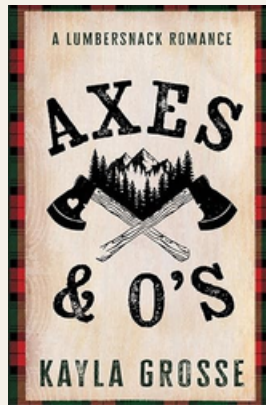
03

From New York Times bestselling author Cleo Coyle, already selected as a Library Journal Mystery Pick of the Month and earning a starred review for its clever mix of suspense, humour and supernatural intrigue.



## STARLIGHT HAVEN LUMBERSNACKS #1: AXES &amp; O'S

KAYLA GROSSE



January 2026, by Forever

OWNER Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency

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*A vanilla businessman experiences a spicy bi-awakening when he gets snowed-in with a lumberjack couple in this MMF spicy, forced proximity romance.*

After rage-quitting his soul-sucking job, Nathan Clark wants nothing more than a relaxing trip to the mountain town of Starlight Haven. But fate has other plans, and a snowstorm leaves him stranded and fighting for his life. Only, he's not alone ...

When he wakes in a nearby cabin, Nathan discovers he's been rescued by two married, tattooed loggers who look like they've stepped straight out of a flannel fever dream. Fox is a towering man made of rough edges while Morgan is all soft curves with a bite of sass. And they're eyeing him like he's the perfect tree to climb.

With just one step into the unknown, Nathan's about to learn that some people are meant to be straitlaced ... and others are meant to be chased down and made to beg for more.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

First instalment in a new sexy series, where book 2, AXE MARKS THE SPOT, is set to be published July 2026, making it the perfect read where sparks—and axes—fly in these heartwarming and sexy romances.

02

An irresistible winter romance that balances high heat with genuine emotional depth, offering readers a fresh, heartfelt take on the snowed-in trope and a hero guaranteed to stand out.

03

"Steamy, snowed-in, and deeply tender—Axes & O's isn't just about the heat (though there's plenty of that). Kayla has a way of blending raw emotion with irresistible spice, and this one is no exception."— **Bailey Hannah**, author of *Alive and Wells*

## BOOK CLUB BOYFRIEND

JENNY HOLIDAY



May 2026, by Forever

OWNER Taryn Fagerness Agency

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*An enemies-to-lovers romance perfect for book lovers where a grumpy literary novelist and an ex-Hollywood darling clash, connect and ultimately fall in love.*

Producer Blair Kellermoon is having a tough time—recently divorced, her youngest off to college, and her dream movie project just fell apart. Adding insult to injury, literary novelist Jack Branksome publicly rejected her offer to feature his debut in her popular book club. Once Hollywood's rom-com queen, Blair's struggling to navigate this new phase—and she could really use a win and some company. Jack Branksome is fine being called a jerk—it's his badge of honor. But after his first novel's success, the pressure to deliver a second has him terrified. Surprisingly, he only feels comfortable sharing his fears with Blair. When she invites him to spend the summer writing in her pool house, what should annoy him—California sunshine and her bubbly attitude—might just be what he needs to change everything.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

**Jenny Holiday** is a USA Today bestselling author with a strong track record in both English-language and translated markets, with prior **foreign sales in Germany, Hungary, The Netherlands and Estonia.**

02

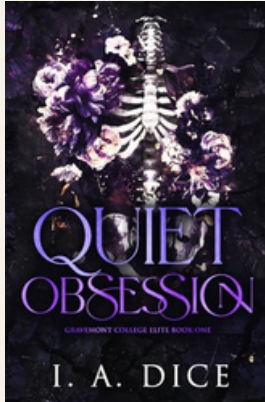
**Enemies-to-lovers, forced proximity, and opposites attract**—beloved romance tropes with evergreen reader appeal, presented here with intelligence and emotional maturity.

03

"A heartwarming, healing, romcom worth staying up late to finish." — **Abby Jimenez**, New York Times bestselling author

## GRAVEMONT COLLEGE ELITE #1: QUIET OBSESSION

I. A. DICE



April 2026, independently published

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 (HUNG)  
**PAGES** 506  
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*After trauma steals her voice, a college freshman falls for her brother's dangerously possessive best friend, unaware his darkest secret could destroy their forbidden romance.*

After a humiliating experience with social media and a high school bully, Millie retreats behind a wall of silence, leaving behind the confident girl she once was. Starting university alongside her protective older brother should offer a fresh start, until she becomes dangerously drawn to his best friend, Creed.

As Millie slowly reclaims her voice, the tension between them intensifies. Yet while she can speak to everyone else, Creed leaves her unable to form a word. He interprets her silence as deliberate cruelty, reopening wounds from a childhood marked by rejection.

Their forbidden attraction soon becomes impossible to ignore. But with Millie's brother determined to keep them apart and their pasts threatening them, Millie and Creed must decide whether their connection can heal them, or become another way to hurt each other.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A top **10 Dark Romance** sensation since release, QUIET OBSESSION delivers a dangerously addictive college romance driven by Millie and Creed's explosive chemistry, toxic devotion and all-consuming obsession.

02

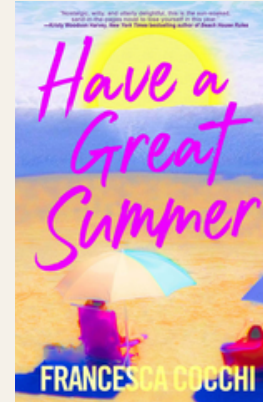
A breakout dark romance phenomenon: a **#1 Amazon** bestseller with over 9 million Kindle Unlimited page reads in just three weeks, a Top 100 Kindle Store ranking and a fast-growing TikTok following.

03

The first instalment in the GRAVEMONT ELITE series, bringing together some of dark romance's most sought-after tropes—brother's best friend, elite college, bad boy/good girl and toxic love—in an addictive new world built to keep readers coming back.

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

FRANCESCA COCCHI



May 2026, by Kensington

**OWNER** Kensington  
**SOLD TO** Goldman (Germany)  
**PAGES** 320  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A bittersweet, dual-timeline romance that captures the ache of first love and the hope of second chances, all set against the nostalgic glow of endless summer.*

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

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Perfect for readers of **Emily Henry** and **Carley Fortune**, this emotionally resonant romance combines razor-sharp wit and heartfelt warmth with the bittersweet pull of nostalgia.

02

Poignant, engaging, and insightful, HAVE A GREAT SUMMER is an ode to the confused teenager in all of us, and a reminder of the blissful, excruciating, delicious days of summers gone by.

03

"Have a Great Summer wins my Best Beach Read of 2026. Cocchi bats for the cycle with this homage to the poetry of the Jersey shore, the heartbreak of first love, the power of female friendship, and the sweet taste of second-chance romance." —**Judith Natelli McLaughlin, author of Summer on Butterfly Bay**



# FIGHTER

KJ MORGAN



February 2027, by St. Martin's Griffin

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**PAGES** 384

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*An intense love story between a fighter marked by guilt and a traumatized hacker, where learning to trust can be harder than surviving the past.*

Former adrenaline junkie and white-hat hacker Savannah Reed has become a recluse after a job went disastrously wrong, leaving her scarred and costing the lives of those she loved. Determined to reclaim control, she turns to a local MMA gym—and to Kai Makenzie. Once an undefeated fighter headed for the UFC, Kai lost everything after a terrible mistake sent him to prison. Now on parole, he is desperate to rebuild his career and forgive himself for the damage he caused.

Kai is the only person Savannah trusts enough to teach her self-defence, and he cannot ignore the fear she carries. As their unlikely partnership deepens into attraction, an attack from Kai's past pulls Savannah into a dangerous world neither of them has truly escaped.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A high-intensity romance where forced proximity brings a guarded, tortured fighter together with the one woman who sees beyond his scars, building into a deeply yearning, **opposites-attract love story** shaped by caretaking, hard-won trust and a pulse of suspense.

02

A deeply emotional, high-heat romance in which two damaged souls find survival, redemption and an unexpected chance at healing in each other.

03

"Proving the greatest battles are fought outside the ring, *Fighter* is a knockout romance about reclaiming power and finding love where you least expect it."  
—K. Bromberg, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Twisted Knight*

# THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT MY BOYFRIEND

GLORIA DUKE



May 2026, by Sourcebooks Casablanca

**OWNER** KT Literary

**SOLD TO** Sourcebooks (USA)

**PAGES** 336

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*A magical beach romance in which Hannah falls for a mysterious merman whose past is unexpectedly tied to her own.*

Hannah Bell has her future all mapped out: running her family's cozy Jersey Shore B&B and keeping her life delightfully predictable. Everything changes when Xander—breathtaking, mysterious, and very naked—washes up on the beach and into her guest room. He's sweet, funny, dangerously handsome... and a merman who once saved her life before disappearing without a trace.

Now, with old secrets rising like the tide and an undeniable chemistry pulling them together, Hannah and Xander must decide whether this surfside spark is just a summer fling—or the beginning of something truly magical.

A warm, witty, low-angst romcom perfect for readers craving sunshine, sweetness, and a hero with irresistible charm...and fins.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A standout hook in the romcom market: an irresistibly charming merman hero brings a fresh, high-concept twist to the bestselling beach-read formula, blending coastal escapism, magical intrigue and swoony romance in a story designed to stand out.

02

Poignant, engaging, and insightful, *HAVE A GREAT SUMMER* is an ode to the confused teenager in all of us, and a reminder of the blissful, excruciating, delicious days of summers gone by.

03

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IRON POINT #1: **WILDFLOWER SUMMER**

LENA HENDRIX



May 2027, by Kensington

OWNER Kensington

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*A stormy small-town second-chance romance in which a doctor returns home and is forced into close quarters with the brooding fishing captain whose heart she once broke.*

The only thing harder than working with your ex is pretending you are over him. Reed Harris was not always a gruff, brooding fishing captain. Once, he was the boy who brought Birdie Coleman wildflowers—before she broke his heart and left their harborside hometown behind.

Years later, Birdie's medical career brings her home and straight back into Reed's orbit. Determined to keep things professional, she soon discovers that the chemistry between them has not faded. When a coastal storm forces them into close quarters, resisting each other becomes impossible.

But desire cannot erase the pain of their past. With old wounds still unresolved, Birdie must decide whether loving Reed again is worth the risk of breaking both their hearts.

**KEY SELLING POINTS**

01

The first instalment in a new coastal romance series, combining the enduring appeal of second chances and small-town homecomings with a brooding fishing captain, unresolved heartbreak and storm-driven forced proximity.

02

IRON POINT offers a refreshingly grown-up romance where professional ambition, unresolved history and hard-earned emotional vulnerability carry equal weight.

03

USA Today and Amazon Top 5 bestselling author Lena Hendrix brings a proven commercial track record and a highly engaged social media platform, with over 92,000 followers and 1.4 million TikTok likes.

HAYES BROTHERS RANCH #1: **DRAWN UNDER**

ELLIOTT ROSE



March 2027, by Kensington

OWNER Kensington

SOLD TO Penguin (UK), Vajona (GERM), Kossuth (HUNG)

PAGES 460

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*A woman fleeing her abusive ex falls for protective cattle rancher Westin Hayes, her godfather, in this steamy forbidden age-gap cowboy romance.*

When forty-year-old rancher Westin Hayes responds to reports of cattle loose on the road, he finds a crashed car—and the woman behind the wheel is his best friend's daughter, Amelie, now all grown up.

After a decade in the UK, Amelie has returned to the Hayes Ranch seeking refuge from her manipulative, abusive ex. She expected a safe place to land, not an irresistible cowboy who also happens to be her godfather.

Forced to live and work under the same roof, Westin and Amelie struggle to ignore their growing attraction. Soon, blurred boundaries turn into a secret relationship, while life on the ranch helps Amelie reclaim the confidence she lost in Oxford.

But just as they begin to imagine a future together, Amelie's ex returns—and refuses to take no for an answer.

**KEY SELLING POINTS**

01

A darker, edgier take on the booming cowboy romance trend, perfect for readers who love Elsie Silver and Lyla Sage but are looking for more danger, intensity and forbidden desire.

02

The first in a brand-new series of interconnected standalones, packed with highly commercial tropes including age gap, forbidden love, forced proximity, heroine on the run and family curse, with a deluxe Kensington edition planned.

03

Backed by a proven bestselling universe, with Chasing the Wild approaching 200,000 US copies sold, 78,000 Goodreads ratings and three USA Today bestsellers, while the Crimson Ridge series has already sold into 14 languages.

# BLACKMAIL & OTHER TURNS ONs

KEARY T.



January 2027, by Berkley XO

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*With wicked humor and steamy slow-burn tension, this serial killer dark rom-com will have you questioning your every moral.*

Tarot reader Willow Vale has a secret: she kills abusive men, and so far, she has never been caught. Clean, careful, and convinced she is doing what the justice system will not, Willow has perfected her deadly routine.

Until Saint Shade, a masked magician with a dangerously hidden identity, walks in on her committing murder. Worse, Willow sees the face he has gone to extreme lengths to conceal. Now each holds the other's life in their hands. Shade knows about Willow's body count, and Willow knows his true identity. Mutual blackmail should keep them apart, but instead it draws them closer, especially when Shade offers to help with her next target.

What begins as a dangerous arrangement soon spirals into attraction, trust, and a romance built on blood, bleach, and increasingly bad decisions. And one wrong move could destroy them both.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

With a perfect balance of sizzling slow-burn tension, vindicated violence, and sharply witty banter, *Blackmail and Other Turn Ons* blends all the best parts of the dark romance and romantic comedy genres.

02

Since the explosive success of Navessa Allen's *Lights Out*, dark humor/romance has seen consistently strong performance in the crossover age category, especially from previously self-published authors such as Kate Crew (*Rook & Rebel*), Rina Kent (*Kiss the Villain*), and Laura Bishop (*Love Me Stalk Me*).

03

*Blackmail and Other Turn Ons* is the first in a trilogy of standalone dark rom-coms in the *Pretty Little Justice* series, with books two and three to follow rapidly in summer and fall 2027, respectively.

# CARNAGE & OTHER GREEN FLAGS

KEARY T.



June 2027, by Berkley XO

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*In the standalone sequel to *Blackmail and Other Turn-Ons*, a new Vale sister is on the hunt for villainous men in Vegas.*

Iris Vale may look polished and controlled, but at night she hunts child abusers. Using tinctures from her apothecary to incapacitate them, she finishes the job with something sharp. Silas Blake, a big-cat handler familiar with violence, recognizes the predator in her immediately. When he catches Iris in the middle of a kill, fear is the last thing he feels. Instead, the danger between them becomes impossible to ignore.

Neither wants romance, so they make an arrangement built entirely around their darker, more primal urges. But as desire turns into something neither intended, keeping emotions out of the equation becomes increasingly difficult.

When Silas's past resurfaces, Iris must decide how far she is willing to go to save him—even if it means exposing her own crimes and confronting the one thing she has always kept under control: her heart.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A bigger, bolder second instalment that doubles down on the series' winning mix of razor-sharp humour, cathartic violence and high heat, with a wildly over-the-top Las Vegas setting that pushes the chaos to irresistible new heights.

02

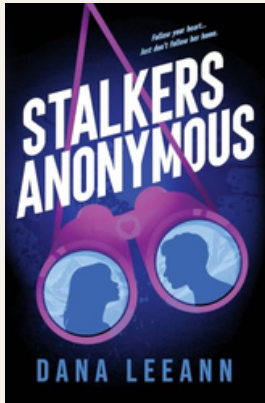
A true standalone within the *Pretty Little Justice* series, *CARNAGE* welcomes new readers with no prior knowledge required while rewarding existing fans with the highly anticipated continuation they've been waiting for.

03

Backed by a proven bestselling universe, with *Chasing the Wild* approaching 200,000 US copies sold, 78,000 Goodreads ratings and three USA Today bestsellers, while the *Crimson Ridge* series has already sold into 14 languages.

# STALKERS ANONYMOUS

DANA LEEANN



October 2026, by Amara

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**SOLD TO** Michael Joseph (UK)

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*An ER resident falls for an ex-military man in Stalkers Anonymous recovery program as a dangerous patient's obsession forces his darkest protective instincts to surface.*

Cole Matthews definitely isn't a stalker. Probably. After using company resources to confront his sister's abusive ex, he is ordered into a group therapy program its members jokingly call Stalkers Anonymous.

Hailey Brigham, a second-year ER resident, is trying to focus on her growing connection with Cole, the ex-military sweetheart whose idea of a casual date involves tandem skydiving. But a drug-seeking patient knows far too much about her personal life, and his fixation is becoming impossible to dismiss.

When the threats against Hailey escalate, Cole's protective instincts take over. He will do anything to keep her safe, even if it means crossing every line he has worked to control—and becoming the monster he has kept carefully locked away.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From Amazon Top 50 bestselling author Dana LeeAnn, whose established dark-romance readership meets a highly discoverable premise built around a court-mandated support group for stalkers.

02

Dark romantic comedy with a morally grey, obsessive hero is one of the fastest-growing, most passionate reader communities in adult romance right now, as the readers are embracing genre mashups.

03

The first book in the Stalkers Anonymous series, built around the irresistible hook of a court-mandated support group for stalkers, offering an accessible entry point for newcomers and strong multi-book potential for existing dark-romance fans.

# DARK HORSE

C.R. JANE



October 2026, by Amara

**OWNER** Entangled Publishing

**SOLD TO** Michael Joseph (UK), Kossuth Kiadó Zrt (HUNG); Planeta Brazil (Brazil)

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*A stranded divorcée falls for a dangerously obsessed cowboy with a killer secret in a town where women keep disappearing.*

After a messy divorce, Sienna Blake is headed for a fresh start in California when a violent Montana storm strands her in Blackwood, a small town with a fascination for its serial-killer past. There she meets Sterling Hayes, a dangerously attractive rancher who decides almost immediately that she belongs with him.

Sterling is used to getting what he wants, so he secretly sabotages Sienna's car to buy himself time to convince her to stay. But Sienna is stubborn, sharp, and determined not to fall for his increasingly unhinged charm.

Then women begin disappearing in the surrounding wilderness, and the killer's attention turns toward Sienna. As Blackwood's darker secrets surface, Sterling's carefully controlled restraint starts to unravel. Because the man determined to protect her is hiding something dangerous of his own—and monsters have a way of recognizing each other.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Yellowstone meets dark romance in a gritty new cowboy series, combining ranch-country danger, forbidden attraction and the darker edge that has made C.R. Jane a BookTok favorite.

02

A major traditional publishing debut from a self-publishing powerhouse with 90 works, nearly 388,000 Goodreads ratings and more than 37,000 reviews, bringing an enormous built-in readership to launch.

03

Fusing two of romance's hottest spaces, dark romance and cowboy romance, DARK HORSE offers immediate crossover appeal for fans of Elliott Rose, Rina Kent and Sadie Kincaid.



## THE MEET YOUR MATCH #1: PERFECT TWIST

CARLIE JEAN



March 2026, independently published

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*An Olympic gymnast forced into early retirement falls for her brother's rival when unexpected pregnancy and co-parenting turn friendship into something more.*

After an unexpected pregnancy forces former Team USA gymnast to confront a future she never planned, things become even more complicated when the father turns out to be Quentin Laurent, her brother's rival teammate.

Smart, mature, and caring, Quentin is everything she should want in a man. But with her gymnastics career suddenly over and her life already turned upside down, the two agree to remain just friends for the sake of the baby.

Then they move in together. Forced proximity makes their growing chemistry impossible to ignore, and the boundaries they carefully set begin to blur. As she struggles to rebuild her life beyond gymnastics, she starts to wonder whether this unexpected beginning might lead to the future she never knew she wanted.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

An interconnected standalone trilogy giving iconic movies a fresh sports-romance twist, with female athletes taking center stage and each book reimagining a beloved classic, including a She's the Man-inspired second instalment.

02

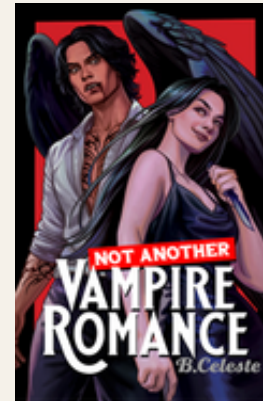
A trope-packed sports romance with an Olympic gymnast heroine, blending accidental pregnancy, age-gap tension, roommates and brother's rival with an irresistible black cat x golden retriever dynamic.

03

At the heart of the romance is a deeply satisfying emotional dynamic, as Teagan's guarded independence collides with Quentin's steady warmth, turning forbidden chemistry into a tender story about trust, vulnerability and learning to let someone in.

## NOT ANOTHER VAMPIRE ROMANCE

B. CELESTE



August 2027, by Berkley XO

**OWNER** Penguin Young Readers

**SOLD TO** Puffin (UK), Penguin Germany (Germany)

**PAGES** 400

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*An amnesiac assassin must hunt an ancient vampire before he starts a war, only to discover he holds the secrets to her past.*

Nemesis has no memory of her human life. Reborn as a half-vampire and bound by blood oath to the ruling Council of Vesparinth, she serves as their on-call assassin.

Her latest mission is impossible: kill Eryx, an ancient vampire whose return is said to trigger a long-propheesied war. Nemesis assumes the prophecy is nonsense and Eryx a myth, until he appears at her door.

Eryx claims he has a way to stop the prophecy, and he knows far more about Nemesis's mysterious Halfling powers than he should. The Council has made the consequences clear: if she fails to kill him, she dies for good.

But Eryx may be the key to unlocking Nemesis's lost past. And the more time they spend together, the harder it becomes to tell whether he wants her help, her loyalty, or something far more dangerous.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A dark paranormal romance with a sharply self-aware voice, combining gritty urban fantasy, biting humour and playful genre subversion without losing the slow-burn tension and dangerous vampire romance readers crave.

02

Perfectly positioned for the booming adult paranormal crossover market, with twenty-something protagonists, a sexier lens and strong appeal for readers of Bride, Her Soul to Take and Court of the Vampire Queen.

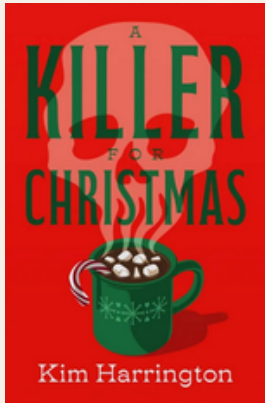
03

The paranormal romance debut from established New Adult author B. Celeste, whose 30+ romance novels and recent traditional publishing deals bring a proven readership to this prophecy-driven, cliffhanger-packed new direction.



# A KILLER FOR CHRISTMAS

KIM HARRINGTON



September 2026, by Crooked Lane Books

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**SOLD TO** Crooked Lane Books (USA)  
**PAGES** 320  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*A festive small-town rom-com turns deadly when a new social media manager must solve a string of murders threatening Christmasville's holiday magic.*

Christmasville, Maine, is the only place where Kelsey Hendricks has ever felt happy. When she loses both her job and her boyfriend, the move is a no-brainer, especially when she sees a listing for a position as Christmasville's social media manager. Surrounded by twinkling lights and candy canes and with the perfect job, this tinsel town is working its magic on Kelsey. With two heartthrobs vying for her attention, her life is now just like a Christmas movie. Except for the murders.

The first one is dismissed as an accident. But after the second, and definitely the third, it becomes abundantly clear that Santa is leaving coal in someone's stocking this year. Determined to bring back the holly jolly spirit to the town before tourists begin canceling their reservations, Kelsey must sleuth her way out of a chilling murder mystery and back to a holiday rom-com.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A festive rom-com with a killer hook, blending small-town Christmas charm, a love triangle and an escalating murder mystery into an irresistibly seasonal page-turner.

02

Christmasville's picture-perfect holiday setting gives the book strong visual and commercial appeal, while the contrast between cozy romance and mounting suspense keeps the concept fresh and highly pitchable.

03

Already connecting with early readers, **A KILLER FOR CHRISTMAS** holds a 4.03 Goodreads rating, reinforcing the appeal of its clever mix of holiday escapism, romance and murder.

# THE KNIGHTS 1: ALL I NEED

E. SALVADOR



March 2024, independently published

**OWNER** Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency  
**SOLD TO**  
**PAGES** 506  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A college basketball star reunites with the girl he once fake-dated and discovers their brief summer romance left them with a child.*

Meeting during senior week on the day of their birthdays was pure coincidence.

It was supposed to be nothing more for Lola Larson and TJ Kingston than three days of fake dating before going back to their everyday lives. Not thinking they will see each other again, they part ways without getting each other's last names or phone numbers.

Two years later, they're in college, where they meet again. However, their priorities are different from the last time they saw each other.

TJ wants nothing more than to enter the draft and play for the NBA. It's all he's worked hard for, and has made sure that nothing and no one hinders him from achieving his dream. That is until he sees Lola again, and realizes that basketball is no longer his sole priority when he finds out he has a kid.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A highly commercial college basketball romance combining a senior-week fling, fake dating and a secret baby with the high-stakes ambition of an NBA-bound hero.

02

Built around explosive second-chance chemistry, the romance follows two characters who reunite as very different people, forcing them to confront old hurt, new responsibilities and the possibility of becoming a family.

03

Beyond the tropes, the emotional payoff comes from TJ's transformation from driven college star to devoted father and partner, paired with Lola's journey from fiercely independent single mom to learning how to let someone share the weight.

## BOOK CLUB CONFIDENTIAL

JULIE HATCHER



October 2026, by Lake Union Publishing

**OWNER** Amazon Publishing

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**PAGES** 331

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Three friends tired of playing supporting roles in their own lives make one bold pact to chase the happy endings they actually want.*

Once upon a time, friends Tessa, Kate, and Hallie dreamed big. Now they're all that remains of a once-thriving book club, meeting weekly to drink wine, talk novels, and wonder how their lives became so small.

Tessa is a lifelong people pleaser stuck in a corporate job she hates. Influencer Kate is tired of chasing perfection and true love, while fiercely independent Hallie drifts toward a wedding she never really wanted.

Out of their growing regret comes a plan: for one month, they'll make every choice boldly, like protagonists in their own stories. The results are immediate, transformative, and chaotic. Careers stumble, relationships falter, and carefully crafted lives begin to crack.

Having agency is easier said than done, but with their friendship intact, each woman must decide what she is willing to risk to find her own happy ending.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A high-concept friendship novel built around the irresistible "Main Character Energy" premise, asking what might happen if three women started making decisions as boldly as the heroines they love to read about.

02

A warm, empowering story of female friendship and reinvention, following three very different women as they confront unfulfilling careers, relationships and identities and finally choose the lives they actually want.

03

With its mix of humour, emotional growth, satisfying comeuppance and highly relatable dilemmas, this is a natural book-club read with plenty to discuss about ambition, authenticity and the courage to change.

## SIX MONTHS WITH THE QUARTERBACK

ILSA MADDEN-MILLS



March 2027, by Montlake

**OWNER** Amazon Publishing

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**PAGES** TBD

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A literature grad student hiding a brain tumor falls for an NFL quarterback, forcing her to choose between protecting him and risking everything for love.*

In Nashville, literature grad student Annalise Stephens has her future mapped out: finish her PhD, teach Victorian novels, and keep her heart protected. Then a chance encounter with Tigers quarterback Theo Hughes changes everything. He is grieving his father; she has just learned she has a mass in her brain.

When Annalise becomes Theo's personal assistant, caring for his beloved cat Junie, she is drawn into his world of game-day rituals and quiet moments that begin to feel like home. As their connection deepens, she hides a devastating truth: without treatment, doctors have given her six months to live.

Torn between protecting Theo from heartbreak and surrendering to what they have found together, Annalise must decide whether to face her diagnosis alone or let him stand beside her, no matter how much time remains.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A powerful, high-emotion sports romance pairing an ambitious literature PhD student facing a life-changing diagnosis with an NFL quarterback carrying grief of his own, delivering the kind of emotional intensity and vulnerability Ilsa Madden-Mills readers love.

02

The first book in a brand-new duet from a #1 Amazon Charts, Wall Street Journal, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, offering a major new entry point into a proven romance brand with strong series potential.

03

He falls first, forced proximity and a devastating hidden diagnosis collide in a deeply emotional love story built around one irresistible question: when time suddenly feels finite, is protecting someone from heartbreak worth giving up the chance to love them at all?

# CALL ME CAPTAIN

SUE GRACE



April 2027, by Amara

**OWNER** Entangled Publishing

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**PAGES** 400

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Two rival airline pilots competing for the same promotion risk their careers when their fierce professional rivalry turns into a forbidden affair.*

Captain Keith Reyes is the human equivalent of a pre-flight checklist: precise, solitary, and determined to secure the Chief Captaincy of Stellar Airlines' prestigious Tokyo route. Captain Victor Vargas couldn't be more different—he's unserious, carefree, and flies like he can do it blindfolded. The only thing he has in common with Keith? Victor wants that Tokyo route. When the airline can't pick between the two, they're forced into a competition for the seat. But as they co-pilot the same jet for ninety days, their cutthroat competition quickly depressurizes into a blistering, illicit affair. Trapped between secret hookups and mid-air emergencies, they discover they fly better together than apart. But with only one Captain's seat available, they must calculate the impossible choice: sacrifice the dream job to keep the man they love, or face separation when the evaluation ends.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A sexy, heartfelt LGBTQ+ contemporary romance perfectly positioned for fans of Heated Rivalry and Red, White & Royal Blue, tapping into the continued demand for high-chemistry queer love stories.

02

Funny, emotionally rich and compulsively readable, Sue Grace combines sharp romantic comedy with real heart and plenty of heat, marking her as an exciting new voice in contemporary romance.

03

A major debut launch, with two standalone romances already acquired in a pre-empt, giving publishers the opportunity to get behind a promising new author from the very beginning.

# RESONANT

JEREMY JACOBSON



October 2026, by Bindery Books

OWNER Taryn Fagerness Agency

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*An epic high fantasy debut in which a hunter, a Bell Maiden, and a Luminire are chosen by a Firesong to protect the world from its biggest threat in millennia.*

Ranian is finishing the final hunt of his servitude to a shepherd merchant when a Firesong shudders through his mind. Elva, a Bell Maiden in training, hears it while aiming a knife at an assassin's heart. Imebon's studies are upended when the music passes through his body. A Firesong of such strength hasn't been heard in millennia, not since the Sundering tore the world into its Five Realms. It can only mean that a danger of corresponding magnitude is approaching...if it's not already here.

The godly Authority has given its warning signs, and the Resonant have a decision to make: Will the three strangers abandon everything—including their values—to fulfill their calling to protect the Realms?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A highly original magic system in which celestial songs choose their champions across five distinct Realms, offering a fresh take on the chosen-one trope where destiny feels less like an honour and more like an inescapable burden.

02

A pure high-fantasy adventure with no romantic subplot, ideal for readers seeking immersive worldbuilding, epic stakes and character-driven quests.

03

With chosen one prophecy, ancient magic, multiple POVs, destiny vs free will, and epic worldbuilding, this will appeal to readers who enjoy **The Way of Kings**, **The Name of the Wind**, and **The Priory of the Orange Tree**.

# TALLOW AND BONE

RIHANNON HARGADON



October 2026, independently published

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*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 accusations of treason in Europe, Amity Merriweather hopes Salem will offer a fresh start. Instead, she finds a town poisoned by failing crops, sick children, superstition, and a curse buried deep beneath its soil.

Gifted with rare earth magic, Amity has spent her life hiding what she is. Now she may be the only one capable of healing Salem before fear turns neighbor against neighbor—but every acre she cleanses risks exposing her.

Caught between a male witch who believes Salem deserves to burn and a scarred shoemaker convinced even the broken can be saved, Amity must decide who is worthy of her mercy. As accusations spread and innocents are dragged to the gallows, she faces an impossible choice: keep sacrificing herself for people who would see her burn, or abandon Salem to the darkness consuming it.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From the breakout author of **BLOODY BLACK** comes a **dark, feminist romantasy** reimagining of the Salem Witch Trials, combining female rage, forbidden desire and a dangerous love triangle in a bold new retelling.

02

**Strong pre-publication buzz**, with more than 400 social media posts generated by the cover reveal, over 2,000 ARC signups three months ahead of release and selection by two leading UK book boxes.

03

From the award-winning author of **BLOODY BLACK**, a proven dark fantasy bestseller that reached #1 across multiple Amazon categories, remained in the Women's Fantasy Fiction top three for eight weeks and has earned **over 9,400 Goodreads ratings**.

## SHIFTER GUARDIANS ACADEMY #1: CLASH OF CLAWS

ELIZABETH DEAR



October 2025, Scarlet Press

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 Familium (CZECH)  
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*At a paranormal academy, a fierce heroine hides her inner beast while four shifters deny their attraction to her as they train to fight the monsters that invade when the moon is dark.*

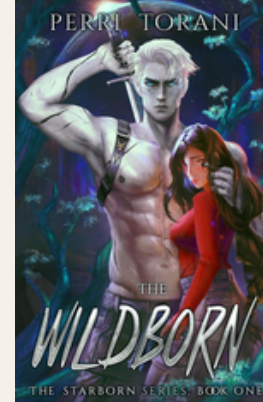
When wraiths invade the neighborhood, joining the Guardians may be the only way for Avery and the beast inside her to survive. She packs her swords, brings her brother, and enrolls in the elite training program at a local shifter college. But Guardian training is more dangerous—and far more sexist—than she expected. Trapped behind campus walls, she is forced to battle magical simulations while real monsters wage war outside. For her, failure means more than losing points on a leaderboard. The top quad—an Alpha wolf, a playboy bear, a cold jaguar professor, and a terrifying basilisk—is her greatest distraction. Their pull is undeniable, but they want a central bond, and she refuses to be theirs. Become a Guardian. Stay alive. Nothing else matters.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** The addictive first instalment in a three-book adult series, packed with supernatural intrigue, explicit chemistry and a cliffhanger ending designed to keep readers desperate for book two.
- 02** A high-heat “why choose” paranormal romance set at a contemporary supernatural college, featuring multiple irresistible love interests and a guaranteed happily ever after for them all.
- 03** A proven paranormal romance hit, with a #1 Amazon ranking, over 52 million Kindle Unlimited page reads across the first two books and a 4.5-star Goodreads rating from more than 12,000 readers.

## THE WILDBORN

PERRI TORANI



July 2026, The Vault

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**SOLD TO** The Vault (USA), Vajona (GERM)  
**PAGES** 604  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

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

Airik, a battle-scarred warrior serving the ruthless Veynari empire, longs for silence from the nightmares haunting him. But when a rogue human spacecraft crashes on a planet marked for destruction, one reckless decision leaves him stranded with a woman he was never meant to save. Nora wakes light-years from Earth, injured and at the mercy of an alien soldier bound by an oath that permits touch only to destroy. Forced to rely on each other, they must cross a brutal landscape filled with vicious beasts and the deadly remains of a failed experiment. Duty demands Airik's indifference, but Nora awakens something forbidden within him. As survival turns into consuming desire, they risk becoming each other's greatest weakness. Even if they escape the planet, the Veynari will never allow one of their warriors to choose love over loyalty—and being together could cost them everything.

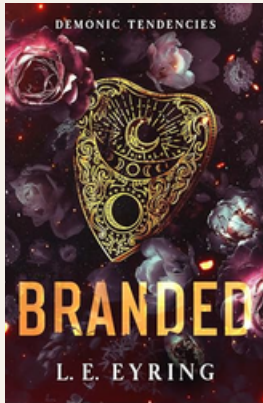
### KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** **THE WILDBORN** is the start of a series. It will comprise three total books, each an interconnected stand-alone story. **Perfect for readers of Ruby Dixon and C.M. Nascosta.**
- 02** **Strong pre-publication buzz**, with more than 400 social media posts generated by the cover reveal, over 2,000 ARC signups three months ahead of release and selection by two leading UK book boxes.
- 03** A science fiction romance **pitched as a spicy TARZAN meets PROJECT HAIL MARY**, already a #1 Amazon New Release in both Science Fiction Romance and Science Fiction Adventure, averaging 100,000 Kindle Unlimited page reads a day, with World English audio rights sold to Simon Maverick.



# BRANDED

L. E. EYRING



June 2026, City Owl Press

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**SOLD TO** City Owl Press (USA)  
**PAGES** 242  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish

*A woman accidentally bound to a seductive incubus must choose between a normal life and the dangerous demon bond keeping them both alive.*

As a child, Sam Wandern thought she was playing pretend—until her imaginary friends turned out to be real demons she accidentally unleashed into the world. One of them, Ash Spiros, has haunted her life ever since. Once human, now a dangerously seductive incubus, Ash claims he has been protecting her.

On Halloween night, a violent attack triggers Ash's true nature and seals an unbreakable bond between them. To survive, Sam must take part in an intimate ritual feeding that keeps them both alive—and tethered.

Ash insists on keeping his distance, and Sam claims she does not need him, but the bond keeps drawing them together. Torn between a normal life and the seductive pull of the demon world, Sam must decide whether what binds them is only magic—or something deeper and far more dangerous.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A high-heat monster romance built around an accidental magical bond between a human woman and the dangerously seductive incubus who has been protecting her since childhood, combining forced proximity, obsession and fierce protector energy.

02

Forced proximity, accidental bonding, obsessive chemistry and a fierce protector dynamic combine in a fast-paced monster romance where every reunion pushes Sam and Ash closer to crossing the line.

03

Early readers are already responding to the book's addictive pacing, emotional intensity and darker paranormal edge, with strong comparisons to **Aurora Ascher's Hell Bent series**.

# THE WITCH'S CURE FOR MARRIAGE

CHARLIE N. HOLMBERG



May 2027, 47North

**OWNER** Amazon Publishing  
**SOLD TO**  
**PAGES** TBD  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A runaway duchess and fugitive witch grow dangerously close as they flee a rising rebellion against magic and the husband determined to reclaim her.*

Clyda Fay did the sensible thing: she married the Duke of Strathearn to save her father's railway. A love philter made the marriage bearable. Four years of refills made it survivable. But when the duke's schemes destroy everything she sacrificed for, Clyda runs.

Her only companion is Arie Eskola, the witch who brewed her potions and is now a fugitive himself. Prickly, principled, and unexpectedly good company, Arie becomes more than an ally as they share cramped rooms, tend each other's wounds, and explore magic together. But love alone cannot save Clyda. As her husband fuels a rebellion against witches and magic, she is drawn into a dangerous conspiracy. To finally be free, Clyda must confront the past she has spent years trying to escape.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From Wall Street Journal and Amazon Charts bestselling author Charlie N. Holmberg, whose fantasy and romance novels have reached more than 4 million readers worldwide and been published in over twenty languages.

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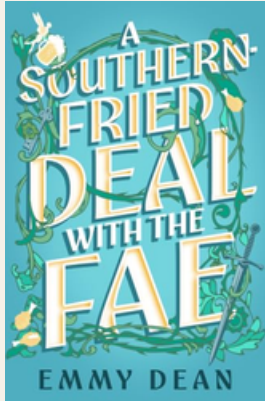
A deeply emotional slow-burn romance built on reluctant alliance, forced proximity and mutual caretaking, as Clyda and Arie move from uneasy travelling companions to the one person each can truly rely on.

03

A fresh magical hook where love itself can be bottled, bought and used as a means of survival, opening into a larger story about autonomy, dangerous magic and the cost of finally choosing freedom.

# A SOUTHERN-FRIED DEAL WITH THE FAE

EMMY DEAN



April 2027, by Amara

**OWNER** Entangled Publishing  
**SOLD TO** Michael Joseph (UK)  
**PAGES** 352

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A woman accidentally bound to a seductive incubus must choose between a normal life and the dangerous demon bond keeping them both alive.*

Vivian Graves is trapped in her small Southern hometown, weighed down by gossip and her family's mounting debt. Hoping for a way out, she enters a fae marriage auction, planning to match with a wealthy common fae who can secure her family's future. Instead, Viv is chosen by the king of Ercadia as a bride for his wayward son, Prince Solan. But Solan has no interest in marriage, and the two strike a deal: Viv will return home rich, while he remains a bachelor.

To make it happen, they must cross Ercadia on a dangerous quest for the king while resisting the attraction growing between them. Armed with wit and Southern charm, Viv is determined to come out ahead—but making deals with the fae rarely goes as planned.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A fresh, high-concept cozy romantasy where a human woman enters a fae marriage auction and is matched with the realm's most notorious bachelor, setting up a witty, steamy battle of schemes and attraction.

02

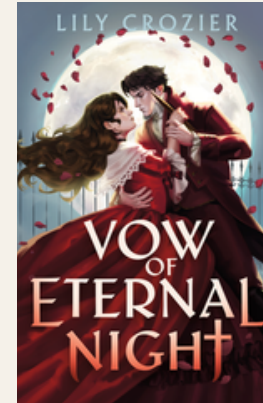
Emmy Dean brings a distinctive comedic voice to the fae romance space, balancing sharp humour, genuine heart and a playful clash between mundane human life and magical court politics.

03

A charming debut that combines cozy fantasy, romantic comedy and fae intrigue, with strong appeal for readers looking for low-stakes escapism, high chemistry and plenty of magical mischief.

# VOW OF ETERNAL NIGHT

LILY CROZIER



April 2027, Amara

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**SOLD TO** Michael Joseph (UK), PRH Australia (AUS, NZ), Heyne (GERM)  
**PAGES** 416

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A slow-burn, enemies-to-lovers, gothic romantasy about the lengths people will go to for love, and the many faces monsters can wear.*

Clara Wagner has always known that monsters are real, and the worst of them is Prince Raleigh of Rostenburg. Feared for the darkness surrounding him and burdened by a vampiric curse, Raleigh is the last man Clara would ever choose. But when the prince decides it is finally time to marry, Clara inadvertently finds herself at the center of his attention. Forced to accept his proposal, Clara is desperate to escape the future waiting for her. Then Raleigh offers her an ultimatum: lift his curse before the end of the year, or become his bride for eternity.

With no other way out, Clara sets herself an impossible task. She must uncover how to break the curse while surviving life at Raleigh's side and resisting the growing connection between them.

Heal the prince. Stay alive. And, above all, try not to fall in love.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A highly commercial gothic romantasy combining a cursed vampire prince, reluctant bride and enemies-to-lovers tension, with the dark fairytale atmosphere and emotional intensity readers are actively seeking.

02

A fresh take on the Beauty and the Beast dynamic, gradually complicating the idea of who the real monster is and giving its vampire romance greater emotional depth than a straightforward trope-driven story.

03

Debut author Lily Crozier brings a valuable built-in platform as a bookseller, BookToker and publicist, combining direct reader reach with strong industry knowledge and proven understanding of the romance market.

# THE LOST GUARDIAN

NATALIA HERNANDEZ



June 2027, by Red Tower

**OWNER** Entangled Publishing

**SOLD TO** Michael Joseph (UK), Piper (GERM)

**PAGES** 400

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*An archaeologist races across the Andes with a mysterious Peruvian woman to find the last Incan emperor's tomb before treasure hunters unleash an ancient curse.*

Not all that's lost is forgotten.

The stories we're told aren't myths. They're warnings.

Santiago Rios never planned to leave his quiet life in Los Angeles. But when his grandfather sends him a map to the lost tomb of the final Incan emperor, the young archaeologist is drawn into a deadly race across the Andes, pursued by ruthless tomb raiders determined to claim the emperor's treasure.

His only hope is Ali, a fierce Peruvian woman whose secrets may unlock the map—or lead Santiago straight into danger. The closer they grow, the more certain he becomes that Ali is exactly the kind of trouble he cannot resist.

To survive, Santiago and Ali must solve ancient riddles, outwit their enemies, and lay a restless spirit to rest. Because if they fail, the past will not stay buried—and neither will the curse.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A modern-day treasure-hunt romantasy rooted in the real history of Atahualpa, the last Inca emperor, giving its adventure an added layer of historical authenticity and cultural intrigue.

02

Positioned for fans of Indiana Jones and The Mummy, THE LOST GUARDIAN blends romance, fantasy and globe-spanning adventure with a contemporary setting that feels fresh within the romantasy market.

03

An indie-to-trade crossover from an author with an established reader base, supported by a multi-platform influencer campaign and a Recorded Books audiobook, signaling strong publisher investment across formats.

# VERITY GUILD

MAI CORLAND



May 2026, Red Tower

**OWNER** Entangled Publishing

**SOLD TO** Michael Joseph (UK), Piper (GERM), Olympe (FRA), JAGUAR (POL)

**PAGES** 416

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*A slow-burn, enemies-to-lovers, gothic romantasy about the lengths people will go to for love, and the many faces monsters can wear.*

High Priestess Kerasea Vestal has spent her life hiding the truth—that she's the last surviving heir of the magical bloodline the republic slaughtered. One wrong step could be fatal. But when a senator is brutally killed and a temple blade is found at the scene, all eyes turn to her. Praetorian Torren Morvane has made a career of dragging liars into the light, and Kerasea is the one person he's vowed to ruin. But locked on a mountain with a murderer, scheming senators, and a prophecy of death, he's forced to work at her side. The closer he gets, the more dangerous the truth—and their attraction—becomes.

With traitors closing in and a nation on the verge of shattering, Kerasea and Torren must risk everything to uncover the real killer...even if it means trusting their sworn enemy.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From instant New York Times bestselling author Mai Corland, whose Five Broken Blades series has already sold over 250,000 copies across print and ebook.

02

Following the accelerated rollout of her debut Red Tower series, this new project arrives at the perfect moment to capture an already highly engaged readership eager for what comes next.

03

With strong international publishing momentum and growing film and TV interest, Mai Corland's work offers significant long-term potential across territories, formats and franchise opportunities.

# CASTLE CRAWL

ZACK PETROC & JUSTIN SLOAN



April 2027, 47North

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*A Marine cadet trapped inside a lethal fantasy simulation must master its brutal rules, save his squad and reach his missing brother before the game collapses.*

When a cyberattack hijacks a top-secret military simulator, Marine cadet Reeve Thompson and thousands of soldiers are trapped inside a fantasy death game. There is no logout and no respawn: survive, level up, and rank in the top half, or die.

Reeve knows combat, not fantasy mechanics. Worse, his brother Mace has been pulled into a boss portal, leaving Reeve no choice but to push forward. With Lana, a baby unicorn hiding a violent secret, at his side, he battles goblins, glitching centaurs, and drunken dwarves while trying to save his squad and reach his brother.

But someone outside the simulation is rewriting the game, spawning deadlier enemies and breaking the code. As the world collapses and his team fractures, Reeve realizes the greatest threat may not be inside the game at all.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A high-concept LitRPG that throws military discipline into a deadly fantasy game, combining brutal survival mechanics, boss battles and a race to save thousands of trapped soldiers before the simulation collapses.

02

Built for crossover appeal, CASTLE CRAWL blends the addictive progression of LitRPG with military sci-fi, portal fantasy and irreverent humour, while grounding the spectacle in Reeve's desperate mission to save his brother and his squad.

03

Created by two storytellers with deep gaming and screen credentials, including work across Battlefield, The Walking Dead and Walt Disney Feature Animation, bringing genuine industry expertise and cinematic scale to the series.

# Authors

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# GARTH NIX

FANTASY



## JILL GRINBERG LITERARY MANAGEMENT

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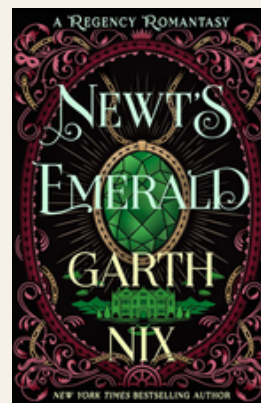
*"Garth Nix is one of the greatest living fantasy writers." — Sarah J. Maas*

*"Garth Nix is one of the best worldbuilders in fantasy." — Brandon Sanderson*

Garth Nix is an internationally bestselling author of more than 30 books for children, young adults and adults. He is best known for the New York Times bestselling Old Kingdom series, which began with the fantasy classic Sabriel, as well as the Keys to the Kingdom, Seventh Tower and Left-Handed Booksellers of London series. His forthcoming adult titles include the science-fiction epic Massif and The Even-Handed Booksellers of Edinburgh, the third installment in the Booksellers series, both publishing with Harper Voyager in 2026. He has also co-authored several series with Sean Williams, including Troubletwisters and Have Sword, Will Travel. More than six million copies of his books have been sold worldwide, his work has been translated into 40 languages, and his fiction has received numerous awards and nominations in Australia and the US.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

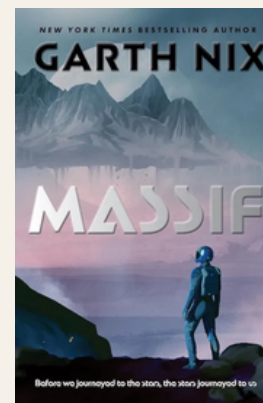
- 01** An internationally bestselling fantasy author with over 7 million copies sold worldwide, whose books have been translated into 42 languages.
- 02** Creator of the iconic Old Kingdom series, including Sabriel, and the bestselling Keys to the Kingdom and Left-Handed Booksellers of London series.
- 03** A multiple award-winning author and 2025 Medal of the Order of Australia recipient, with a major new adult science-fiction novel, Massif, publishing in 2026.



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# KATEE ROBERT

DARK ROMANCE



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*"Immersive and action-filled, Robert will have you questioning everything and everyone to the very end." – Rachel Schneider, New York Times bestselling author of Metal Slinger*

Katee Robert (they/she) is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author and one of the most recognizable voices in spicy romance and fantasy. Best known for the blockbuster Dark Olympus series, their bold, high-heat reimaginings of Greek mythology have earned a devoted readers and helped establish Robert as a leading name in contemporary romantasy. Their books have sold more than two million copies, with fan-favorite titles such as Neon Gods and Electric Idol earning Goodreads Choice Award nominations for Best Romance. Known for addictive storytelling, morally complex characters, inclusive relationships, and unapologetically steamy romance, Robert has built an extensive bestselling backlist spanning mythology-inspired romance, fantasy, paranormal romance, and more. Entertainment Weekly has called their writing "unspeakably hot."

## KEY SELLING POINTS

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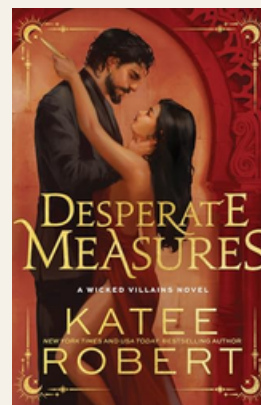
A New York Times and USA Today bestselling powerhouse with more than two million copies sold, Robert has built an extensive and commercially proven backlist across spicy romance, romantasy and fantasy.

02

The author behind the global Dark Olympus phenomenon, a TikTok-fueled series whose breakout titles Neon Gods and Electric Idol have amassed more than 450,000 Goodreads ratings combined and were both nominated for the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Romance.

03

A distinctive brand at the intersection of romance and fantasy, Robert has cultivated a fiercely loyal readership through bold, inclusive relationships, imaginative worldbuilding and unapologetically high heat, earning praise from Entertainment Weekly for their "unspeakably hot" storytelling.



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**March 2022, Trinkets &  
Tales LLC**

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# TESSA BAILEY

ROMCOM



## TARYN FAGERNESSE AGENCY

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*"A romantic comedy delight. If you loved Schitt's Creek, It Happened One Summer will be your absolute jam." – Christina Lauren*

#1 New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey has become one of the most recognizable voices in contemporary romance, beloved for her irresistible combination of humor, heat, emotional depth, and unforgettable chemistry. Her breakout Bellinger Sisters novels, *It Happened One Summer* and *Hook, Line, and Sinker*, became major BookTok favorites and have sold more than one million copies combined, helping cement her status as a powerhouse of modern romance.

Known for stubborn, larger-than-life heroes, lovable heroines, and romances packed with spice and heart, Bailey has built a devoted global readership across an extensive and consistently bestselling backlist. Dubbed the "Michelangelo of dirty talk" by Entertainment Weekly, Tessa delivers the humor, swoon-worthy tension, signature steam, and guaranteed happily ever after that have made her books instant reader favorites.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A #1 New York Times bestselling author with remarkable consistency across releases, Bailey continues to place new titles on bestseller lists, with both *Fangirl Down* and *Pitcher Perfect* debuting at #4 on Publishers Weekly's trade paperback chart.

02

A true BookTok romance powerhouse, Bailey turned the Bellinger Sisters series into a breakout phenomenon, with *It Happened One Summer* and *Hook, Line, and Sinker* surpassing one million copies combined and attracting more than 1.2 million Goodreads ratings to date.

03

One of contemporary romance's most distinctive and instantly recognizable voices, Bailey has built a loyal readership around her signature combination of laugh-out-loud humor, high heat, emotional payoff and irresistible chemistry, earning Entertainment Weekly's famous "Michelangelo of dirty talk" moniker.



June 2019, Avon

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September 2020, Avon

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# JESSE Q. SUTANTO

THRILLER/COZY MYSTERY



## JILL GRINBERG LITERARY MANAGEMENT

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*"...Sutanto expertly traps willing readers into an over-the-top chaotic vacuum with surprisingly satiating results." —Booklist*

Jesse Q. Sutanto is a USA Today bestselling and award-winning author whose novels span mystery, suspense, romantic comedy, women's fiction, YA, and middle grade. Best known for the internationally beloved Dial A for Aunties and Vera Wong series, she has become known for combining sharp humor, irresistible mysteries, unforgettable characters, and stories rooted in family and Chinese-Indonesian culture.

Her breakout novel Dial A for Aunties was acquired for film by Netflix in a competitive bidding war before publication, while Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers became a USA Today bestseller and won the Edgar Award for Best Paperback Original, the Audie Award for Mystery, and the Libby Award for Best Mystery. It was also nominated for the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Mystery & Thriller.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A USA Today bestselling and multi-award-winning crime writer, Sutanto brings the credentials of an Edgar, Libby and Audie Award winner to a growing body of sharp, compulsive psychological suspense.

02

Her thrillers are earning recognition in their own right: You Will Never Be Me was a 2025 Libby Award finalist for Best Thriller and received a starred review from Kirkus, while Publishers Weekly praised its expertly executed twists and wickedly satirical edge.

03

A distinctive voice in contemporary psychological suspense, Sutanto transforms toxic friendships, obsession, rivalry and the darker side of modern culture into high-concept, female-driven thrillers, combining page-turning tension with the dark humor that has become one of her signatures.



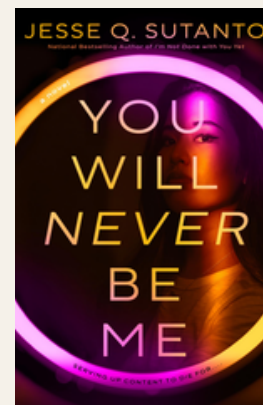
February 2026, Mindy's Book Studio

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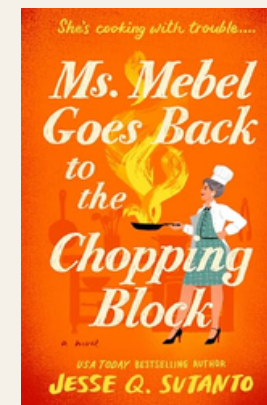
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August 2024, Berkley

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# AMANDA PROWSE

ROMANCE



## AMAZON PUBLISHING

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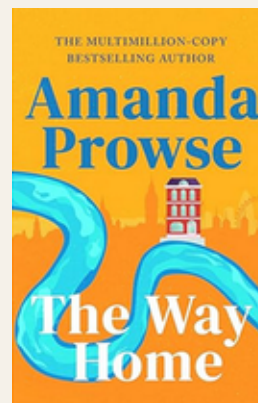
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*"Prowse's writing is candid and charming, and many of her stories will resonate with her readers."—Booklist*

Amanda Prowse is an international bestselling author of twenty-eight novels published in dozens of languages. Her chart-topping titles What Have I Done?, Perfect Daughter, My Husband's Wife, The Coordinates of Loss, The Girl in the Corner and The Things I Know have sold millions of copies around the world.

Other novels by Amanda Prowse include A Mother's Story, which won the coveted Sainsbury's eBook of the Year Award. Perfect Daughter was selected as a World Book Night title in 2016. She has been described by the Daily Mail as 'the queen of family drama'. Amanda is the most prolific writer of bestselling contemporary fiction in the UK today. Her titles consistently score the highest online review approval ratings across several genres.



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## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A multi-million-copy international bestseller with more than eight million books sold worldwide, Prowse has built an exceptional backlist of over thirty novels, with multiple #1 titles and translations into dozens of languages.

02

One of the UK's most established voices in emotional and family-driven fiction, Prowse has been dubbed "the Queen of Family Drama" by the Daily Mail, while A Mother's Story won the Sainsbury's eBook of the Year Award.

03

A proven author with remarkable reader loyalty and long-term commercial appeal, with two titles selected for World Book Night and a new four-book historical fiction series acquired by Bookouture in 2026, demonstrating her ability to keep expanding an already highly successful career.



# MELINDA LEIGH

THRILLER



## AMAZON PUBLISHING

Represented by Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

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Spain, Portugal & Brazil: Sandra Bruna Literary Agency

*"Engaging characters, a terrific plot, and thrilling twists will keep readers guessing until the last page." —Mary Burton, New York Times bestselling author*

#1 Wall Street Journal and #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author Melinda Leigh is a fully recovered banker. A life-long lover of books, she started writing as a way to preserve her sanity while raising her kids. Over the next few years, she learned a few things about writing a book. The process was much more fun than analyzing financial statements, and she decided to turn her hobby into a career.

Her debut novel, *SHE CAN RUN*, was nominated for Best First Novel by the International Thriller Writers. Since then, she has garnered numerous publisher awards, including two Silver Falchions and three Golden Leaf Awards. She is a two-time RITA® Award Finalist and has earned three Daphne du Maurier Award nominations. Melinda's books have sold over 16 million copies.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A #1 Wall Street Journal and #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author with more than 16 million copies sold, Leigh has built one of the most commercially successful backlists in romantic suspense and crime fiction.

02

An award-winning and critically recognized thriller writer, Leigh is an International Thriller Writers Award nominee and two-time RITA finalist, with multiple Daphne du Maurier nominations and two Silver Falchion Awards for *Minutes to Kill*, including Best Thriller.

03

A proven creator of long-running, highly addictive suspense series, Leigh combines fast-paced investigations, dark criminal cases and emotional stakes across bestselling franchises including *Morgan Dane* and *Bree Taggart*, the latter now spanning more than ten novels.



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October 2018, Montlake

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# UpMarket

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# INHERITANCE

JANE PARK



April 2026, by House of Anansi Press

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*A Korean Canadian woman returns to the prairies, where she revisits her childhood and confronts her haunting guilt.*

Anne Kim is a New York lawyer whose success is built on forgetting the past. When her father dies and she returns to Edmonton for the funeral, she is shocked to discover that he was from North Korea and that he left his brother behind.

As Anne reads the undelivered letters her father wrote to his brother about life in Canada, she is transported back to her childhood during the 1980s and 90s. She recalls the struggles her parents faced as immigrants who ran a grocery store in a rural prairie town. Anne and her brother, Charles, felt the weight of their father's expectations: whereas Anne was driven to excel and became an overachiever, Charles rebelled, determined to pursue his own dreams. His rebellion created a rift that culminated in a devastating act, irrevocably shattering the family and leaving Anne overwhelmed by inescapable guilt.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Inheritance explores the immigrant experience, the sacrifices made by both parents and children, and the way trauma is transferred to the next generation.

02

A compelling debut novel by Jane Park, a second-generation Korean Canadian, and the details of the immigrant experience including their sacrifice and generational family baggage were authentic cultural expressions for this reader.

03

Indigo put Inheritance by Jane Park on its list of top 100 best books of 2026.

# MRS. LADADEE

JACOB ARBITTIER



TBD, by Doubleday

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**SOLD TO** Doubleday (UK), German auction in progress.  
**PAGES** TBD  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil || Spanish has a deal in negotiation.

*A chilling upmarket horror about the sole survivor of a children's TV massacre and the dark truth behind the beloved host who caused it.*

When Mrs. Ladadee, a beloved but declining 1980s children's television program, is abruptly cancelled, its longtime host makes a shocking final act. Live on air, she poisons herself and her young guests.

One child, Sam, survives. In the months following, Sam begins seeing visions of Mrs. Ladadee and his friends who were poisoned on air, and his mother becomes relentless in trying to uncover why and how this woman committed such an unthinkable act. Told across dual timelines, one charting Sam and his mom's descent into terror, and the other tracing the life of the woman behind the character, MRS. LADADEE is a chilling, unputdownable tale.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A truly chilling upmarket horror with an unforgettable high-concept premise: the sole child survivor of a beloved TV host's on-air murder spree, and the mother determined to uncover how deep the nightmare really goes.

02

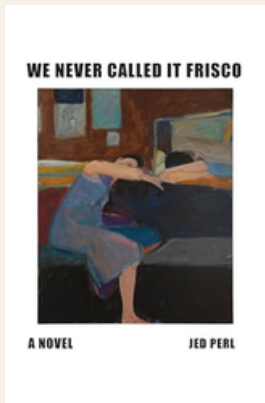
Built for compulsive reading, MRS. LADADEE uses dual perspectives, carefully timed revelations and creeping uncertainty to transform a seemingly familiar true-crime setup into increasingly layered psychological and supernatural horror.

03

Jacob Arbrittier is a screenwriter and director whose horror shorts on YouTube have garnered over 60 million views. He's already producing the feature film adaptation of MRS. LADADEE starring Bonnie Aarons (The Nun), Alex Essoe (Doctor Sleep), and Eileen Dietz (The Exorcist).

# WE NEVER CALLED IT FRISCO

JED PERL



September 2026, by Coffee House Press

**OWNER** Jennifer Lyons

**SOLD TO** Coffee House Press (USA)

**PAGES** 136

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A candid portrait of mid-century San Francisco's counterculture, where art, love and memory collide as a man reconstructs his late lover's unfinished memoir.*

During intermission at the San Francisco Opera, esteemed and notoriously difficult cultural critic Marcia Lang collapses into a banquet and dies on the spot. Soon after, her on-again, off-again roommate and lover, Burt, discovers that Marcia has left him her entire estate: her correspondence, her stilted redwood house in Marin County, and an unfinished draft of her unpublished memoir, *We Never Called It Frisco*.

As Burt grieves alongside the circle of Berkeley bohemians who shaped their lives, he begins piecing together Marcia's scattered writings and memories. What emerges is more than an unfinished memoir: an elegiac collage of a singular woman, the friendships and contradictions that defined her, and the city that gave them all a place to belong.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A vivid literary portrait of 1950s and 60s San Francisco, capturing the artists, critics and countercultural figures who shaped a transformative moment in American cultural life.

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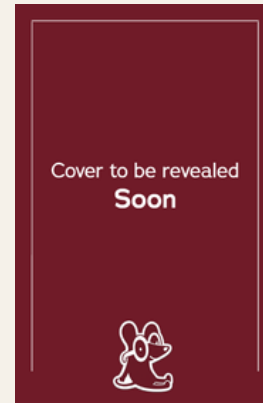
Framed through an unfinished memoir and the man left to reconstruct it, the novel becomes an inventive meditation on memory, grief and the stories we assemble from the lives of those we lose.

03

The fiction debut of renowned art critic Jed Perl, bringing decades of cultural insight to an ambitious, formally playful novel about art, legacy and the volatile relationships behind creative movements.

# COVENTRY

CHANTAL CORCORAN



Spring 2028, by Simon & Schuster Canada

**OWNER** Westwood Creative Artists

**SOLD TO** Simon & Schuster Canada (CAD)

**PAGES** TBD

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*A literary thriller about an unreliable narrator searching for her missing child, blending psychological suspense with emotional depth and sharp social observation.*

On a summer evening in a seemingly perfect Iowa suburb, seven-year-old Jonathan vanishes from his sandbox without a trace. But instead of rallying around his mother, the neighborhood is suspicious. Ever since Jonathan and Charlotte Evanina, the controversial author raising him, moved in, tensions have simmered. Charlotte has built a career turning real people into fiction, exposing secrets, damaging reputations, and leaving ruined relationships in her wake. Now Jonathan is missing, and the neighbors are convinced his disappearance may be another elaborate attempt to create drama for her next book. Charlotte knows better. From years of research, she understands how crucial the first hours are in finding a missing child, and every wasted minute could put Jonathan in greater danger. But as the search begins, one question threatens to change everything: why did Charlotte have Jonathan in the first place?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A major international launch already generating strong publisher interest, with Canadian rights acquired by Simon & Schuster Canada in a six-figure pre-empt that took the novel off the table of two competing multinational houses.

02

A propulsive literary suspense novel combining the domestic drama of Liane Moriarty, the high-stakes tension of Ashley Audrain and the morally murky literary world of Yellowface.

03

Told across two timelines, *Coventry* pairs a gripping disappearance with a sharp exploration of motherhood, female communities, belonging and the dangerous consequences of turning other people's lives into fiction.

# THE WINTER FOLK

JEN JULIAN



September 2026, by Run For It (Hachette)

**OWNER** Jennifer Lyons

**SOLD TO** Run For It/Hachette (USA)

**PAGES** 384

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A woman returns to the mysterious lodge in the woods where she once worked, and to the inscrutable creature that bound her there.*

Every year, the Winter Folk gather at Deerhaven, a secret lodge in the Appalachians for the time-worn and weary. At twenty-one, Moth is a college dropout, indebted, impoverished, and desperate for something better. When Deerhaven's beautiful antlered host, Mr. Oslin, offers her a housekeeper's contract—one wish in exchange for a winter of service—she accepts without question.

But Deerhaven is dangerous. Its staff must obey strict rules, its guests can be savage, and failure carries dire consequences. Still, Moth stays, drawn by rumors that Mr. Oslin is searching for a protégé who will remain with him forever.

Twenty years after Deerhaven banished her, Moth returns with her husband and teenage daughter, haunted by memories of obsession, rivalry, and the mystery of her exile.

Somewhere in the dark woods, a door still waits.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A haunting Appalachian gothic about a woman returning to the secret lodge where she once served the dangerous Winter Folk, reopening an obsession, an exile and the question of what really happened twenty years ago.

02

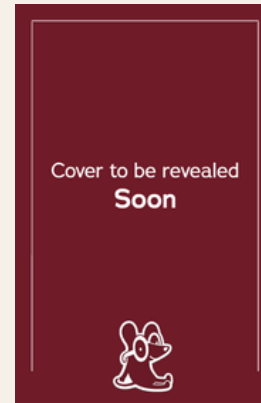
Blending folk horror, dark fantasy and psychological suspense, the novel moves between Moth's present-day return and her younger self's growing fascination with Deerhaven and its enigmatic antlered host, Mr. Oslin.

03

From Red Rabbit Ghost author Jen Julian, already praised by Publishers Weekly, Booklist and leading horror writers for her atmospheric Southern Gothic voice, immersive settings and ability to fuse emotional darkness with the supernatural.

# THE BIRDS THEY SING AT BREAK OF DAY

THOMAS WHARTON



Fall 2027, by Random House Canada

**OWNER** Westwood Creative Artists

**SOLD TO** Random House Canada (CAD)

**PAGES** TBD

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*Two strangers who meet briefly in Iceland sustain a decades-long bond through letters, until tragedy forces them to confront the life they never shared.*

In 1974, two strangers meet briefly in Iceland: James Wheeler, a young ecologist from Vancouver, and Kate Lowrie, an aspiring journalist from New York. They part almost immediately, but neither quite lets go.

Over the next four decades, across continents and changing lives, they continue writing to one another. As James explores the natural world and Kate builds a life closer to home, their letters become a constant source of wonder, honesty, and understanding.

Through love and loss, ambition and disappointment, their friendship deepens into the one relationship that endures as everything else changes. But when tragedy shatters Kate's world, James realizes words sent across an ocean are no longer enough.

Forced to confront the lives they built and the ones they left un-lived, they must discover whether a bond sustained for decades can survive finally sharing the same place and time.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A sweeping epistolary novel spanning four decades and multiple continents, tracing how one brief encounter becomes a lifelong correspondence and the most enduring relationship in two very different lives.

02

Combining the intimacy of *The Correspondent* with the emotional scope of a decades-long love story, the novel explores friendship, missed chances, grief and the quiet power of being truly known by another person.

03

With Iceland, Vancouver, New York and the wider natural world as its backdrop, this is an expansive yet deeply personal story about the choices that shape us and whether some connections can survive distance, time and reality.



# THE FOURTH FRIEND

HELENA THORFINN



**August 2026, by Romanus & Selling**

**OWNER** Grand Agency

**SOLD TO** Romanus & Selling (SWE), Gyldendal Norsk (NOR)

**PAGES** 409

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Three university friends reunite forty years later on a remote Kenyan island, where buried secrets and a desperate crisis test their lifelong pact.*

In the heady days of late-1980s Lund of student unions, underground music and vivid dreams, three young women forge an unlikely friendship around their shared fascination with Karen Blixen. Inspired by the iconic author's life and work, they vow to live boldly, seek adventure, and always stand by one another. Karen Blixen becomes the unseen fourth friend in their circle; a shared ideal that continues to bind them together long after they leave their student days behind.

Nearly forty years later, Denise, Nilla and Ingrid reunite on an island off the coast of Kenya, where old promises, buried secrets and the shadow of past decisions await them. As Denise's life begins to unravel and her situation turns desperate, the pact they made in their twenties is no longer ideal but a matter of survival. Can a friendship forged in youth withstand the weight of time, and become the very thing that saves them when everything else falls apart?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A sweeping, emotionally rich novel about female friendship across four decades, exploring how the promises, roles and loyalties forged in youth can endure, fracture and ultimately become a lifeline.

02

Moving between late-1980s Lund and a remote island off the Kenyan coast, THE FOURTH FRIEND combines intimate character drama with a strong international canvas and a distinctive literary thread inspired by Karen Blixen.

03

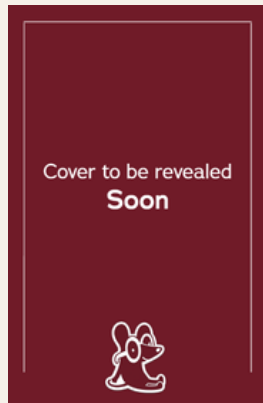
From 220,000-copy bestselling author Helena Thorfinn, a gripping and highly discussable read already praised for its vivid settings, suspenseful structure and nuanced portrayal of long-term friendship.

# Non Fiction

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## WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

DR. ANDREW LAM



June 2027, by Prometheus

**OWNER** Taryn Fagerness Agency

**SOLD TO** Prometheus (USA)

**PAGES** TBD

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*An eye-opening exploration of how cognitive biases, emotional impulses and systemic blind spots cause unintended failures across government, business and medicine.*

Unintended consequences—the unforeseen effects of well-intentioned decisions—have shaped history, from legislation that backfires and businesses driven to ruin to environmental policies that worsen climate change and actions that destroy entire species. What Could Possibly Go Wrong? examines humanity's most damaging missteps across government, business, healthcare, international relations, ecology, and military strategy. Exploring why we repeatedly fall victim to the same cognitive biases, emotional impulses, and systemic blind spots, it also reveals how future disasters might be prevented. In an age of nuclear weapons, climate change, gene editing, and artificial intelligence, understanding how good intentions lead to catastrophic results has never been more urgent.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

This absolutely fascinating, entertaining, and eye-opening book explores our greatest blunders and best laid plans gone wrong and how we can think better going forward. Essential reading in our increasingly global and complex world!

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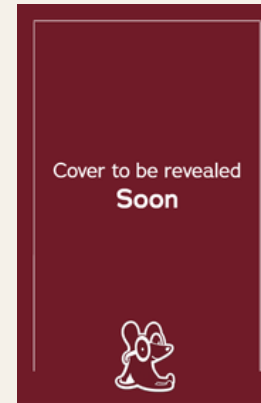
A timely and practical guide that turns history's greatest blunders into essential lessons for making better decisions and preventing the same mistakes in an age of rapid technological and societal change.

03

Written by an award-winning author, Yale-trained historian and practising retinal surgeon whose work has appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post and USA Today, bringing a uniquely interdisciplinary perspective to history's greatest mistakes.

## YOUR UNTAPPED EDGE

KAT NORTON



March 2027, by Hay House

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**SOLD TO** John Murray Business (UK), Hay House (USA)

**PAGES** 257

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*A counterintuitive guide to achieving exponential growth by combining apparent opposites—from hustle and rest to logic and creativity—in work and life.*

Your Untapped Edge reveals a powerful formula for exponential growth: pairing traits that seem incompatible to unlock greater results. By balancing forces such as ambition and rest, hustle and stillness, and productivity and purpose, readers can increase both their output and their impact.

The book introduces a practical framework for understanding personal patterns, preferences, and goals, then identifying the high-impact pairings that can become a competitive advantage. What once felt contradictory can instead fuel stronger performance, a more distinctive personal brand, and lasting success on individual terms.

In a culture of extremes, Your Untapped Edge shows that real breakthroughs come not from choosing one side, but from holding opposites in balance and allowing them to amplify one another.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

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In just four years, Miss Excel founder Kat Norton has built a global productivity education powerhouse, reaching over two million people worldwide and generating more than \$10 million in course sales.

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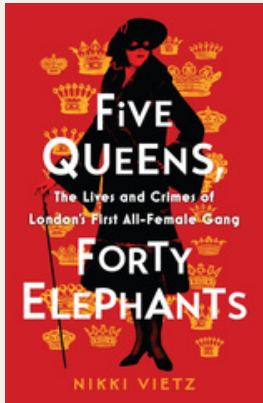
A fresh, highly commercial business guide from the viral founder of Miss Excel, revealing the polarity framework behind her transformation from side hustle to multimillion-dollar brand—and showing aspiring entrepreneurs how to build lasting success of their own.

03

Sold at auction in a major deal, backed by a powerful global platform of over two million social media followers and 570,000 email subscribers, plus a proven business that has generated more than \$10 million in sales across 127 countries.

# FIVE QUEENS, FORTY ELEPHANTS

NIKKI VIETZ



April 2027, by Citadel

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*The untold true story of the Forty Elephants, an all-female British crime syndicate that outwitted London police for more than a century.*

Peaky Blinders meets Ocean's Eight in the wild true story of the Forty Elephants, one of the most successful all-female crime syndicates in British history. From the 1870s onward, this disciplined, working-class gang exploited society's assumptions about women to outwit London police and build a criminal empire spanning shoplifting, pickpocketing, fraud, blackmail, and jewelry theft. Led by formidable figures including founder Mary Carr, charismatic Alice Diamond, and "Queen of the Shoplifters" Shirley Pitts, they continually reinvented their methods while maintaining a fierce bond of sisterhood. Drawing on previously untapped sources, award-winning author Nikki Vietz brings these largely forgotten women back into the spotlight, revealing an extraordinary story of ambition, ingenuity, rivalry, resilience, and female defiance.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Peaky Blinders meets Ocean's Eight in the extraordinary true story of the Forty Elephants, an all-female British crime syndicate that outsmarted police and built one of England's longest-running criminal empires.

02

From Victorian shoplifting schemes to elaborate fraud, blackmail and jewellery theft, these working-class women turned the gender expectations of their time into their greatest weapon, constantly reinventing their methods to stay ahead of the law.

03

Drawing on previously untapped sources, this gripping narrative finally restores the Forty Elephants to history, uncovering a remarkable story of female ambition, ingenuity, rivalry, resilience and sisterhood that remained largely forgotten for generations.

# LOVE NEVER DIES

EMMA COLE



September 2026, by Beacon Press

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**PAGES** 264

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*A romance editor looks for love where you'd least expect it—and discovers what our favorite horror films can tell us about sex, society, and ourselves*

If Sinners and the 1999 cult classic The Mummy taught Emma Cole anything in the year she spent bingeing scary movies, it's that we love to swoon, sweat, and scream. We seem to crave the uncanny and the transgressive. Emma would know: her day job as a Harlequin book editor revolves around steamy stories that ruffle feathers and rip bodices. In Love Never Dies, she shows how our favorite horror films flirt with familiar tropes and themes to give us romantic subplots that are just as spinteling. Cole takes readers behind the scenes of films like Tod Browning's Dracula and Josh Ruben's Heart Eyes, exploring how and why movies blur the lines of horror and romance.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From vampires and monsters to slashers and psychological thrillers, Love Never Dies explores the enthralling nature of horror romance films that are full of heart. It's just that sometimes, those hearts are on the outside.

02

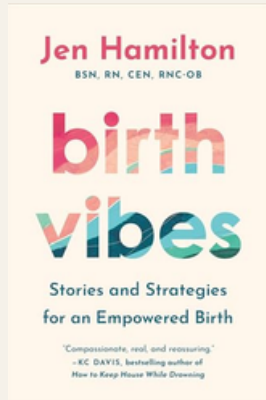
A smart, highly accessible exploration of the dark side of love, using iconic horror and romance touchstones to unpack everything from the "Dark Moment" and HEAs to monster romance, Gothic horror and the uncomfortable truths hiding beneath our favorite love stories.

03

Perfectly timed for the booming horror-romance crossover, this book offers fans a fresh way to discover movies through the tropes, themes and emotional beats they already love in their favourite novels.

# BIRTH VIBES

JEN HAMILTON



May 2026, by Grand Central Publishing

**OWNER** Taryn Fagerness Agency

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**PAGES** 324

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*Birth Vibes is the ultimate companion for anyone preparing to give birth— or supporting someone who is.*

Childbirth is one of life's most powerful experiences—but it can also be overwhelming. Too often, expecting parents are prompted to create their perfect “birth plan,” only to feel disappointed or even traumatized if things go differently. That's where Jen Hamilton comes in. A labor and delivery nurse, ER veteran, and mom herself, Jen has been a steady presence at thousands of births (and on millions of screens). In *Birth Vibes* she uses both humor and heart, sharing her own stories to guide readers expectations about what happens in the delivery room. Instead of unyielding checklists, she encourages parents to learn their birth vibes—a blend of values and vision—which unlock the tools to advocate for the personalized care they need.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Written by an experienced labour and delivery nurse, BIRTH VIBES replaces rigid birth plans with practical tools, real-world guidance and clear language to help parents feel informed, flexible and in control.

02

Jen Hamilton brings a huge built-in audience of more than 2 million social media followers, combining professional expertise with the humour, honesty and approachable tone that have made her a trusted voice for expectant parents.

03

Already resonating strongly with readers, BIRTH VIBES holds an exceptional 4.76 Goodreads rating from over 9,700 readers, reflecting the demand for compassionate, empowering and genuinely useful pregnancy guidance.

# THE PHILOSOPHY OF CRYING

ERIC CULLHED



March 2026, by Natur & Kultur

**OWNER** Grand Nordic Agency

**SOLD TO** Natur & Kultur (SWED), Aboca Edizioni (ITA), PRH Germany (GERM)

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*A romance editor looks for love where you'd least expect it—and discovers what our favorite horror films can tell us about sex, society, and ourselves*

In *The Philosophy of Crying*, Eric Cullhed explores one of the most universal yet least understood aspects of being human. From the ancient Stoics and Freud to Japanese aesthetics and modern neuroscience, thinkers across disciplines have offered competing explanations for why we weep. Are tears a release for unbearable emotion, a sign of weakness, a plea for comfort, or a way of expressing what matters most? Drawing on a decade of interdisciplinary research in philosophy, classics, psychology and the natural sciences, Cullhed identifies seven major theories of crying and brings them together for the first time. The result is a compelling new understanding of tears not as a symptom to dismiss, but as a language of vulnerability, attachment and value.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A fresh, irresistible narrative nonfiction hook built around one of the most universal yet least understood human behaviours, asking why we cry and what our tears reveal about emotion, attachment and what matters most to us.

02

Drawing on a decade of interdisciplinary research across philosophy, classics, psychology and neuroscience, Eric Cullhed brings together seven major theories of crying for the first time in an accessible trade book with strong crossover appeal.

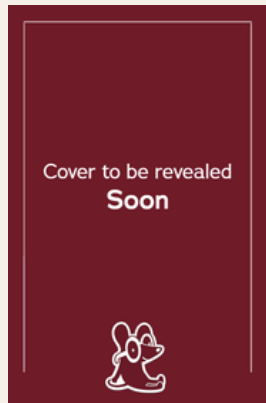
03

Already a critical success in Sweden, selected as one of Arbetet's Best Reads of Summer 2026 and widely praised for its wit, erudition and international scope, the book launches what is planned as a broader series exploring universal mysteries of human experience.



# HEADSTRONG

JAY INGRAM



**September 2027, by Simon & Schuster**

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**SOLD TO** Simon & Schuster (world English)

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***A practical, easy to follow guide to the latest and most credible guidance on brain health and dementia prevention, culled from the most reliable sources.***

As interest in dementia prevention grows, so does the flood of conflicting advice. Which risks matter most, and which healthy habits can make the greatest difference?

In Headstrong, award-winning science journalist Jay Ingram draws on the latest research to provide clear, credible guidance for reducing dementia risk and protecting cognitive health. He examines the impact of conditions such as high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, and hypertension, alongside factors including gut health, smoking, alcohol, sleep disorders, brain injuries, and hearing and vision loss.

Combining current science with practical recommendations, Headstrong explores how diet, physical activity, social engagement, vaccines, brain exercises, and supplements can support long-term cognitive health. Aimed especially at readers over forty, it shows why midlife is a crucial time to build healthier habits and reduce future dementia risk.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A timely, science-backed guide to dementia prevention that cuts through conflicting health advice and translates the latest research into clear, practical steps readers can take to protect cognitive health.

02

Focused on midlife prevention, HEADSTRONG addresses the major modifiable risk factors linked to dementia, from cardiovascular health and sleep to hearing loss, diet, exercise and social engagement.

03

From award-winning science journalist and bestselling author Jay Ingram, whose twenty books have been translated into fifteen languages, bringing exceptional credibility and accessibility to one of today's most urgent health concerns.

# Children & Young Adult

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# BLOOD CINDER WITCH

SARAH STREET



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*Three young women struggle against a tyrannical king and the looming threat of war in this epic romantasy duology, perfect for fans of The Knight and the Moth.*

In a kingdom where magic is punishable by fire, a girl awakens covered in spells, with no memory and no name. As strangers who seem to know her emerge, Morgade is drawn into a deadly past her own body refuses to remember.

Isolde is a secretive witch who dreams of becoming queen. As magic fades, she infiltrates the tyrant king's court, weaving rebellion while hiding an impossible love for his son.

Commander Nasim once vowed to protect witchkind at any cost. Now the girl she loved is dead, her childhood rival may be responsible, and Morgade's memories could hold the truth. With magic dying, gods missing, and kings ready to burn them all, the three women must risk everything—including their hearts—to save the kingdom.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A major global launch in partnership with Pan Macmillan in the UK and Australia, supported by an accelerated publishing schedule that will bring the highly anticipated second instalment to readers in Fall 2027.

02

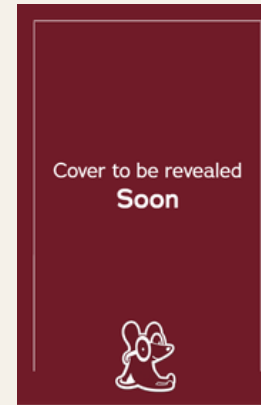
A powerful, female-driven romantasy led by three fiercely compelling heroines, each with her own secrets, ambitions and battles to fight, whose intertwined stories create an unforgettable tale of strength, resilience and rebellion.

03

Sarah Street is the author of *A Curse of Salt* and *A Sea of Wolves*, two swashbuckling YA fantasy romance novels.

# THE LOST UNICORN

SARAH MASLIN NIR



March 2027, by Erewhon Books

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*A gentle fantasy about a village girl reporter who seeks out to heal a world that's become broken after unicorns had been wiped off the earth.*

A century ago, humanity committed a crime against nature that shattered the magic sustaining the world. Now the sun is dying, and both humans and fae struggle to survive. Thea, an orphan and gifted storyteller, chronicles the last wonders of a vanishing magical world. When she encounters six white stallions, she meets Prince Arrowyn, the man responsible for the Age of Unravelling. Cursed to wander the earth for a century as a hornless unicorn, he believes Thea's mysterious connection to the fae may be the key to restoring the land.

Together, they journey through realms of elemental magic, seeking the help of selkies, dragons, and harpies. But as Thea falls for the prince who ruined the world, she discovers the fae believe neither Arrowyn nor humanity deserves to be saved.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A transportive fantasy set in a dying magical world, pairing a truth-seeking heroine with a cursed unicorn prince in a sweeping tale of lost magic, ancient secrets and impossible hope, perfect for readers of **Peter Beagle**, **T. Kingfisher**, **Hannah Whitten** and **Katherine Arden**.

02

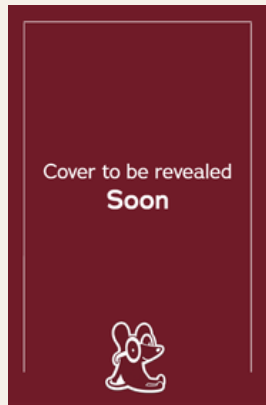
A timeless fantasy about hope, redemption and the power of stories to heal a broken world.

03

Sarah Maslin Nir is a staff **reporter for The New York Times** and a **finalist for the 2016 and 2023 Pulitzer Prize**. Some of her work has been **optioned for movies and TV series**.

# THE BITTERSWEET TEA SHOP

ALECHIA DOW



September 2027, by Feiwel & Friends

**OWNER** Jill Grinberg

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*A cozy fantasy where a silverwitch running a magical tearoom helps a mysterious boy recover his fading magic and uncovers forgotten family secrets.*

At The Reverie, a magical tearoom, silverwitch Oriana Thistle helps customers relive their fondest memories through recipes. Her gift keeps the family business thriving, but her mother worries Ori is so busy preserving other people's pasts that she has forgotten to build a future of her own.

Then Taro Isamu arrives seeking help. After breaking one of silvercraft's most sacred rules, he has accidentally bound himself to a Remnant, a deliberately forgotten memory that is slowly draining his magic. Helping him could jeopardize everything Ori is trying to achieve, but she suspects his mysterious Remnant may be connected to her own family's forgotten past. They strike a deal: Ori will help save Taro if he helps her complete the tasks that could finally make The Reverie hers. But their reluctant partnership soon becomes something far sweeter.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A deliciously cozy fantasy set in a magical tearoom where recipes can unlock a person's fondest memories, combining food, family secrets and an irresistibly original silverwitch magic system

02

At its heart is a warm, slow-burn romance between two witches thrown together by necessity, as a practical perfectionist and a charmingly disastrous stranger strike a deal that becomes far more personal than either expected.

03

From acclaimed YA and middle-grade author Alechia Dow, whose work has earned starred reviews, Junior Library Guild recognition and Indie Next selection, bringing her signature blend of warmth, imagination and emotional depth to a highly commercial cozy fantasy.

# A DANGEROUS BARGAIN

ERIN COTTER



September 2026, by Simon & Schuster

**OWNER** KT Literary

**SOLD TO** Simon & Schuster (USA), Il Castoro (ITA)

**PAGES** 384

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*A young artist named Virgil traded his lifespan for divine inspiration teams up with Leonardo da Vinci to infiltrate the Medici and find his missing brother.*

Seventeen-year-old artist Virgil is in trouble. To support his family, he's bargained most of his life away to an angel—only to discover that his missing brother is in danger, and nothing but magic can rescue him. Now, with just a few months left to live, Virgil is desperate enough to try the one thing he swore he would never, ever do—team up with the infuriating, annoyingly talented, and most notorious playboy in all of Florence, the charming Leonardo da Vinci. As the two journey through Florence's gilded streets, luxurious cathedrals, and glorious Medici palaces, they unearth dark truths beneath the city's facade. Those in power will do anything to keep their deadly secrets safe, but with his feelings for Leonardo giving him new life, Virgil is determined to expose their lies before he runs out of time.

Even if it might cost him his soul.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A brilliantly high-concept YA mystery that pairs a desperate young artist with a teenage Leonardo da Vinci, combining Renaissance intrigue, dangerous secrets and an irresistible historical hook.

02

Set in a richly imagined Florence where angels grant artistic genius at a devastating price, the novel gives the Italian Renaissance a fresh fantastical twist while exploring ambition, sacrifice and the true cost of greatness.

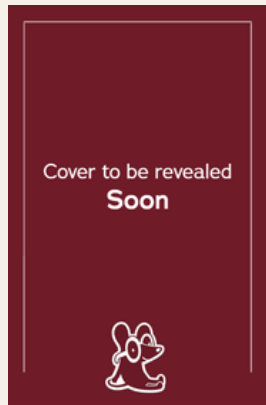
03

From the author of the acclaimed YA historical novels *By Any Other Name* and *A Traitorous Heart*, Erin Cotter returns with another richly researched, high-stakes adventure blending history, mystery and romance.



# TEETH OF THE SEA

SAJNI PATEL



September 2027, by Feiweil & Friends

**OWNER** Jill Grinberg

**SOLD TO** Feiweil & Friends (USA)

**PAGES** TBD

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A siren and a ghostly pirate sail the Seven Seas, facing deadly creatures, forbidden romance and a crumbling peace in this fierce feminist retelling of The Little Mermaid.*

Anura, the youngest princess of Atlantis, has always dreamed of exploring beyond the safety of the sea. When forbidden Blood Blossoms awaken powers her people lost centuries ago, she may finally have the chance—until her best friend is captured by humans hunting sirens for their blood and voices.

Stranded in human form, Anura turns to Finn, an enigmatic pirate bound to the ghostly Phantom Tempest, whose stories have fueled her dreams for years. Together, they follow the kidnappers to King's Harbor, where Anura discovers that Prince Caspian, the human she once saved, is far more dangerous than he seemed.

As Caspian hunts for Atalanta's legendary trident, Anura must embrace her emerging powers as the Cerulean Witch, rescue the captive sirens, and join Finn and his ghostly crew on a deadly race across the Seven Seas before humanity gains the power to destroy Atlantis.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A feminist reimagining of The Little Mermaid with real bite, transforming the familiar tale into a high-stakes YA fantasy of sirens, piracy, forbidden romance and female rage.

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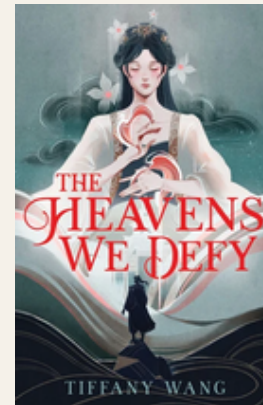
An expansive maritime fantasy built around Atlantis and the Federation of the Seven Seas, with ghost ships, sea dragons, ancient prophecies and lost elemental magic driving a cinematic adventure across land and sea.

03

A powerful story about women reclaiming their voices, as hunted sirens, witches and warrior queens confront a world determined to exploit their power and control their bodies.

# THE HEAVENS WE DEFY

TIFFANY WANG



February 2027, by HarperCollins

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**PAGES** 368

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*A love between a goddess and a mortal ignites a dangerous clash that could destroy both heaven and earth in this star-crossed enemies-to-lovers duology.*

Ailan has many older sisters, but Xifei is the one she loves most—and the one she's secretly betrayed. So when her sister vanishes from the Heavens, Ailan is willing to cross the entire mortal realm if only to bring her back, no matter the cost.

Kai despises immortals. Marked forever by the god who stole his brother's life, he's spent every day since chasing vengeance. They say immortals cannot be killed; he's determined to prove them wrong.

When Ailan descends from the Heavens searching for her sister, Kai seizes his chance, offering to guide her to an oracle who might help, all while hiding a darker plan. But their journey through the Middle Kingdom pulls them into the deadly schemes of tyrants and demons. And as betrayal gives way to something far more dangerous, Ailan and Kai will have to decide what matters most—revenge, loyalty... or each other.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A sweeping enemies-to-lovers fantasy romance between a goddess and a mortal, where vengeance, betrayal and forbidden attraction threaten both Heaven and the mortal realm.

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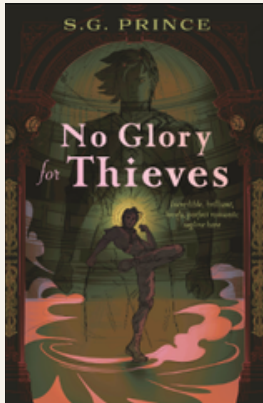
Drawing on the grandeur of Chinese-inspired mythology, the novel moves between the Heavens and the mortal Middle Kingdom, combining demons, tyrants, divine power and dangerous quests with an emotionally charged story of family loyalty and sacrifice.

03

Perfect for fans of The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea and Six Crimson Cranes, balancing sweeping fantasy adventure with a slow-burning romance in which falling in love could threaten both heaven and earth.

# NO GLORY FOR THIEVES

S.G. PRINCE



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March 2027, by Godwin Books

**OWNER** Taryn Fargerness Agency

**SOLD TO** Godwin Books (USA)

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*Two unlikely rivals team up for a deadly tournament, chasing a stolen relic and their futures while unexpected feelings complicate everything.*

Tenderhearted, debt-ridden Henry Love and wealthy, pretentious Vincent Rafford are an unlikely duo, but when Henry needs a fighting partner to win a city-wide tournament and Vincent needs information about a powerful relic stolen from his family, each turns out to be the perfect solution to the other's problem. The closer they get to reaching their goals, however, the more enemies they seem to make, forcing them to rely on one another both inside and outside the juvonmon arena. As the tournament goes from dangerous to deadly, these two rivals-turned-teammates-turned-maybesomethingmore will have to risk everything to secure the futures they're seeking—and, possibly, the chance to live them out together.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A character-driven fantasy romance that pairs an irresistible rivals-to-teammates dynamic with a high-stakes fighting tournament, where every victory brings Henry and Vincent closer to danger, and to each other.

02

An addictive opposites-attract pairing between tenderhearted, debt-ridden Henry and wealthy, arrogant Vincent, whose reluctant alliance gradually becomes something far more vulnerable and emotionally charged.

03

Blending tournament action, magical intrigue and a stolen relic mystery with found-family warmth and slow-burn romance, this delivers both propulsive fantasy stakes and strong emotional payoff.

# THE DIVINITY THIEVES

AISLINN BROPHY



January 2027, by G. P. Putnam's son

**OWNER** Penguin Young Readers

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**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*Teens compete to become gods in this high-octane YA fantasy for fans of Lightlark and Lore.*

Fawn Gallo is a mortal con artist in a world ruled by gods and their offspring. Cursed by the God of Shadow, she has always expected a short, difficult life. Mackie Prince should have the privileges of a demigod, but her father, the God of Merriment, refuses to acknowledge her, leaving her and her mother in poverty.

When the God of Merriment announces an Ascension Trial, a once-a-century competition offering demigods the chance to become gods, both Fawn and Mackie see an opportunity to claim divinity for themselves.

Locked inside Merriment Manor with six other hopefuls, they are forced to confront the betrayal that destroyed their childhood friendship. But as the trials grow increasingly dangerous, their rivalry may have to give way to an uneasy alliance if either of them hopes to survive.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A high-octane YA fantasy built around an irresistible once-a-century competition where teens can ascend to godhood, combining deadly trials, divine politics and a fiercely commercial survival-game hook.

02

At its heart is the fractured friendship between Fawn and Mackie, former best friends turned rivals who must decide whether years of betrayal matter more than surviving Merriment Manor together.

03

Set in a wildly inventive steampunk world and perfect for fans of Lightlark and Lore, THE DIVINITY THIEVES blends sharp writing, chaotic magic and unforgettable characters with strong series-launch appeal.

# A PROMISE TO HADES

KELLY CREAGH



March 2027, by Viking

**OWNER** Penguin Young Readers

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**PAGES** 464

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*A sacrificial bride promised to the underworld finds herself torn between her former best friend and the enigmatic god of the dead.*

Phaera Kore is one of three priestesses raised as bridal offerings to Hades, the God of the Underworld. Each year, the temple sends him a new bride, a ritual Phaera always believed was symbolic—until a boy from her past warns her of the truth.

When Phaera is chosen, she is taken to the underworld and bound to a mysterious god who feels strangely familiar. Though different from the boy who tried to save her, Hades proves no less alluring.

Soon, Phaera discovers her arrival has triggered conflict among the gods. Something unprecedented has happened: Hades is uncontrollably, irresistibly in love with her. And despite her anger over the brides, the sacrifices, and the lies, Phaera may be falling for him too—just as their bond threatens to push the immortal world into chaos.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A darkly romantic reimagining of Hades and Persephone, tapping into the enduring appeal of Greek mythology for fans of Circe, Lore Olympus and Hadestown.

02

An irresistible romantasy hook built around a sacrificial bride, a dangerously misunderstood god and a love powerful enough to disrupt the balance of the immortal world.

03

From Nevermore trilogy author Kelly Creagh, known for atmospheric romances where heroines fall for the supposed villain, blending gothic sensibility, mythology and emotional tension.

# YEAR OF THE FOX

WENDY XU



April 2027, by Quill Tree Books

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**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*An immortal fox spirit attempts to help a hapless human who enters the spirit world in this cozy fantasy graphic novel.*

Meet Rain Wong. He was born with a karmic curse, which has made him incredibly unlucky. Though he is human, he descends to the spirit world to try to expunge the curse, with the help of Xilin, a nonbinary hulijing who works at a magical café.

The café is a actually waystation to the afterlife: those who have recently passed away use memories as payment, unburdening themselves in order to reach their final resting place. Along with Xilin, the café is run by Lady Silverclaw (Xilin's granny) and Alistair, who is talented baker.

Enter the Pavilion Master. He is the Underworld's handsome and charming ruler who takes a keen interest in Rain for his own nefarious reasons. With a light touch, the book explores questions of fate versus free will and responsibility versus freedom, all grounded in the arcs of these relatable, imperfect characters.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A cozy fantasy graphic novel set in a magical café between life and death, where memories are currency and a cursed human seeks help from an immortal fox spirit.

02

Blending Chinese folklore, found family and gentle romance, YEAR OF THE FOX explores fate, free will and grief through a warm, funny and richly imaginative underworld adventure.

03

From IndieBound bestselling Mooncakes co-creator Wendy Xu, with exceptional early praise highlighting its enchanting worldbuilding, emotional depth and irresistible balance of coziness and danger.

# HEXES AND HARVESTS

S. ISABELLE



July 2027, by Penguin Workshop

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*A big-city teen witch is sent to an enchanted small-town farm, where working with the boy who betrayed her rekindles unexpected magic and romance.*

Seventeen-year-old Serena Scott thrives on control, especially when it comes to her secret life as a magus-class witch in New York City. Ambitious and studious, she practices magic with scientific precision, determined to get into her dream college while staying hidden from the witch hunters who killed her father.

But when her magical capstone project explodes and endangers the magical community, Serena is sent upstate to stay with her estranged cousins and help on their enchanted flower farm.

There, she is forced to work with Carter Baldwin, a slacker hedge witch who betrayed her trust a year ago, to save the farm's Flower Fest from disaster. Between magical mishaps, strange chickens, and unwanted time together, Serena discovers the one thing she never planned for: the growing spark between them.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A cozy, autumnal YA rom-com that swaps New York City for an enchanted flower farm, blending small-town charm, magical mishaps and irresistible seasonal atmosphere.

02

A second-chance romance between an ambitious, highly controlled witch and the laid-back boy who once betrayed her trust, forcing Serena to embrace the one thing she fears most: unpredictability.

03

From S. Isabelle, author of *The Witchery*, *Shadow Coven* and *The Great Misfortune of Stella Sedgwick*, combining contemporary romance with an accessible magical world, family dynamics and witchy fall escapism.

# DANSE MACABRE

MORGAN SHAMY



May 2027, by Mayhem

**OWNER** Entangled Publishing

**SOLD TO** Michael Joseph (UK), Piper (GERM), Mann, Ivanov and Ferber (RUS)

**PAGES** 416

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*At an elite ballet academy where students collapse and disappear, a dancer falls for a mysterious boy while uncovering the sinister truth haunting its halls.*

The scariest stories are the ones that become real.

Seventeen-year-old Rora has one goal: a life in ballet. Earning a place at the prestigious Conservatory should bring that dream within reach. Instead, her arrival turns it into a nightmare.

The school is shrouded in secrets. Students collapse and disappear, and Rora's best friend may be next. Desperate for answers, she is drawn to a mysterious boy who seems to know more about the Conservatory than anyone, though his answers come at a price.

As their connection deepens, Rora begins to suspect that something far darker binds them together. To save her friend and herself, she must uncover the truth behind the Conservatory before whatever haunts its halls claims them all.

Because every ballet tells a story, and some stories are dying to be told.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A lush, gothic dark fantasy set inside an elite ballet conservatory, where Swan Lake comes dangerously to life beneath the school in a cursed underground world of obsession, beauty and forbidden love.

02

Blending dark academia, classical ballet and fantasy, *DANSE MACABRE* offers a strikingly visual concept with strong appeal for readers of Caraval, The Hazel Wood and gothic retellings such as *The Phantom of the Opera*.

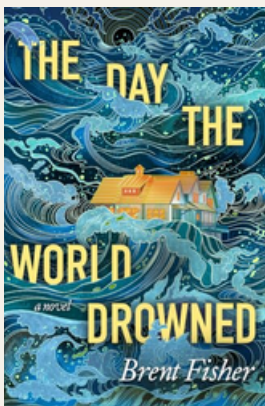
03

Former ballerina Morgan Shamy brings rare authenticity to the setting, drawing on her own performance background to create a darkly immersive world where artistic ambition, sacrifice and danger are inseparable.



# THE DAY THE WORLD DROWNED

BRENT FISHER



March 2027, by Disney Hyperion

**OWNER** Taryn Fargerness Agency

**SOLD TO** Disney Hyperion (USA), Pocket Jeunesse (FRA)

**PAGES** 304

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*A grieving teen must team up with the boy he blames for his father's death to stop rising waters and escape a deadly time loop.*

All anyone in small lake town of Takini, Michigan seems to talk about are the new, rapidly rising sea levels. No one has any idea why the water is rising along the Great Lakes, in the coastal cities, and around the world. And honestly, Jackson doesn't really care. His father is gone. What's it all matter?

But when Edward Malcolm, the teenager responsible for why his father is dead, suddenly appears needing his help, and knows how to stop the waters from consuming the world, Jackson finds he has no choice but to help to save the world from drowning. Because Edward might have also found a way to bring Jackson's father back from the dead.

However as concepts like time and death start to lose their meaning, and the waters continue to rise, Jackson may have to choose what's more important...the people who need him right now, or the pain he can't seem to let go of.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A high-concept speculative YA where rising waters and a devastating time loop turn grief into something terrifyingly literal, blending emotional realism with an unforgettable magical premise.

02

A rare, deeply empathetic exploration of teenage male grief, anger and vulnerability, balancing heartbreak with sharp humour, friendship and a tender romance as Jackson learns to choose the living over the past.

03

A standout debut publishing with Disney in spring 2027, with a second book already scheduled for spring 2028, perfect for fans of John Green and Jandy Nelson.



# FIVE VOICES

TAMARA MOSS



September 2026, by Allen & Unwin

**OWNER** Jill Grinberg  
**SOLD TO** Allen & Unwin (USA)  
**PAGES** 480  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Five friends, one hit podcast and a deadly secret: when one host is murdered, Rosie must uncover which of her closest friends is lying.*

Five Voices is a hugely popular podcast founded by five friends—Rosie, William, Simone, Zac, and Ocean—who debate contentious issues while playing classic board games. But an hour after a heated argument during a recording session, William is found dead. Everyone claims innocence, yet somebody must be lying.

Rosie discovers she was on the phone with William minutes before he fell from his apartment balcony. He was about to reveal a secret about one of their co-hosts, and his final words suggest that person interrupted him.

As Rosie searches for answers, she begins to realise that her world is not as black and white as she believed—and that doing the right thing is not always easy, even when it means solving her best friend's murder.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Tamara is the author, with **Marissa Meyer** (#1 New York Times bestselling author of the Lunar Chronicles and Heartless) of **THE ESCAPE GAME**, which sold in a heated auction to Putnam and will be published in the US, UK, and Australia in April 2026.

02

FIVE VOICES, which is told from the alternating POVs of the podcast co-hosts, is a commercial novel with a literary lean, thoughtful and provocative

03

"For readers who enjoy Jennifer Lynn Barnes's 'The Inheritance Games' and Stephanie Garber's Caraval, this inventive twist on a game immersed in a murder mystery is a first purchase for libraries." –School Library Journal, starred review

# WHAT ROUGH BEAST

MINDY MCGINNIS



October 2026, by HarperCollins

**OWNER** HarperCollins  
**SOLD TO**  
**PAGES** 272  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Three teenagers bound by buried secrets must confront a centuries-old evil awakening beneath their small town before the truth destroys them all.*

In a small town like Presnick, nothing stays buried forever.

Cast out at school, Ava Germaine finds refuge at Restoration Acres, the town's animal sanctuary, where her work distracts her from the night everything went wrong—and the boy she still blames. Micah Harding, the sheriff's son, knows his father cannot protect him forever from the secret they helped bury. Meanwhile, Hailey Wagner has finally escaped the town's judgment, until Ava starts talking—and Hailey is willing to do anything to silence her.

As a strange entity begins to stir, Ava, Micah, and Hailey are drawn into a centuries-old bargain and forced to confront the truth about the night that changed them—and the dark connection binding their fates together.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A chilling blend of psychological and speculative horror, where long-buried grudges and ancient evils collide, perfect for fans of **Don't Let the Forest In** and **Stranger Things**.

02

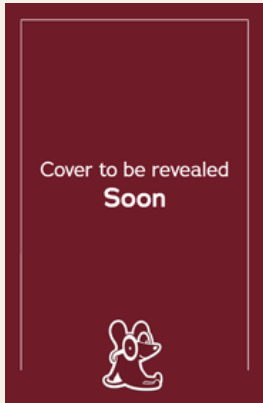
A fearless and thought-provoking horror novel that tackles urgent contemporary issues including mental health, consent, sexual violence and online pressure with unsettling honesty and emotional depth.

03

"A timely, unsettling, and insightful page-turner in which the monsters wear many faces." - Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

# BLACK GIRL, JUMP

CHARLENE THOMAS



May 2027, by Dutton

**OWNER** The Tobias Agency

**SOLD TO** Dutton (USA)

**PAGES** TBD

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*At an exclusive girls' retreat, a Black teen endures a skin-boiling magical river to sparkle, becoming dangerously essential to everyone around her.*

A popular body cream makes every girl sparkle—except Bryn. As the only Black girl on her volleyball team, at school, and almost in her entire town, she is painfully aware that she cannot shine like everyone else.

Then an exclusive all-girls' summer retreat invites her to join. There, Bryn discovers a boiling river hidden in the woods. Each time she plunges into its blue-hot waters and survives, it sends her back shining—and the water left behind gives the other girls the same glow. Soon, they depend on Bryn to keep jumping. And Bryn, desperate to feel beautiful and needed, cannot stop.

But the retreat's miracle comes at a devastating cost. As Bryn burns herself again and again, she must decide how much of herself she is willing to sacrifice to belong.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Praised for its authentic voice and vibrant celebration of Black girlhood, this standout YA contemporary shines a spotlight on a rarely represented competitive sport, offering both strong cultural resonance and clear commercial appeal.

02

**BUNNY** meets **Get Out** in this dark, satirical thriller where a beauty craze makes every girl sparkle—except for the Black girls.

03

A bold, high-concept YA horror that turns beauty culture into body horror, exploring racial exclusion, belonging and the dangerous cost of being seen through an unforgettable Black heroine.

# WHAT THE WOLVES KNOW

CYNTHIA HAND



July 2027, by HarperCollins

**OWNER** HarperCollins Children's Books

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**PAGES** 228

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Two girls lost in the woods must survive a terrifying night as something far deadlier than the wolves begins hunting them.*

Aspen knows wolves are endangered, but as the daughter of a famous wolf activist, she is tired of competing with them for her mother's attention. She is also hiding a relationship with the son of a vocal supporter of trapping wolves in Idaho National Forest.

Maya, meanwhile, is passionate about wolf conservation and cannot understand Aspen's indifference. Determined to prove her own commitment, she uses Aspen's secret to pressure her into helping sabotage a hunter's traps.

What begins as an act of civil disobedience quickly becomes dangerous when the girls are stranded deep in the forest. With an angry trapper hunting them through the woods, Aspen and Maya must put aside their differences and rely on each other to survive the night.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

This fast-paced thriller dives into the action quickly; most of the novel takes place over the course of a day in the woods that quickly becomes a night of terror for two girls who are lost and running from the man attempting to hunt them down.

02

A timely, high-stakes thriller that pairs environmental and conservation issues with propulsive action, sharp political tensions and twisty suspense, perfect for fans of Natalie D. Richards and Mindy McGinnis.

03

At under 300 pages, this is the perfect book for readers looking for a quick, entertaining read that balances thrilling action with meaningful themes.

# TO COURT A KILLER

EMILY WIBBERLEY & AUSTIN SIEGEMUND-BROKA



March 2027, by Viking

**OWNER** Penguin Young Reader  
**SOLD TO**  
**PAGES** 416  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*A cunning debutante enters a deadly Regency marriage competition where solving an occult murder could win her a mysterious bachelor's hand—or make her the killer's next victim.*

In Regency London, the social season begins in blood when former diamond Rose De Vere is found murdered at the year's first ball. Desperate to catch her killer, Rose's wealthy and elusive brother, Silas, launches a secret contest among the Ton's most eligible ladies: solve the murder and win his hand in marriage. For seventeen-year-old Charlotte Whisham, it may be her only escape from destitution. With a ruined reputation and little left to lose, she uses her cunning and resourcefulness to hunt the monster hiding among high society. But everyone has secrets. As Charlotte reports her clues to Silas in meetings disguised as courtship, attraction grows between them. Yet in a season where murder has entered the marriage market, Charlotte may end up not the victor, but the next victim.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** A deliciously high-concept YA pitched as "Bridgerton with a body count," blending the glamour and gossip of Regency high society, the addictive tension of a Bachelor-style competition and the page-turning intrigue of an Agatha Christie mystery.
- 02** A trope-rich Regency romance combining fake courtship, yearning exchanged through letters and sharp adversaries-to-lovers chemistry, with the irresistible twist that the season's most desirable suitor may also be a murderer.
- 03** A proven husband-and-wife writing duo with six YA romances, a Reese's Book Club pick and a successful adult crossover, including *THE ROUGHEST DRAFT*, with over 30,000 copies sold.

# MATCHA AND MATCHES

CARA TANAMACHI



January 2027, by Avon A

**OWNER** HarperCollins Children's Books  
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**PAGES** 320  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Love & Gelato meets the cozy café romance trend in this irresistible opposites-attract summer fling story set on an idyllic trip to Japan.*

Rina's been helping her mother build up their Matcha Much café empire and eager to learn even more from her estranged father in Japan. But as soon as she arrives, she's completely thrown off her game. Instead of learning how the matcha farm works, she's stuck behind the counter of his traditional tea house—taking orders from Takashi, star employee and the most irritatingly attractive boy she's ever met. Takashi's a matcha prodigy, a tea ceremony master, and basically perfect at everything. The easy bond he shares with Rina's father? Absolutely not something that bothers her... not even a little. But Rina was raised to win; Takashi is just another rival to beat. Unless, of course, the real danger isn't losing to him—but falling for him.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** **First in the Brewed With Love**, *Matcha & Matches* serves up a new swoony, contemporary romance where a girl unexpectedly find love—and herself—in charming café aboard, proving that sometimes the best romance comes with splash of matcha foam.
- 02** Combining forced proximity and rivals-to-lovers, **Matcha & Matches might hook BookTokers with the tropes they crave**, but they'll stay for Rina and Takashi's unmistakable chemistry.
- 03** *Matcha & Matches* gains **extra emotional heft** by diving headfirst into Rina's complex family dynamic: growing up with divorced parents, trying to bond with a father who's lives an ocean away, and navigating cultural gaps she's only just beginning to understand.

# HORCHATA & HEARTS

EMILY WIBBERLEY & AUSTIN SIEGEMUND-BROKA



June 2027, by Avon A

**OWNER** HarperCollins Children's Books

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**PAGES** 272

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*Afet falling in love alongside a good matcha, get to meet this cozy café romance trend in this grumpy/sunshine summer fling story set on a trip to Mexico.*

Alejandra signs up for a summer in Mexico to help her abuelo—and to escape the pain of a broken heart. But saving his struggling café is only half the battle. The other is helping him mend his own heart after the death of her abuela.

Then she meets Daniel, the grumpy and far-too-handsome grandson of Abuelo's favorite customer.

When Alejandra and Daniel decide to join forces and play matchmaker for their grandparents, they are certain that second chances at love are meant for everyone but themselves. But as their plans begin to bring their grandparents closer, their matchmaking schemes also ignite an unexpected spark between them—one that neither of them is prepared to face.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Horchata & Hearts serves up a new swoony, contemporary romance where a girl unexpectedly find love—and herself—in charming café aboard, proving that sometimes the best romance comes with splash of sweet horchata.

02

Fake dating, a sharp grumpy/sunshine dynamic and a sun-soaked summer romance make this an irresistible, highly commercial read for contemporary romance fans.

03

Latine teens are perpetually hungry for authentic representation in today's YA romance, and this story delivers the voice and visibility they continue to search for, alongside Alejandra's grief, multigeneration family dynamics, and what it really means to open your heart again.

# LEFT ON READ

MARISSA ELLER



August 2026, by Holiday House

**OWNER** Holiday House

**SOLD TO** HarperCollins (Germany)

**PAGES** 288

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish

*An anxious overachiever clashes with her brilliant, infuriatingly laid-back academic rival in this rivals-to-lovers romcom exploring ambition, burnout and teenage mental health.*

School is everything to Nova. After sacrificing every traditional high school experience for academic success, she is determined to make senior year perfect—even if maintaining that perfection is pushing her to her physical and mental limits.

Her biggest obstacle is Hayes, her brilliant and infuriating rival for valedictorian, who seems willing to do anything to claim the top spot. But when they are paired for a project on student mental health, Nova discovers he may be the only person who truly understands her burnout, anxiety, and relentless fear of failure.

As rivalry gives way to something deeper, Nova and Hayes must learn to challenge the pressures of school, family, and their own impossible expectations—and decide whether working together could offer them more than academic success.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

**Left on Read** is a fresh, funny and highly relatable YA rivals-to-lovers romcom that pairs the academic intensity of **Dead Poets Society** with the commercial appeal of **Hope This Doesn't Find You**, while tackling anxiety, burnout and the pressures facing today's overachieving teens.

02

Thoughtful and authentic mental health and disability representation gives the romance real emotional weight, as Nova navigates anxiety and chronic migraines while fighting for better support for students at her school.

03

"Filled with fun bookish references, this novel reads like a loose **Pride and Prejudice** retelling and excellently balances a sweet romance and supportive friendships. . . . This articulate, nuanced, and emotionally deep romance should not be missed."—**School Library Journal** (starred review)



# HOW TO FAKE A LOVE STORY

AASHNA AVACHAT



January 2027, by Penguin Workshop

**OWNER** KT Literary  
**SOLD TO** Penguin Workshop (USA)  
**PAGES** 320  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*Two former childhood best friends pursue secret revenge plots, each determined to make the other fall in love and break their heart first.*

Lakshmi Jadhav is determined to make the most of her final year before adulthood—even if that means ignoring Adil Chaddha, her former best friend and first crush, who still does not know why she disappeared two years ago.

When Adil's friends challenge his supposed romantic expertise, he agrees to make a girl of their choosing fall for him. Their target is Lakshmi, the one person they believe never would. But after Adil's careless interference leaves her new friend heartbroken, Lakshmi begins a revenge plan of her own.

Now Adil must win Lakshmi over, while Lakshmi intends to break his heart. As old feelings resurface and their schemes collide, their carefully constructed fake romance may become far more real than either expected.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A deliciously messy YA revenge rom-com where two former best friends pursue rival romantic schemes, only to risk falling for each other all over again. Perfect for fans of Lynn Painter and Ann Liang.

02

A pitch-perfect romance that captures the messy intensity of adolescence with effortless authenticity, balancing laugh-out-loud humour, heartfelt emotion and irresistible first-love charm.

03

"A swoon-worthy romance about following your heart. I absolutely adored this book." —Ann Liang, *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Hope This Doesn't Find You on Love Craves Cardamom*

# LOVE WITH A TWIST: A PICK-YOUR-PATH ROMANTIC ADVENTURE

SUZANNE NELSON



June 2027, by Penguin Workshop

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*An interactive Italian summer rom-com where readers choose between three love interests and more than twenty possible endings while chasing a dream internship.*

After a life-changing breakup with your childhood-best-friend-turned-first-love, you're now following your heart to your dream college in New York City. That is, until one little word grinds your post-high school plans to a halt: wait-listed.

Now, in a last-ditch effort to strengthen your application, you're packing your bags for your senior year internship at the lemon groves of Villa Limonsole in Italy. As you work toward winning the award for developing the best proposal to improve Limonsole's business, will you fall for Marco, who has a soft spot for you under his moody artist exterior? Or will Clementine's rebel nature and talent for baking mean a sweet start to an opposites-attract romance? Or will you reconnect with Shan, your ex who knows the language of flowers just as well as he knows you?

When life gives you lemons and a fresh chance at amore, what path will you choose?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A fresh, interactive take on the YA rom-com, inviting readers to choose their own love story and happily ever after through more than 20 possible endings.

02

A sun-soaked Italian escape filled with lemon groves, first love, second chances and three very different romantic paths, offering a highly re-readable experience built around reader choice.

03

From established YA and middle-grade author Suzanne Nelson, whose work includes a Sydney Taylor Honor Book and the Hallmark adaptation *You're Bacon Me Crazy*, bringing proven romantic storytelling credentials to an irresistible new format.



# ROCK ON, SUMMER SANDERS

STEPHANIE KATE STROHM



June 2027, by Running Press

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**SOLD TO** Running Press (USA)  
**PAGES** 320  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*A banjo-playing teen joins her crush's punk band, only to discover new music, unexpected feelings for the boy next door and her own voice.*

Sixteen-year-old Summer Sanders has been performing since she was five, but unfortunately it is with the Sanders Family Folk Collective, which definitely does not rock. What she really wants is to get closer to Shane Wiley, gorgeous frontman of Lethal Convection, her school's undefeated Battle of the Bands champions.

When guitarist and next-door neighbor Isaac reveals the band needs a new bassist, Summer impulsively volunteers. There is only one problem: she plays the banjo, not the bass. And when Lethal Convection lands an opportunity far beyond their high school competition, Summer has more to prove than ever.

As she discovers punk, learns to play bass, and finds confidence onstage, Summer begins to realize the band means more than getting Shane's attention—and that Isaac may be more than just the boy next door.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A fresh, music-driven YA rom-com combining Battle of the Bands energy, an irresistible boy-next-door romance and a heroine discovering that finding her sound also means finding herself.

02

From banjo-playing family folk musician to unlikely punk bassist, Summer's journey offers a funny, heartfelt celebration of musical identity, creative confidence and embracing the things that make you different.

03

From established YA author Stephanie Kate Strohm (**13 Days of Summer**), a warm and highly commercial coming-of-age romance perfect for fans of K.L. Walther, Sarah Dessen and Jenny Han.

# MEET ME UNDER THE LIGHTS

CASSIE MILLER



March 2026, by Viking Books

**OWNER** The Tobias Agency  
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**PAGES** 384  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A Romeo & Juliet-inspired small-town baseball romance where the son and daughter of two rival families must decide if their love is worth the risk.*

High school junior Eliza Crowley may be known as the Princess of Fairfield, but she has no interest in living up to her small town's expectations. While everyone else is obsessed with baseball and tradition, Eliza dreams of becoming a Broadway lighting designer and spending the summer working on the local theater production.

Then Reed Fulton returns to town. The star pitcher of the rival Fulton Hawks, Reed is determined to redeem last season and lead his team to victory. But reconnecting with Eliza, his childhood friend turned stranger, threatens to complicate everything. As baseball and summer nights draw them closer, their families' decades-long feud pushes them apart. When the Crowleys and Fultons make a deal to settle their rivalry once and for all, Eliza and Reed are caught in the middle.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Heartwarming, captivating, and full of emotion, Meet Me Under the Lights is a pitch-perfect romance that will have readers hooked right off the bat.

02

A highly commercial small-town YA romance that combines summer nostalgia, baseball rivalry and a decades-old family feud with the emotional pull of childhood friends finding their way back to each other.

03

"This enemies-to-lovers romance that alternates POVs between the two teens will lead to some solid swoons . . . A great choice for those who love Kasie West and Lynn Painter."—Booklist

# A ROYAL KIND OF RECKLESS

YAMILE SAIED MÉNDEZ



May 2027, by Little, Brown Books

OWNER Gallt & Zacker

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PAGES 352

AVAILABLE RIGHTS Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*An impulsive princess sent to Argentina discovers family, freedom and unexpected romance while deciding whether to renounce the throne or redefine it.*

For Iris, being a princess is no fairytale. Trapped at an elite Swiss boarding school surrounded by headline-hungry paparazzi, she's counting down the days until she turns eighteen and can finally renounce her title. But just months before her birthday, one slip-up proves that she's not the perfect princess the world expects and her parents ship her out of the public eye to her grandmother's ranch in Argentina.

In the sprawling Pampas grasslands, Iris finds a new version of herself, one shaped by family, new horizons, and a boy from her past who sees her as more than a title. Torn between her royal responsibilities and the new life she's falling in love with, Iris faces an impossible Should she walk away from the throne...or claim it on her own terms?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A frothy royal YA romance that trades palace life for the sweeping Pampas of Argentina, combining princess escapism, family roots and a swoony reunion with a boy from Iris's past.

02

Beneath the romance, a coming-of-age story about identity and agency, as Iris questions the expectations attached to her title and considers what ruling on her own terms could look like.

03

From the award-winning author of *Furia*, praised by Reese Witherspoon, Kirkus Reviews and Publishers Weekly for her vivid, feminist and emotionally charged storytelling.

# Chapter Books

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## LIAN SONG #1: UNLOCKS REAL-LIFE SECRET POWERS

KRISTEN MAI GIANG



February 2027, by Farrar, Straus and Giroux

**OWNER** Macmillan

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**PAGES** 144

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*A beautifully illustrated series that follows a girl with a big family and an even bigger imagination.*

Lian Song has an epic imagination.

Her mother calls it colorful. Her big sister, Jun, says her head is in outer space. But if Lian were in outer space, at least she wouldn't have to do chores. With Mom often away at work, Lian and her siblings are used to taking care of themselves.

Lian just wants to disappear into a book, which is why she's building a super-secret book nook. But when Mom hurts her back and has to miss work at the hair salon she runs, everyone worries she might lose her job.

Luckily, Lian's head is full of ideas. She and her siblings decide to run the salon themselves! Kai can fix things, Jun can blow-dry hair, and Lian is an expert at painting nails. What could possibly go wrong?

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From lauded author Kristen Mai Giang comes a charismatic new chapter-book reminiscent of Alvin Ho and Dory Fantasmagory who is sure to delight young readers with her infectious humor and relatable gripes. The first of an illustrated series!

02

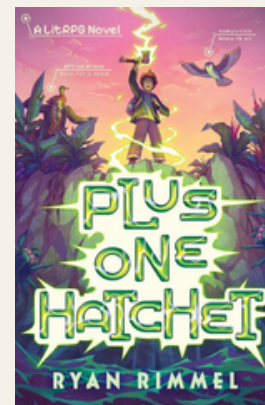
These books will have black and white illustrations throughout, making them great for emerging readers. The two first books of the series will be published in 2027. It is expected to have four books in total.

03

"I love Lian Song Unlocks Real-Life Secret Powers. It's a humorous, honest, and heartwarming depiction of an immigrant family. Readers will beg for more." — Angela Dominguez, New York Times-bestseller and author of the Stella Díaz and Gabby Torres series

## PLUS ONE HATCHET

RYAN RIMMEL



May 2026, by HarperPop

**OWNER** HarperCollins Children's Books

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**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*An 11-year-old must master pioneer skills, defeat a level boss and survive his know-it-all guide in this LitRPG adventure about the perils of being stuck in a world far from home.*

While on a camping trip with his parents, eleven-year-old Jaysen finds a staircase in the woods, which is something one should never climb. But he does. And Jaysen ends up in the office of Mister Mallard, a man with a duck for a head. A full, entire duck. Not just a duck head. Thus begins Jaysen's strange journey of levelling up his pioneer skills, fighting spiders and raging boars and nasty crocodile-like creatures, all while learning what hit points are (the hard way). All in his great quest to achieve the ultimate reward: getting back to Ohio. Grab your hatchets and down your health potions and get ready to travel through the Worlds between Worlds in Plus One Hatchet, bestselling fantasy author Ryan Rimmel's first-ever middle grade LitRPG adventure.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

**LitRPG novels** tap into readers' love of portal fantasy and **role-playing games**, with strong world-building elements and a strong sense of humor. And given the ongoing success of the **Dungeon Crawler Carl series**, it's clear that the fantasy community is primed for a new entry into the market.

02

With most **LitRPG novels** in the market aimed for older readers, we see an exciting opportunity to **meet young readers** who are curious about this new genre.

03

Rimmel's adult series, Noobtown, has been a massive success in digital formats, selling 400k across ebook and audio. The series has over 122 million Kindle Unlimited page reads, and books 1-3 have an average Goodreads rating of 4.2 and Amazon rating of 4.5!

## THE CARLTON GIRLS: CASEY AND THE CRUEL THIEF

JULIE ABE



March 2027, by Penguin Workshop

**OWNER** Penguin Young Readers  
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**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish & Portugal

*Only Murders in the Building meets The Swifts in the first installment of this cozy whodunit mystery series.*

Most people would love to live in a glamorous Upper West Side high-rise, but Casey hates her morning elevator ride to school. Every day, she is trapped with her two former best friends, an overly cheerful new girl, and the talkative Grandma Williams. After losing her friendships, Casey has no interest in making new ones. Then strange things begin happening in Carlton Towers. A family heirloom disappears, followed by wallets and jewelry—and soon Grandma Williams vanishes too. With a thief and possible kidnapper on the loose, Casey and the other girls realize they may be the only ones who can uncover the truth and stop the culprit before it is too late.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A fast-paced four-book mystery series from Penguin Workshop, with each installment featuring a new Carlton Girl's perspective and a fresh Upper West Side case, supported by an accelerated publishing schedule beginning with two books in **Spring 2027**.

02

A clever, character-driven middle-grade mystery series that combines the friendship appeal of *The Baby-Sitters Club* with page-turning cases, led by four irresistible girls whose different strengths make them the perfect sleuthing team.

03

From acclaimed author Julie Abe, known for heartfelt, cozy storytelling and the critically celebrated *Eva Evergreen* series, named a Best Middle Grade Book by Kirkus Reviews, the New York Public Library, Bank Street and Book Riot.

## HUXLEY HIGGINS, BUG BUSTER

JENNY MOORE



August 2026, by Lerner Publishing

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*A wildly funny, high-energy illustrated series celebrating big dreams, unlikely heroes and the chaotic brilliance of being unapologetically yourself at every turn.*

Huxley Higgins series by Jenny Moore is a fast-paced, laugh-out-loud illustrated middle grade series about Huxley Higgins—an overly ambitious, hilariously self-confident boy convinced he's destined for greatness.

As he launches one outrageous scheme after another, dragging his best friend and family along for the ride, chaos inevitably follows. Beneath the comedy, the series celebrates friendship, loyalty, and discovering what truly makes you extraordinary.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

With bright, engaging photos on every page, large print, and short chapters, young readers will love Huxley's shenanigans and, in some cases, enjoy knowing more than he does. It's easy to imagine this being a favorite series of some readers."—**School Library Journal**

02

Packed with fast-paced humor, quirky illustrations, and unforgettable characters, the series is perfect for readers who love bold personalities, big laughs, and slightly disastrous adventures.

03

A hilarious, highly accessible early chapter book that turns one boy's enormous imagination into laugh-out-loud chaos, with full-color illustrations and a format designed to build confidence in newly independent readers.



# Middle Grade

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# AIRRELLE OF THE MAROON WITCHES

SUMAYYAH BECK



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*Kiki's Delivery Service meets Black Panther in richly imagined world where once-enslaved people have built an enchanted network of hidden witch communities.*

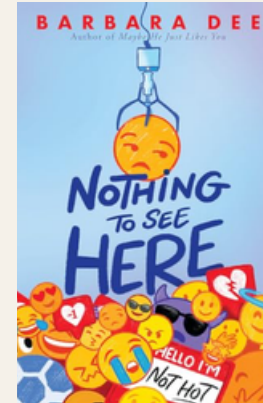
Anyone can become a witch in Missen Dessalin—if they can find it. Hidden from the outside world, the Missen is a refuge for those who prefer to stay missing. Twelve-year-old Airrelle Bookman has spent years waiting for magic to call to her. To become a fully confirmed maroon witch, she must secure four patron animals, complete four rites, master four skills, and pass her initiation. Then she will finally be able to fly beyond the Missen's walls, just like her parents, siblings, and best friend Hosniya. But when Airrelle's trial begins, family troubles and new threats endanger the safety and secrecy of Missen Dessalin. An ordinary girl from beyond its protected walls—raised in an unenchanted and turbulent world—may be the key to saving both Airrelle and her home.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** Informed by the history of maroon societies and inspired by the fantasy worlds of **Studio Ghibli**, *Airrelle of the Maroon Witches* is a beautiful coming of age story about a shy but resourceful girl discovering her own power.
- 02** A warmly acclaimed middle-grade debut, praised for its bold and irresistible heroine, inventive magical worldbuilding and tender exploration of friendship, hope and belonging.
- 03** "Airrelle's winning, adventurous voice propels the story, while her evolving friendship with Rabiah forms its emotional core. . . .[A] tender tale of hope and belonging."—**Publishers Weekly**

# NOTHING TO SEE HERE

BARBARA DEE



October 2026, by Scholastic Press

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*Four eighth graders spread fake rumors to expose online bullying—only for their experiment to spiral out of control.*

Between her best friend ditching her and her parents taking away her phone, Winnie's year is off to a rough start. But eighth grade gets even more complicated when she's named on the Not Hot list by an anonymous online account. Gia's on the Hot list, but she'd rather not be. There's already enough chatter about her online—how she thinks she's smarter and better than everyone else, and lately, that she's secretly dating Mateo. Mateo isn't dating Gia, but he has had a crush on her for over a year now. But kids online are saying they have nothing in common, and he doesn't want to make her uncomfortable. Levi is Mateo's best friend, but he doesn't mind that he's not in the spotlight. He's got enough on his plate trying to help his mom as her MS worsens. But when an anonymous post takes things too far, the four band together to put a stop to the online bullying—once and for all.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** A timely and empowering middle-grade novel that combines Barbara Dee's acclaimed storytelling with a highly discussable exploration of feminism, historical truth and youth activism, inspiring young readers to question the past, build community and become changemakers themselves.
- 02** Acclaimed middle-grade author Barbara Dee has published over a dozen novels, earned numerous starred reviews and best-of selections, and is widely praised for tackling sensitive topics with insight and accessibility.
- 03** "The age-appropriate, relatable, and realistic lessons Freya learns are reinforced by supportive grown-ups in her life. Readers will readily root for the impassioned protagonist on her hard-fought feminist journey." —Kirkus

# WORST HERO EVER

EVA AMORES & MATT COSGROVE



April 2026, by Scholastic Australia

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*A hilariously gross superhero origin story about a boy cursed with the world's worst superpower and forced to become an unlikely hero.*

If you could have any superpower, what would you choose?

Super strength? Invisibility? The ability to fly? Super speed? So many superpowers to choose from. Unfortunately, for Licky Ricky, he didn't get to choose. He just woke up one day with the most useless, least impressive, socially unacceptable, slightly embarrassing, frankly gross, superpower of all time!

Grab your barf bags, buckle up and brace yourself for the unbelievable but entirely true origin story of the WORST HERO EVER!

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From the creators of the worldwide smash hit Worst Week Ever comes a brand-new series introducing the WORST hero ever, with the same fast-paced humour and chaotic energy readers already love.

02

Backed by a proven international success, with Worst Week Ever sold in more than 50 countries and Matt Cosgrove also known as the author-illustrator of Macca the Alpaca.

03

A hilarious new hero with a seriously unusual superpower, perfect for fans of **Worst Week Ever** and **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** looking for big laughs, high-energy adventures and plenty of illustrated mayhem.

# JOJO AND THE FASHION SHOW

ANNETTE M CLAYTON & CAROLINA VÁZQUEZ



August 2025, by Lerner Publishing

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*A heartwarming illustrated series that empowers young readers with confidence, kindness, and the courage to be themselves.*

Through warm, relatable stories filled with gentle humor, the books explore themes such as friendship, school, family, confidence, and learning to embrace who you are. Each installment combines engaging storytelling with emotional growth, offering young readers positive role models and meaningful life lessons in an accessible, age-appropriate way. Perfect for early readers and shared reading time, the JoJo series stands out for its simple language, vibrant illustrations, and uplifting messages about resilience, empathy, and self-belief.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A character-led series centered on a confident, emotionally expressive young Black girl, offering meaningful representation rarely seen in early illustrated fiction.

02

Blends storytelling with social-emotional learning, helping children develop self-esteem, empathy, and resilience through relatable, everyday scenarios.

03

Designed for both independent and shared reading, with accessible language and vibrant illustrations that make it ideal for classrooms, libraries, and family reading time.

## SLEEPOVER FRIENDS: PATTI'S LUCK

SUSAN SAUNDERS



June 2027, by Putnam

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*Friendship, school drama and weekly slumber parties collide in this binge-worthy series, a nostalgic favorite perfectly primed to win over a new generation.*

Best friends Patti, Stephanie, Lauren, and Kate love so many things in common: bike riding, chocolate, dancing, and of course, boys. Most of all, they love slumber parties—and they have one every weekend! The Sleepover Friends have each other to make it through this, along with anything else fifth grade has in store for them! The Sleepover Friends think it's just a joke when Kate casts a bad luck "spell" on Patti, until some really unlucky things start happening whenever Patti is around. Could she be cursed?

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Originally published by Scholastic in 1987 and still remembered fondly by readers today, Sleepover Friends returns with a light modernization that preserves the charm of the original while making the books feel fresh for a new generation.

02

Carefully refreshed for today's readers, the books preserve the original friendship, school drama and sleepover appeal while updating dated references and language for a new generation.

03

Designed to build momentum fast, the relaunch will publish six books on an accelerated schedule, with two titles per season and a new instalment arriving every other month.

## SLEEPOVER FRIENDS: STARRING STEPHANIE

SUSAN SAUNDERS



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When this year's school play is announced, Stephanie knows she's destined to be a star, and she gets her best friends to audition with her, even shy Patti. But things take a surprising turn on the day of tryouts . . .

Luckily, the Sleepover Friends have each other to make it through this, along with anything else fifth grade has in store for them!

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A six-book series rolling out across three seasons, with each instalment spotlighting a different member of the friendship group and creating a highly collectible, bingeable reading experience.

02

Built around four best friends with distinct personalities, SLEEPOVER FRIENDS delivers friendship-first, low-stakes drama with a comforting episodic format that makes every book easy to pick up and hard to stop reading.

03

A prolific children's author with a proven instinct for addictive series fiction, Susan Saunders is the creator of Sleepover Friends and numerous other long-running series for young readers.

# URANUS FC

MICK ELLIOTT



March 2026, by Scholastic Australia

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*A team of underdogs must find the courage to compete in an intergalactic soccer world cup in this hilarious middle grade series.*

It's the year 2777, and protagonist Tyko is stuck on Uranus with his genius scientist big sister, Hibiki, and his best friend, Ahmed. Tyko dreams of becoming a striker like his hero, Sandor Sanchez, and playing for Earth FC in the GLOOFF Cup. But when Earth mysteriously disappears, and Earth FC is tragically disqualified, Tyko seizes the opportunity to enter himself and his ragtag group of friends into the tournament and make a wild attempt at achieving his dream.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A brilliantly commercial mash-up of football, aliens and gross-out humour, launching a fast-paced new graphic novel series with all the anarchic energy young readers love.

02

Designed especially for readers aged 7+, the punchy comic-strip format, accessible language and highly visual storytelling make it an ideal choice for reluctant or developing readers.

03

From experienced children's creator Mick Elliott, a high-energy adventure that delivers big laughs and nonstop action while weaving in positive themes of confidence, perseverance, loyalty and teamwork.

# STARFARER

COLIN GIGL



June 2027, by Viking Books

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*A dazzling fantasy about a boy who will stop at nothing to save his planet, perfect for Treasure Planet and Star Wars.*

For years, Leo has searched the universe for the legendary Dawn Star, believing its single wish could save his home after the Nova Pirates transformed his planet into crystal and left him its only survivor.

Ella, meanwhile, is the infamous Starfarer: a thirteen-year-old outlaw vigilante who topples corrupt governments, steals moons, and somehow always escapes. After witnessing Leo evade the pirates, she offers him a deal: she will help him find the Dawn Star if he helps her break into the universe's most secure prison and free the storyteller who can restore her reputation.

But Ella knows more about the Dawn Star than she admits, including the danger it poses. As the two race across the universe, pursued by pirates and secrets, they must decide what it truly means to be a hero—and how far they are willing to go to shape their own stories.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A dazzling middle-grade fantasy where Treasure Planet adventure meets The Girl Who Drank the Moon's magic, wonder and lyrical beauty.

02

A timeless yet strikingly original story about truth, resilience and the power of storytelling, with unforgettable characters and hope at its heart.

03

A rare, emotionally resonant debut that celebrates holding on to hope when everything feels lost, offering young readers a story for our times.



# RILEY DARE

M.K. ENGLAND



September 2026, by Penguin Workshop

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*A puzzle-loving girl with flickering magic tackles her first real mystery when an author vanishes from an escape room tied to an unsolved heist.*

Riley Dare is a master at solving puzzles. She helps run her aunt's beloved escape room, Level Up, adding a little magic of her own with shadows, lights, and other tricks.

But when a celebrated children's mystery author vanishes inside their newest escape room, inspired by the biggest unsolved heist in town history, things quickly spiral. With a possible ghost haunting Level Up, reservations disappearing, and a police investigation threatening the business, Riley has more than one mystery to solve.

Teaming up with her closest friends, Riley begins searching for answers—and discovers that the disappearance may be connected to the twelve-year-old heist. A heist that happened on the day she was born.

It is her greatest puzzle yet, and Riley Dare is on the case.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A brilliantly commercial middle-grade hook that combines a locked-room mystery with an escape-room setting, adding just enough magic and ghostly intrigue to make the puzzle feel fresh and irresistible.

02

The first in a planned trilogy, introducing a highly series-friendly heroine whose talent for puzzles and emerging magical abilities open the door to a whole world of clever, kid-led mysteries.

03

Already earning standout praise from bestselling children's authors, Riley Dare delivers the perfect mix of twists, friendship, heart and spooky fun for readers who love interactive-feeling mysteries and fast-paced adventures.

# THE MOSTLY TRUE DIARY OF A KINDA COOL KID

JUSTIN A. REYNOLDS



April 2027, by Scholastic Press

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*A fresh new spin on the diary format, The Mostly True Diary of a Kinda Cool Kid series will have you in stitches with laugh-out-loud writing and hilarious illustrations.*

Chase Cash's popularity levels are so low, they're basically underground. Chase knows he's the funniest kid at North Bueller Middle School, so why does everyone seem to think he's embarrassingly dorky?? They must be confused . . . but if he could score a coveted invite to Sophie Charles's start-of-year party, everyone — especially a certain ex-best friend who ditched him for a cooler crowd — would have to admit he's the coolest kid in school! Luckily, Chase always has a plan, and even when he's down, you can never count him out. Follow along in his highly-illustrated journal as he recounts his hilarious (and hilariously wack) attempts to survive middle school and be the popularity god he's sure he was born to be.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A laugh-out-loud, highly illustrated middle-grade comedy about one boy's wildly misguided quest for popularity, capturing the awkwardness, ambition and social chaos of middle school with irresistible energy.

02

Told through Chase's journal, the format combines visual storytelling with a strong comic voice, making it especially accessible for reluctant readers and fans of character-driven school stories packed with schemes, embarrassment and friendship drama.

03

From acclaimed author Justin A. Reynolds, whose debut *Opposite of Always* was a School Library Journal Best Book, has been translated into 17 languages and is in development for film with Paramount Players.

# REVVED 1: KIDS ON THE GRID

WILL TAYLOR



August 2027, by Penguin Workshop

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*A high-speed middle grade adventure following Mateo and a globe-trotting group of kids growing up inside the thrilling world of Formula 1.*

Mateo has basically been driving since before he could walk. Okay, well—that's not technically true. But after spending his entire life at racetracks, it feels like he could get in a car and take off, no problem. That's what happens when your mom is an F1 car designer, your older sister is the hotshot new driver in the league, and your dad is her manager.

Mateo is part of a Formula 1 family—and he's not the only one. From the children of pit crew members to the extended family of team owners and members of diehard fan families from around the world, there's a group of kids just like Mateo who travel from city to city, following the F1 season from the first Grand Prix to the last.

This season is about to be the biggest of Mateo's life—his sister, Mari, is poised for a podium at the Miami Grand Prix. But when Mateo and his friends uncover a plot to sabotage Mari's race, it's up to them to expose the culprit before the flag comes down on race day!

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A fast-paced, highly accessible F1 mystery series that puts young readers right in the middle of the action, combining behind-the-scenes racing drama with page-turning cases that work for both motorsport fans and complete newcomers.

02

Each instalment brings a brand-new mystery, a different Grand Prix destination and a new spotlight character, giving the series a strong collectible hook while taking readers across the glamorous international world of Formula 1.

03

From New York Times bestselling author Will Taylor, with an animated adaptation already in production, the series launches with an accelerated four-book schedule designed to build momentum quickly and keep readers coming back.

# WHODUNLIT: JANE AUSTEN

TRACEY WEST & KATHERINE NOLL



October 2026, by Harper Collins Children

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*Step into Jane Austen's world of balls, bonnets and secrets with 50 clever puzzles inspired by her most beloved stories.*

From the timeless world of Jane Austen comes a collection of 50 original brainteasers steeped in the wit and intrigue of Regency society. Join England's cleverest heroines to untangle cozy capers set in grand assembly rooms and sprawling country estates. You'll tackle everything from scandalous whispers revealed on calling cards to secrets overheard in carriages, all with a delightful mix of smarts and humor.

It is up to YOU to navigate the delicate rules of society, decipher the clues, and protect the reputations of ladies and gentlemen alike. With a pencil and your sharpest insights, you will feel as though you've stepped right into the pages of a beloved novel. These diverting challenges offer hours of immersive, screen-free fun.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Tapping into the booming Murdle-style puzzle trend, this literary twist brings Jane Austen's Regency world to life through 50 original mysteries, riddles and brain teasers.

02

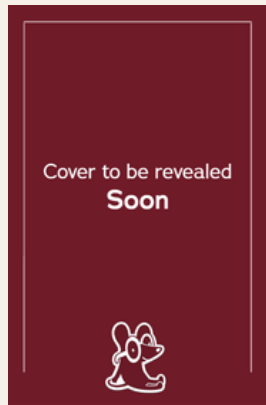
With broad crossover appeal for kids, tweens, teens and young adults, this is a highly giftable, screen-free activity book designed for solo puzzling, family fun and rainy-day entertainment.

03

More than just fun, the varied mix of deduction grids, codes, word games and pattern puzzles actively builds critical thinking, logic and problem-solving skills while keeping readers fully immersed in the challenge.

# SCREECHERS

SHAELYN ZEITZ



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*A girl must find a way to protect her little brother from the monsters that lurk in the darkness—even if survival means putting her trust in a stranger.*

Years after all the light in the world disappeared and monsters emerged, Leena lives locked inside with her older sister, Phoebe, and younger brother, Talon. Only Phoebe ventures out for supplies and to collect waterlight, a glowing substance that keeps the deadly Screechers at bay.

When Phoebe disappears during a supply run, Leena is forced to become the responsible older sister. But keeping Talon safe proves harder than she imagined, especially when help arrives in the form of a strange girl with a glowing umbrella and an obsession with bees.

In a cold, dangerous world where trusting the wrong person can mean death, Leena must decide whether this mysterious newcomer is a friend—or another threat waiting in the dark.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A creepy, high-concept middle-grade survival story set in a world where light has vanished and monsters hunt in the dark, with an instantly memorable glowing substance as humanity's only protection.

02

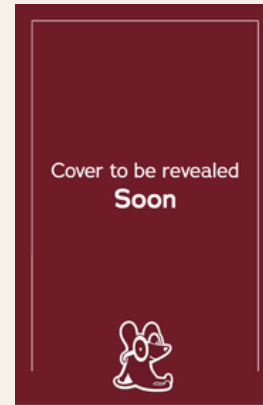
At the heart of the adventure is a powerful sibling story, as Leena is forced to grow into the role of protector when her older sister disappears and every decision could put her little brother at risk.

03

A fresh debut for readers of R.L. Stine and The Last Kids on Earth, blending post-apocalyptic danger with spooky fun, unusual new friendships and the unsettling question of whether people may be more dangerous than the monsters.

# THE HAUNTING OF ASPEN ESTATE

MOLLY MCDONOUGH



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*A living girl and a lonely ghost form an unlikely friendship, finding courage together as sinister shadows and buried secrets threaten Aspen Estate.*

When twelve-year-old Marie snips off her bully's pigtail, the resulting suspension means days at Aspen Estate, where her father tends the gardens. Here, hidden within the eerie shadows of the greenhouse, dwells a lonely ghost girl named Fern. Bound by the strict rules of her menacing caretaker, Mr. Locke, Fern is forbidden any contact with the living. But when Marie and Fern collide in the greenhouse, curiosity quickly blossoms into an unbreakable friendship. When the girls meet Jacob, another ghost child on the grounds, Mr. Locke's rules and secrets begin to unravel—and malicious, creeping shadows start to threaten Marie. With help from Marie's classmate Keisha, they uncover something sinister infesting the estate, and a chilling threat to all four children comes to light.

Fern and Marie face a harrowing choice: gather the courage to stand up against the shadows, or risk losing the one soul who truly understands them.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A spooky-sweet middle-grade ghost story with friendship at its heart, pairing genuine chills and creepy supernatural danger with an emotionally rich bond between two girls, one living and one dead.

02

Set within the shadowy grounds, greenhouse and hidden corners of Aspen Estate, the novel blends gothic atmosphere, sinister secrets and skin-crawling horror with strong emotional stakes and a compelling mystery for ages 10–14.

03

A standout debut from an exciting new voice in middle-grade fiction, with luminous writing and strong character work, perfect for readers of The Midnight Children and The Bellwoods Game.

# EMERALD ACADEMY: SCHOOL OF OZ

LAURA SIEVEKING



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*A new generation enters Oz as Emily Gale investigates a stolen magical artifact and the mysterious boy everyone suspects.*

Emily Gale, the daughter of Dorothy, is beyond excited to begin at Emerald Academy—the school for the future leaders of Oz. She is reunited with her friends, the Scarecrow’s son, the Tin Woodsman’s daughter, Glinda’s son and the Lion’s son.

But then a new boy arrives. Seth has green skin in a distinct pattern that every Ozian knows. Could he be related to the most evil villain Oz had ever known, the Wicked Witch of the South? When a dangerous magic ball is stolen, suspicions rise and fingers begin pointing at Seth. But Emily isn’t sure Seth is as wicked as everyone thinks. And the only hope they have of saving Oz is to trust Seth to go with them along the yellow brick road. For whatever awaits them.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A thrilling, action-packed mystery that will captivate 10+ readers and keep them enthralled—who is the new boy who has joined Emerald Academy? And is he related to the most evil villain Oz has ever known?

02

Contains themes of friendship, building trust, overcoming prejudice, and best of all, magic. Perfect for fans of Wicked, The Descendants and The School of Good and Evil.

03

Written by Laura Sieveking, author of the bestselling ‘Ella at Eden’ series, which has over 150,000 copies in print.

# THE IMAGITORIUM

SARAH BETH DURST



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*Follow Amelia, a shy girl and her imaginary friend as they try to save a magical factory full of creatures and find their courage along the way.*

Shy daydreamer Amelia has been looking forward to this day for as long as she can remember: the day she, as a ten-year-old, finally gets to enter the magical Imagitorium and create her very own imaginary friend.

But when she walks out of the Creation Room with Ruru, a fluffy, bearlike being with butterfly wings who gives excellent hugs, and into a scene of pure chaos, she quickly realizes that something’s gone very wrong. The Imagitorium is so much bigger than anyone outside knows, filled with dragons and sea monsters and candy cyclones, and now it’s starting to fall apart.

The Caretaker is missing, and it’s up to Amelia to find her.

Amelia knows that she’s never been a hero, but... maybe she can still help?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A wildly imaginative middle-grade fantasy set inside a magical factory where imaginary friends are created, blending the wonder of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory with the emotional magic of The Neverending Story.

02

At its heart is a warm, empowering story about a shy girl discovering that bravery does not require fearlessness, as Amelia and her irresistibly huggable imaginary friend Ruru set out to save a world overflowing with dragons, sea monsters and candy cyclones.

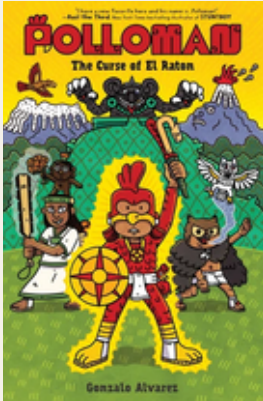
03

From New York Times bestselling author Sarah Beth Durst, with exceptional early praise from Katherine Applegate, Jen Calonita and Sayantani DasGupta, positioning THE IMAGITORIUM as a standout adventure about creativity, friendship and the power of imagination.



## POLLOMAN: THE CURSE OF EL RATON

GONZALO ALVAREZ



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*In this middle-grade graphic novel debut by Gonzalo Alvarez, the fate of Aztlan, the mythical homeland of the Aztec people, rests on one boy's shoulders.*

Emanuel is a chicken. He'd rather play with his canicas than stand up to bullies. Even the characters in his abuelita's folk stories scare him. So imagine his surprise when one of those characters, El Raton, appears in his bedroom one night to steal his canicas and drag him through a portal into Aztlan, home to the ancient Aztecs.

Thankfully, Emanuel is rescued by a shapeshifter named Chiko, who introduces him to this magical land, where fabled monsters of his childhood run amok. It's not before long Emanuel discovers he is the Sun Warrior, wielder of the Sun Stone, protector of Aztlan. Only he can put an end to El Raton's reign and free the people of Aztlan from his terror.

Can Emanuel find the courage to embrace his newfound power, save the people of Aztlan and find his way home? Or will he become just another one of Abuelita's folk tales?

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A high-energy middle-grade graphic novel adventure rooted in Aztec mythology and Mexican folklore, bringing legendary creatures, ancient stories and the mythical land of Aztlan vividly to life for a new generation of readers.

02

At its heart is a universally relatable coming-of-age journey, as a timid boy who has always seen himself as a coward must discover whether courage means being fearless or choosing to act despite being afraid.

03

With portal fantasy, shapeshifters, magical powers and a reluctant young hero destined to become the Sun Warrior, this series-ready debut combines fast-paced action with rich cultural storytelling and strong visual appeal.

## FILM NERDS

SOFIA WARREN



September 2026, by Putnam

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*A graphic novel following two best friends who share a passion for DIY filmmaking until the move to middle school sparks growing differences between them.*

Best friends Ami and Ivy couldn't be more different: Ami is quiet and dreamy, while Ivy is loud and always in motion. What they share is a love of filmmaking, and together they're creating a sci-fi epic about a space mission after Earth's destruction.

But sixth grade brings a bigger challenge. At their new school, Ami and Ivy are placed on different teams. Ivy quickly makes new friends, while Ami struggles to fit in and hides how lonely she feels.

When the sixth-grade talent show is announced, Ami is convinced entering their film will change everything. There is only one problem: Ivy does not want anyone to see it. Certain everyone will love Ivy's over-the-top performance, Ami decides the film could help her fit in. What could possibly go wrong?

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

This hilarious and bittersweet graphic novel, punctuated with storyboard excerpts from the girls' film project, boldly explores the complicated but wondrous galaxies of friendship, artmaking, and growing up.

02

Perfect for "fans of authors of genre standouts like Raina Telgemeier, Kayla Miller, and Jennifer L. Holm. Thoughtful, heartfelt, and oh-so-relatable." (Kirkus Reviews)

03

"This graphic novel masterfully captures the preteen experience and offers reassurance to readers navigating one of life's most confusing and chaotic stages." —School Library Journal, starred review.

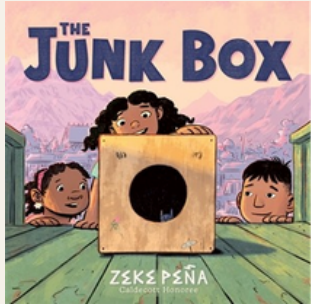


# Picture Book

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# THE JUNK BOX

ZEKE PEÑA



March 2027, by Henry Holt and Co.

OWNER Macmillan

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*An ode to empathy, gratitude, and rediscovering joy—and oneself—in unexpected places, and celebrates the wonder of a flea market.*

One kid's trash is another kid's treasure.

As the sun rises over a border town, a battered box destined for the junkyard tumbles off a truck . . . and is surprised to land in a bustling flea market. In the past, the box was many things—a lampstand, a wrestling ring, and even a fútbol goal—but eventually it forgot what it truly was. Surrounded by the music of the flea market, the box sees treasures on display and hopes it, too, can be someone's treasure.

Passed from booth to booth, the box tries—and fails—to find its place . . . wondering all the while if it will ever be more than someone's forgotten trash. But in this place where families make magic with whatever they have, nothing is "junk" for long. When a young girl gives the box a curious knock, it answers back with a heartbeat of its own.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From Caldecott Honoree Zeke Peña, with the emotional warmth of *Last Stop on Market Street* and *The Yellow Bus*, combining a distinctive setting with an uplifting message about finding joy in unexpected places.

02

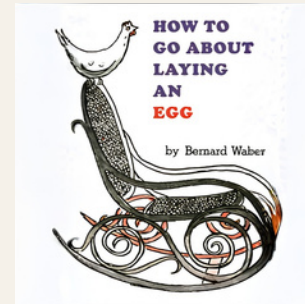
A heartfelt picture book about rediscovering purpose and self-worth, following a discarded box as it searches for a place where it can belong and become something meaningful again.

03

Set in a vibrant border-town flea market, the story celebrates creativity, resourcefulness and the magic of giving forgotten objects a second life, with strong themes of empathy, gratitude and community.

# HOW TO GO ABOUT LAYING AN EGG

BERNARD WABER



February 2027, by Clarion Books

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*A cheeky instruction manual on how to lay an egg—step one, make sure you're a hen. By Bernard Waber, the author of *LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE*.*

If you are unable to decide whether or not you are a hen, here are some helpful questions you might ask yourself:

Are you all feathers?

If you are a hen, laying an egg should be second nature. But is it? For one determined hen, the answer is anything but obvious.

First, make sure it's the right course of action (are you a hen?) Second, you must really want to do it and be prepared to work hard. Also, importantly, don't let anyone distract you from what you are doing (even if martians are landing). What about gossip? "If the other hens wish to gossip, let them (You can always find out what they said later.)"

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Originally published in 1963, this tale returns in a giftworthy paper-over-board edition with newly added color by the author's daughter, Paulis Waber, perfect for anyone embarking on a journey to bring something beautiful into the world.

02

A beautiful new edition that offers a step-by-step guide on achieving the seemingly impossible, reminding readers that with a little imagination and a lot of pluck you can hatch something extraordinary.

03

A quippy instruction manual that playfully explores perseverance, imagination, and self-discovery.

# LOVING WILD THINGS

DEBORAH UNDERWOOD



February 2027, by Godwin Books

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**PAGES** 32  
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*Celebrate the wonder of the natural world in this ode to the wilderness by New York Times best-selling author Deborah Underwood and award-winning illustrator Kenard Pak.*

If you walk outdoors,  
 eyes, ears and heart open,  
 a wild thing may  
 swoop  
 or leap  
 or skitter  
 into your life.

From sparrows to spiders, from falcons to field mice, the world is full of wild things for us to marvel at and learn from.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** Prepare to delight in this poetic tribute to the wild things that enter our lives and capture our hearts. Both celebratory and moving, this book is about loving—and about learning to let go.
- 02** From a New York Times bestselling author and an award-winning illustrator, a beautifully crafted picture book that invites children to observe the animals around them with curiosity, attention and wonder.
- 03** An accessible introduction to the creatures that share our world, encouraging young readers to slow down, look closely and develop a lasting respect for wildlife.

# WHEN OLD BECOMES NEW

JESSICA STREMMER



October 2026, by Books For A Better Earth

**OWNER** Holiday House  
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**PAGES** 40  
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*Imagination meets science and engineering in this inspiring nonfiction picture book about the myriad possibilities of repurposing old objects.*

Fabric. Cardboard. Plastic. With a little creativity, these everyday materials can be reused in surprising new ways... An old water bottle becomes part of the wall of a school, while a disassembled wind turbine transforms into playground equipment. It's not magic—it's recycling!

Award-winning author Jessica Stremmer takes a kid friendly approach to exploring how we use discarded products at the end of their lifecycle to reduce waste and keep the planet healthy. From household goods to objects used in global industries, repurposing can have a big environmental impact.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** A visually engaging picture book that turns upcycling into something tangible and inspiring, showing children how everyday waste can become something new, with practical back matter and a hands-on DIY activity to bring the message home.
- 02** Books for a Better Earth are designed to inspire children to become active, knowledgeable participants in caring for the planet they live on.
- 03** Jessica Stremmer is the award-winning author of Great Carrier Reef, a Cook Prize Silver Medalist and Science Friday Best Book for Kids, among other accolades; and Fire Escape: How Animals and Plants Survive Wildfires, which received two starred reviews and was named an ALA Sustainability Round Table Top 10 Selection.

# TRADING TRASH FOR TREES

JACQUELINE JOHNSON; ILLUSTR. REMI JOSE



April 2027, by Books For A Better Earth

**OWNER** Holiday House  
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**PAGES** 40  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish

*A community transforms discarded yogurt cups into homes for mangrove seedlings, helping restore Kenya's coastal forests and bring their wildlife back.*

On the shores of Kenya, the mighty mangrove trees once had their own song—the lapping of the tides against their roots, the trilling of insects, and the harmonies of birds. But as the cities expanded, the forests shrank. The birds and fish disappeared, trash began to litter the barren land, and soon, all that remained was silence.

But one day, a small group of people begins to clean. As they dream of what the forest once was, they start collecting tins, dirty napkins, and food cartons. When a yogurt cup is found, an idea is sparked: can this empty piece of plastic trash help bring the forest back? That cup becomes home to a tiny mangrove seedling. Soon, a dozen seedlings become one hundred, and then more than two hundred thousand. Slowly, the forest begins to return. As the seedlings take root, the birds and fish find their way back, and the song of the mangroves begins anew.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Based on the inspiring real-life work of Big Ship in Mombasa, this picture book brings a powerful community-led conservation success story to young readers.

02

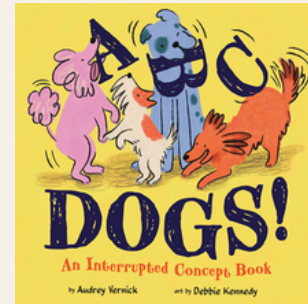
A hopeful environmental read that shows children how creativity, teamwork and local action can make a meaningful difference in protecting and restoring threatened ecosystems.

03

Lyrical, stirring text and vibrant, child-friendly artwork make complex themes of mangrove restoration, sustainability and climate action accessible, engaging and empowering for a young audience.

# ABS DOGS!: AN INTERRUPTED CONCEPTS BOOK

AUDREY VERNICK; ILLUSTR. DEBBIE KENNEDY



March 2027, by Rise x Penguin Workshop

**OWNER** Penguin Young Readers  
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**PAGES** 32  
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*A laugh-out-loud story cleverly disguised as a concept book, where dogs completely (and chaotically) take over.*

This book begins just as you might expect, with orderly ABCs and simple numbers...until a playful pack of dogs shows up and takes over. They tumble through the letters, chase after numbers, and choose treats over breakfast every time. Each twist on a traditional early learning concept delivers a fresh comedic surprise, blending foundational skills with escalating visual humor.

With big read-aloud energy and nonstop laughs, this joyfully riotous book will have kids and their grown-ups (plus their dogs!), reaching for it again and again.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A brilliantly disruptive first-concept book that turns familiar early-learning formats upside down, using surprise, silliness and visual chaos to keep young readers laughing and engaged.

02

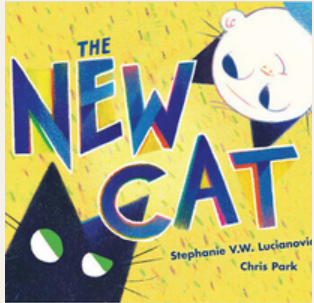
Designed for repeat reads, the book invites children to spot patterns, anticipate the joke and join in with what might go wrong next, making it perfect for interactive read-alouds at home or in the classroom.

03

From seasoned children's author Audrey Vernick, with playful illustrations by Debbie Kennedy, this one-of-a-kind comedy blends simple text, escalating visual humour and a standout dog-filled hook.

# THE NEW CAT

STEPHANIE V. W. LUCIANOVIC; ILLUSTR. CHRIS PARK



**October 2026, by Lerner**

**OWNER** Lerner Publishing Group

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**PAGES** 32

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Spanish, Portugal & Brazil

*A funny and heartfelt celebration of friendship, growing up, and one very good cat.*

Old cat Hunca Munca thinks his family's new baby is simply a strange little cat with hardly any fur. As the boy grows, Hunca Munca patiently teaches him everything a young cat should know: how to clean himself, share food, yell at walls, and, most importantly, how to be gentle. Together, they form an unlikely bond built on small lessons, everyday routines, and plenty of feline wisdom. When Hunca Munca eventually passes away, the boy holds on to everything his old friend taught him.

Years later, when he becomes a big brother, he passes those same lessons on to the new baby, keeping Hunca Munca's memory alive.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A hilarious and deeply moving picture book that turns a baby's arrival into a cat's-eye view of family life, as Hunca Munca decides the new human must simply be a very strange, furless kitten in need of training.

02

Beneath the comedy lies a tender, circular story about kindness, loss and legacy, as everything Hunca Munca teaches his boy is eventually passed on to the next generation.

03

From acclaimed author Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic and award-winning illustrator Chris Park, a warm intergenerational read-aloud with broad family appeal, balancing laugh-out-loud pet humour with genuine emotional resonance.

# THE OCEAN'S HEART

JILANNE HOFFMANN; ILLUSTR. KHOA LE



**March 2026, by Lerner**

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*A poetic and visually stunning introduction to an essential component in the ocean's food chain.*

Far below the ocean's surface live tiny, restless creatures called zooplankton, minuscule animals that play an essential role in life beneath the waves.

Every night, they rise toward the surface to feed on plants, taking part in the largest animal migration on Earth. Though nearly invisible, these remarkable creatures help sustain the vast web of ocean life.

The Ocean's Heart dives into the fascinating world of zooplankton, revealing how some of the smallest animals in the sea are also among its most important.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A poetic, visually immersive nonfiction picture book that reveals the extraordinary hidden world of zooplankton, transforming one of the ocean's smallest creatures into the key to understanding an entire ecosystem.

02

Built around the largest animal migration on Earth, which happens every night beneath the ocean's surface, THE OCEAN'S HEART turns an astonishing scientific phenomenon into an accessible and memorable STEM story for young readers.

03

Already earning a starred Kirkus review, this beautifully illustrated exploration of interdependence, survival and the ocean food chain combines rigorous science with lyrical storytelling and strong classroom appeal.



# ENJOY EVERY SANDWICH

ADAM RUBIN; ILLUST. FELICITA SALA



April 2027, by G. P. Putnam's Son

**OWNER** Penguin Young Readers  
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**PAGES** 40  
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*A hilarious picture book celebrating the endless possibilities of sandwiches, from grilled cheese to the entire universe, with zany humor and joyful imagination.*

When you think of a sandwich, you probably think of grilled cheese or PB&J. But do you know how much more sandwiches can be? They can represent your truest self. They can fill your heart with gratitude. They can even contain the entire world except for you—just hold two pieces of bread on either side of your head. Once you reach enlightenment, you'll understand that everything is a sandwich: even trees and water molecules. And there's almost nothing better than a sandwich someone made just for you.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Adam Rubin, creator of the global phenomenon Dragons Love Tacos, comes another irresistibly silly, high-concept picture book built for repeat read-aloud fun.

02

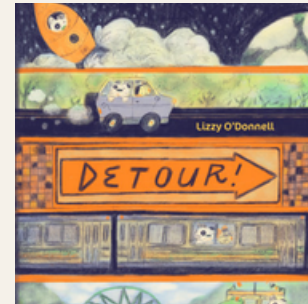
A brilliantly absurd celebration of one of the world's most familiar foods, turning the humble sandwich into a launchpad for imagination, philosophy and laugh-out-loud visual gags.

03

Adam Rubin's trademark offbeat humour meets Felicita Sala's distinctive artwork in a playful, highly giftable picture book with broad appeal for children, parents and anyone who has ever made, eaten or contemplated a sandwich.

# DETOUR!

LIZZY O'DONNELL



April 2027, by Viking Books

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**PAGES** 40  
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*A disastrous goodbye day teaches Apollo that the best memories aren't about perfect plans, but the friends who share them.*

Apollo is moving away tomorrow and his friends have planned the perfect send-off: a day full of his favorite activities! Except that every plan goes awry. Traffic jams, missed connections, rain. . . anything that can go wrong does. What was meant to be his fond farewell is frankly a flop. Already nervous about his big move, Apollo declares the day totally ruined. . . until a surprise turn of events shows him that true friendship is not about what you do but who you do it with.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A warm, funny picture book about friendship and change, using a disastrous farewell day to show young readers that the people beside us matter more than perfectly made plans.

02

With traffic jams, missed connections, rain and one mishap after another, the story turns familiar childhood frustrations into an affectionate, reassuring celebration of resilience, perspective and saying goodbye.

03

Lizzy O'Donnell's vintage-inspired illustration style brings extra warmth and personality to a highly relatable story about moving away, friendship and finding joy in imperfect moments.

# OUR THREADS

ASHLEY WONG



February 2027, by Penguin Workshop

OWNER Gallt & Zacker

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PAGES 40

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*This heartfelt exploration of the life cycle of friendship is lovingly rendered in beautiful embroidered artwork that is sure to stitch itself into readers' hearts.*

Sunny and Jemma are best friends. They love splashing in puddles, flying their kite, and playing with Jemma's puppy. Until the day two little words change everything: "I'm moving." With Jemma across the country, Sunny feels the nature of their friendship slowly but surely start to change. What will it mean if their connection unravels? And is it ever okay for growing up to mean growing apart?

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01 A tender and emotionally honest picture book about the changing nature of childhood friendship, exploring not only the pain of separation but the difficult, universal truth that growing up can sometimes mean growing apart.
- 02 A standout visual concept, with the entire story illustrated through exquisite embroidery, using tangled, fraying and reconnecting threads as a powerful metaphor for the bonds that hold friendships together across distance and change.
- 03 An accomplished picture-book debut already praised by Kirkus Reviews for its inventive visual storytelling, pairing a deeply relatable emotional journey with distinctive artwork that gives the book immediate gift and display appeal.

# THE BOY & THE ISLAND

LOREN LONG



January 2027, by Farrar, Straus and Girou

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*A lonely boy discovers a mysterious island no one else dares visit, finding friendship, belonging and courage.*

Long ago, there was a small seaside village. Just offshore, there was an island. Wary of the island, the villagers trade stories warning of its dangers. It's haunted, they say. And full of skulls and bones and snakes. But something about the island calls to the new boy in town . . .

One day, the boy rows his little boat to the island and finds no danger. Just the whirling wind and the steady lapping of the ocean's waves. The island seems peaceful to the boy. And lonely, like him. So he visits again and again. And soon discovers that he and the island are even more the same than he could have ever imagined.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01 From #1 New York Times bestselling author-illustrator Loren Long, creator of The Yellow Bus, comes a lyrical and visually striking picture book about loneliness, courage and the unexpected places where friendship can be found.
- 02 A beautifully imaginative premise that transforms a mysterious island into an emotional mirror for a lonely child, offering a gentle exploration of belonging, connection and the dangers of judging something before truly knowing it.
- 03 Featuring a breathtaking gatefold reveal and sweeping seaside artwork, this atmospheric read-aloud combines emotional depth with a memorable visual payoff, perfect for fans of Where the Wild Things Are and What Do You Do With an Idea?

# MORT THE MEDIOGRE

JULIA PIERRE HAMMOND; ILLUSTR. MATTHEW SCHUFMAN



June 2027, by Clarion Books

OWNER HarperCollins Children's Books

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*A heartwarming, humorous story about Mort, an ogre who feels "mediogre" until he discovers that his unique gifts make him the most ogrest ogre of them all.*

FEE FI FO...FUN? Mort is an ogre who just isn't ogre enough. He doesn't smash enough, break enough, or destroy nearly as much as the others expect. By ogre standards, Mort is decidedly mediogre.

But when a band of trolls begins terrorizing the swamp, Mort gets the chance to prove that being different might be exactly what everyone needs. Using the very qualities that make him unlike the other ogres, he must find a way to outsmart the trolls and save the day.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A playful, empowering picture book that turns the classic ogre archetype on its head, showing young readers that the qualities that make them feel different can become their greatest strengths.

02

Packed with wordplay, monster mayhem and plenty of smashing, MORT THE MEDIOGRE combines laugh-out-loud humour with a warm message about belonging, self-acceptance and finding your own way to be brave.

03

Julia Pierre Hammond's inclusive storytelling and Matthew Schufman's energetic visual style create a highly accessible read-aloud with strong classroom and family appeal, celebrating individuality without ever losing the fun.

# BEST MONTH EVER

FRANK TUPTA; ILLUSTR. LINDSAY WARD



January 2027, by Two Lions

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\*Obelisco ed. is option in Spanish

*February tries to reinvent himself when the other months tire of winter, only to rediscover what makes his month special.*

From the creators of Best Day Ever comes a playful story featuring the months of the year as you've never seen them before.

One crisp morning, the months wake up to another snow day, and February is thrilled. But while he can't wait to get outside, the other months are tired of winter and ready to go back to sleep.

Feeling unappreciated, February decides he would rather be someone else. But changing his place in the calendar may not be so simple.

With the help of his fellow months and one special critter, February rediscovers what makes him unique and reminds everyone why the second month of the year has plenty to celebrate.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A playful, high-concept picture book that turns the months of the year into a cast of distinct characters, giving young readers a fresh and memorable way to engage with the calendar.

02

With a snowy seasonal setting, a special appearance from Phil the groundhog and back matter about February and Groundhog Day, the book offers strong classroom, holiday and read-aloud potential.

03

From the authors behind BEST DAY EVER, with a strong picture-book track record including THIS BOOK IS GRAY, PINK IS NOT A COLOR and many more beloved titles for young readers.

# Hot Titles

ALREADY SOLD IN SPANISH

## THE AERIMANDER 1: THE LAST EMBER

LILY DODD



**November 2025, by Farrar, Straus & Giroux**

**OWNER** Macmillan

**SOLD TO** Deutscher Taschenbuch Verlag (GERM),  
Hachette Jeunesse (FRA), Mondadori (IT)

**PAGES** 352

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal || Spanish has a deal in negotiation.

*A chemistry prodigy and a young thief race across the kingdom to protect the last aerimander egg from ruthless forces determined to claim it.*

Aerimanders are extinct—or so the Kingdom of Glaucus claims.

But when twelve-year-old chemistry student Eva Alexander accidentally leaves a Porttown department store with the world's last aerimander egg, she becomes a target. The mysterious Thieves' Union sends its youngest member, orphaned delivery boy Dusty St. Ichabod, to steal it from her.

Their first encounter sparks a cat-and-mouse chase across the kingdom, but Eva and Dusty soon realize they must work together. Pursued through crime syndicates and elite boarding schools by Eoin Parnassus, the ruthless Director of Kingdom Secrets, they fight to keep the egg out of dangerous hands.

With the fate of the kingdom at stake, one question becomes impossible to ignore: what happens when the egg hatches?

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A major upper-middle grade fantasy launch and New York Times bestseller, combining dragon-like creatures, secret societies, adventure and razor-sharp humour in a world built for long-term series appeal.

02

Exceptional critical validation, with four starred reviews plus Best Book of the Year selections from both the New York Public Library and Kirkus Reviews, alongside Junior Library Guild recognition.

03

The first book in the Aerimander Chronicles, with two more installments already published and a third announced for 2027, supported by a premium package featuring stained edges, a map and an oversized format.

## ROMANCING THE THRONE

CAITLIN COOPER



**April 2027, by Feiwel & Friends**

**OWNER** Upstar Crow Literary

**SOLD TO** Feiwel & Friends (USA), Scholastic (UK),  
Océano (ESP), Ciranda (BRA)

**PAGES** 416

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*A devoted fangirl falls into her favorite romantasy novel, where dragons, brooding princes and a forbidden crush force her to rewrite the story.*

Cyd has always been obsessed with The Splintered Heart, the epic romantasy by mysterious author Mayalene Mayakovsky. She knows everything about the kingdom of Argonia and its heroine, Princess Valentina. Until a chance encounter with Mayalene reveals the impossible: the story is real. And then Cyd accidentally falls straight into her favorite book.

Suddenly surrounded by dragons, love triangles, handsome rogues, and brooding princes, Cyd thinks she knows exactly how the story is supposed to go. But life as a romantasy heroine is far less glamorous than it seems, from painful horseback journeys to the complete absence of indoor plumbing.

Then Cyd starts falling for the gorgeous, arrogant Prince Quillian, who is very much betrothed to Princess Valentina. Now she must decide whether to follow the story she knows—or risk changing it to write one of her own.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Rebecca Yarros meets The Princess Bride and Enchanted in a witty, self-aware adventure packed with romance, danger and fantasy tropes, while celebrating the transformative power of stories and fandom.

02

A major two-book YA launch sold in a six-figure per-book pre-empt, with Spanish rights already pre-empted by Oceano following a heated UK auction, signaling strong international confidence in the series.

03

A brilliantly meta romantasy in which a teenage superfan is literally swept into the pages of her favorite fantasy novel, using her encyclopedic knowledge of the story to try to save its missing princess.



## THE LION & THE BEE #1: BLADE OF HONEY

HAFAHA FAIZAL



March 2027, by Farrar, Straus & Giroux

**OWNER** Adams Literary Agency  
**SOLD TO** Farrar, Straus & Giroux (USA), Hidra (ESP)  
**PAGES** 400  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*A would-be assassin enters a deadly bridal competition to kill the king, only to risk falling for the man she came to destroy.*

Yasmine Ra'ad has a vendetta against the most powerful man in Arawiya: the king himself. His throne was built upon the bones of her family, and though she's never wielded a blade, she dreams of the day she can end his life. That day arrives with an invitation, for the king is in need of a wife.

Altair al-Badawi will die by the next full moon—unless he takes a bride. And if he chooses her from one of the houses of old, the rest will riot, so when his captain of the guard proposes a competition in which anyone invited might try her hand at becoming queen, he agrees.

Love can make or break a life...

Yasmine knows she must play the part of a doting suitor if she wishes to enact her revenge. She does it well. Too well. Altair knows he must marry even when he wishes for nothing less. But as the hourglass empties, will they find a love worth forgiving—or dying—for?

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A deliciously high-concept romantasy that gives The Bachelor a deadly twist, as an aspiring assassin enters a royal bride competition determined to win the king's hand only long enough to kill him.

02

Revenge collides with irresistible attraction in a tension-filled romance between a woman seeking justice for her family and a doomed king who must marry before the next full moon or die.

03

The first in a new duology from #1 New York Times bestselling author Hafsa Faizal, combining palace intrigue, political unrest and forbidden romance in the richly imagined world of Arawiya.

## WHEN THE TIDES HELD THE MOON

VENESSA VIDA KELLEY



March 2025, by Erewhon Books

**OWNER** Kensington  
**SOLD TO** Universo do Livros (BRA), Gribaudo (ESP)  
**PAGES** 464  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*In 1910s Coney Island, a Boricua blacksmith falls for a captive merman, forcing him to choose between found family, freedom and love*

Benigno "Benny" Caldera knows an orphaned Boricua blacksmith in 1910s New York City cannot easily call himself an artist. But when the ironwork tank he creates for Coney Island's Luna Park impresses an eccentric sideshow proprietor, Benny is invited to join the show's unusual cast—and discovers its shocking secret: the tank will imprison Río, a live merman stolen from the East River.

Benny soon realizes Río is more than a spectacle. Wise and compassionate, he becomes a kindred spirit, and their fragile friendship deepens into love. But loving Río forces Benny to confront the truth of both their captivity. Setting him free could cost Benny his found family, his new home, and the person he loves most. Yet choosing freedom may be the only way for either of them to truly escape.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A lush queer historical romantasy set in 1910s Coney Island, blending New York spectacle, found family and forbidden love with an unforgettable romance between a Boricua blacksmith and a captive merman.

02

Richly illustrated and steeped in the atmosphere of Luna Park and its sideshows, the novel combines historical detail with fairytale magic to create a highly distinctive, visually immersive reading experience.

03

A Goodreads Choice Award nominee for Readers' Favorite Debut Novel, marking Venessa Vida Kelley as an exciting new voice in fantasy romance with strong crossover appeal across historical fiction, queer romance and romantasy.

# THE LOST SPECTACULAR

ZOÉ DUHAIME



September 2026, by Erewhon Books

**OWNER** Jill Grinberg  
**SOLD TO** Erewhon Books (USA), Rebellion (UK) Hidra (ESP), Eksmo (RUS)  
**PAGES** 336  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*Two estranged childhood rivals clash over a magical story-filled festival, forcing them to confront the love they left unfinished and choose a new ending.*

Noon Bonaventure and Munro Forrest were once inseparable, bound by stories and by the discovery of the Spectacular, a mysterious, ever-changing festival found only by invitation or hidden in the pages of misprints. But while Noon learned to move on, Munro built his life around holding on, and one mistake drove them apart.

Years later, their differences have shaped everything. Munro, now an ambitious museum curator, plans an exhibit that will capture the Spectacular and reclaim its lost treasures. Noon, meanwhile, has been chosen as the festival's next captain.

As opening night approaches, the two are drawn back into each other's orbit. To decide the fate of the Spectacular, they must finally confront the story they left unfinished—and determine whether its ending might also offer them a new beginning.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A spellbinding literary fantasy built around the Spectacular, a secret world hidden inside rare books and lost texts where everything humanity has ever misplaced or forgotten is preserved.

02

At its heart is an emotionally rich rivals-to-lovers story between two lifelong bibliophiles whose opposing relationships with grief, memory and ownership turn their shared love of books into a battle over what should be saved and what must be released.

03

A standout debut with multiple pre-empts already secured across international territories, perfect for readers of *The Starless Sea*, *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* and *The Cartographers*.

# HOW TO FIND A GUY IN FIVE WEDDINGS

CYNTHIA TIMOTI



May 2026, by Bramble

**OWNER** Tobias Literary Agency  
**SOLD TO** Bramble (USA), Kiwi Editorial (ESP)  
**PAGES** 320  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*A love cynic must find a husband to inherit her grandmother's yarn store, so a hopeless romantic vows to find her soulmate across five weddings.*

Kimiko Halim thinks happy endings belong in fairy tales. But her late grandmother's will requires her to settle down before she can inherit the family yarn store, so Kim devises a simple plan: find a man, date him until the store is hers, then walk away. The problem is, her dates keep going disastrously wrong. When Rob Carmichael, a perpetual groomsman and firm believer in happily-ever-afters, overhears Kim's cynical take on love, he makes her a deal: he'll find her a soulmate at one of the next five weddings he attends. Kim only needs a convincing relationship. Rob is determined to prove that real love exists. Somewhere between five weddings, family expectations, and increasingly complicated feelings, their arrangement may become far more than either of them planned.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Five weddings, one inheritance deadline and a hopeless romantic playing matchmaker make this an irresistible friends-to-lovers rom-com packed with chemistry and heart.

02

A wonderfully charming opposites-attract romance with a lovable cinnamon-roll hero, sparkling banter and a feel-good payoff, already awarded a "GET IT" verdict by Kirkus Reviews.

03

From Cynthia Timoti, whose debut *Salty*, *Spiced*, and *a Little Bit Nice* was named one of Marie Claire's 25 Best Romance Books of 2025, establishing her as an exciting new voice in contemporary romance.

## THE AGE OF BEASTS #1: THE LIBRARY OF AMORLIN

KALYN JOSEPHSON



March 2026, by Erewhon Books

**OWNER** Kensington

**SOLD TO** Hydra (ESP), Lumivera (POL), Ukrainian, and Arabic

**PAGES** 448

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*A brilliant con artist infiltrates a magical library, only to fall for its secretive librarian in this twisty enemies-to-lovers fantasy.*

Former con artist Kasira expected to spend her life working off her prison sentence as a soldier, hunting magical creatures for the fanatical kingdom of Kalthos. Instead, the Kalish ambassador gives her a new assignment: infiltrate the Library of Amorlin.

The Library is the heart of all magic and protector of magical creatures across the six kingdoms. Posing as its new Assistant, Kasira must spy on the institution and help destabilize it from within, clearing the way to remove its Librarian.

But the Library is nothing like Kasira expected, and neither is its prickly, handsome Librarian, Allaster, whose own monstrous secrets threaten to surface. As Kasira grows attached to the magical world she was sent to betray—and to Allaster himself—she must decide where her loyalties lie: with the mission that could secure her survival, or the place that is beginning to feel like home.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A USA Today and Independent Press bestseller from New York Times bestselling author Kalyn Josephson, marking her adult fantasy debut with an already proven commercial response.

02

A deliciously high-concept fantasy pairing a brilliant con artist with a secretive librarian, where espionage, magical creatures and a dangerous long con collide with slow-burn romantic tension.

03

The first book in the Age of Beasts series, launched with a highly collectible deluxe edition featuring stenciled edges, foil details, a map and exclusive character artwork, underscoring its strong romantasy and special-edition appeal.

## THE PRINCESS KNIGHT

CAIT JACOBS



October 2025, by Harper Voyager

**OWNER** Adams Literary Agency

**SOLD TO** Harper Voyager (USA), Magpie (UK), Alfagaura/PRH (ESP), De Saxus (FRA), Könyvmolyképző (HUNG), Buzz Editora (BRA)

**PAGES** 320

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*A heartbroken princess follows her ex to a prestigious military academy, where she finds new love, saves the realm and looks fabulous doing it.*

Domhnall and Clía are an ideal match—or so everyone says. As heirs to neighboring kingdoms, their marriage would forge a perfect alliance. But when Domhnall refuses to propose, Clía follows him to Caisleán Cóta, the prestigious military academy he attends, determined to prove herself.

There she meets Ronan, a disciplined warrior who has sacrificed everything for his place at the academy. He has no time for princesses, especially not one who arrives with an otter-like pet and little experience in combat. Yet Clía's determination quickly earns his respect, and training together draws them closer than either intended.

Ronan knows falling for Clía would betray his best friend. Clía came to win Domhnall back. But as their feelings deepen, a real war looms on the horizon, threatening to test not only their skills, but the alliances—and hearts—holding their kingdoms together.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

An instant USA Today bestseller and international success, with rights already sold in France, Hungary, Spain and Ukraine, confirming strong global appetite for Cait Jacobs's breakout fantasy debut.

02

A joyful, Legally Blonde-inspired romantasy that sends a glamorous princess into a brutal military academy, combining warrior training, political danger, irresistible romantic tension and sharp humour in a highly accessible fantasy adventure.

03

From one of the founders of BookTok, Cait Jacobs brings an exceptional built-in connection to the fantasy readership; special editions from LitJoy and The Locked Library have further fueled collector appeal, with a sequel, The Warrior Bride, already set for summer 2027.

## UNEARTHLY DELIGHTS #1 SAVAGE BLOOMS

S. T. GIBSON



October 2025, Orbit

**OWNER** KT Literary Agency  
**SOLD TO** Orbit (world English), Urano (ESP), Edizioni E/O (IT), Éditions de Saxus (FRA)  
**PAGES** 464  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*Two best friends stranded at a crumbling Highland manor become entangled in ancient faery magic, forbidden desire and a dangerously seductive web of secrets.*

For as long as Adam can remember, the legends passed down by his world-traveling grandfather have drawn him toward a crumbling manor in the Scottish Highlands. His closest friend Nicola craves the same adventure—and hopes the journey might finally force them to confront their mutual attraction.

When a storm leaves them stranded at the remote estate, Adam and Nicola find themselves at the mercy of its eccentric owner, Eileen, and her brooding groundskeeper, Finley. Trapped by the weather and bound by ancient faery magic, the pair become entangled in a dangerous world of mind games, deceit, and forbidden desire. As long-buried ancestral sins begin to surface, Adam and Nicola must confront the spell Eileen and Finley have cast over them—and decide whether freedom is still what they want.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Wuthering Heights meets Sierra Simone in a lush, erotic gothic romance set in the storm-lashed Scottish Highlands, where ancient faery magic, obsession and forbidden desire collide.

02

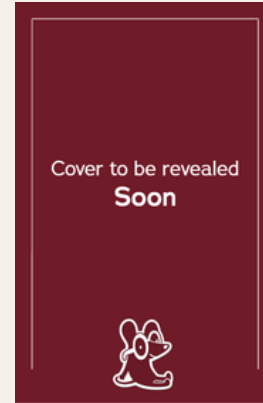
A darkly sensual, unapologetically queer story of tangled attraction and dangerous power, as four characters become trapped in a web of bargains, ancestral sins and increasingly irresistible temptation.

03

From Sunday Times bestselling author S.T. Gibson, creator of the cult phenomenon A Dowry of Blood, already earning exceptional praise from leading romantasy and gothic voices for its decadent atmosphere, seductive prose and emotional intensity.

## THE LAST THORN

TALIA HIBBERT



August 2027, by St. Martin's

**OWNER** Taryn Fagerness Agency  
**SOLD TO** Tor UK (UK), St. Martin's (USA), Penguin Random House (ESP), Hachette (FRA), Heyne (GERM), Mondadori Oscar Vault (IT), AST (RUS), Vivat (UCR)  
**PAGES** 393  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*A despised changeling princess is magically bound to the sorcerer who killed her father, forcing sworn enemies together as their kingdom collapses.*

Serenia Thorn is the royal family's secret shame: a changeling princess born without magic or beauty, hidden away in an isolated tower and desperate for the approval of the family that despises her. But when rebels assassinate her father, the King of Albion, Serenia is forced to flee—only to be captured by their deadly leader.

Casimir Gray is Albion's most powerful sorcerer, but a curse has left him possessed by a beast slowly consuming his mind and body. His only hope is a soul bond, a magical marriage that even death cannot break. And his destined bride is Serenia, the vengeful daughter of the king he killed.

As hatred burns between them, Albion itself begins to collapse, consumed by a void feeding on its magic. To survive the coming war, Cas and Serenia must decide whether two sworn enemies can forge the bond that may save them both.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A dark, spicy Beauty and the Beast-inspired romantasy that turns the familiar dynamic on its head, pairing a feral changeling princess with the rebel sorcerer who murdered her father and now needs her soul to survive.

02

Set against civil war and a kingdom literally being consumed by a magical void, the novel combines deeply personal romantic stakes with an epic struggle over power, survival and the fate of Albion.

03

The fantasy-romance debut from New York Times bestselling author Talia Hibbert, beloved for the Brown Sisters series and her sharp, emotionally rich romances, bringing an established readership into a major new genre.



# WHEN DEALING WITH DRAGONS

DANA SWIFT



March 2026, by Wednesday Books

**OWNER** The Tobias Agency  
**SOLD TO** Elastic Books (ESP), ASA BOOKS (BRA), Giunti (IT), HarperCollins (GERM), Könyvmolyképző (HUNG), Bard (BULG), Rosman (RUS), Larousse (FRA)  
**PAGES** 336  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*A dragon-loving aspiring veterinarian is forced to work with her arrogant scholarship rival, uncovering dangerous secrets as hatred turns into something more.*

Copper-crafter Farren Walsh is determined to follow in her father's footsteps and become a dragon veterinarian. She loves dragons fiercely and despises those who exploit them for their valuable metal, including arrogant classmate James Murphy, a dragon racer from a wealthy silver-crafting family—and her biggest rival for the scholarship she desperately needs. When James forces his way into a summer internship at her family's dragon sanctuary, Farren's carefully controlled world is threatened. She is hiding a secret that could change both her life and society itself, while James is concealing something of his own: a years-long crush on her and a desire to escape his controlling father. As the summer draws them closer, hating James becomes increasingly difficult. But with an endangered species at risk, Farren cannot afford to let attraction compromise what matters most.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** A fresh romantasy blending dragon conservation, competitive racing and irresistible rivals-to-lovers tension, as two young crafters from opposing worlds join forces to protect the last known gold-plated dragon and her hatchlings.
- 02** A highly commercial mix of romance and adventure, combining the atmospheric dragon racing with sharp banter, fake hatred and a compelling class-divide romance built around trust, loyalty and forbidden connection.
- 03** Strong international momentum, with translation rights already sold in eight territories including France, Germany, Italy, Brazil and Spain, confirming broad global appeal for Dana Swift's imaginative new fantasy world.

# ALL WE HUNGER FOR

ANNA MERCIER



June 2026, by Henry Holt and Co.

**OWNER** Macmillan  
**SOLD TO** Anaya (ESP)  
**PAGES** 393  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*A young woman sneaks her way into a magical baking contest but gets pulled into an elusive aristocrat's lavish world and his nefarious plan as rebellion brews in their city.*

In Anespérer, where magic comes alive through artistic skill, Elara Rousseau never expects to compete in the Objet d'Art, the prestigious baking competition that will choose a new Souverain for the ruling council. But when a brooding figure from her past sneaks her into the contest, Elara suddenly has a chance at a better future—if no one discovers the secret that could brand her a traitor. Nikolas Dupont will do anything to impress his powerful father, an unacknowledging Souverain, including handpicking a contestant he can turn into a political pawn. He never expects Elara to challenge everything he believes. As Elara rises through the competition and becomes a symbol of hope for the city's poor, Nik's loyalty to his father begins to fracture—and their attraction intensifies. Soon, they must decide whether to win within the system or use Elara's magic to help ignite a revolution.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- 01** A deliciously high-concept YA romantasy where a magical baking competition determines who joins the ruling council, combining Great British Bake Off-style competition with romance, political intrigue and revolution.
- 02** A major debut selected as a Goodreads Most Anticipated Book of 2026 and Amazon Best Book of the Month, as well as a Barnes & Noble Best Book of June and Readerlink Monthly Buzz Pick, securing significant visibility from publication.
- 03** Set in a richly imagined, French-inspired world where artistic talent creates magic, ALL WE HUNGER FOR turns food and creativity into instruments of power while exploring class inequality, ambition and rebellion.



## THE KNIGHTS #1 JUST THIS ONCE

LENA HENDRIX



March 2026, by Kensington

**OWNER** Sandra Dijkstra Agency  
**SOLD TO** Kensington (USA), Penguin Random House (ESP), LYX (GERM)  
**PAGES** 416  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*A small-town teacher reunites with the pierced firefighter from her hottest one-night stand, only to discover he works for her father.*

Moving to her parents' small town is supposed to give her a fresh start. Instead, a disastrous Valentine's Day ends with the hottest night of her life—and a stranger she never expects to see again.

Then Whip reappears as one of her father's firefighters, responding to a medical emergency involving one of her sixth-grade students. Worse, he seems not to remember her. Determined to protect her pride, she pretends nothing happened.

But stolen glances soon turn into forbidden touches, and resisting each other becomes impossible. What was meant to be one night becomes a secret affair neither can walk away from.

Yet with her heart firmly guarded, she struggles to believe a man like Whip could offer anything lasting. Every time they promise it will be the last time, they both know they are lying.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

The first book in Lena Hendrix's bestselling Kings series, pairing a one-night stand with an irresistible small-town firefighter romance packed with forbidden chemistry, emotional vulnerability and open-door heat.

02

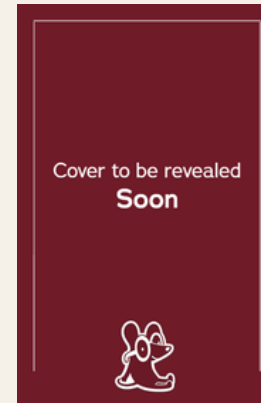
A highly commercial small-town romance for fans of Lucy Score, Elsie Silver, Carley Fortune and B.K. Borison, combining a fresh-start heroine, the fire chief's off-limits employee and the kind of chemistry neither can keep to "just once."

03

From USA Today and Amazon Top 5 bestselling author Lena Hendrix, with a strong built-in readership and a deluxe edition featuring stenciled edges, holographic foil and full-color character art.

## I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU

MADDIE BUELL



Winter 2028, by Putnam

**OWNER** Adams Literary Agency  
**SOLD TO** Putnam (USA), Companhia das Letras (BRA), Rageot (FRA), Lubbe (GERM), Castoro (IT), Vulkan (SERB), V&R (ESP)  
**PAGES** 393  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*A grieving teen teams up with her late brother's irritating best friend to unlock his final videos, finding unexpected connection, healing and first love.*

Almost a year after her brother Benson's death, Clara's junior year has become a blur of skipped swim practices, lonely lunches, and cross-stitching through class. Then she discovers an app Benson built, filled with videos he left behind for her. Each one is locked behind a clue, and only his irritating best friend Milo has the answers.

When their families reunite at Lake Powell for the first summer without Benson, Clara reluctantly teams up with Milo to unlock the videos, which can only be watched once. As the clues unfold, she begins to see a different side of him—and realizes he may understand her grief better than anyone.

But the videos will not last forever. When Clara's final link to Benson disappears, she must find a way to move forward while confronting the unexpected feelings growing for his best friend.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A major YA debut acquired by Putnam in a six-figure, two-book deal following a heated four-publisher auction, with publication beginning in spring 2028.

02

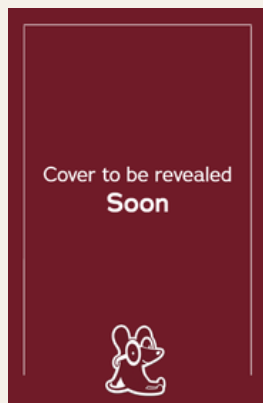
You've Reached Sam meets Better Than the Movies in an irresistible high-concept romance, as a grieving girl teams up with her late brother's infuriating best friend to unlock the videos he left behind.

03

Balancing sparkling rom-com chemistry with a deeply moving exploration of grief, I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU turns one unforgettable summer into a story about letting go, moving forward and falling for the last person you expected.

# DELICIOUS MINDS

THEA LIU



**May 2027, by Sourcebooks**

**OWNER** Taryn Fagerness Agency  
**SOLD TO** Sourcebooks (USA), V&R (ESP),  
 HarperVoyager (UK)  
**PAGES** 448  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*Razor-sharp and viciously decadent dark academia debut featuring a prestigious secret society with a deadly hunger for knowledge*

Frenton University, Virginia, 2002. After his older brother's untimely death, grad student Ari Lin longs to escape his parents' struggling bakery. Then a cryptic invitation introduces him to the elite and enigmatic Asclepion Society.

Drawn into its world, Ari forms an intoxicating bond with fellow candidates Thomas and Cleo as the three compete for a place in the society's inner circle. But academic and romantic rivalries soon strain their friendship, while the Asclepion's pursuit of human knowledge reveals increasingly sinister methods.

Worse, Ari begins uncovering suspicious connections between the society and his brother's death. A seat at the table could give each of them what they want most, but only if they can stomach what it takes to earn it.

Because knowledge is an acquired taste.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Babel meets *Girl Dinner* in a viciously decadent dark academia horror where an elite secret society literally consumes scholars to steal their knowledge, turning academic ambition into an unforgettable cannibalistic nightmare.

02

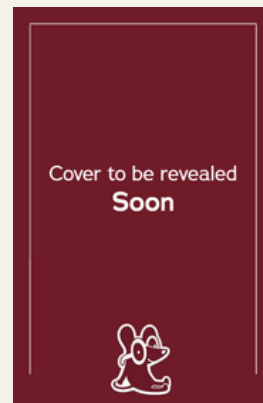
A major debut sold at auction to Poisoned Pen Press/Sourcebooks in North America, with a two-book deal also secured with Harper Voyager UK, giving Thea Liu a strong transatlantic launch from the outset.

03

Beneath its irresistible horror hook, *DELICIOUS MINDS* blends biting social commentary, toxic friendships, murder cover-ups and increasingly wicked satire in a story about how far people will go for knowledge, status and belonging.

# THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE AND EVERYWHERE

CLAIRE MCKADE



**Early 2028, by Avon**

**OWNER** Taryn Fagerness Agency  
**SOLD TO** Moonfire (UK), Modtryk (DENM), Robert  
 Laffont (FRA), LYX (GERM), Skarpa (POL), Hidra (ESP),  
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**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*A scientist must trust her brother's killer to survive a televised *Dark Tower* gauntlet in this mind-bending dystopian romance where love becomes deadly.*

Centuries after nuclear war devastated the world, America's last bunker city discovers the Bridge, an impossible skyscraper stretching into space. Each level contains a deadly world of monsters, and no one has ever reached the top. Yet the Colony broadcasts every attempt, claiming the Bridge is humanity's only way off a dying Earth.

Physicist Monroe Beckett wants nothing to do with it. The Bridge already killed her three siblings, including Beau, allegedly murdered by his former best friend, Ryker Zahir. But when Monroe is forced into Level 1, survival means climbing—and trusting the man she believes killed her brother.

Ryker insists he was framed and offers to protect her if she helps clear his name. As Monroe begins questioning everything she has been told, she discovers the truth about Beau, the Bridge, and the Colony may be far more dangerous than the monsters waiting above.

## KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A propulsive dystopian romantasy set inside an impossible skyscraper of deadly, ever-changing worlds, where every brutal level is televised as entertainment and survival means climbing toward a truth no one has ever reached.

02

At its heart is a dangerous enemies-to-lovers partnership between a physicist and the man blamed for murdering her brother, blending high-stakes survival, conspiracy and a romance built on mistrust, forced alliance and buried secrets.

03

The first book in a trilogy, sold in a heated auction to Avon/HarperCollins in a three-book major deal, signaling major publisher confidence in this ambitious, cinematic new series.

## WHY LEARN?

TORKEL KLINGBERG & ASA WIKFORSS



**January 2026, by Natur & Kultur**

**OWNER** Grand Agency

**SOLD TO** Natur & Kultur (SUE), Melville House (ENG), Tatra (CHEC), Feltrinelli (IT), Tatra (SLOV), Melville House (WEL), Paidós (ESP), Hayakawa (JPN), People's Press (DEN), Cheers (CHIN), Pax (NOR)

**PAGES** 140

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*An essential book that shows why learning is our greatest superpower in the age of artificial intelligence.*

Why Learn? – The Meaning of Human Knowledge in the Age of AI is their answer: a bold, accessible, and deeply timely book that weaves together neuroscience, psychology, history, and philosophy into a compelling narrative about why learning remains essential even as AI systems become increasingly powerful.

Through six core arguments, the authors build an inspiring manifesto on agency, creativity, critical thinking, democracy, and freedom, placing learning at the very centre of the human experience.

The book is not, in fact, a book about AI:

it is a book about what makes us human in a world dominated by AI.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

Two exceptional voices, cognitive neuroscientist Torkel Klingberg and philosopher Åsa Wikforss, bring rare authority to one of today's defining questions: why human learning still matters in the age of AI.

02

A concise, highly accessible manifesto built around six compelling reasons to keep learning, connecting neuroscience, psychology and philosophy with creativity, critical thinking, agency, democracy and freedom.

03

Already generating major international momentum, with rights sold across multiple territories including auction deals in English and Spanish worldwide, plus further offers under negotiation.

## THE WINNERS LAWS

BODO SCHÄFER



**March 2016, by BS Akademie GmbH**

**OWNER** The Rights Company

**SOLD TO** AB Publishing (ENG), BS Akademie GmbH (GERM), Poetika (BOS), Modern Press (CHI), Grada (CZE), Tornado (COR), Zvaigzne (LAT), Alma (LIT), Popurri (RUS), Data Status (SER), Fangzhi (CHI), B Media (THA), NXB Dân Trí (VIE)

**PAGES** 267

**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal & Brazil

*A practical guide to personal and professional success, offering 30 proven strategies to overcome obstacles, manage stress and build lasting positive change.*

We all want fulfilling, successful lives, yet daily routines, obligations, and frustrations can easily hold us back from our goals.

In The Winners' Laws, Bodo Schäfer draws on his coaching expertise to present 30 tried-and-tested strategies for personal and professional success. Each law is explained clearly and paired with practical exercises that readers can immediately apply, helping them change their behavior and outlook in as little as one month.

Covering areas such as managing time, criticism, stress, and fear, gaining recognition, and overcoming obstacles, The Winners' Laws offers practical guidance for taking greater control of work and life while fostering lasting personal growth.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A proven international bestseller with 2 million copies sold worldwide and rights sold across numerous territories, offering a clear, accessible 30-step system for achieving lasting personal and professional success.

02

From global bestselling author and success coach Bodo Schäfer, whose books have sold more than 10 million copies and been translated into over 24 languages, including the 4-million-copy phenomenon A Dog Called Money.

03

Combining practical exercises with timeless lessons on confidence, productivity, resilience and personal responsibility, The Winners' Laws offers an actionable roadmap for readers seeking measurable change in both work and life.

## IF YOU MAKE A CALL ON A BANANA PHONE

GIDEON STERER; ILLUSTR. EMILY HUGHES



September 2025, by Clarion Books

**OWNER** HarperCollins Children's Books  
**SOLD TO** Animallibres (CAT), Algar (ESP), Hisakata Child (JPN), Hsinex International (CHIN), Darim (COR),  
**PAGES** 48  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*A shy child calls a gorilla on a banana phone in this playful celebration of friendship, curiosity and reaching out across unexpected differences.*

If you make a call from a banana phone, who will answer? What will you talk about? Will you share secrets or ask questions? No one knows what will happen, really. This very silly story about two friends from very different places celebrates the joy and wisdom that comes from reaching out.

Go ahead, pick up a banana and make a call. You'll be glad you did.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A wonderfully silly and deceptively wise picture book that turns a banana-phone call with a gorilla into a warm, funny lesson in making friends, listening and reaching beyond your comfort zone.

02

A major critical success, winner of the 2026 NAIBA Picture Book of the Year, an ALA Notable Children's Book and one of Smithsonian Magazine's Ten Best Children's Books of 2025.

03

From New York Times bestselling author Gideon Sterer and internationally acclaimed illustrator Emily Hughes, with starred reviews from School Library Journal and Booklist and strong appeal for fans of Mac Barnett and Julie Fogliano.

## OVERDUE

STEPHANIE PERKINS



October 2025, by Saturday Books

**OWNER** KT Literary Agency  
**SOLD TO** Saturday Books (USA), Zaffre (UK),  
 Urano/Titania (ESP), Lindhardt og Ringhof (DAN),  
 Amore (BRA)  
**PAGES** 407  
**AVAILABLE RIGHTS** Portugal

*A small-town librarian takes a one-month dating break from her longtime boyfriend, only for a secret crush on her grumpy coworker to become something real.*

Ingrid Dahl, a cheerful twenty-nine-year-old librarian in the cozy mountain town of Ridgetop, North Carolina, has been happily dating her college boyfriend, Cory, for eleven years without ever discussing marriage. But when Ingrid's sister announces her engagement to a woman she's only been dating for two years, Ingrid and Cory feel pressured to consider their future. Neither has ever been with anybody else, so they make an unconventional decision. They'll take a one-month break to date other people, then they'll reunite and move toward marriage. Ingrid even has someone in mind: her charmingly grumpy coworker, Macon Nowakowski, on whom she's secretly crushed for years. But plans go awry, and when the month ends, Ingrid and Cory realize they're not ready to resume their relationship—and Ingrid's harmless crush on Macon has turned into something much more complicated.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

01

A USA Today bestseller and Stephanie Perkins's highly anticipated adult debut, selected as an Indie Next Pick, LibraryReads Top Pick and one of Barnes & Noble's Best Romance Books of 2025.

02

A deeply bookish, small-town slow-burn romance about a woman questioning an eleven-year relationship and finally discovering what she wants from love, adulthood and the life she has built.

03

From New York Times and international bestselling author Stephanie Perkins, whose books have been published in more than twenty-five countries, with OVERDUE marking an irresistible crossover into adult contemporary romance.

*What matters most isn't  
being the biggest, but  
being the one who works  
the hardest with honesty,  
enthusiasm, and a clear  
strategy. And we'll  
continue working that  
way*

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