

FRANKFURT 2017
Rights List

FICTION
(Adult)

LAURA ANDERSEN

THE DARKLING BRIDE

Ballantine/Random House
April 2018

- **An atmospheric mystery in the vein of Kate Morton and Jennifer McMahon**

Twenty miles south of Dublin, Deeprath Castle broods in its shallow valley scooped out of the Wicklow Mountains. After a scandalous murder in 1992, the Gallagher family locked up their medieval home and walked away. But now the castle is being donated to the National Trust and must be swept clean of its treasures—and its secrets.

American-born Carragh Ryan jumps at the chance to catalog the castle library, hoping to find a long-lost Victorian manuscript. *The Darkling Bride* is rumored to have been destroyed by writer Evan Chase after the suicide of his Gallagher wife. Could it still be on the shelves of Deeprath's library?

Estate owner Aidan Gallagher and his family are forced to re-examine the crimes of 1992 when a cold case investigation is opened and a Dublin detective asks all sorts of uncomfortable questions. Meanwhile, Carragh is being drawn even further back, into a Victorian world of titles, class, madness, and a defiant love match. Through her research, she comes to suspect that the murders of twenty-three years ago are intimately connected to the family scandal generations before. And if she can only find the lost manuscript of *The Darkling Bride*, Carragh might solve more than a literary mystery.

Laura Andersen is the author of the critically acclaimed *The Boleyn Trilogy* and *The Tudor Legacy* trilogy.

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Germany: Piper

MARIE BENEDICT

CARNEGIE'S MAID

Sourcebooks
January, 2018

- From the bestselling author of *The Other Einstein* comes the mesmerizing story of love, power, and the woman who inspired a dynasty
- “A very satisfying read” ~*Library Journal*

In the booming Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania industrial 1860s, Irish immigrant Clara Kelly finds herself in desperate circumstances. Looking for a way out, she seeks employment as a lady's maid in the home of the prominent businessman Andrew Carnegie. The bond between Clara and her employer deepens into love, but when Clara goes missing, Carnegie's search for her unearths unacceptable secrets.

With captivating insight and stunning heart, *Carnegie's Maid* tells the story of a complicated woman who spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.

“Deeply human and brimming with complex, vulnerable characters.” ~Erika Robuck, bestselling author of *Hemingway's Girl*

“Downton Abbey fans should flock to this charming tale of ... unexpected romance, and the often unsung role of women in history.” ~Pam Jenoff, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Orphan's Tale*

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SYRIE JAMES

RUNAWAY HEIRESS

Avon Impulse/HarperCollins
June 2018

- **From the bestselling author of *The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen* comes the first in a new historical romance series reminiscent of Julia Quinn and Eloisa James**

Alexandra Atherton is the RUNAWAY HEIRESS, a well-educated, independent-minded young American woman who resents her mother's attempts to marry her off to the British peer with the most impressive title, no matter how repulsive. Alexandra's attempt at escape is foiled and she is left penniless. Her only hope of getting home to New York is a job. So she adopts a new name and identity as a governess at the impoverished estate of the Earl of Longford.

Torn between her desire to return home and her growing attraction to the emotionally guarded Earl, Thomas Carlyle, Alexandra is surprised to find that she thrives in her new position. As Alexandra grows closer not only to Thomas, but to his two sisters, she must decide if and when to tell the Earl the truth about who she is, knowing that doing so may destroy their relationship and ruin her one chance at true love.

Full of passion, witty banter, and heartwarming moments, RUNAWAY HEIRESS is a historical romance set in the late 19th century which expertly places a strong female protagonist in a trying situation.

Syrie James is the critically acclaimed bestselling author of *The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen*, *Jane Austen's First Love*, *Nocturne* and many others.

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GOLDIE TAYLOR

PAPER GODS

All Points Books/St Martins Press
Fall, 2018

- **A novel of greed and power, with the pace of a thriller, set in Atlanta, Georgia, with characters you will love to hate**

VICTORIA DOBBS OVERSTREET is the mayor of Atlanta. She's a Harvard-trained attorney, married to a celebrated heart surgeon (who's cheating on her), mother to beautiful twin girls, and a political genius. When her mentor, ally, and family friend, Congressman Ezra Hawkins, is gunned down in church, Victoria finds a strange piece of origami – a “paper god” – tucked inside his Bible.

Dirty politics is one thing, but now people are dying. Someone is terrorizing those who are close to Mayor Dobbs. And each time, a paper god appears.

HAMPTON BRIDGES, a recently demoted reporter and recovering alcoholic, has been covering Victoria Dobbs for years. He's not shedding any tears for the arrogant mayor who has announced she will run for her “mentor's” seat in congress before his body is even cold. But somebody doesn't want Hampton poking around, and he's being terrorized too.

"Politics, preachers and delicious drama, served up by one of the most artful, brilliant writers of the contemporary era. Goldie Taylor's words sing from the page like a beautiful gospel melody." ~Joy-Ann Reid, NBC Television correspondent

"Goldie Taylor's 'Paper Gods' is many things: a twisty-turny, pacy political thriller for sure, but also a moving and unflinching portrait of a city and its many layers of power... every character is vivid, and every stretch of street and detail, no matter how incidental, precisely observed. This is 'Scandal' with added grit." ~Tim Teeman, Senior Editor, The Daily Beast

"Goldie Taylor has delivered the juice with Paper Gods, a gripping political thriller featuring such vivid characters that it's easy to forget they aren't real." ~Jon Allen, bestselling author of *HRC* and *Shattered*

Goldie Taylor is a journalist, TV news executive, and political consultant who has been featured on nearly every major American network. Currently editor-at-large at The Daily Beast, Taylor has been a guest on programs such as HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, The Dr. Phil Show, The Steve Harvey Show, and Good Morning America.

A sought-after public speaker, with over 110,000 followers on Twitter (@goldietaylor), she has addressed audiences at— among others— the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Harvard University, Morehouse College, Emory School of Law, Princeton University, Duke School of Law, National Association of Black Journalists, University of Missouri School of Journalism, and The King Center.

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FICTION

(Middle Grade and Young Adult)

ANNA BRIGHT

THE BEHOLDER

HarperTeen
Summer 2019

- The first in a new series perfect for fans of *The Selection*
- **THE BEHOLDER** pulls threads from our greatest fairytales and weaves them into a new epic romance with a stunning sea-faring journey

As part of Potomac's elect, 18-year-old Selah's duty is to set an example for her people and marry young. Selah is happy to fulfill her responsibility—until her choice of consort turns her down at the very public Arbor Day ceremony.

Selah's rejection is the perfect excuse for her treacherous stepmother to send her away and seize power. With Selah's father too weak to step in, her stepmother forces her to set sail across the Atlantic on the *Beholder* with young, enigmatic Captain Andrew Lang in command, and an itinerary stacked with suitors. The message is clear: come home with a worthy husband or don't come home.

So Selah begins her journey, finding much-needed camaraderie with the eclectic crew of the *Beholder*, though she often wonders if ferrying her across the sea is the ship's only mission. But she can hardly wonder long. Selah soon realizes she's been set up to fail: her suitors all have thrones to inherit, too bound to their own countries to help her lead hers. Marriage to any of them means abandoning Potomac, which Selah refuses to consider—until she meets Prinse Torden of Norge. Fierce, disciplined, and unwaveringly faithful to his kingdom, Torden and his inseparable, unruly siblings help Selah discover confidence and courage she didn't know she possessed. And she can only hope that her newfound courage will help her make the hardest decision of her life.

Anna Bright lives in Washington, D.C., where she's an indie bookseller by day and an author by night. **THE BEHOLDER** is her first novel.

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KIERA CASS

THIS GOLDEN HOUR

HarperTeen
Summer 2018

- **Brand new stand-alone fiction from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Selection* series**
- **A contemporary/historical Young Adult romance that is a cross between *If I Stay* and *The Time Traveler's Wife***

After surviving a car accident, 18-year-old Lia Welles finds herself in the place between life and death when she sleeps. The memories and images she sees all belong to a soul who died more than 100 years ago. Jackson Cabot is the epitome of everything a gentleman in 1901 ought to be, and he has been wandering through his memories for more than a century trying to figure out what undone task is keeping him from passing to the other side.

As Lia continues to return to Jackson in her dreams, the memories come alive, filling with people, conversations, and very important clues. In her desire to help Jackson find peace—and maybe also avoid her own less-than-spectacular reality—Lia spends more and more of her time asleep and more and more time falling in love with Jackson. But both of them soon come to understand that Jackson's uncompleted task is fully giving himself over to true love—and if Jackson finally falls in love, they will be separated forever.

Kiera Cass is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Selection* series and *The Siren*.

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Brazil: Companhia das Letras
Czech Republic: Albatros
France: Laffont
Germany: Fischer
Netherlands: Van Goor

Russia: Azbooka Atticus
Slovakia: Albatros
Spain: Roca
Turkey: Dogan Kitap

ALEXA DONNE

BRIGHTLY BURNING

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
May 2018

- *Jane Eyre* in space!

Seventeen-year-old Stella Ainsley wants just one thing: to go somewhere, anywhere else. Her current home, the *Stalwart*, is a floundering spaceship that offers few prospects, little food, and a very good chance of dying from disease. The rest of the fleet isn't faring much better, having been orbiting an ice-age-encased Earth for over 200 years, but the *Stalwart* isn't expected to last in space much longer, and its inhabitants may be forced to take their chances down on the cold surface. Stella has no intention of going down with the ship.

But escape isn't easy; every application Stella's made to transfer to another ship has been rejected. Finally, a mysterious private ship, the *Rochester*, hires her as a governess, offering her a life of comfort and safety, but also secrets and shadows. The captain of the *Rochester*, Hugo Fairfax—barely nineteen and frustratingly handsome—is notorious throughout the fleet for being a moody recluse and a drunk. But with Stella he's kind, even flirtatious.

Then the accidents start. A damaged airlock, a fire in Hugo's room, a shady guest attacked in the middle of the night. Hugo says everything is fine, but Stella begins her own private investigation into the curious ship, its captain, and secret cargo. Stella is certain someone is trying to kill Hugo, whether he's willing to admit it or not—and the more she discovers, the more questions she has about Hugo's role in a greater conspiracy that threatens the safety of the already precarious fleet.

Alexa Donne currently works in international television marketing at NBCUniversal in Los Angeles. She's on the YA Literature staff for sci-fi/fantasy convention DragonCon, which last year drew over 70,000 attendees, in addition to serving as the Marketing Director and YA Literature and Writing Track director for Leviosa, a Harry Potter and YA Literature convention. Alexa has also been a moderator for the [reddit.com/r/YAwriters](https://www.reddit.com/r/YAwriters) for over two years and co-hosts their new podcast, UpvoteYA. BRIGHTLY BURNING is her first novel.

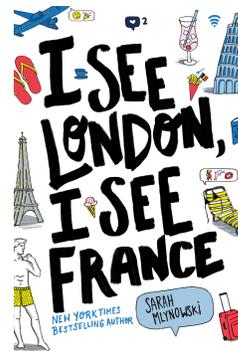
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SARAH MLYNOWSKI

I SEE LONDON, I SEE FRANCE

HarperTeen
July 2017

- “Must-read YA... If you’re in the mood for fun, sass and adorable romance, pick up this fun-filled book.”
~USA Today
- “This endlessly fun and hugely entertaining romp through Europe had me laughing out loud and reaching for my passport.” ~Jennifer E. Smith, author of *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight* and *Windfall*



I see London, I see France
I see Sydney’s underpants.

Nineteen-year-old Sydney has the perfect summer mapped out. She’s spending the next four and half weeks travelling through Europe with her childhood best friend Leela. Their plans include Eiffel-Tower-Selfies, eating *cocco* gelato, and making out with *très* hot strangers. Her plans do *not* include Leela’s cheating ex-boyfriend showing up on the flight to London, falling for the cheating ex-boyfriend’s *très*-hot friend, monitoring her mother’s spiraling mental health via texts, or feeling like the rope in a friendship tug of war.

In this hilarious and unforgettable adventure, *New York Times* bestselling author Sarah Mlynowski tells the story of a girl learning to navigate secret romances, thorny relationships, and the London Tube. As Sydney zigzags through Amsterdam, Switzerland, Italy and France, she must learn when to hold on, when to keep moving, and when to jump into the Riviera...wearing only her polka dot underpants.

Sarah Mlynowski is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ten Things We Did (and Probably Shouldn’t Have)*, *Don’t Even Think About It*, *Think Twice*, *Bras & Broomsticks*, the *Whatever After* series, and more. Her books have been translated into 25 languages and optioned to Hollywood. Sarah was born in Montreal but now lives and writes in New York City. Visit her at sarahm.com and find her everywhere @sarahmlynowski.

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SHANI PETROFF

AIRPORTS, EXES, & OTHER THINGS I'M OVER

Swoon Reads/Macmillan

May 2018

- **A bad storm, two canceled flights, stuck in an airport with a hot stranger and the guy who broke her heart... what could go wrong?**

After Sari caught her boyfriend Zev cheating on her, their romantic Spring Break in Florida was ruined. She can't get back to NYC soon enough. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has different plans. A huge storm is brewing in the Northeast, and flights all over the country are getting canceled—including Sari's. She winds up stuck at the airport for hours. With Zev!

When another stranded passenger (a hot NYU guy) suggests a connecting flight to Boston, Sari jumps at the chance. But when her mom freaks out about her traveling alone, she has no choice—she has to include Zev, and somehow survive being trapped with the guy who broke her heart.

Shani Petroff is the author of *My New Crush Gave to Me* (a Christmas romance also published by Swoon Reads/Macmillan). She writes for television news programs in New York City. When she's not locked in her apartment typing away, she spends a whole lot of time on books, boys, TV, and daydreaming.

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