

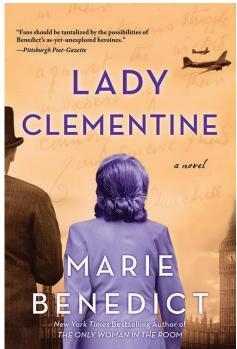
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# MARIE BENEDICT



## **LADY CLEMENTINE**

· Sourcebooks, January 2020

The fourth and mesmerizing novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM, CARNEGIE'S MAID, and THE OTHER EINSTEIN.

An unforgettable tale of strength, intelligence, political alliances, devastating war, and the woman *beside*— not behind— Winston Churchill through it all.

In 1909, Clementine Churchill steps off a train and links arms with her new husband, Winston. As they enter the station, a rush of noise draws her attention, and she turns to see a woman emerge from the crowd and attack her husband. Just before he stumbles off the platform, Clementine grabs him by his suit jacket, saving his life.

This will not be the last time Clementine Churchill will save her husband.

LADY CLEMENTINE is a spell-binding story of the brilliant woman behind the rise of Winston Churchill— his wife Clementine, who positioned herself as the silent, driving force behind political decisions that defined two world wars.

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## MARIE BENEDICT

## THE MYSTERY OF MRS. CHRISTIE

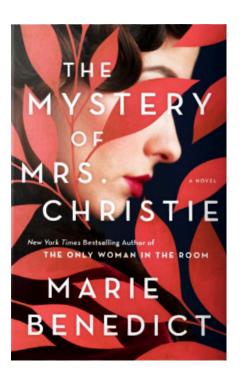
• Sourcebooks, January 2021

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of THE OTHER EINSTEIN and THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM comes the suspenseful story of the real-life disappearance of famed and beloved mystery writer Agatha Christie.

#### Historical fiction that reads like the best suspense.

In December 1926, England unleashed the largest manhunt in history—not for an escaped convict or war criminal—but for the missing wife of a WWI hero, mother, and rising mystery writer: Agatha Christie. When her car was found wrecked, empty, and abandoned near a natural spring, the country became frenzied.

Even Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, enlisted by the Prime Minister, wasn't able to solve the case. But in two weeks, Agatha simply reappeared, just as mysteriously as she disappeared, and claimed the details of those weeks were lost to amnesia. What happened to the famed novelist during those missing days in 1926? Did she disappear by her own hand, or someone else's? Was she running from her life, or creating an entirely new one?



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# MARIE BENEDICT & VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRAY



## THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN

Berkley (Penguin Random House), June 2021

Given unmatched power in New York society as J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle daCosta Greene's carefree and privileged lifestyle belies the carefully hidden secret that she is passing as a white woman.

THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN is the stunning story of Belle da Costa Greene, a young woman who is hired by J. Pierpont Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly-built Morgan Library. In this position, Belle becomes a fixture in New York society and the most influential woman in the art and book world.

But Belle has a secret. She was not born Belle da Costa Greene, but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first black graduate of Harvard. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage, but because she is African-American.

This riveting novel shares the life of a woman, famous for her bohemian lifestyle and for bold statements like "just because I'm a librarian doesn't mean I have to dress like one" — and how far she will go to protect her carefully crafted white identity from a racist world. It also explores the irony that the world-famous Morgan Library was due to the expertise and prowess of a woman of color.

**Marie Benedict** is the author of the *USA Today* bestselling THE OTHER EINSTEIN, CARNEGIE'S MAID, and THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM, which spent 4 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list earlier this year.

With over one million books in print, Marie's co-author, **Victoria Christopher Murray** is one of the country's top African American contemporary authors. She has written more than twenty novels and is also a four-time NAACP Image Award Nominee for Outstanding Fiction.

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# **CLARE MCHUGH**

## THE MOST ENGLISH PRINCESS

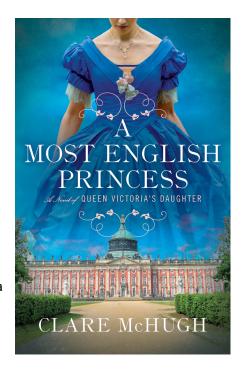
• William Morrow (HarperCollins), September 2020

The captivating debut historical fiction that follows the life of Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, Vicky.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's eldest daughter, Vicky, could not inherit the throne. So, her father chose another mission for her: bring British values and progressive ideas to then autocratic Germany.

A wildly romantic life with her husband Fritz, Crown Prince of Prussia followed. But the young couple was thwarted by reactionary forces and their son, later Kaiser Wilhelm, turned against them.

THE MOST ENGLISH PRINCESS is a love story, a story of marriage and motherhood, and the story of a woman finding her role and voice. It's also a political novel, bringing to life one of history's most formidable figures — Otto von Bismarck — who dominated European and German affairs for decades.



**Clare McHugh** was born in London and grew up in the United States. She studied Bismarck at Harvard and then taught high school history. Today she works in media and was most recently the Senior Director of Editorial Operations for Time Inc's News and Lifestyle brands.

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## MARK WHEATON

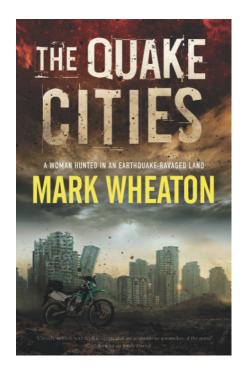
## THE QUAKE CITIES

- US: Severn House, September 2020
- UK: Severn House, April 2020
- · Audio rights sold at auction to Recorded

A science fiction thriller set in a world where violent earthquakes are decimating cities across the globe.

This edge-of-your-seat "cli-fi" begins in the year 2025, several months into a plague of earthquakes that have wiped out most of the world's major cities. In the Quake Zones, homesteaders try to live "off the grid," while independent salvage teams recover lost items for those who've been forced to leave.

Alice wakes up in the Los Angeles Quake Zone having no idea how she got there or why she is being so relentlessly pursued by mysterious, armed men. During one encounter, she is saved by a young woman named Este—a survivor of the original quakes that destroyed Los Angeles—who immediately discerns that Alice isn't quite human. Now the two must work together to evade those hunting Alice and discover the secret of her identity, all while the earthquakes grow worse.



Born in Texas, author **Mark Wheaton** lives in Los Angeles with his wife and children. He is the author of FIELDS OF WRATH, CITY OF STRANGERS, WAGES OF SIN (Thomas & Mercer), and most recently, as M.G. Wheaton, EMILY ETERNAL (Grand Central). Wheaton is also a screenwriter, producer, and journalist, writing for *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Total Film*, and more.

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#### ADULT NON-FICTION

# EGIL "BUD" KROGH with MATTHEW KROGH

## THE WHITE HOUSE PLUMBERS

- Public Affairs (Hachette), Spring 2021
- ★ Coming soon to HBO!



A jaw-dropping narrative of the secret investigation unit inside Richard Nixon's White House that came to be known as "The Plumbers."

Soon to be adapted into an HBO miniseries starring Woody Harrelson and Justin Theroux.

When Egil "Bud" Krogh was summoned to a closed-door meeting 1971, he never imagined what would follow. Prepared to discuss an obscure foreign policy program, he was handed instead a confidential file and appointed the leader of a Special Investigations Unit (SIU), later to become notorious as "The Plumbers."

Krogh was instructed to investigate—and to stop—the leak of top-secret government documents, particularly the Pentagon Papers, to the press. And he was told to do it by *any means necessary*. As Nixon considered this task critical to national security, the SIU would go to extremes in order to eliminate the threat. Because they suspected a man named Daniel Ellsberg, the unit authorized a break-in to

Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office. It was a terrible idea from the start and a third-rate burglary that they botched in every way.

The almost-unbelievable criminal actions of the Plumbers would eventually lead to one of the most famous conspiracies

in American history, ending in the scandal at the Watergate Hotel and the resignation of President Nixon.

**Egil "Bud" Krogh** was a lawyer and former member of the Nixon administration. **Matthew Krogh** is his son, a writer who lives in Bellingham, Washington.

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## DAN ZIGMOND

## **BUDDHA'S OFFICE:**

The Ancient Art of Waking Up While Working Well

• Running Press, December 2019

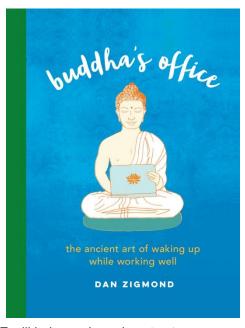
How the wisdom of Buddha's guidance can help us to navigate the perils of modern work-life balance.

"Author Dan Zigmond is both an ordained Zen monk and a highly effective people manager. This book is a wise exploration of how those two are less different than you might think."

Mike Krieger as founder of Instance.

-Mike Krieger, co-founder of Instagram

Buddha never worked a day in his life. But he knew that helping people work right was essential in helping them find their path to awakening. Now, more than ever, we need Buddha's guidance. Too many of us are working long hours, dealing with difficult bosses, high-maintenance coworkers, and non-stop stress. We need someone to remind us that there is a better way.



With Buddha's teachings at the core of every chapter, BUDDHA'S OFFICE will help you learn how to stop taking shortcuts and pay more attention, deal with distractions, and incorporate Buddha's ageless instructions into modern office life. What if we saw work as a means to contribute to our quality of life, rather than detract from it?

**Dan Zigmond** is a writer, data scientist, and Zen priest living in Menlo Park, California. He has held leadership positions at Instagram, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, and other tech companies. In May 2015, he was named one of the "20 Business Geniuses You Need to Know" by *Wired* magazine. He is also the co-author of BUDDHA'S DIET: THE ANCIENT ART OF LOSING WEIGHT WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND.

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Ukraine: Yakaboo Vietnam: DTBooks



# **ALEXA DONNE**

## **THE IVIES**

• Crown (Random House), Summer 2021

Alexa Donne's debut young adult thriller about how far a group of friends will go to ensure their academic futures at the lvy Leagues of their choice.

At Claflin Academy, college admissions is killer...Even at a prestigious boarding school, only a select few are accepted into each lvy League college. Olivia, Avery, Emma, Sierra, and Margot are the five girls at Clafin Academy destined to attend the top lvy Leagues. Bound together by more than just perfect SATs and their agreement to each stay in her respective admission lane, they've also assured their entry into the lvy of their choice by ruthlessly sabotaging anyone who gets in their way.

But what's a little backstabbing among friends? Harvard has always been Avery's chosen university, but that doesn't stop Emma from secretly applying. When she gets in, a showdown seems inevitable. So when Emma turns up dead, Olivia immediately suspects Avery is behind her murder. But the cops have their sights set on Olivia—the scholarship kid, the only Ivy who isn't rich or powerful. To prove her innocence, Olivia will need to figure out who killed Emma before it's too late. Because Olivia's

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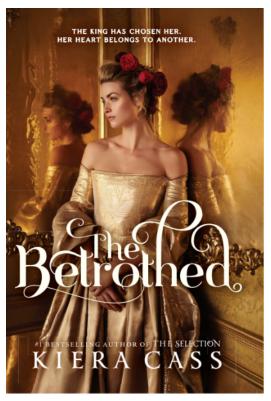
got a secret too: she also got into Harvard. And if Avery's the killer, then Olivia's next on the list.

**Alexa Donne** lives in Los Angeles, where she wears many hats, including fan convention organizing, teen mentoring, college admissions essay consulting, YouTube-ing and podcast. She is the author of BRIGHTLY BURNING and its forthcoming sequel, THE STARS WE STEAL.

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## **KIERA CASS**



## THE BETROTHED

HarperTeen (HarperCollins), May 5, 2020

The first book in a new YA romantic duology by the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Selection series.

Hollis Brite has spent her whole life at Keresken Castle, living among the other daughters of nobility, all hoping to catch the king's eye. The young King Jameson of Coroa, however, has never been the type to settle down—until he meets Hollis.

When Jameson declares his love for her, Hollis is thrilled. But through their extravagant courtship, Hollis realizes that the endless presents and attention also comes with too high expectations.

With a visit from the King of Isolte on the horizon, Hollis sees a chance to prove to Jameson—and herself—that she has what it takes to be queen. But when she meets an Isolten stranger with the mysterious power to see right into her heart, Hollis finds herself wondering whether life with Jameson in the palace is her dream come true or a prison of endless night.

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## MARA FITZGERALD

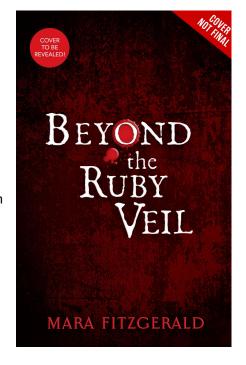
#### BEYOND THE RUBY VEIL

• Little Brown Books for Young Readers, October 2020

The first in a new, dark LGBTQ+ fantasy series featuring an unlikable heroine you can't help but root for in a world unlike anything you've ever seen.

Emanuela Ragno always gets what she wants. With her daring mind and socialite schemes, she refuses to be the demure young lady everyone wants her to be. In her most ambitious move yet, she's about to marry Alessandro Morandi, her childhood best friend and the heir to the wealthiest house in Occhia. Emanuela doesn't care that she and her groom are both gay, because she doesn't want a love match. She wants power, and through Ale, she'll have it all.

But Emanuela has a secret that could shatter her plans. In the city of Occhia, the only source of water is the watercrea, a mysterious being who uses magic to make water from blood. When their first bruise-like omen appears on their skin, all Occhians must surrender themselves to the watercrea to be drained of life. Everyone throughout history has given themselves up for the greater good. Everyone except Emanuela. She's kept the tiny omen on her hip out of sight for years.



When the watercrea exposes Emanuela during her wedding ceremony and takes her to be sacrificed, Emanuela fights back...and kills her. Now Occhia has no one to make their water and no idea how to get more. In a race against time, Emanuela and Ale must travel through the mysterious, blood-red veil that surrounds their city to uncover the secrets of the watercrea's magic and find a way to save their people. No matter what it takes.

**Mara Fitzgerald** is a biologist by day and spends entirely too much time looking at insects under a microscope. BEYOND THE RUBY VEIL is her debut novel.

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## RACHEL GRIFFIN

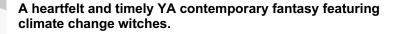
## THE NATURE OF WITCHES

Sourcebooks, Spring 2021

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Anyone born on a solstice or equinox is born a witch, receiving magic from the sun that peaks in the season of their birth. Witches have maintained the climate for centuries now, but their control is faltering as the atmosphere becomes more unpredictable. Spring witches struggle against violent out-of-season tornadoes; summer witches can't stop the sweltering heat waves occurring in winter. Witches and non-witches alike are dying as severe weather becomes a constant threat.

All hope lies with Clara Densmore, an Everwitch whose magic is tied to all four seasons—her power never fades. Though she's expected to graduate from her elite boarding school and help steady the atmosphere, Clara wants nothing to do with her magic. Nature requires balance, and when the sun made Clara the most powerful witch alive, it also cursed her: every time there's an eclipse, someone she loves dies. She's already lost her father and

her best friend. To make sure it never happens again, Clara isolates herself from anyone who could get too close.

But when a record-shattering tornado ravages campus, Clara blames herself for the death toll and vows she'll be ready for the next storm. As Clara works to strengthen her magic, she falls in love with Sang, the kind, patient spring witch training her. Terrified that Sang will be the next victim, Clara plots to break the curse's hold during the upcoming solar eclipse. But that eclipse could strip Clara of her power, leaving the world vulnerable to nature's fury. Both options result in death, and Clara must choose: save Sang, or save her magic.

**Rachel Griffin** lives just outside of Seattle with her husband and dog, Doppler. She witnessed the 2017 total solar eclipse and became a certified weather spotter for the National Weather Service while doing research for this project. THE NATURE OF WITCHES is her first novel.

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# SARAH MLYNOWSKI

## JUST A BOY AND A GIRL IN A LITTLE CANOE

HarperTeen (HarperCollins), May 2020

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of I SEE LONDON, I SEE FRANCE comes a romantic, young adult contemporary perfect for summer.

"Sizzling and smart" -Kirkus

When Sam's boyfriend, Eli, ditches her for a trip to Europe, Sam takes a summer job as a counselor at Camp Blue Springs. She worries it will be a seven-week grind, just spent missing Eli. But then she meets Gavin, the super-hot and equally unavailable sailing instructor. While the days are filled with fun and sun, the summer starts to heat up after dark. From swimming under a cascade of stars to whispering secrets around the campfire, Gavin has turned Sam's into one full of unexpected thrills. But things may not end up where you think they will.

JUST A
BOY CANOE

**Sarah Mlynowski** is the author of many books including BRAS & BROOMSTICKS; TEN THINGS WE DID (AND PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE); GIMME A CALL; and the *New York Times* 

bestselling Whatever After series. Sarah's books have been translated into twenty-nine languages and several have been optioned to Hollywood.

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## **VICTOR PINEIRO**



#### PIRATES MAKE TERRIBLE GUESTS

· Sourcebooks, Fall 2021

The first in a new middle grade adventure series with a magical combination of imagination and hijinks that will keep readers turning the page and splitting their sides with laughter.

If you could invite any three people to dinner, who would they be? It seems like a simple enough homework assignment...right? Javi Santiago is sure he'll get an A+ for his "Any Three People" project—but he doesn't count on his family's mysterious antique table \*actually\* bringing his chosen guests to dinner. If he had known, he probably wouldn't have chosen Blackbeard the Pirate! Hindsight.

Now, Javi has to work with his super genius best friend and kid sister to figure out how to send Blackbeard back to the past before he can use the table to summon his pirate crew. But to do that, Javi may have to summon some even crazier outside help to set things right again. Kid Mozart? Lady Dracula? Mr. Hyde? Pegasus? The sky's the limit. Javi just hopes he made enough sandwiches.

**Victor Pineiro** specializes in developing brand voices. He's run YouTube's and much of Google's social media from the agency side for the past six years, after launching Skittles on social media and creating its award-winning zany voice. He also designs games and toys for Hasbro—and before all of this was a third grade teacher for 6 years.

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# NATALIA SYLVESTER

## **RUNNING**

• Clarion (HMH), May 2020

An inspiring, authentic, and gorgeously written novel about waking up and speaking up, perfect for the new generation of young activists.

How do you find your voice when the whole world is watching?

Mariana Ruiz's father is running for President. Mari knows he's a great leader, but for her, the campaign is turning into a nightmare. From a disastrous live TV tour of their home to doctored photos that go viral, she is right in the middle of it all and not in a good way.

Worse, until now, she was unaware of her father's political positions. But as the campaign heats up, Mari finds it harder to ignore not just the news but the growing student activism at her school, activism that seems pointedly anti-Ruiz. She has always known her father to be a good, generous man, but maybe he isn't who she thought he was. And standing up to him ... well, that's not an option. Or is it?



**Natalia Sylvester** is the author of EVERYONE KNOWS YOU GO HOME, which won an International Latino Book Award. Born in Lima, Peru, she grew up in Florida and Texas and received a BFA from the University of Miami. She now lives in Austin, Texas.

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