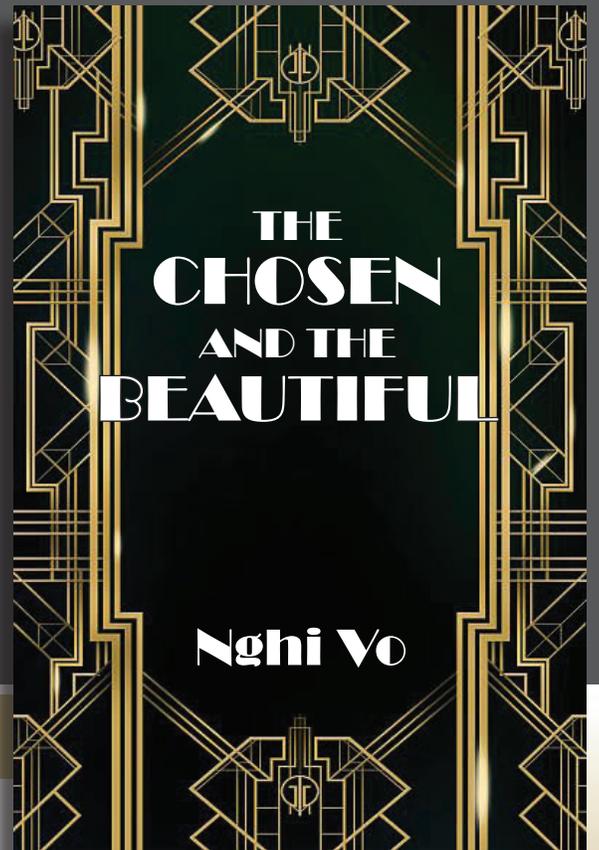


THE CHOSEN AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Nghi Vo



Immigrant. Socialite. Magician.

Jordan Baker grows up in the most rarefied circles of 1920s American society—she has money, education, a killer golf handicap, and invitations to some of the most exclusive parties of the Jazz Age. She’s also queer, Asian, adopted, and treated as an exotic attraction by her peers, while the most important doors remain closed to her.

But the world is full of wonders: infernal pacts and dazzling illusions, lost ghosts and elemental mysteries. In all paper is fire, and Jordan can burn the cut paper heart out of a man. She just has to learn how.

Nghi Vo’s debut novel reinvents this classic of the American canon as a coming-of-age story full of magic, mystery, and glittering excess, and introduces a major new literary voice.



Nghi Vo was born in central Illinois, and she retains a healthy respect of and love for corn mazes, scarecrows, and fifty-year floods. These days, she lives on the shores of Lake Michigan, which is less a lake than an inland sea that she is sure is just biding its time. Her short fiction has appeared in *Strange Horizons*, *Uncanny Magazine*, *PodCastle*, *Lightspeed*, and *Fireside*. Her short story, “Neither Witch nor Fairy” made the 2014 *Otherwise* (formerly *Tiptree*) Award Honor List. Nghi mostly writes about food, death, and family, but sometimes detours into blood, love, and rhetoric. She believes in the ritual of lipstick, the power of stories, and the right to change your mind.

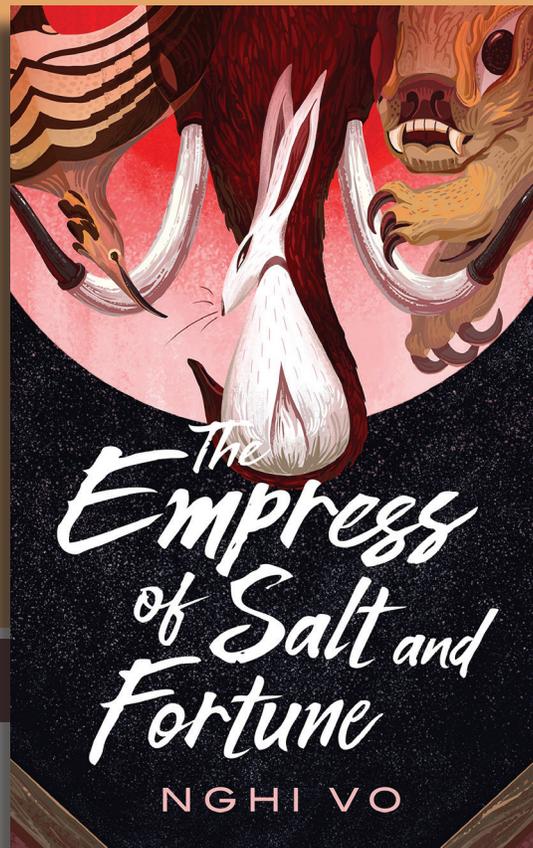
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The Empress of Salt and Fortune

NGHI VO



"Dangerous, subtle, unexpected and familiar, angry and ferocious and hopeful... The Empress of Salt and Fortune is a remarkable accomplishment of storytelling." -NPR

"The subtlety and nuance of Vo's evocative storytelling lend the novella an epic, timeless feel. Equal parts love and rage, this masterfully told story is sure to impress." -Publishers Weekly

With the heart of an Atwood tale and the visuals of a classic Asian period drama, Nghi Vo's The Empress of Salt and Fortune is a tightly and lushly written narrative about empire, storytelling, and the anger of women.

A young royal from the far north, is sent south for a political marriage in an empire reminiscent of imperial China. Her brothers are dead, her armies and their war mammoths long defeated and caged behind their borders. Alone and sometimes reviled, she must choose her allies carefully.

Rabbit, a handmaiden, sold by her parents to the palace for the lack of five baskets of dye, befriends the emperor's lonely new wife and gets more than she bargained for.

At once feminist high fantasy and an indictment of monarchy, this evocative debut follows the rise of the empress In-yo, who has few resources and fewer friends. She's a northern daughter in a mage-made summer exile, but she will bend history to her will and bring down her enemies, piece by piece.



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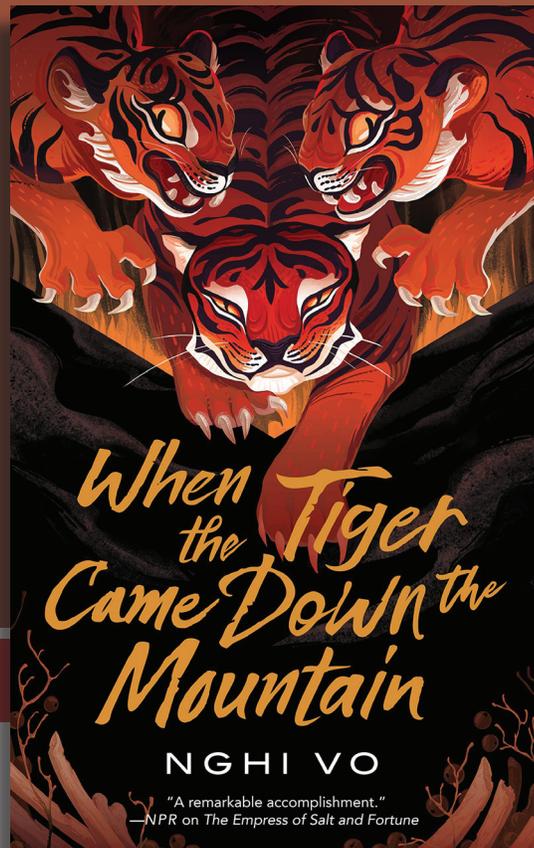
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The cleric Chih finds themselves and their companions at the mercy of a band of fierce tigers who ache with hunger. To stay alive until the mammoths can save them, Chih must unwind the intricate, layered story of the tiger and her scholar lover—a woman of courage, intelligence, and beauty—and discover how truth can survive becoming history.

Nghi Vo returns to the empire of Ahn and The Singing Hills Cycle in *When the Tiger Came Down the Mountain*, a mesmerizing, lush standalone follow-up to *The Empress of Salt and Fortune*.

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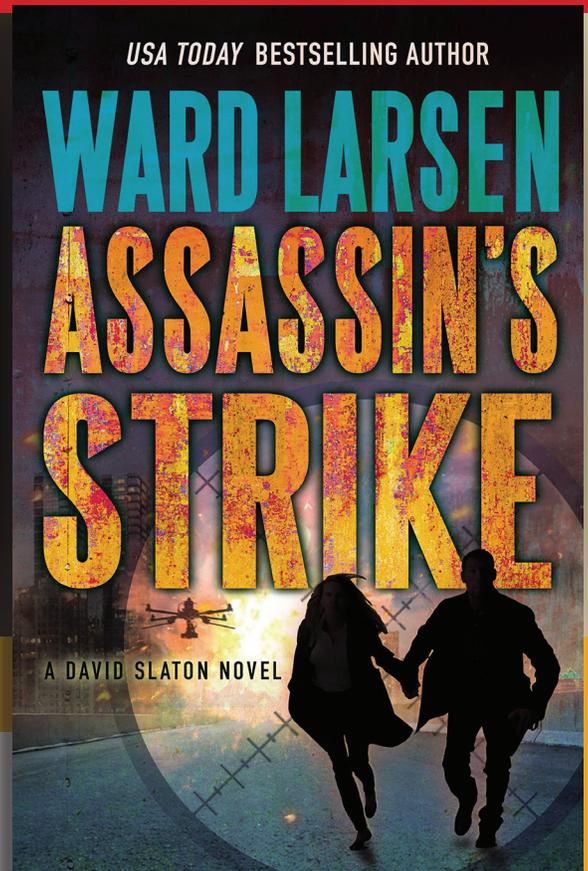
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Book 7 of the David Slaton *ASSASSIN SERIES*

ASSASSIN'S STRIKE

WARD LARSEN



Praise for the Assassin's series:

"Highly reminiscent of Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne series." -David Hagberg, New York Times bestselling author

"Slaton is the perfect assassin, and this is the perfect action-adventure thriller."
-Booklist, starred review, on *Assassin's Silence*

USA Today bestselling author Ward Larsen's globe-trotting, hard-hitting assassin, David Slaton, returns for another breathless adventure in *Assassin's Strike*!

In a Syrian palace, the presidents of Russia and Iran undertake a clandestine meeting. No staff or advisors are permitted in the room. No records are kept. By necessity, however, there are two witnesses: the interpreters. The Russian, Ludmilla Kravchuk, returns to her hotel room burdened by what she has heard. When her Iranian counterpart is murdered before her eyes, Kravchuk fears she is next and goes into hiding in Syria.

The CIA gets word of the defection. Desperate to uncover the purpose of the meeting, they task their newest off-the-books operator—legendary assassin David Slaton—to undertake a daring rescue. Deep inside Syria's war-torn borders, what Slaton finds is a plot that will tear the Middle East apart. And one that only he can stop.

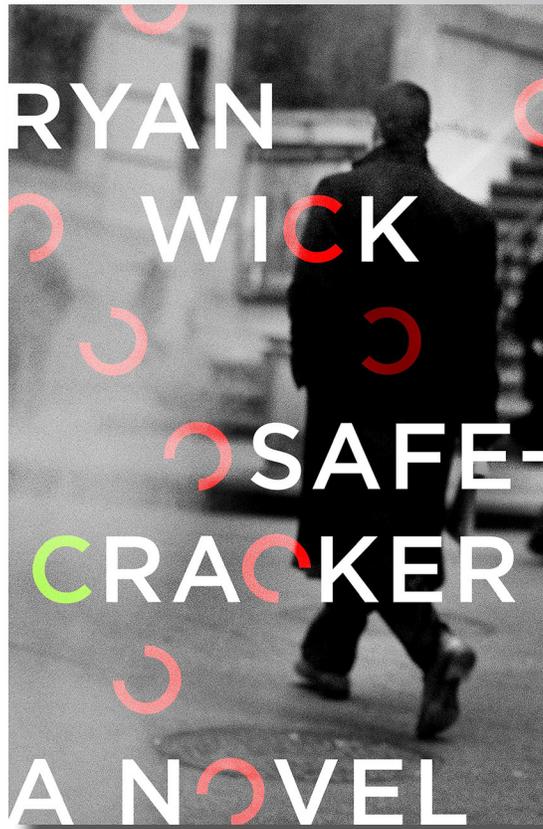


WARD LARSEN is a USA Today bestselling author and five-time winner of the Florida Book Award. His work has been nominated for both the Edgar and Macavity Awards. A former US Air Force fighter pilot, Larsen flew more than twenty missions in Operation Desert Storm. He also served as a federal law enforcement officer and is a trained aircraft accident investigator. Larsen's books include the David Slaton series, which begins with *Assassin's Game*.

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SAFE- CRACKER

RYAN WICK

"SAFE-CRACKER is an instant crime classic that puts Wick solidly alongside giants of the genre."
-John C. Foster, Author of *Mr. White and the Isle*

"Ryan Wick has written a gripping, high-octane page-turner that grabs you from the very start and doesn't let go." -Simon Gervais, Bestselling author of *"Hunt Them Down"*

"SAFE-CRACKER is a taut, fresh, well-written take on the complicated life of a master thief trying to stay one step ahead of the drug cartels." -Mark Sullivan, Bestselling author of *"Beneath a Scarlet Sky"*

Lawbreaker is the start of a series featuring an unusually engaging protagonist who happens to live on the wrong side of the law: He's a professional thief, with a specialty in safecracking.

Michael Maven's latest job assignment sounds relatively simple to him: Steal a rare coin out of a New York apartment. He's done similar jobs countless times. On this one, though, things get complicated: Michael becomes a witness to murder. The owner of the apartment comes back with a glamorous female guest who, unfortunately for him, is an assassin. In hiding, Michael sees the entire horrifying scene, and then gets the living daylight beaten out of him by the woman, a killing machine who is on assignment for the Sinaloa drug cartel.

Before he knows it, he is forced to team up with her and take on the most dangerous job of his career. In order to protect his friends and family, he'll not only have to pull off an impossible heist, but also outrun and outthink one of the most sadistic and deranged crime bosses in the world.

Lawbreaker is a thriller that moves at lightning pace, keeping the reader firmly on the side of its morally questionable anti-hero every step of the way.

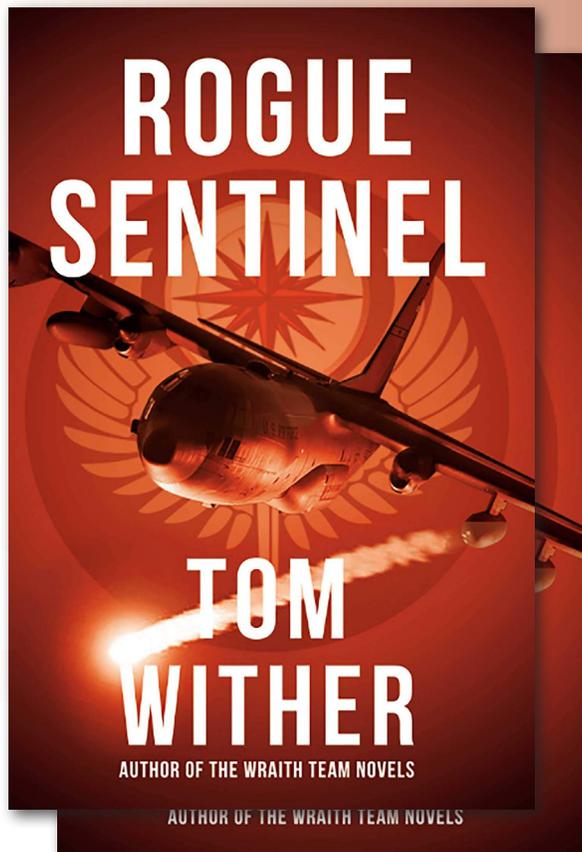
Ryan Wick is an award-winning Director, Producer and Editor who lives in New York City. He has worked on countless productions and has taught cinematography classes at the New York Film Academy and Princeton University. Aside from working in film and TV, he has also directed numerous commercials and music videos for artists such as The Game, Tinie Tempah, Charlie XCX and Grammy Award Winner Melanie Fiona. *Lawbreaker* is his first novel.



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ROGUE SENTINEL

TOM WITHER

"Plenty of mind numbing twists and turns along the way. Military buffs and fans of high-stakes action thrillers will find a lot to like." -Publishers Weekly

From Tom Wither, Author of *THE INHERITOR* and *AUTUMN FIRE*, comes *ROGUE SENTINEL*, an international thriller that puts the reader in the heart of the intelligence and special operations communities.

Lieutenant Commander Mathews', an experienced Tier One Operator is sent on a solo mission to capture an American who has joined ISIS, planning operations that have killed hundreds. After an extended close surveillance while undercover in Jordan, Mathews and his trusted NCO, Senior Master Sergeant Simms attempt to capture the man known as 'al-Amriki' – The American. As they close in, weapons at the ready, they inexplicably receive orders to let al-Amriki go - from the President of the United States. Why is the President of the United States letting a known terrorist live, and what can be done by Mathews to stop The American from killing more innocents?

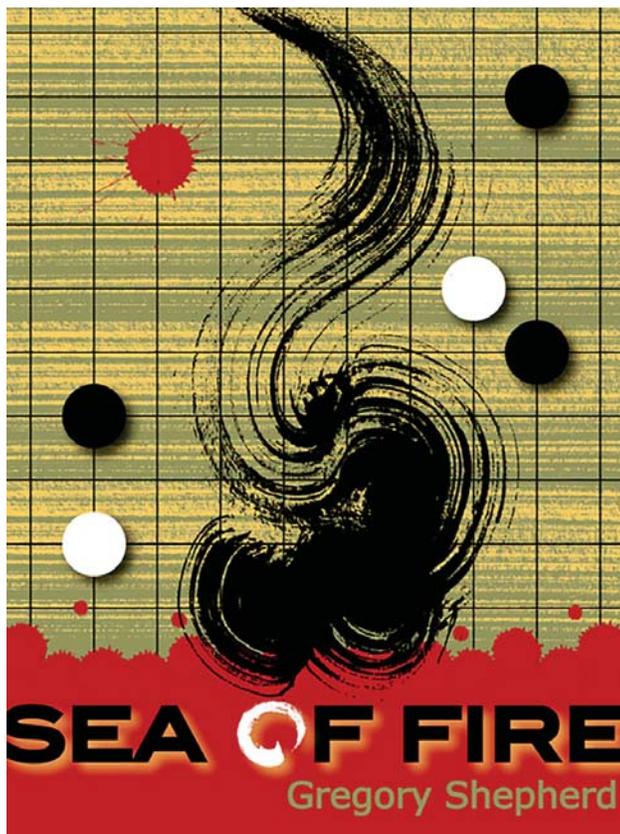
Supported by David Cain, chief of the Counter Terrorism Shop in Fort Meade, MD, Mathews locates and positively identifies Objective FULLBACK – called 'al-Amriki' (The American), and begins to surveil him to establish a pattern of life to enable a capture operation. After locating and tracking him for several days, Mathews, supported by trusted NCO, Senior Master Sergeant Simms, executes the operation to capture al-Amriki. Mathews and Simms stand toe-to-toe with al-Amriki in a deadly standoff when Mathews receives the order to abort the mission. After being recalled to the U.S. embassy in Jordan, Mathews is told why – 'al-Amriki' is a CIA deep cover operative, and Mathews is ordered to help him identify and eliminate the senior leadership of ISIS. Al-Amriki arranges a covert meeting with the heads of ISIS to enable the strike, but his cover has been blown – now Mathews and Simms need to save al-Amriki's life – and their own!

Tom Wither served his country for more than 25 years as a member of the United States Air Force, spending his entire career as a member of the Air Force's 25th Air Force, and its predecessor organizations, the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, the Air Intelligence Agency, the Air Force Intelligence Command, and the Electronic Security Command. In his most recent assignment, he provided authoritative technical advice and direction on intelligence collection, analysis, and production processes and techniques that underpin the operational employment, and acquisition of, Air Force space and cyberspace capabilities.

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"a super-charged thriller about big trouble in North Korea that could result in a nuclear war... His is a new, important and entertaining voice on the thriller scene."

-David Hagberg, author of the Kirk McGarvey series

"Hold on for a wild ride! If you like fast paced spy thrillers filled with high-powered suspense you'll love Sea of Fire. -John Wehrheim, author of Bhutan: Hidden Lands of Happiness

"a magnificent novel...a great mixture of the protagonist's struggle with his demons, love interest, east and west, nasty villains and conflicted heroes that keeps the reader engaged and guessing up to the last minute." -Michael Breen, author of The Koreans and Kim Jong-il, North Korea's Dear Leader

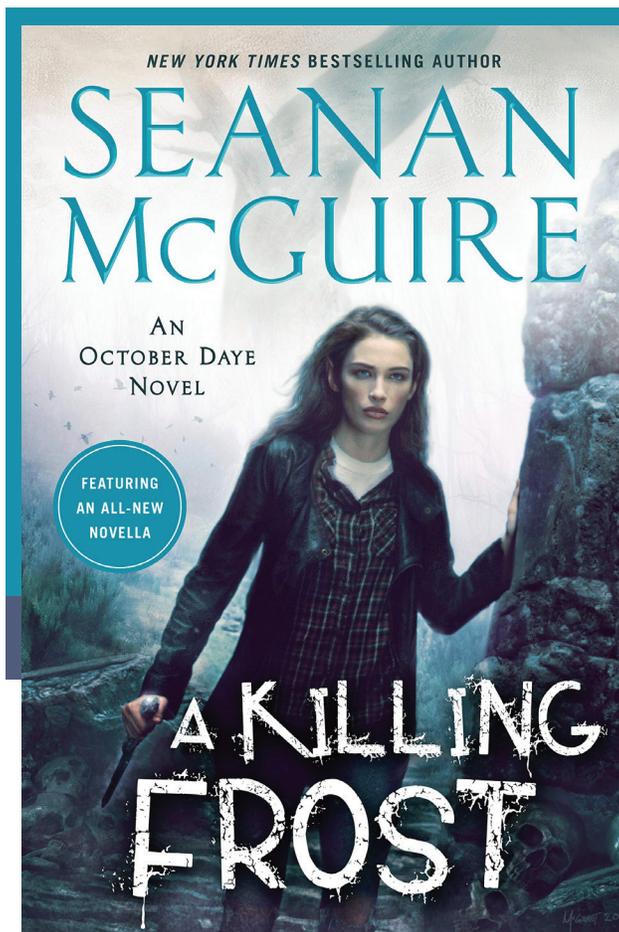
In Sea of Fire Patrick Featherstone, a former JSOC sniper is pressed back into service to find CIA agent Tyler Kang who has apparently defected to North Korea with sensitive missile technology. Patrick has been practicing Buddhism in Japan, but finally agrees to find, and if necessary, kill, Tyler Kang despite his Buddhist vow of non-violence. However, Patrick has a hidden agenda --- to rescue the love of his life from a North Korean prison. Before leaving, he learns of a possible coup at the highest level of the North Korean power structure, a coup which could easily spill over into an invasion of South Korea and a retaliatory nuclear response. In the end only Patrick is positioned to avert a nuclear disaster of cataclysmic proportions.

With breathtaking plot twists, complex characters, heart-felt romance, and revealing insights into the most mysterious country on the planet, Sea of Fire sweeps from the gulags of North Korea to the corridors of power in Washington.

Gregory Shepherd studied Zen Buddhism in Japan and traveled many times to South Korea to smuggle in pro-democracy literature during the South's period of martial law. He is fluent in Japanese and deeply knowledgeable of the current situation in North Korea.

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A KILLING FROST

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Praise for the October Daye series:

"The 13th outing for Daye is just as fresh and exciting as the first. McGuire has built a complex world, where seemingly loose ends are woven tightly into the series. Highly recommended." -Library Journal (starred)

"Toby's combination of pragmatic heroism and relentless self-destruction makes her a compelling heroine in a secret folklore-filled world that still feels fresh and dangerous after all this time." -Publishers Weekly

"The worldbuilding in this series has astonishing depth, and Night and Silence is no exception—12 books in, McGuire is still giving readers fascinating new pieces of the Faerie puzzle." -Booklist

Now in hardcover, the fourteenth novel of the Hugo-nominated, New York Times-bestselling Toby Daye urban fantasy series

When October is informed that Simon Torquill—legally her father, due to Faerie's archaic marriage traditions—must be invited to her wedding or risk the ceremony throwing the Kingdom in the Mists into political turmoil, she finds herself setting out on a quest she was not yet prepared to undertake for the sake of her future.... and the man who represents her family's past.

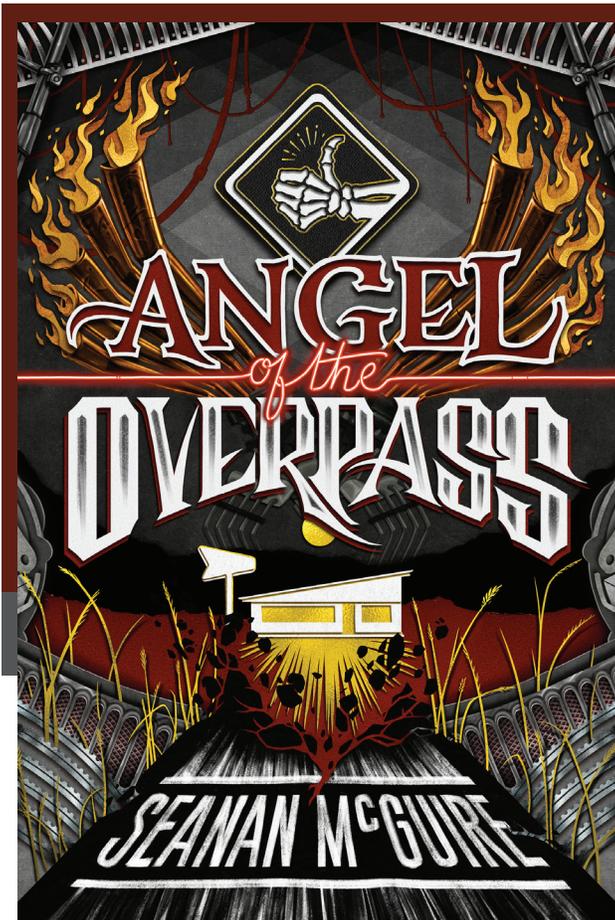
Seanan McGuire lives and works in Washington State, where she shares her somewhat idiosyncratic home with her collection of books, creepy dolls, and enormous blue cats. When not writing—which is fairly rare—she enjoys travel, and can regularly be found any place where there are cornfields, haunted houses, or frogs. A Campbell, Hugo, and Nebula Award-winning author, Seanan's first book (Rosemary and Rue, the beginning of the October Daye series) was released in 2009, with more than twenty books across various series following since. Seanan doesn't sleep much.



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ANGEL *of the* OVERPASS

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Lady of shadows, keeper of changes, plant the seeds of faith within me, that I might grow and flourish, that I might find my way through danger and uncertainty to the safety of your garden. Let my roots grow strong and my skin grow thick, that I might stand fast against all who would destroy me. Grant to me your favor, grant to me your grace, and when my time is done, grant to me the wisdom to lay my burdens down and rest beside you, one more flower in a sea of blooms, where nothing shall ever trouble me again.

Rose Marshall died when she was sixteen years old and on her way to her high school prom. She hasn't been resting easy since then—Bobby Cross, the man who killed her, got away clean after running her off the road, and she's not the kind of girl who can let something like that slide. She's been looking for a way to stop him since before they put her body in the ground.

But things have changed in the twilight world where the spirits of the restless dead continue their "lives." The crossroads have been destroyed, and Bobby's protections are gone. For the first time, it might be possible for Rose to defeat him.

Not alone, though. She'll need every friend she's managed to make and every favor she's managed to add to her account if she wants to stand a chance...and this may be her last chance to be avenged, since what is Bobby Cross without the crossroads?

Everything Rose knows is about to change."

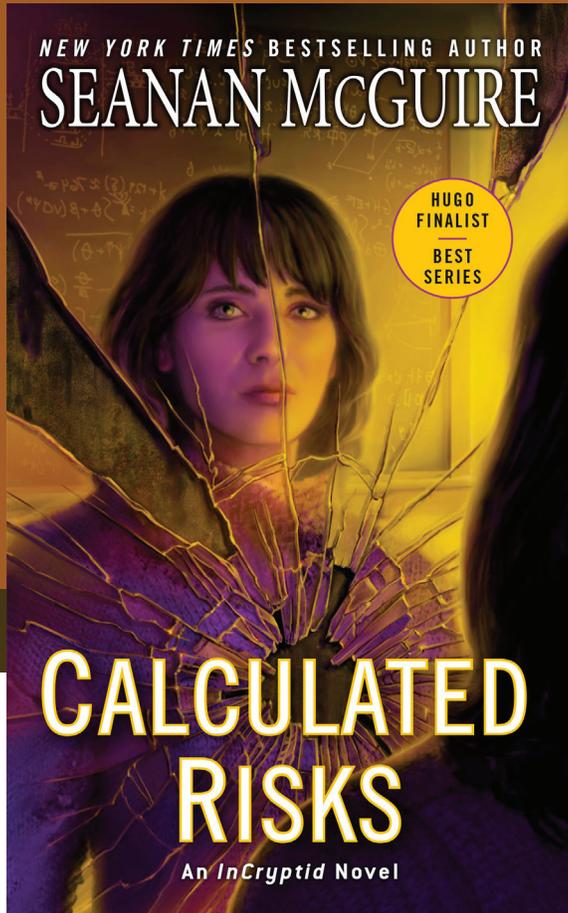
SEANAN MCGUIRE is the author of the October Daye urban fantasy series, the InCryptid series, and other works. She also writes darker fiction as Mira Grant. Seanan lives in Seattle with her cats, a vast collection of creepy dolls and horror movies, and sufficient books to qualify her as a fire hazard. She was the winner of the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and in 2013 she became the first person ever to appear five times on the same Hugo ballot.



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CALCULATED RISKS

SEANAN MCGUIRE

The tenth book in the fast-paced InCryptid urban fantasy series returns to the mishaps of the Price family, eccentric cryptozoologists who safeguard the world of magical creatures living in secret among humans.

Just when Sarah Zellaby, adopted Price cousin and telepathic ambush predator, thought that things couldn't get worse, she's had to go and prove herself wrong. After being kidnapped and manipulated by her birth family, she has undergone a transformation called an instar, reaching back to her Apocritic origins to metamorphize. While externally the same, she is internally much more powerful, and much more difficult to control.

Even by herself. After years of denial, the fact that she will always be a cuckoo has become impossible to deny.

Now stranded in another dimension with a handful of allies who seem to have no idea who she is--including her cousin Annie and her maybe-boyfriend Artie, both of whom have forgotten their relationship--and a bunch of cuckoos with good reason to want her dead, Sarah must figure out not only how to contend with her situation, but with the new realities of her future. What is she now? Who is she now? Is that person someone she can live with?

And when all is said and done, will she be able to get the people she loves, whether or not they've forgotten her, safely home?

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UPON *this* ROCK

DAVID EUGENE PERRY

"The gay DaVinci Code, but a lot better."

-Fenton Johnson, Guggenheim Fellow and award-winning author of *The Man Who Loved Birds*

"...a wild read. ...the denouement ...will not just surprise you, but literally stun."

-Erika Atkinson, author of *Ode to the Castro* and *Miles of Memories*

*"An elegant, twisty thriller in which a gay couple investigates a mysterious suicide in a scenic Italian hill town. ...this book could do for Orvieto what *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* did for Savannah."*

-Armistead Maupin, author of the internationally acclaimed *Tales of the City*

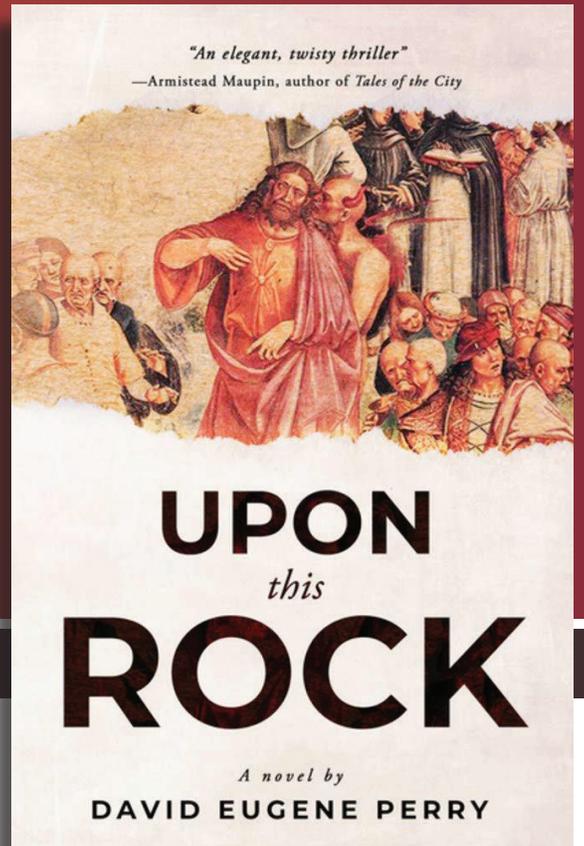
Intrigue, terrorism, history, art, and the secrets of the Church collide in a relentless page-turning thriller

An American couple in Italy investigate the suicide of a cleric in the picturesque Italian city of Orvieto—and find themselves plunged into a conspiracy that may destroy the Catholic Church. In the stunning thriller *Upon This Rock*, San Francisco business executive Lee Maury and his husband Adriano come to Orvieto to soak in the city's beauty and rich history, but Lee becomes fascinated with a local tragedy, the suicide one year earlier of Deacon Andrea, a much-loved candidate for the priesthood.

Growing obsessed with learning the truth behind Andrea's death, Lee and Adriano stumble upon a conspiracy of terrorism, human trafficking, and a plot to destroy one of the Church's most sacred shrines—all somehow linked across 500 years to Renaissance Pope Clement VII, who escaped to Orvieto after the sack of Rome in 1527. Before they know it, Lee and Adriano's dream vacation becomes a race to save innocent lives—and not get killed in the process.



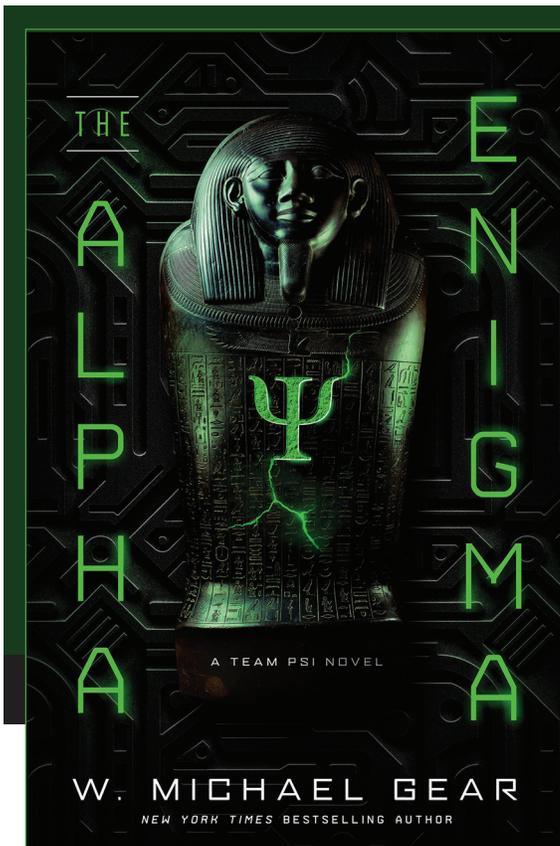
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THE ALPHA ENIGMA

W. MICHAEL GEAR

A thrilling new science fiction mystery from the New York Times bestselling author of the Donovan novels

Dr. Timothy Ryan, head of the military psychiatric unit at Grantham Barracks, is meeting a new patient, a woman known as "Prisoner Alpha." As she is being transferred, they are attacked by assassins, barely escaping with their lives. One shooter vanishes, leaving behind a dead companion unlike anyone Ryan has ever seen.

But even more baffling is the puzzle of Alpha herself. She speaks in a strange tongue, and doodles in bars, dots, and little pictures like nothing Ryan has ever seen. Is she some sort of savant, or the most cunning spy he's ever met?

Meanwhile, in Egypt, archaeologist Reid Farmer uncovers an 18th-Dynasty tomb that shouldn't exist, filled with Mayan epigraphy, mathematics, and materials that didn't exist 3,000 years ago. As a result of this discovery, Reid and forensic anthropologist Kilgore France—along with the sarcophagus they have found—are snatched away to a hidden lab to solve the enigma of a man lost in time.

As dark forces gather, Alpha makes an impossible escape from Grantham. Ryan quickly becomes the prime suspect in her disappearance, but with a team of unique allies, sets out to prove his innocence. Together, they must find Alpha and save Ryan before it is too late.

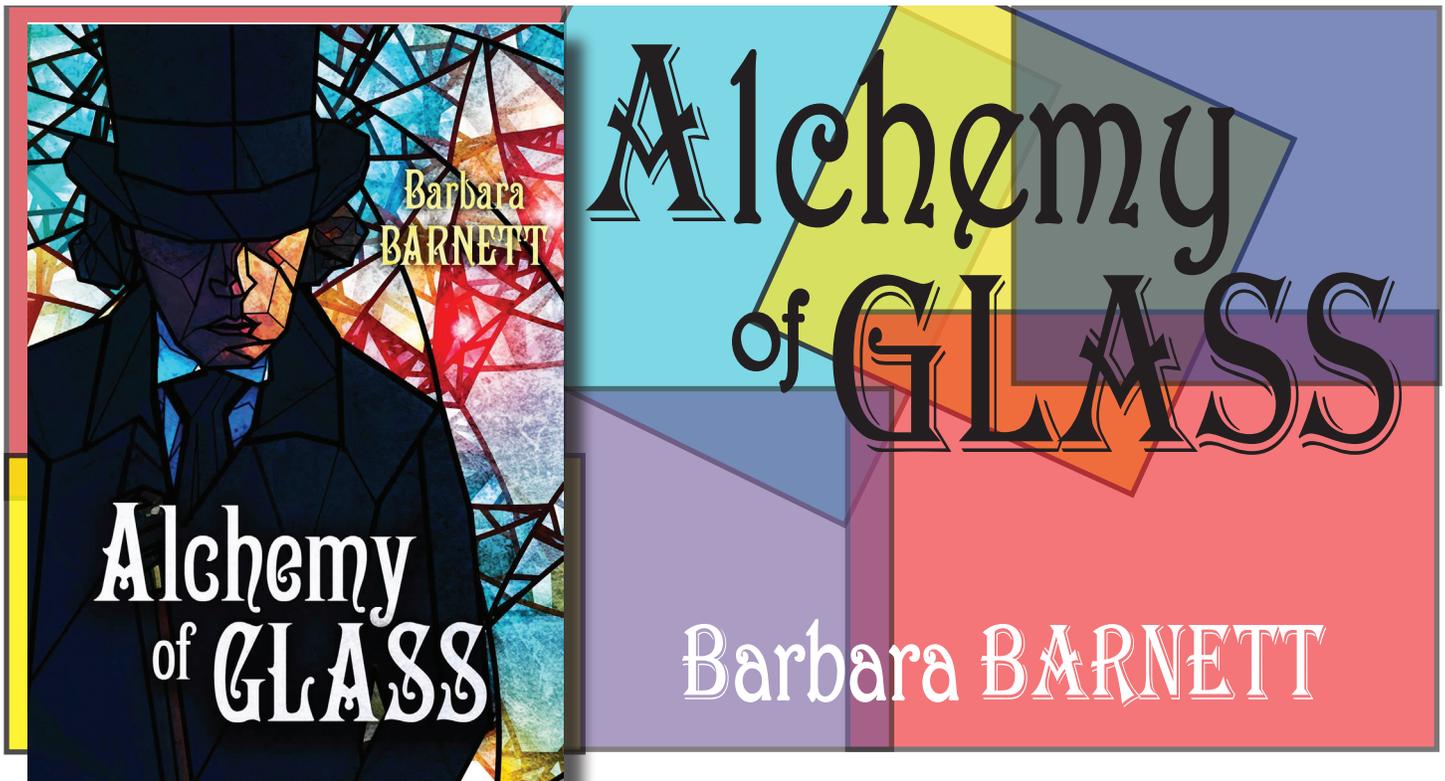
W. Michael Gear is a New York Times and international bestselling author with 17 million copies of his books in print. Married to bestselling author Kathleen O'Neal Gear, he holds a master's degree in anthropology, has authored more than 50 novels, and has been translated into 29 languages. He has worked as a forensic anthropologist, was principal investigator in his own archaeological firm, and raised bison for 29 years. He was twice awarded Producer of the Year by the National Bison Association. His hobbies include shooting large-caliber rifles and long-distance touring on his Moto Guzzi named Sheela. Gear lives in Wyoming.



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"Myth, medicine, and immortality, braided together like the border of an illuminated manuscript."
-Doris Egan, screenwriter, novelist, and writer and co-executive producer of House,M.D.

"Anne Rice meets Michael Crichton in this fever dream of a fantasy. Richly textured, terrifying, and somehow timely, Barbara Barnett's time-jumping tale will keep readers up well past their bedtime. Highly recommended!" -Jay Bonansinga, New York Times–bestselling author of *The Walking Dead: Search and Destroy* and *Self Storage*

The *Alchemy of Glass* weaves a tale magical as spun glass and terrifying as a shattered mirror, drawing upon cutting edge science and the most ancient of Celtic mythology, intertwining the magic of fairy lore and the harsh reality of difficult choices, returning us to the world of immortal apothecary Gaelan Erceldoune, as his past, present and future collide, in an attempt to prevent a catastrophic future.

Barbara Barnett is author of the Bram Stoker Award-nominated historical fantasy, *The Apothecary's Curse*.

Always a pop-culture and sci-fi geek, Barbara was raised on a steady diet of TV, but she always found her way to the tragic antiheroes and misunderstood champions, whether on TV, in the movies or in literature. It was inevitable that she would have to someday create one of her own.



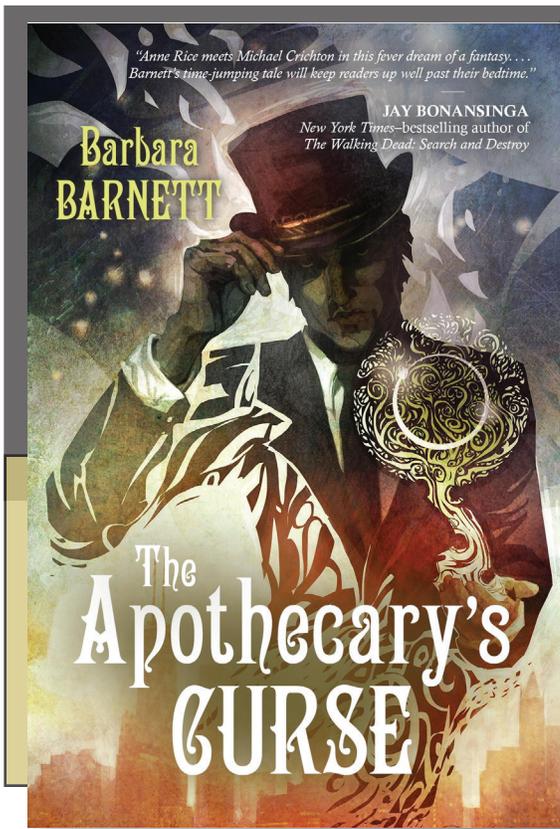
She's a professional member of both the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America and the Horror Writers Association.

A life-long resident of the Chicago area, she lives with her husband Phil not far from the beautiful Lake Michigan coast of Chicago's North Shore that serves as the modern-day setting for 'The Apothecary's Curse'. She is the proud mother of Shoshanna and Adam, and the loving savta of Ari.

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THE Apothecary's CURSE

Barbara BARNETT

A 2017 Bram Stoker Award nominee, *The Apothecary's Curse* is an alchemist's brew of historical fantasy and cutting edge genetics as a physician Simon Bell and apothecary Gaelan Erceldoune race against time to recover the ancient book that made them immortal centuries ago.

In Victorian London, the fates of physician Simon Bell and apothecary Gaelan Erceldoune entwine when Simon gives his wife an elixir created by Gaelan from an ancient manuscript. Meant to cure her cancer, it kills her. Suicidal, Simon swallows the remainder--only to find he cannot die. Years later, hearing rumors of a Bedlam inmate with regenerative powers like his own, Simon is shocked to discover it's Gaelan.

Two centuries later, a modern-day pharmaceutical company unearths diaries describing the torture of Bedlam inmates, and the company's scientists suspect a link between Gaelan and an unnamed inmate. But when Gaelan and Transdiff Genomics geneticist Anne Shawe are powerfully drawn to each other, her family connection to his manuscript leads to a stunning revelation. Will it bring ruin or redemption?

Always a pop-culture and sci-fi geek, Barbara was raised on a steady diet of TV, but she always found her way to the tragic antiheroes and misunderstood champions, whether on TV, in the movies or in literature. It was inevitable that she would have to someday create one of her own.



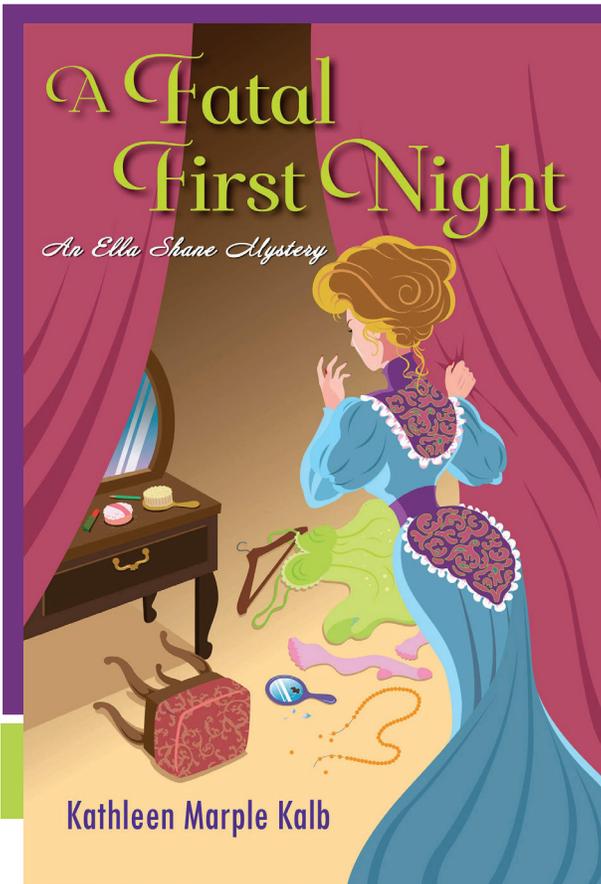
She's a professional member of both the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America and the Horror Writers Association.

A life-long resident of the Chicago area, she lives with her husband Phil not far from the beautiful Lake Michigan coast of Chicago's North Shore that serves as the modern-day setting for 'The Apothecary's Curse'. She is the proud mother of Shoshanna and Adam, and the loving savta of Ari.

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A Fatal First Night

Kathleen Marple Kalb

Set in Gilded Age New York, Kathleen Marple Kalb's adventurous new historical mystery series returns for its second installment starring the swashbuckling opera singer Ella Shane, an Irish-Jewish Lower East Side orphan who finds fame and fortune singing male "trouser roles." But while her opera company's latest premier manages to attract adoring crowds and rave reviews, it also attracts a killer who's a real showstopper...

New York City, Fall 1899. Ahead-of-her-time coloratura mezzo Ella Shane has always known opening night to be a mess of missed cues and jittery nerves, especially when unveiling a new opera. Her production of *The Princes in the Tower*, based on the mysterious disappearance of Edward IV's two sons during the Wars of the Roses in England, concludes its first performance to thunderous applause. It's not until players take their bows that the worst kind of disaster strikes . . .

Flawless basso Albert Reuter is found lurching over a bloody body in his dressing room, seemingly taking inspiration from his role as the murderous Richard III. With a disturbing homicide case stealing the spotlight, Ella can't be so certain Albert is the one who belongs behind bars...

Now, Ella must think on her feet while sorting out a wild series of puzzling mishaps and interlocking mysteries. Yet even when sided with her aristocratic beau, does this scrappy diva have the chops to upstage the true criminal, or will this be the last time she headlines a Broadway marquee?

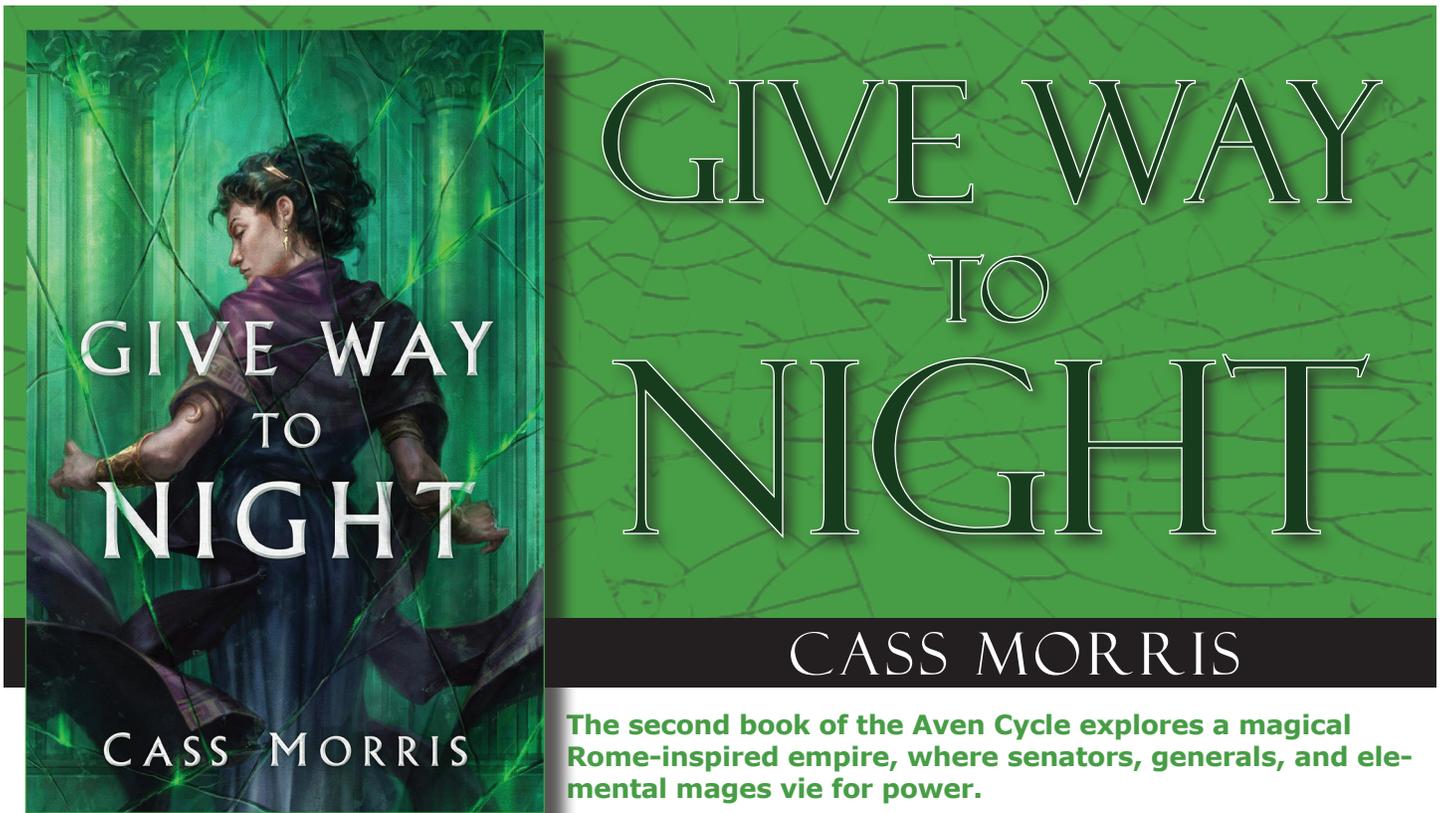
Kathleen Marple Kalb lives with her family in Cheshire, Connecticut. She's currently a weekend morning anchor at New York's 1010WINS Radio, capping a career she began as a teenage DJ in rural Western Pennsylvania. She's currently working on the next Ella Shane historical mystery.



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The second book of the Aven Cycle explores a magical Rome-inspired empire, where senators, generals, and elemental mages vie for power.

Praise for From Unseen Fire:

"A unique and well-studied fantasy take on the Roman world—an alternate world of another name, where ambition is a driving force and magic is real." -C. J. Cherryh, Hugo-winning author of the Foreigner novels

"Morris' epic-fantasy debut melds Roman history and elemental magic into a spellbinding tale of political machinations... Fans of I, Claudius and Game of Thrones are in for a treat... The combination of history, dark and light magic, family, political and religious rivalry, and military conflicts will draw readers from many genres." -Booklist, starred review

Latona of the Vitelliae, mage of Spirit and Fire, is eager to wield her newfound empowerment on behalf of the citizens of Aven--but societal forces conspire to keep her from exercising her gifts, even when the resurgence of a banished cult plots the city's ruin. To combat this threat, Latona must ally with Fracture mage Vibia, the distrustful sister of Sempronius Tarren.

While Latona struggles to defend their home, Sempronius leads soldiers through wartorn provinces to lift the siege of Toletum, where Latona's brother Gaius is hemmed in by supernatural forces. Sempronius must contend not only with the war-king Ekialde and his sorcerers, but with the machinations of political rivals and the temptations of his own soul, ever-susceptible to the darker side of ambition.

Though separated by many miles soon after their love affair began, Latona and Sempronius are united by passion as they strive to protect Aven and build its glorious future.

Cass Morris works as an educator in central Virginia and as a bookseller on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. She holds a Master of Letters from Mary Baldwin University and a BA in English with a minor in history from the College of William and Mary. She reads voraciously, wears corsets voluntarily, and will beat you at MarioKart.



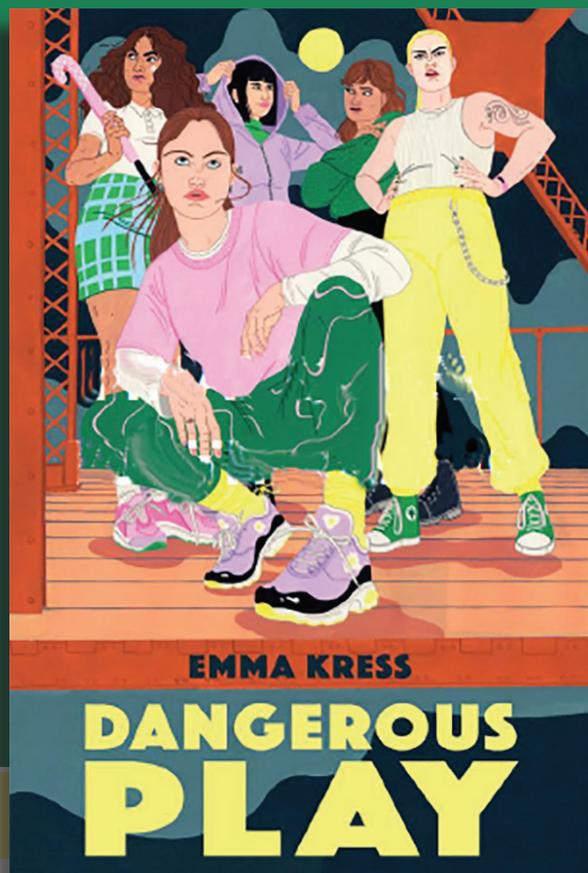
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DANGEROUS PLAY

EMMA KRESS



Dangerous Play is a propulsive, electrifying, and high-stakes novel about a team of girls who take back the night, for fans who loved the female friendships of Jennifer Mathieu's *Moxie* and the bite of Courtney Summer's *Sadie*.

Zoe Alamandar has one goal: win the State Field Hockey Championships and earn a scholarship that will get her the hell out of Central New York. She and her co-captain Ava Cervantes have assembled a fierce team of dedicated girls who will work hard and play by the rules.

But after Zoe is sexually assaulted at a party, she finds a new goal: make sure no girl feels unsafe again. Zoe and her teammates decide to stop playing by the rules and take justice into their own hands. Soon, their suburban town has a team of superheroes meting out punishments, but one night of vigilantism may cost Zoe her team, the championship, her scholarship, and her future.

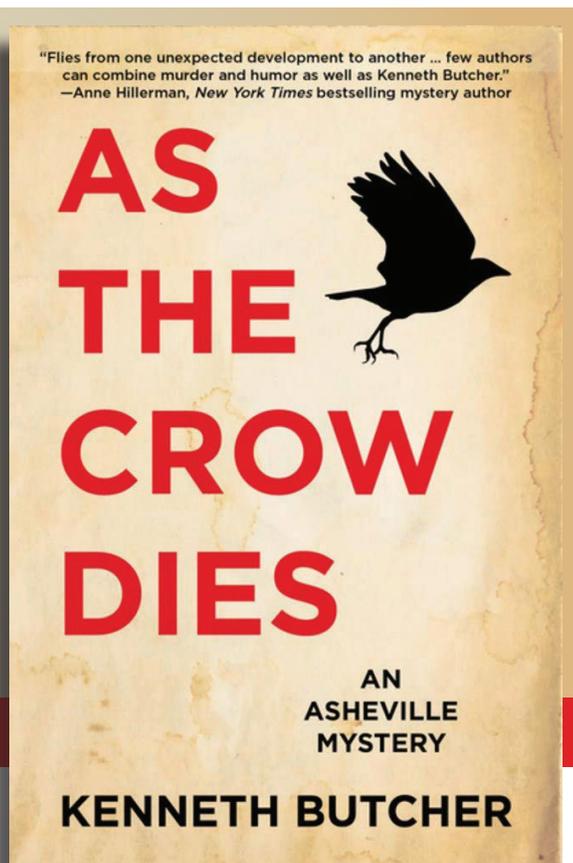
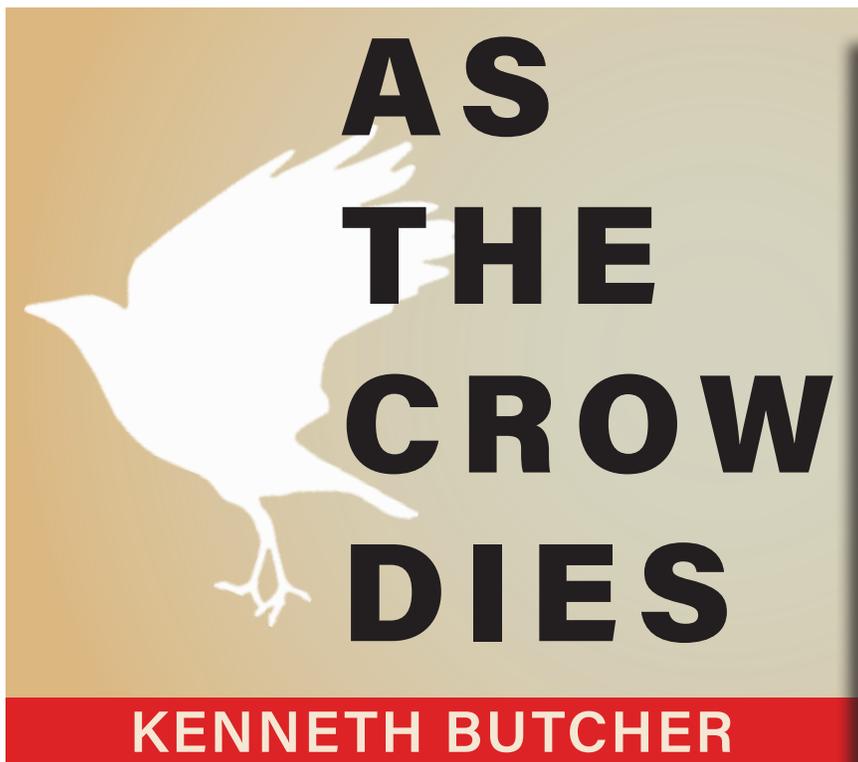


Emma Kress is a former teacher of almost 20 years, teaching high school English for more than 10 years. She was a finalist for 2014 New York State Teacher of the Year award. Previously Emma worked at the Victim Services Agency (now known as Safe Horizon), the NYC Rape Treatment Consortium, and facilitated workshops on sexual assault and consent with teens. She is an MFA candidate at VCFA and a former high school field hockey player. She lives in upstate New York.

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A bookish police detective and his roller derby star partner investigate a quirky mystery involving superintelligent animals, military conspiracy ... and murder.

When a body is found in the River Arts District of Asheville, North Carolina, the man on the case is police lieutenant Ira Segal, recently returned to semi-active status after being shot in the line of duty. Segal, who carries Elmore Leonard paperbacks as security blankets, isn't sure he's up to investigating a murder, and neither is his partner, military veteran and local roller derby star Sgt. Dinah "Dinosaur" Rudisill.

Segal discovers that the victim worked for the mysterious start-up company Creatures 2.0, which trains animals to acquire uncanny capabilities. Creature 2.0's eccentric founder, Francis Elah, has gone missing, and no one can find him, not even Elah's top client, the Office of Naval Intelligence.

As Segal and Rudisill investigate the murder and Elah's disappearance, they meet the bizarre animals Elah trained, including a raccoon who rolls cigarettes, pigeons who follow a priest to church, and a superintelligent crow who keeps bringing evidence to the detectives' attention. When the trail leads to a shadowy military contractor, more murders, and a threat to national security, Segal and Rudisill don't know who to trust and face a dangerous confrontation.

Witty, engaging and fast-paced, *As the Crow Dies* is a mystery that veers from the norm in unexpectedly delightful ways.

Kenneth Butcher is a materials engineer and researcher with sixteen U.S. patents. He was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up mostly in Ohio, where he was raised on a strict diet of science fiction, mystery novels, and classics. His first novel, *The Middle of the Air* (2009), received Ben Franklin and Independent Book Publishers awards. His second novel, *The Dream of St. Ursula* (2014), is a mystery set in the Virgin Islands. Butcher lives in the mountains of Western North Carolina, where he continues to write and to research novel materials. He also publishes a podcast called *The Middle of the Air*, which concentrates on interviews with authors and artists who live or travel to the area.



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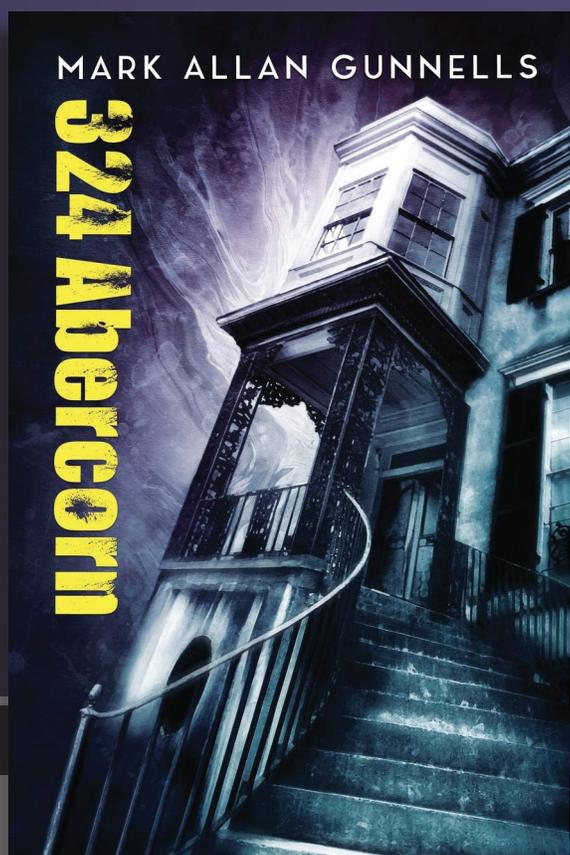
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324 Abercorn

MARK ALLAN GUNNELLS

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Brad Storm doesn't believe in ghosts, but moving into the house at 324 Abercorn just may change his mind.

Best-selling author Bradley Storm finally has enough money to buy and restore his dream home. Despite 324 Abercorn's reputation as one of the most haunted houses in America, Bradley isn't worried. He doesn't believe in the supernatural. Then strange things begin to happen. Objects no longer where he left them. Phantom noises heard from empty rooms. Shadows glimpsed from the corner of his eye.

Is his house truly haunted, or is there something more sinister happening on the property?

With the help of Bradley's new boyfriend and a few friends who are just as intrigued with the seemingly inexplicable occurrences surrounding the infamous house, they set out to find the truth of what stalks the halls at 324 Abercorn.

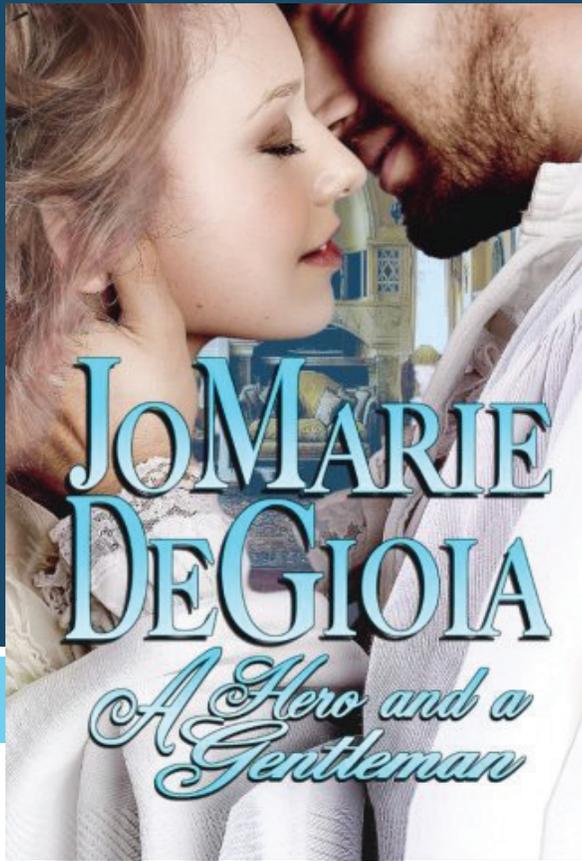


Mark Allan Gunnells loves to tell stories. He has since he was a kid, penning one-page tales that were Twilight Zone knockoffs. He likes to think he has gotten a little better since then. He loves reader feedback, and above all he loves telling stories. He lives in Greer, SC, with his husband Craig A. Metcalf.

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A Hero and a Gentleman

JOMARIE DEGIOIA

Taylor Shelby has fled her home. She needs help and there's only one man she can trust. Blake Thompson. He's also the only man she's adored since childhood.

Blake is shocked to see Taylor on his doorstep in the dead of night after so many years. He remembers her as a carefree young girl chasing ducks around the family estate. He, on the other hand, was always causing mischief with Taylor's older brother Robert.

When he invited Robert to join his private investigations firm, it was more of a lark than anything else. He never thought his best friend would go missing while on a case, and he certainly never expected to see Robert's proper sister at his inn, The Hideaway, with a bruised eye and an air of desperation about her.

Blake can't deny the beauty Taylor has become. But she's his best friend's little sister! How can he find Robert, solve this dangerous case, and protect Taylor, all while trying to ignore her captivating allure? After all, he's no hero . . . *and he's certainly no gentleman.*

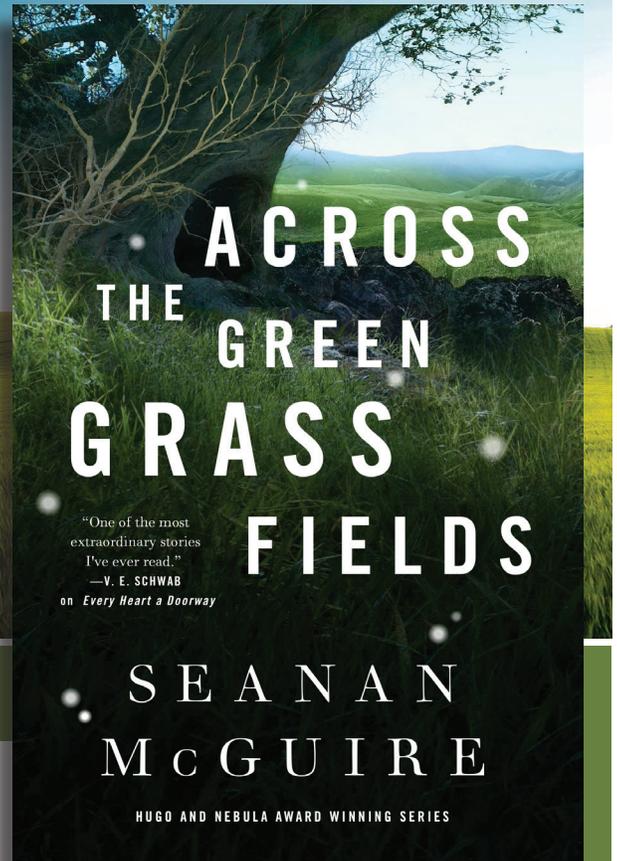
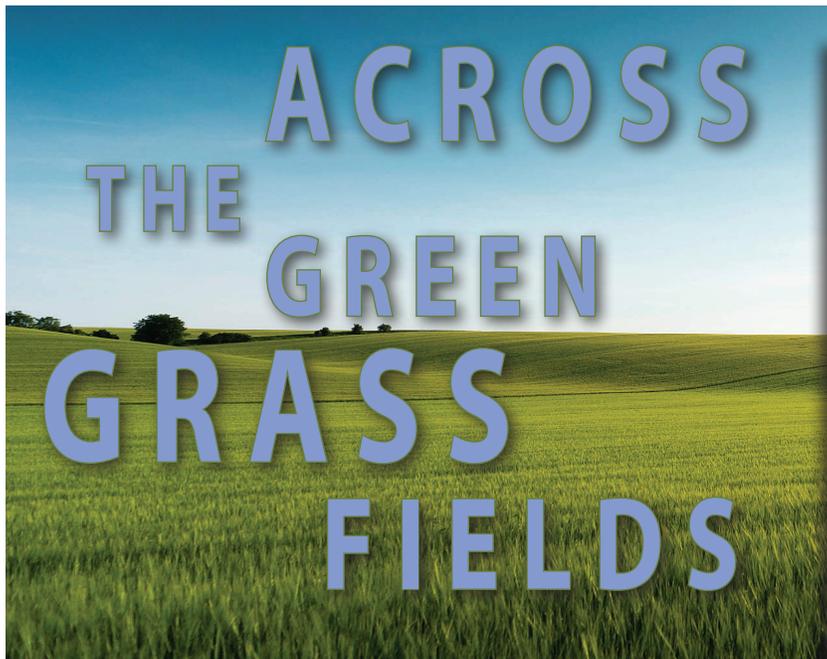
JoMarie DeGioia is a bestselling author of Historical and Contemporary Romance. She's known Mickey Mouse from the "inside," has been a copyeditor for her tiny town's newspaper, and a bookseller. She is the author of over 40 Romances, and writes Young Adult Fantasy/Adventure stories and Paranormal Romance too. She gets lost in DIY projects around the house and works out plot ideas during long runs. She divides her time between Central Florida and New England.



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SEANAN MCGUIRE

Praise for the Wayward Children series:

"So mindblowingly good, it hurts." -io9

"One of the most extraordinary stories I've ever read." -V. E. Schwab

"This gothic charmer is a love letter to anyone who's ever felt out of place." -Publishers Weekly

A young girl discovers a portal to a land filled with centaurs and unicorns in Seanan McGuire's *Across the Green Grass Fields*, a standalone tale in the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Wayward Children series.

"Welcome to the Hooflands. We're happy to have you, even if you being here means something's coming."

Regan loves, and is loved, though her school-friend situation has become complicated, of late.

When she suddenly finds herself thrust through a doorway that asks her to "Be Sure" before swallowing her whole, Regan must learn to live in a world filled with centaurs, kelpies, and other magical equines—a world that expects its human visitors to step up and be heroes.

But after embracing her time with the herd, Regan discovers that not all forms of heroism are equal, and not all quests are as they seem...



SEANAN MCGUIRE is the author of the Hugo, Nebula, Alex and Locus Award-winning Wayward Children series, the October Daye series, the In-Cryptid series, and other works. She also writes darker fiction as Mira Grant. Seanan lives in Seattle with her cats, a vast collection of creepy dolls, horror movies, and sufficient books to qualify her as a fire hazard. She won the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and in 2013 became the first person to appear five times on the same Hugo ballot.

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SARAH KUHN

Ever feel like you're stuck in a fairy tale gone wrong? Celebrated author Sarah Kuhn explores the highs and lows of love and loss in this funny and poignant story of a girl who never thought happy endings were for people like her.

If Rika's life seems like a fairy tale in the making--being an orphan with two bossy cousins and working away in the family business--she would be the first one to reject that idiocy. After all, she loves her family (even if her cousins were named after Disney heroines) and working at her aunts' restaurant in LA's Little Tokyo is kind of fun. Anyway, with her judo skills, half-Asian heritage, and a healthy interest in Japanese snake-girl folklore, Rika is sure she's more the misunderstood witch than the singing princess.

All that changes the moment she locks eyes with Grace Kimura, America's reigning rom-com sweetheart, during the Nisei Week Festival. From there, Rika embarks on a wild adventure straight out of a Hallmark movie--discovering the truth about her mother, exploring Little Tokyo's hidden treasures with a cute boy who happens to be a famous actor, and maybe...finally losing that feeling of never quite belonging.

But fairy tales are fake, and the real world isn't so kind. Rika knows she's setting herself up for disappointment, because happy endings don't happen to girls like her. She can walk away now before she gets in even deeper, or let herself be swept away into heartache. What would a judo-fighting Japanese snake-girl do?

Sarah Kuhn is the author of the popular Heroine Complex novels--a series starring Asian American superheroines. The first book is a Locus bestseller, an RT Reviewers' Choice Award nominee, and one of the Barnes & Noble Sci-Fi & Fantasy Blog's Best Books of 2016. Her YA debut, the Japan-set romantic comedy *I Love You So Mochi*, is a Junior Library Guild selection and a nominee for YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults. She has also penned a variety of short fiction and comics, including the critically acclaimed graphic novel *Shadow of the Batgirl* for DC Comics and the upcoming Star Wars audiobook original *Doctor Aphra*. Additionally, she was a finalist for both the CAPE (Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment) New Writers Award and the Astounding Award for Best New Writer. A third generation Japanese American, she lives in Los Angeles with her husband and an overflowing closet of vintage treasures.



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HOLLYWOOD HEROINE

SARAH KUHN

This standalone novella in the smart, snarky, and action-packed Heroine Complex series follows friends Aveda Jupiter and Evie Tanaka as they combat a new supernatural threat.

Over the years, the adventures of superheroines Aveda Jupiter and Evie Tanaka have become the stuff of legend—and now they're about to be immortalized in their very own TV show!

Normally Aveda would be thrilled—but instead, she's preoccupied wondering about the fate of the world and her role in it. You know, the usual. Now that possible Otherworld activity has been detected in several non-Bay Area locations, Aveda can't help but wonder if the demon threat will ever be eradicated.

When the drama on set takes a turn for the supernatural, Evie and Aveda must don their super-heroing capes for the first time in LA. And when the evil they battle reveals a larger and more nefarious plot, it's time for the indomitable Aveda Jupiter to rise to the occasion and become the leader she was meant to be on a more global scale—and to hopefully keep some semblance of a personal life while doing so.

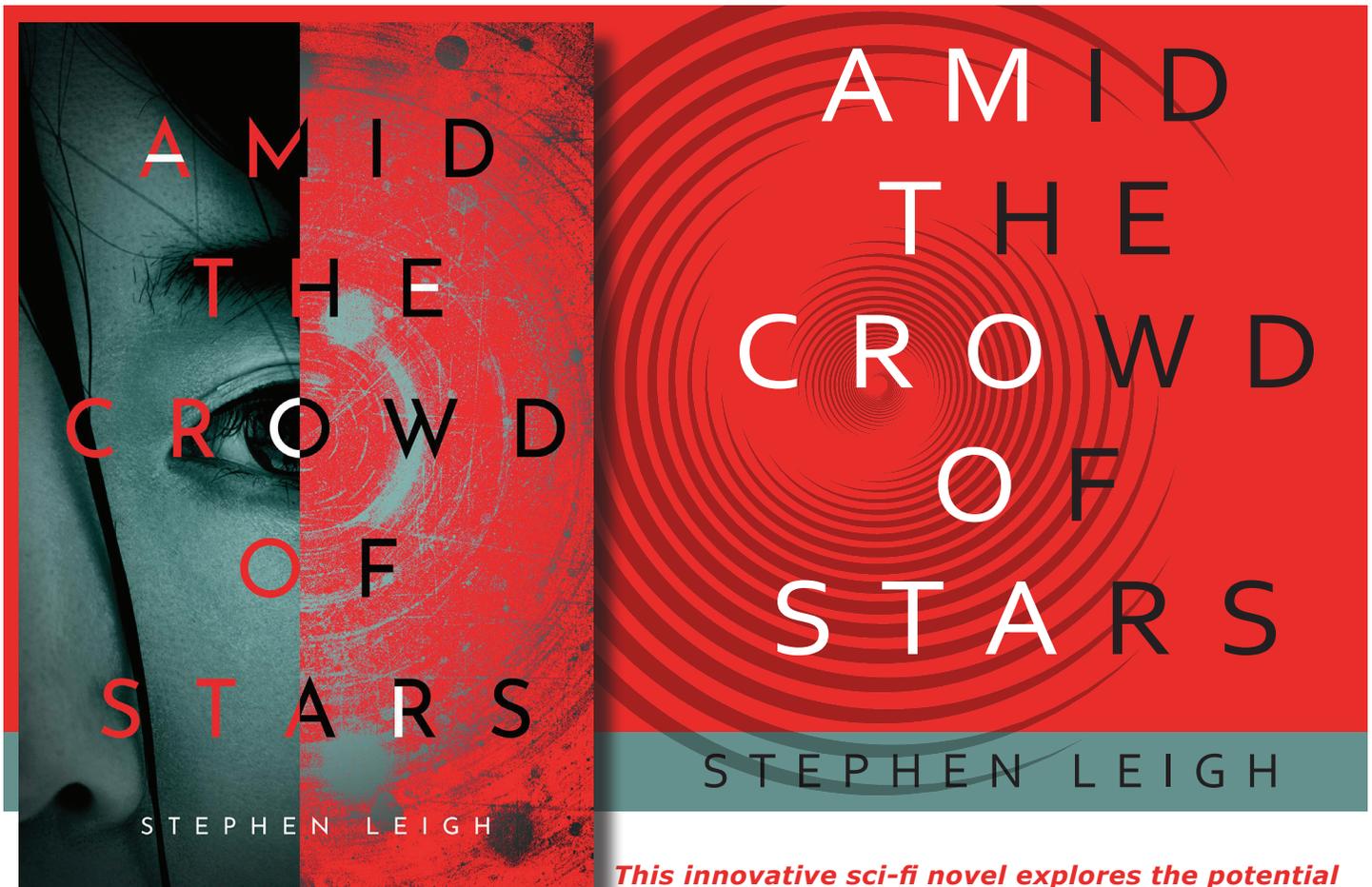
Sarah Kuhn is the author of the Heroine books--starring Asian American superheroines--for DAW Books. She also wrote the romantic comedy novella *One Con Glory*, which is in development as a feature film. Her articles and essays on such topics as geek girl culture, comic book continuity, and Sailor Moon cosplay have appeared in multiple publications. In 2011, she was selected as a finalist for the CAPE (Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment) New Writers Award.



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This innovative sci-fi novel explores the potential impact of alien infection on humankind as they traverse the stars and find themselves stranded on new and strange planets.

Amid the Crowd of Stars is a grand scale science fiction novel examining the ethical implications of interstellar travel, a topic rarely addressed in science fiction novels. What responsibilities do we have to isolate ourselves from the bacteria, viruses, and other life of another world, and to prevent any of that alien biome from being brought back to Earth?

What happens when a group of humans are stranded for centuries on another world with no choice but to expose themselves to that world? After such long exposure, are they still *Homo sapiens* or have they become another species entirely?

These questions are at the heart of this intriguing novel, explored through the complicated lives and the viewpoints of the people who have come to rescue the stranded colony, the members of that colony, and the sentient alien life that dwells on the planet. Difficult life and death choices will be made by all involved.

Stephen Leigh is an award-winning author with nineteen science fiction novels and over forty short stories published. He has been a frequent contributor to the Hugo-nominated shared world series *Wild Cards*, edited by George R. R. Martin. He teaches creative writing at Northern Kentucky University. Stephen Leigh has written *Immortal Muse*, *The Crow of Connemara*, the *Sun-path* duology, and the fantasy trilogy *Assassin's Dawn*.



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CRIES FROM THE LOST ISLAND



KATHLEEN O'NEAL GEAR

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This standalone fantasy brings an ancient Egyptian mystery to life against a modern background, in a tale expertly crafted by a seasoned anthropologist.

Set against the glory and tragedy of ancient Roman Egypt, this novel brings to bring to life the greatest love story of all time.

Sixteen-year-old Hal Stevens is a budding historical scholar from a small town in Colorado. A virtual out-cast at high school, he has only two friends: Roberto the Biker Witch and Cleo Mallawi. Cleo claims to be the reincarnation of Queen Cleopatra. She also believes she's being stalked by an ancient Egyptian demon, Ammut, the Devourer of the Dead.

But when Hal and Roberto find Cleo murdered in the forest near her home, it appears she may have been telling the truth. Her last request sends them journeying to Egypt with famed archaeologist Dr. James Moriarity, where it quickly becomes clear that Cleo has set them on the search of a lifetime: the search for the lost graves of Marc Antony and Cleopatra.

But they are not alone in their search. Cleo's murderers are watching their every move. And not all of them are human...

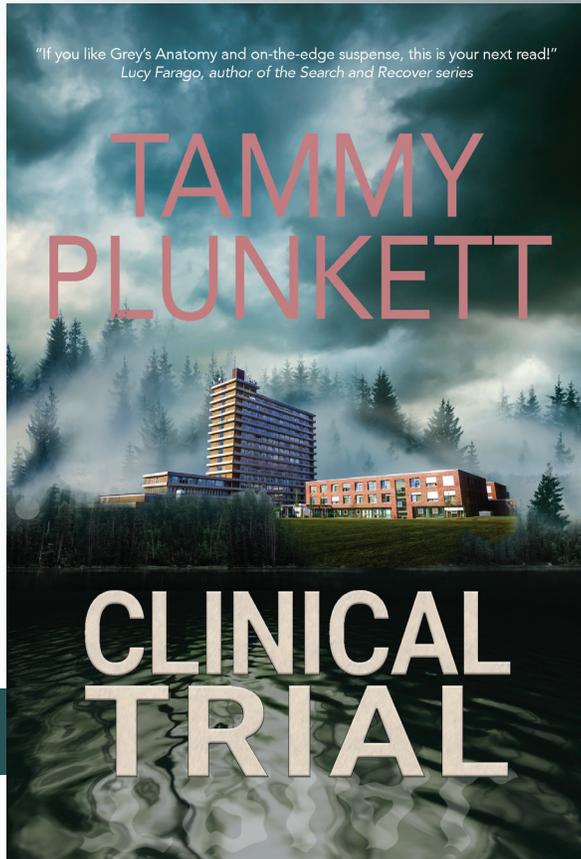
Kathleen O'Neal Gear is a nationally award-winning archaeologist who has been honored by the United States Congress. She is also a New York Times bestselling author with 48 books and over 200 non-fiction articles in print.



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CLINICAL TRIAL

TAMMY PLUNKETT

"If you like Grey's Anatomy and on-the-edge suspense, this is your next read." -Lucy Farago, author of the Search and Recover series

Dr. Georgia Laurence's patient is going to die without an immediate heart transplant, and a rare blood type makes a donor nearly impossible. There's a sliver of hope when she learns about a clinical trial right at her hospital. The only problem is the stem cell researcher is Dr. Matt Mancini, a man from her past who has absolutely no reason to help her.

Matt could soon be sharing the cure for heart disease with the world and can't risk using such a sick patient as his first human candidate. While his attraction to Georgia tempts him to reconsider, the stem cells are stolen and his career is jeopardized.

Georgia and Matt must work together to save his study before her patient dies. As they get closer to the truth, they find the thief will stop at nothing, not even murder, and they'll have to decide what matters most: her patient, his study... or their lives.

Prior to becoming a certified life coach, Tammy Plunkett began her career as a Registered Nurse at The Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. After twelve years working mainly with transplant patients in cardiac intensive care units, she was ready to explore other areas of interest which included psychology, alternative healing modalities, and her childhood passion of writing. It was soon clear that writing was her life's blood. In 2013, Tammy launched her first book, *Being Human: Inspiration for Balancing Mind Body and Spirit*, on stage in front of 400 people at an event celebrating Oprah Winfrey's visit to Ottawa.



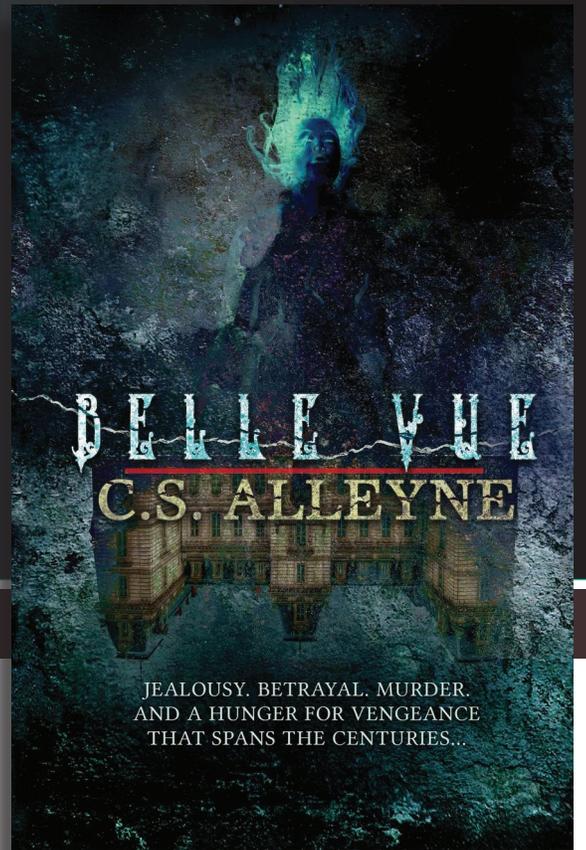
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BELLE VUE

C.S. ALLEYNE



"An epic horror thriller" that is "filled with surprising, satisfyingly creepy twists" and is "highly recommended for audiences who eschew the usual formula production in favor of a work that is more multifaceted and satisfying on emotional, historical, and philosophical levels alike."

-Midwest Book Review

Jealousy. Betrayal. Murder. And a hunger for vengeance that spans the centuries...

History student Alex Palmer is thrilled when his girlfriend, Claire Ryan, buys an apartment in Belle Vue Manor, formerly a Victorian lunatic asylum.

But as Alex begins to discover the dark truth about the asylum's past, he, Claire, and their friend Marianne find themselves on a nightmarish journey. Each will face the deadly consequences of the evil that began with the construction of the first Belle Vue Manor by an aristocratic French émigré in 1789, as well as the cruelty and satanic practices that continued when it became an asylum for the insane.

As the two strands--past and present--unfold, Alex uncovers a supernatural mystery where revenge is paramount and innocence irrelevant--without being aware of the price he, and those around him, will pay.



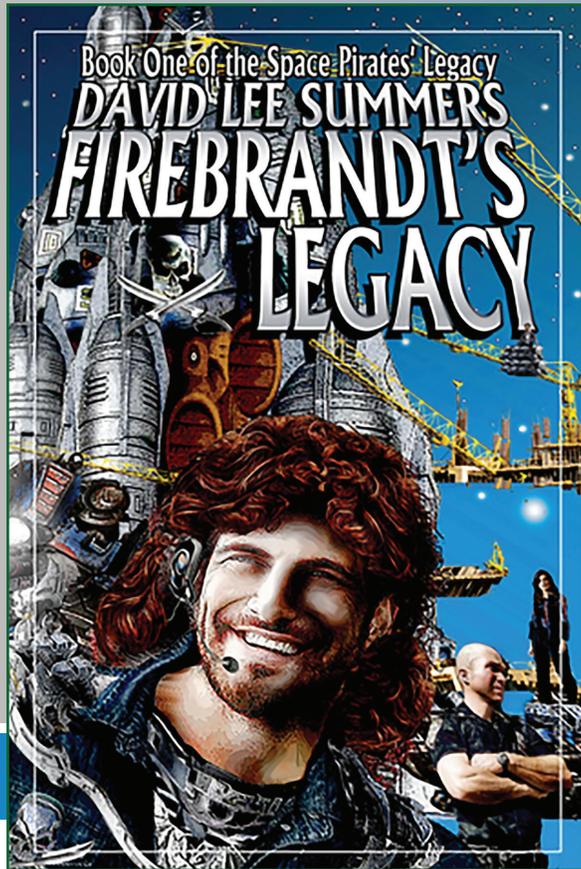
With a lifelong love of reading, anything historical and a fascination with the supernatural and death, C S Alleyne's vacations usually include visits to such places as the Pere La Chaise cemetery and the catacombs in Paris, the tombs in Egypt, the Popes' crypts in the Vatican and any church yard with gravestones - you get the picture...

Cheryl was inspired to write Belle Vue by her daily journey past a block of luxury apartments that had been converted from an old asylum. Like her protagonist, Alex Palmer, she started to investigate its past and learnt that one of the inmates was murdered there in the late 19th century. The victim's sister was hung for the crime. Cheryl was also thrilled to discover the asylum's overgrown cemetery in her explorations of the area!

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FIREBRANDT'S LEGACY

DAVID LEE SUMMERS

"Firebrandt's Legacy is a rip-roaring space adventure! Privateer Ellison Firebrandt pursues the ships of Earth's enemies under a letter of marque. But when he stumbles across an extraordinary woman who knows the secrets to a new type of engine that every government wants for its own ends, he and his crew get swept into a maelstrom of galactic proportions! A grand space opera filled with high adventure from cover to cover, Firebrandt's Legacy is highly recommended." -Midwest Book Review.

Ellison Firebrandt fights the good fight for Earth. Under a letter of marque, he raids the ships of Earth's opponents, slowing down their progress and ability to compete with the home system. On the planet Epsilon Indi 2, he rescues a woman named Suki Mori from a drug lord, only to find she isn't so happy about living a pirate's life. However, when the captain finds a new engine that will make him the most successful pirate of all, Suki is the only one who can make it work. Now Firebrandt must find a way to keep his crew fed and his ship supplied while relying on a woman who barely trusts him and while every government in the galaxy hunts him to get the engine back!

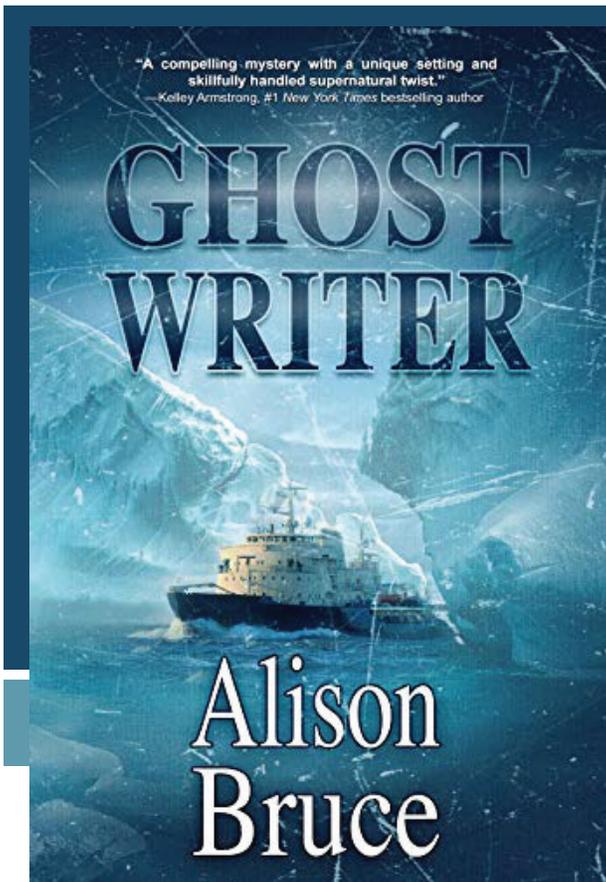
David Lee Summers is an author, editor and astronomer living somewhere between the western and final frontiers in Southern New Mexico. He is the author of twelve novels. His short stories and poems have appeared in numerous magazines including Cemetery Dance, Realms of Fantasy, Star*Line, and The Santa Clara Review. David also edited Tales of the Talisman Magazine for ten years. When he's not writing, he operates telescopes at Kitt Peak National Observatory.



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GHOST WRITER

Alison Bruce

She has to deal with two kinds of spooks: spies and ghosts. ..But which one is trying to kill her?

Jen Kirby has seen ghosts since she was a child, but she can't talk to them or help them cross over. And, after a violent death in the family, she doesn't want to see them anymore.

In her role as ghostwriter, Jen joins a Canadian Arctic expedition to document and help solve a forty-year-old mystery involving an American submarine station lost during the Cold War. The trouble is, there are people—living and dead—who don't want the story told, and they'll do anything to stop her.

Now Jen is haunted by ghosts she can't avoid or handle alone. That means confiding in the one man she doesn't want to dismiss her as "crazy." But can he help? Or is he part of the problem?

Canadian Alison Bruce writes history, mystery and suspense. Her books combine clever mysteries, well-researched backgrounds and a touch of romance. Her protagonists are marked by their strength of character, sense of humour and the ability to adapt (sooner or later) to new situations. Four of her novels have been finalists for genre awards.

Copywriter, editor and graphic designer since 1992, Alison has also been a comic book store manager, small press publisher and web designer. Currently, she is the Executive Director of Crime Writers of Canada.



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THE DEAD STAGE

DAN WEATHERER

"The Dead Stage - the period of time between completing the working draft of a stage play and placing it with an interested party." - Dan Weatherer

Dan Weatherer, an author turned playwright, learned quickly that there are practices playwrights can implement to dramatically increase the appeal of their work.

Inside, you'll find advice that will enable you to better tailor your work to the needs of the theatre industry, without having to compromise on style, content or subject matter. Dan discusses his early mistakes, and presents the advice of notable theatre professionals including the award-winning playwright, Deborah McAndrew, noted actor Matthew Spence, and London Horror Festival producer, Kate Danbury (along with many, many more!).

You'll also be able to read several of Dan's completed stage plays, which are presented in a preferred industry format, and often contain side-notes detailing the success (and failures) of said pieces.

From budgets to set design, run-time to cast size, if you ever felt the desire to write for the stage, following the advice presented in this book will help improve your chances of pairing your script with an interested party, hopefully making The Dead Stage pass almost unnoticed.

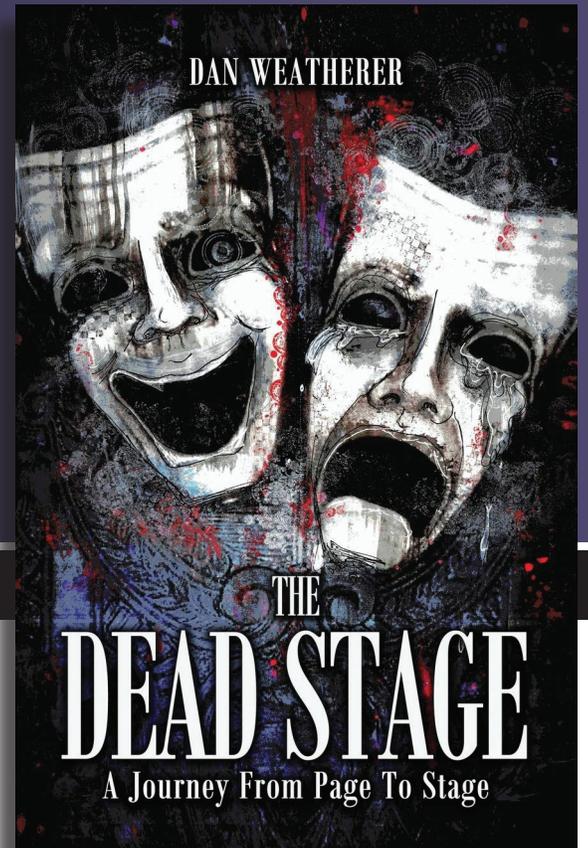


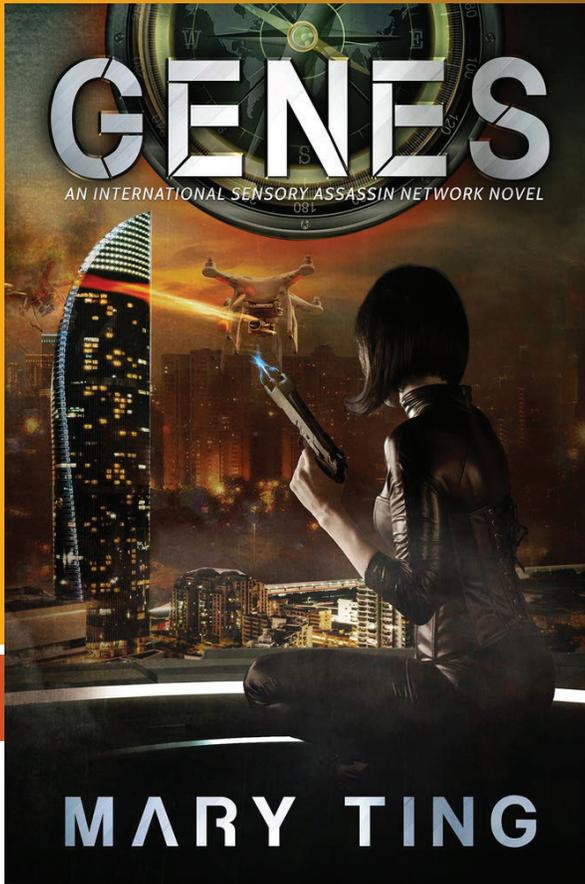
One of Dan Weatherer's first short story collections, *The Soul That Screamed*, was the winner of the Predators & Editors Readers' Poll 'Best Anthology in 2013. A further two collections *Only the Good Burn Bright* and *Neverlight* quickly followed. His first non-fiction book titled 'What Dwells Within', detailing the life's work of paranormal investigator Jayne Harris was released in 2015. Also in 2015, Dan was shortlisted for the prestigious position of Staffordshire Poet Laureate 2016-2018. In early 2017, *Neverlight* was shortlisted for the first annual Arnold Bennett Literary Prize. His fourth collection *Just Eventide*, was released in August of that year. 2017 also saw the release of Dan's historical novella, 'Crippen'. An accomplished playwright, Dan has been the winner of the Soundwork UK play competition, a finalist in the Blackshaw Showcase Award, and a two-time finalist of the Congleton Players One Act Festival. In 2019, Dan was nominated for a local Heroes award for his continued promotion of literacy and mental health issues in the city of Stoke on Trent. 2019 also saw the release of his non-fiction title *Sounds of a Madman*, where Dan discusses the issues surrounding living with Depression and Anxiety. *The Necessary Evils* was published late October, followed by Dan's debut novel, *The Tainted Isle*. Dan lives in Staffordshire with his wife Jenni and is a proud full-time dad to his daughter Bethany, and his son Nathan.

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GENES

MARY TING

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"Dystopian fans, prepare to be blown away!" -Ednah Walters, USA Today Bestselling Author

Allegiances will be tested. Identities will be revealed. No one is safe.

While searching for the HelixB88 anti-serum on the black market, Ava uncovers valuable intel that may help the rebels in their fight to bring down ISAN—the location of a hidden facility. But first, the insurgents must find the female citizens unexpectedly displaying powers without use of the Helix serum before ISAN captures them. As the rebels join forces with other sectors, ISAN plans their destruction by using someone they don't suspect at the rebel home base: a traitor within.

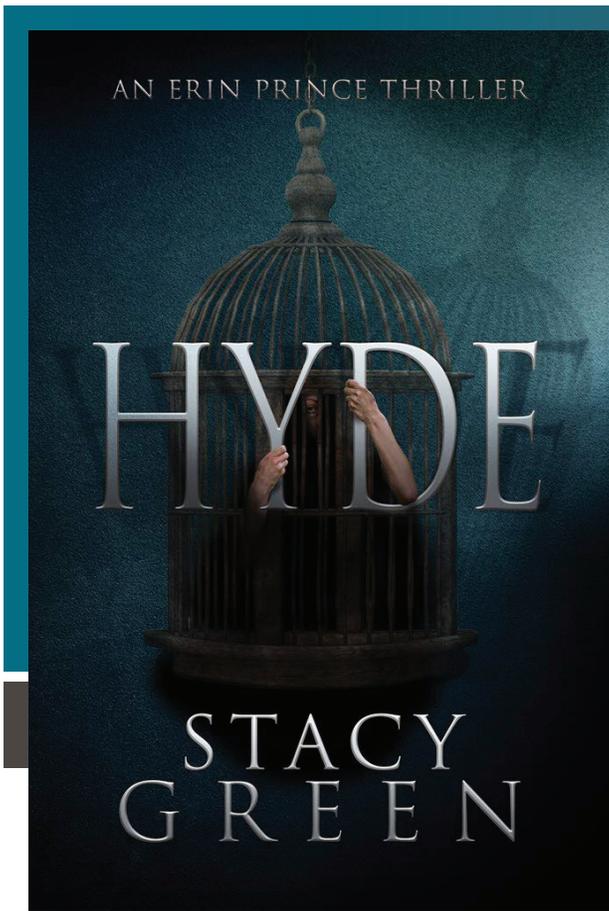
Mary Ting is an international bestselling, award-winning author. Realizing that she wanted to write full-time, Mary retired from teaching after twenty years. Since then she has toured with the Magic Johnson Foundation to promote literacy and her children's chapter book, *No Bullies Allowed*. She is currently working with producers who are developing ISAN into a feature film.



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HYDE

STACY GREEN

*"My devil had been long caged, he came out roaring."
~Dr. Jekyll*

After a rising social media star emerges from a condemned house in Washington, DC with her face half-skinned, her attacker broadcasts the horror, calling himself Mr. Hyde.

She is the first victim.

While Detective Erin Prince and her partner rush to find him, Hyde taunts Erin, revealing an emaciated captive in a giant cage—his caged bird.

Erin is thrust into a wicked game with a calculating killer who, enraged by phony social media personas, partially skins the face of his victims to "unmask" the ugly soul beneath a pretty surface.

Obsessed with saving the caged bird's life, the closer Erin gets to the truth, the more dangerous Mr. Hyde becomes.

Somehow, Erin must find and stop Hyde—before he seeks to unmask her.

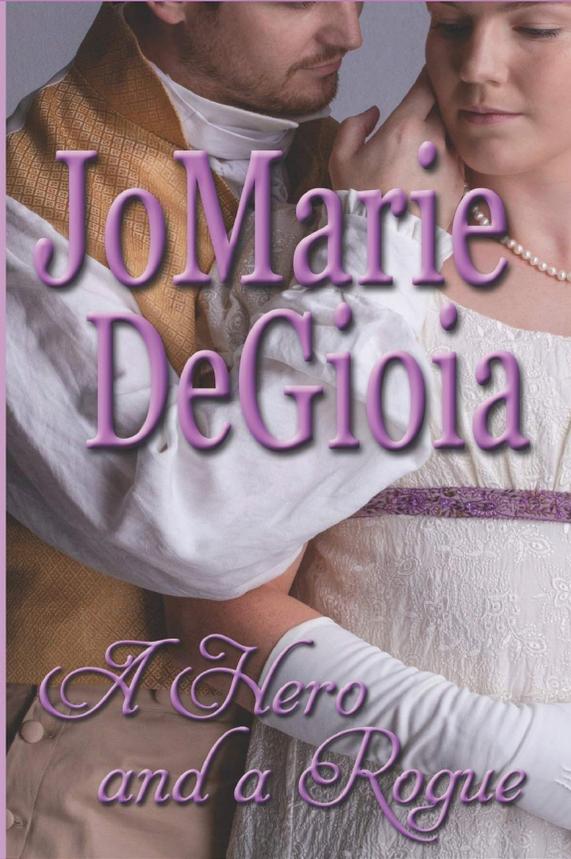
Stacy Green is a bestselling author of psychological thrillers and mysteries. Known for her love of serial killer lore and twisted crime stories, Stacy's award-winning gritty novels and true crime nonfiction pieces have established her as a crime fiction expert. She has sold over half-million books.



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A Hero and a Rogue

JO MARIE DEGIOIA

*A gentleman who solves the most challenging cases.
A young woman who keeps her own secrets close.*

*Will the threat of danger draw them closer together?
Or will he let his painful past keep him from seeing his future?*

Robert Shelby was beaten, betrayed, and held prisoner for months. Now, a year after his rescue, he loses himself in his work. A gifted private investigator, he takes cases of missing persons and missing goods. He turns a blind eye to smugglers who ply their trade close to his estate in Sussex, leaving the matter to the law. He also seeks to ignore the constable's inquisitive daughter, despite his attraction to her.

Diana Ashley keeps watch over her brother as he works with the smugglers on the River Arun. She made a promise to her late mother to see to his safety and her father, the constable, cannot know of her brother's involvement or her concealment of it. She is tired of her duty, and longs to convince her brother to give up the dangerous work. One night Robert finds her on the bluff near his home, but despite his probing questions she won't reveal the true reason for her nightly vigils.

There is more than smuggling going on in Sussex, and when her brother is accused of a horrible crime she goes to Robert for help clearing his name. Mutual attraction swiftly turns to passion, and she suspects that her heart is in more danger than she herself had ever been while keeping an eye on her brother. Robert is drawn to her sweetness, beauty, and quick mind, but believes she is better off without a scarred man like him.

Can Robert make room in his heart for her? Or will past pain and betrayal drive him to deny the love they share?

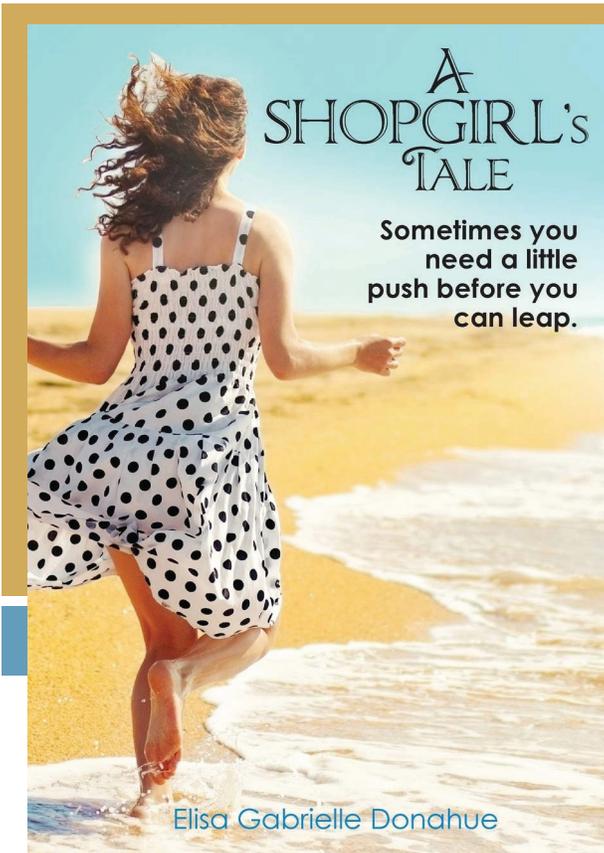
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A SHOPGIRL'S TALE

Elisa Donahue

At 30 years old Erika Leib's personal hardships have stalled her into a mundane life of safety and security. Not that she spends much time thinking about it like that. She's under-employed at a job that probably should appreciate her more but that is hardly uncommon. She's got a halfway decent,

sort of relationship with no pressure to make a larger commitment and a family who loves her. Plus she's got Rachel- her best friend, confidant, the person who's always been there for her and always will be. It's not where she thought she'd be but she's content.

That all changed, however, after her chance meeting with actor, Xavier James. Soon Erika begins to re-evaluate her own worth and must decide if she's ready to rediscover the girl who once would leap without thinking or if she's prepared to stay just another shopgirl.

Loaded with good food and fueled by the importance of good friendships, the book is like Sex and the City for a generation that could never afford the extravagance Carrie and Co. promised.

Elisa Donahue was born and raised in the Bronx, NY. Having arrived well past her due date and via a C-section, the quintessentially Cancerian blonde continued her life thereafter longing to be in water and doing things best when it's in her own time.

Realizing early on that her passion was writing, she graduated from SUNY Purchase with a BA in Journalism in 2008, 22 years older but only slightly taller. The multifaceted millennial next went on to be a nanny for a wonderful family for three years and then her own shopgirl days after they moved out of state. When not penning her next novel or debating which is her favorite Mountain in Disney World, Elisa spends her days being taken on adventures by her cavapoo Graham, a muppet looking ray of sunshine.

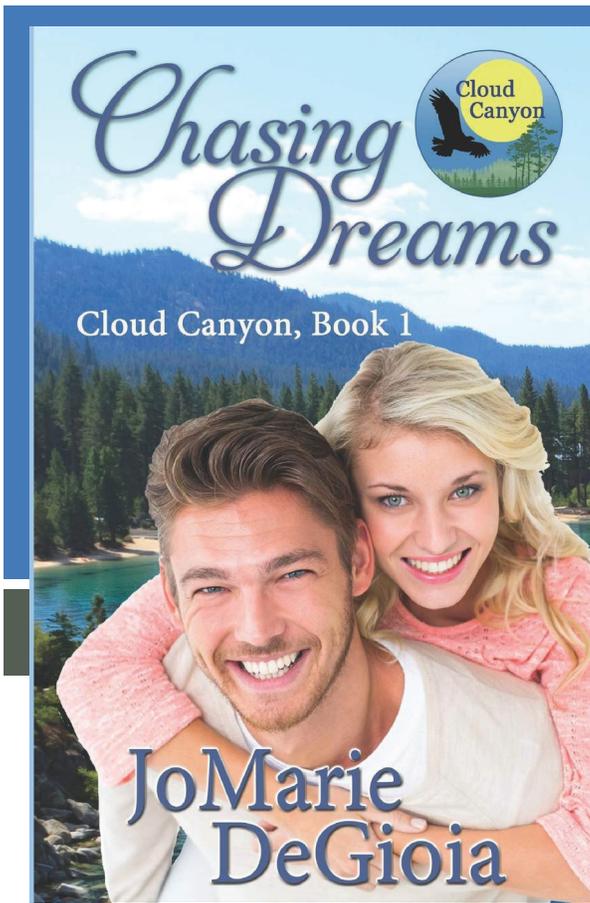
It's been a winding road but, as always, she believes she's exactly where she is meant to be right now.



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Chasing Dreams

JOMARIE DEGIOIA

The Sierra Nevada are just bumps standing between Laurel Tanner and her dream.

When artist Laurel Tanner is left broke and brokenhearted by her mother's death and her ex's desertion, her only chance to open her own studio and gallery depends on getting to Reno and snagging a fat commission. But a steep rocky mountain road, and a

hot Forest Ranger, may have other plans for her in the first book in this new Small-Town Romantic Comedy Series from Bestselling Author JoMarie DeGioia.

A city girl stranded on a rocky mountain road... The Forest Ranger who comes to her rescue... An unexpected encounter at 5000 feet... Should she chase a dream or find a new one?

Two months after her mother's death, Laurel leaves San Francisco broke and brokenhearted. She heads for Reno to get a commission, hoping to earn enough to open her own art studio and gallery. With no opportunities behind her, this is her best shot. When she nearly runs into a deer, she swerves and hits a rock wall. Can her day get any worse?

The sound of a crash draws Forest Ranger Jack Butler from his off-duty hike, and he finds a gorgeous girl sitting by her crumpled convertible. He's always been a sucker for a damsel in distress, and can't ignore the attraction burning between them. They soon share a kiss hot enough to start a forest fire.

While her car is being fixed, the quaint town of Cloud Canyon welcomes Laurel. She finds herself surrounded by warm, meddlesome, well-meaning Butlers, and she's tempted to put her studio on hold if it means she can have a new life with Jack. And maybe a new family too. Jack, still stinging from his failed marriage, doubts he'll be enough for her to stay.

Will falling for Jack keep her from chasing her dream? Or will she find a new one in Cloud Canyon?

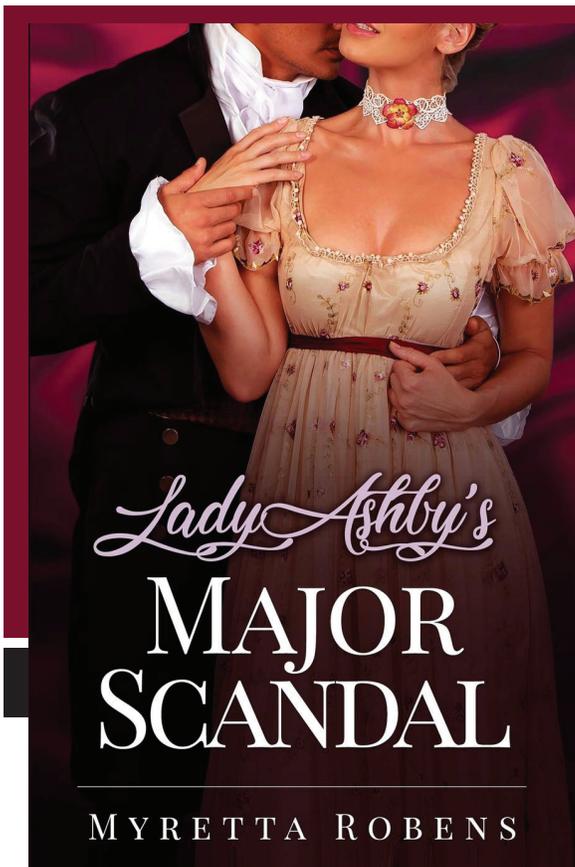
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Lady Ashby's MAJOR SCANDAL

MYRETTA ROBENS

"Emotionally satisfying... first class writing....not-to-be-missed author," -Patricia Grasso, author of FLIRTING WITH DEATH

"A memorable heroine and a sexily honorable hero make for a delightful romance." -Megan Frampton, author of THE DUKE'S DAUGHTERS series

Lady Ashby has a pressing problem. Widowed at a young age, Isabel Ashby, yearns to marry again--this time to a young, handsome, titled husband--and live a nice, quiet life with two or three cherubic children. Having limited choices among the gentlemen of her acquaintance, Isabel decides to orchestrate a compromising position for herself to entrap the Earl of Caenby into marriage. But it all goes dreadfully wrong when she ends up unwittingly catching Major Sidney Chamberlyne instead. Major Chamberlyne has a stoic solution. Sidney Chamberlyne is a second son, a military man of honor who is far more comfortable on the back of a horse than in a ballroom flirting with ladies of the ton. But when Sidney is caught in a passionate kiss with the delectable Lady Ashby, he can do nothing less than marry her. With their marriage off to a stormy start, both Isabel and Sidney wade through the murky waters of mistrust. But as they begin to recognize the changes in their feelings, will the winds of scandal and gossip drag them down into dangerous depths, or will truth and love guide them home?

Myretta Robens has lived in Regency England since she was old enough to read Jane Austen. As no eligible peers presented themselves and she never could get vouchers for Almack's, she was forced to make her way by going into trade. She spent more years than she cares to count working in the field of information technology. It was rewarding in its own way but she never abandoned her first love. In 1997, she found an interesting way to insinuate the 19th century into the world of technology when she joined a friend in creating a Jane Austen web site. She still manages The Republic of Pemberley and invites you to visit if your obsession runs to Jane Austen.

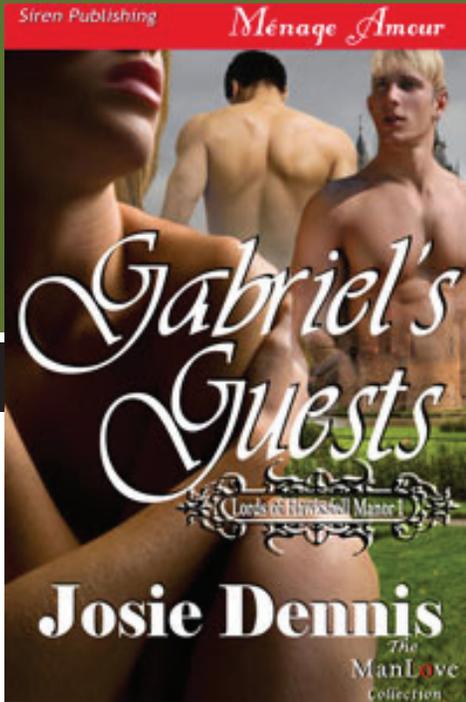


When Myretta is not in the Regency, she lives outside Boston with her Australian Cattle Dog and a varying number of cats.

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Gabriel's Guests

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 1

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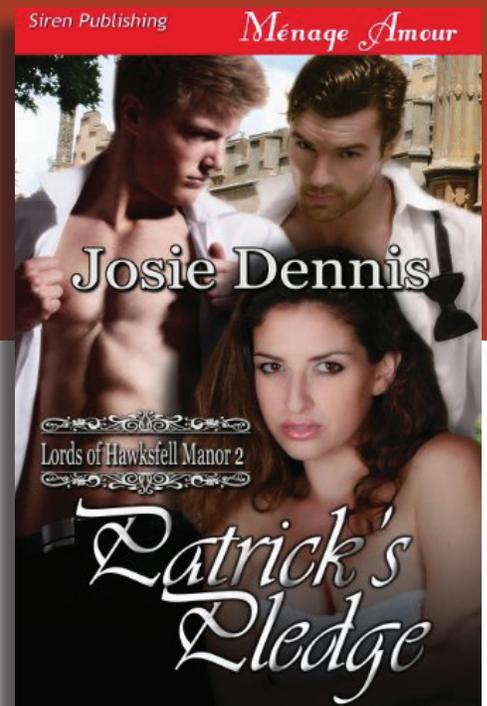
Patrick Hawk fought his cursed Hawk lusts until his mother died. He ruts his way through Yorkshire until the Earl of Hawksfell invites him to Hawksfell Manor to find satisfaction with his staff. Patrick accepts, but vows to keep from taking advantage. Mary Turner is a maid at Hawksfell Manor. She was seduced at her previous job, then fired. She's attracted to Patrick, and worries she'll lose this position if she gives in. Thomas Grantley is the earl's man of affairs. He's smitten with Mary but wants love and companionship. He's attracted to Patrick too. Despite his pledge, Patrick can't stay away from Mary. He and Thomas discover they want the same things, each other and Mary, and the three of

them explore their passions. Mary trusts Thomas with her heart, and Patrick wants to be a part of the love they share. Can he love them both without breaking their hearts?

Patrick's Pledge

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 2

Gabriel Hawk's family has long been rutting bastards cursed by their lusts. He can't find release alone without pain, so he staffs his grand estate Hawksfell Manor with servants to please him. When a storm brings two unexpected guests to the manor, he can't send them away. Lady Millicent Crowley must marry within three months to get her inheritance. She's fond of her third cousin Michael but she wants more. She suggested this ill-fated car trip to sort out her feelings. She hadn't counted on the storm washing them up on Gabriel's doorstep. Gabriel is attracted to both Crowleys, and they both want him, too. He believes passion is passion, but as the three of them learn how to please each other he feels more for them both. Can he learn that love is love? Or will they find out his secret and leave him forever?



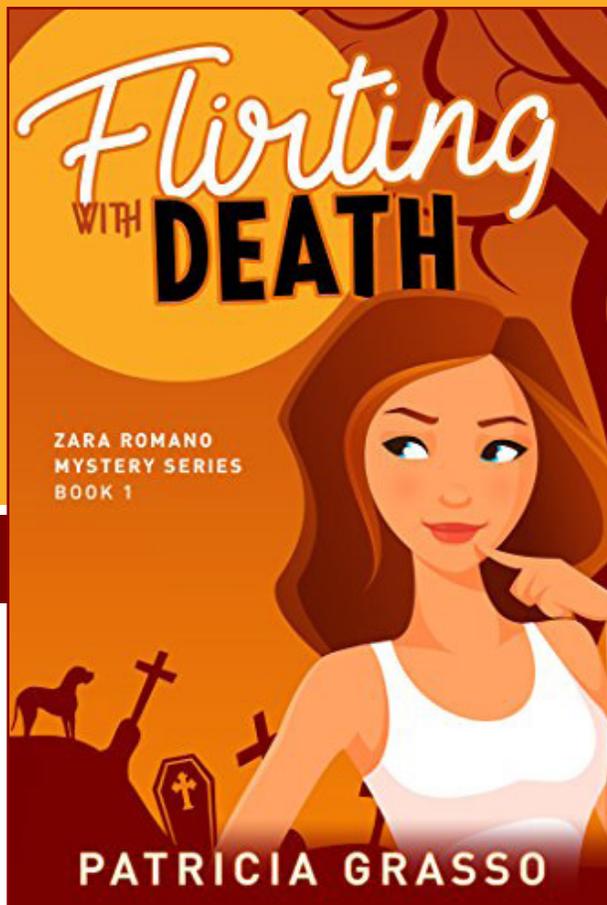
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First Book of the Zara Romano Mystery Series



Flirting WITH DEATH

PATRICIA GRASSO

Zara Romano sees dead people. New England's best mortician, Zara and two of her older brothers own Romano Funeral Home in Salem, Massachusetts. Zara is a mingling of two nationalities, Irish and Italian. She's Irish on the outside, complete with red hair, blue eyes and freckles, but she's Italian on the inside, with a temper to match.

The youngest sibling of seven and the only female, Zara loves her brothers but thinks they're too bossy. Two of her brothers serve on the Salem Police Force, one is police chief and the other a detective. Zara's two widowed nanas live next door. She can always rely on a home-cooked meal, unless her nanas are trolling funerals for new boyfriends.

Another bossy man in her life is Zara's ex-boyfriend, Marcello Ponti. A sinfully gorgeous police detective, Marcello makes a habit of appearing on her doorstep unannounced even though they broke up two years earlier when he wanted to "date" other women. Zara refuses to be a member of the Marcello Dating Club. Good thing she has her beloved dog Smooches to keep her company. Thankfully, Smooches is with her the night she finds the mayor hanging from a tree at a local park. Definitely a homicide, the mayor's blood was drained via two puncture wounds on his neck. When she discovers two more bodies in the same condition, Zara's own investigative instincts kick in, and she searches for the link between the three victims.

Does Salem have a vampire in its midst or a serial killer with a fetish for fang marks? More importantly is Zara marked as the murderer's next victim or is she merely flirting with death?

Patricia Grasso is a bestselling author of over thirty Romance Novels who has won numerous recognitions, including a Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, a Romantic Times KISS Award, and a National Readers' Choice Award. She was born in Massachusetts, where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English and, for thirty years, used her "leisure" time to teach in a public high school. Currently, Patricia lives in Winchester, north of Boston, Massachusetts.



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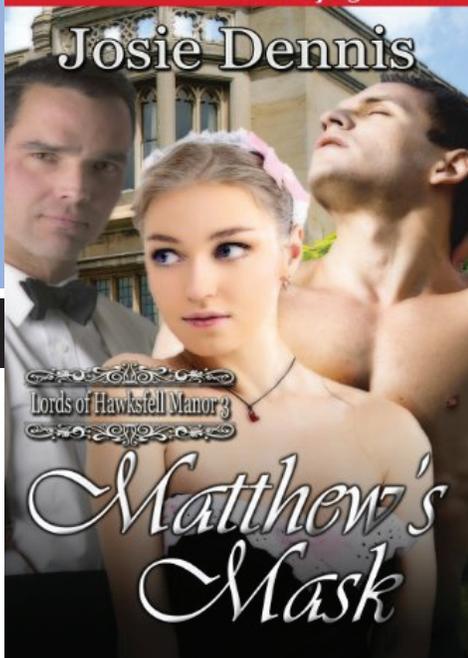
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Ménage Amour

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Matthew's Mask

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 3

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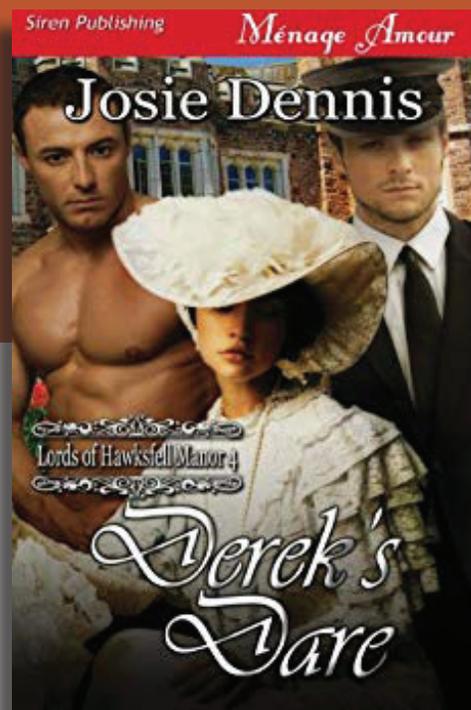
Matthew Hawk is relieved to learn his son-of-a-bitch father was really his son-of-a-bitch uncle. His real father was the late Earl of Hawksfell. To his surprise, his half brother, the new earl, welcomes him to Hawksfell Manor. Posy Davidson, a maid at the manor, has a sordid reputation. She loves footman William Beckett, but Matthew was her first lover. They rekindle their passion, but she still wants William. She's afraid she's as bad as everyone thinks. William and Matthew both want Posy, but can't deny their own attraction. They agree to share her and each other. Matthew wants to love them but learned to hide his feelings from his abusive uncle. When the earl throws a masked ball in Matthew's

honor, Posy and William attend in disguise. The three of them flirt and dance and their passion reaches its pinnacle. But can Matthew drop his mask and show them his heart?

Derek's Dare

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 4

Derek Hawk ruts his way through the servants of Holbrook Hall. He desires his third cousin Diana Holbrook, but he'll only break her heart. He goes to Hawksfell Manor to resist temptation. When Evan Mosley, chauffeur at the manor, runs into Derek at a nearby inn, passion and connection flare and they make love. Diana has loved Derek forever. When she finds out he's leaving for Hawksfell Manor she insists on tagging along. She meets Evan and there's an instant attraction. Derek tells Evan to romance her. She thinks she loves him, but if she finds passion with Evan she won't give Derek her heart. She offers herself to Derek and he turns her down. She goes to Evan. He gives her pleasure and then Derek joins them. The three begin a liaison but Derek's afraid to admit his feelings. Can he risk everything and tell them he loves them?

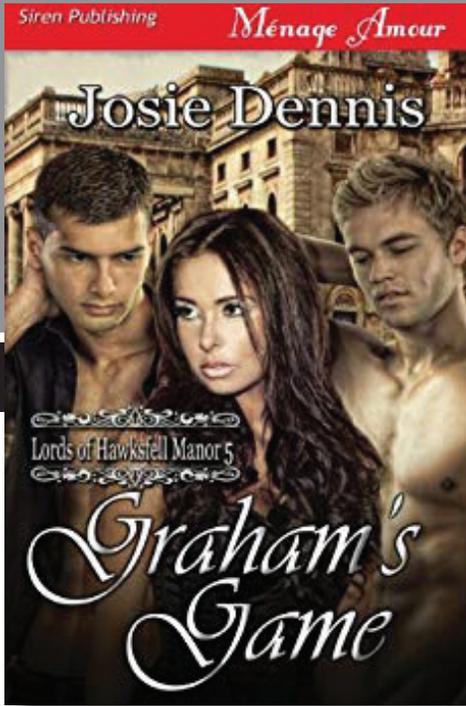


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Graham's Game

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 5

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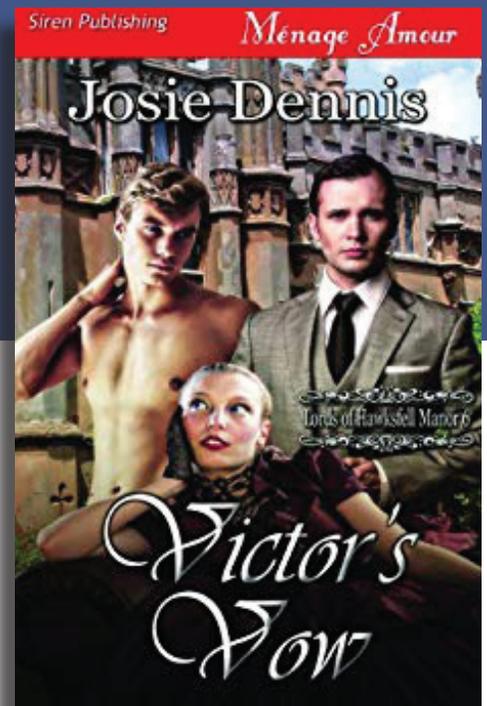
Graham Hawk plays at emotions and never gets close to anyone but his best friend, Colin Spencer. Together they treat love like a sport. Colin loves Graham. He plays along with whatever game Graham devises. One night they make love only to each other. Graham feels something afterward, but brushes it off. When he's invited to Hawksfell Manor, Colin joins him. It will be a game to see how many servants they can take. Neither of them talk about their night together. Lily D'ursey is lady's maid to the Countess of Hawksfell. Her previous employer sexually assaulted her, but in return for her silence he wrote her a glowing recommendation. Graham wants to play with Lily. She succumbs to him

and Colin, first with her body and then with her heart. Can Graham learn to play the game for real? Or will he lose the two people he's come to love?

Victor's Vow

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 6

Victor Hawk vows to never succumb to his desires and is ashamed when he does. He wants his third cousin Violet but knows he doesn't deserve happiness. Violet Ralston cared for Victor's dying mother, but now she's dead and Violet has nowhere to go. She craves Victor's touch but fears she'll always be alone. Cabot Reilly, valet at Hawksfell Manor, is an accomplished lover. He longs for a connection, and flirting with every maid leaves him empty. When Victor's invited to Hawksfell Manor he takes Violet. She's upset, and Cabot suspects it's about Victor. They kiss, and she's amazed she wants him as much as Victor. Cabot goes to Victor's room and finds him hard and aching. They make love, and Victor is stunned when shame doesn't follow release. He wants to risk pleasure with Violet, too. Will he keep his old vow? Or make a new one for love?

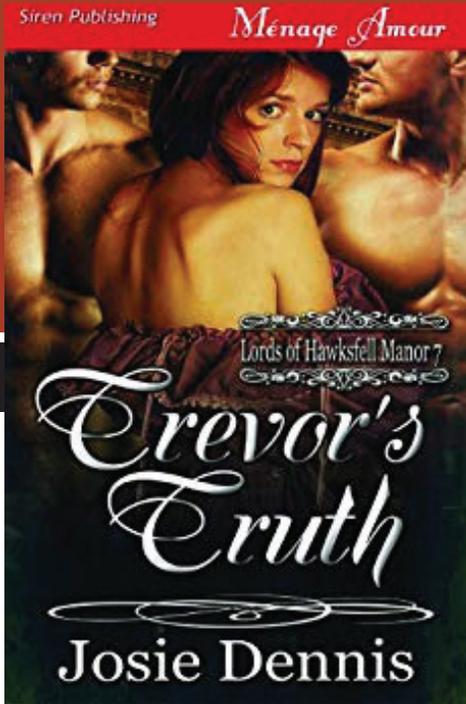


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Trevor's Truth

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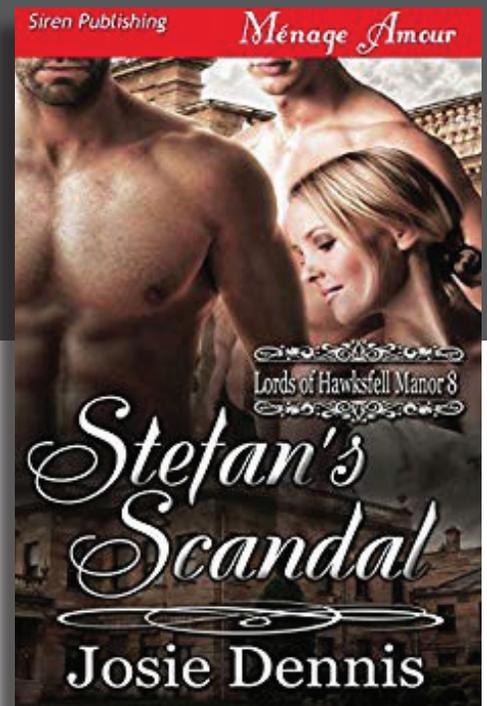
Trevor Hawk has everything he desires. His Hawk curse gives him the excuse to take his pleasure where he likes. What more could he want? He goes to Hawksfell Manor and discovers Hawks who have love, too. But love isn't meant for him. Ivy Billings, lady's maid at the manor, is lonely. She has a crush on the earl's valet, Grayson, but he's so cold. When Trevor arrives, it's like sunshine breaking through the gray January. Grayson Emmett values his position. But he's removed from the other servants. He's secretly drawn to Ivy and can't help but be drawn to this newest Hawk, too. Trevor wants them both, and he always gets

what he wants. As their passion escalates he begins to think he might want them forever. Will he admit the truth and confess his love? Or will he cling to his belief that he can't have real happiness?

Stefan's Scandal

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 8

Scandal has dogged Stefan Hawk, Viscount Constantine, all of his life. He learns his father was the late Earl of Hawksfell and is warmly welcomed by his brother, the new earl. He finds another brother and the family he never knew he wanted. Madeline Crowley wants excitement in her life. More than that, she wants the love and passion her brother and cousin Millicent have found. When she goes to Hawksfell Manor she finds all that and more with the newest Hawk and handsome footman Hugh Stanhope. Though untried, she wants them both. Hugh was forced to trade on his looks in London before becoming first footman at Hawksfell. He doesn't want to lose his position and tries to fight his attraction to both Stefan and Madeline, but the three of them ignite. Will they find the strength to risk everything to be together? Or will scandal rear its head and pull them apart?

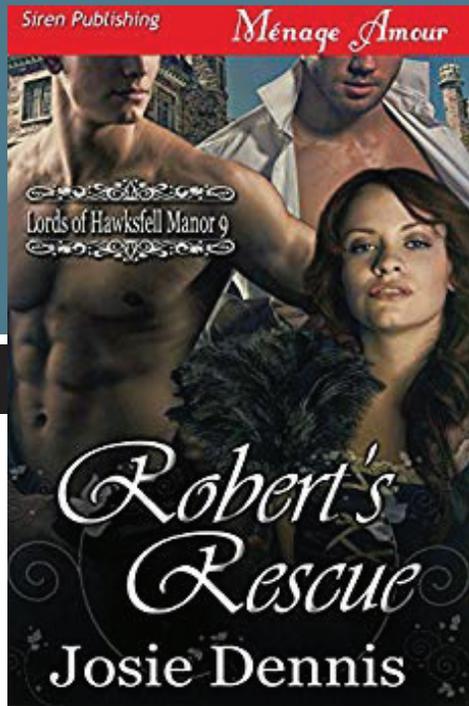


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Robert's Rescue

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 9

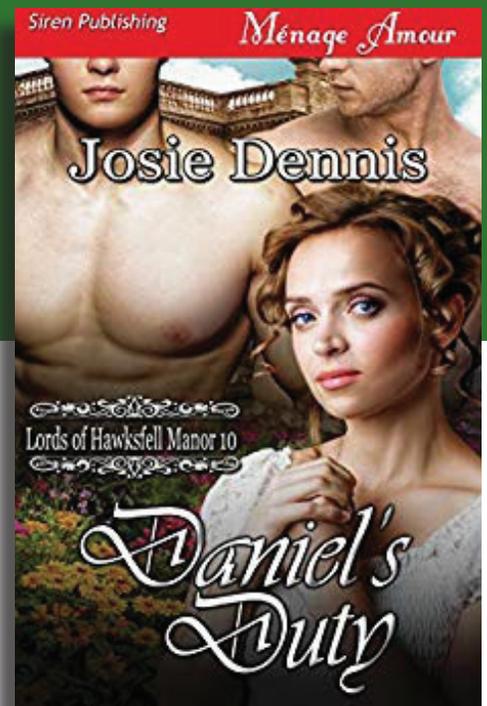
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Robert is lonely, and accepts the Earl of Hawksfell's invitation. He meets a maid and chauffeur who bring light into his life. Rose values her position and vows to never have children. She's attracted to chauffeur Jared and the new Hawk who comes to the manor. Jared likes the new Hawk right away. He's also drawn to Rose. He's never given his heart but he falls for both her and Robert. Can Rose and Jared rescue Robert from his loneliness? Or will he retreat to his house, alone forever?

Daniel's Duty

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 10

Duty drives Daniel Hawk's life. Duty to his estate. Duty to his mother. Duty to his ward, Daisy. He fights his Hawk beast, easing his lusts with encounters that leave him empty. Daisy loves him but she is certain he only sees her as a responsibility. When he and Daisy visit Hawksfell Manor, they both become close to first footman Vincent. Vincent was hurt before. His former employer and lover put gambling and a good time before him, and was shot over gambling debts. He tries to keep his heart safe but falls hard for both Daniel and Daisy. The three of them share passion, growing closer as their liaison plays out. Daisy and Vincent know Daniel holds himself back from all they can have together. It hurts Daniel when he thinks of eventually losing them, but he doesn't believe he deserves forever. Can Daniel accept their love and the chance at true happiness? Or will responsibility drag him down?



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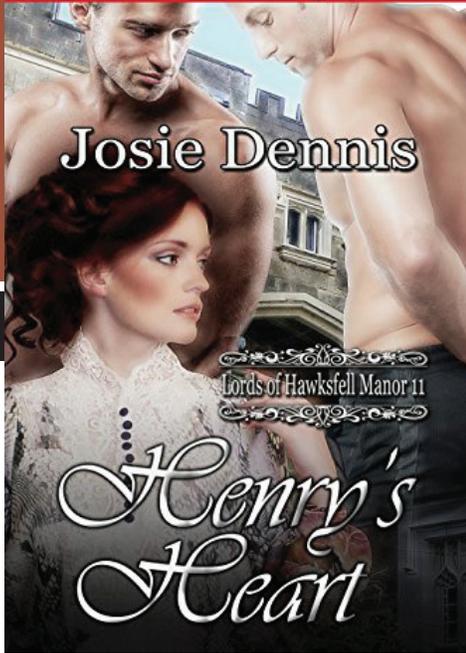
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Henry's Heart

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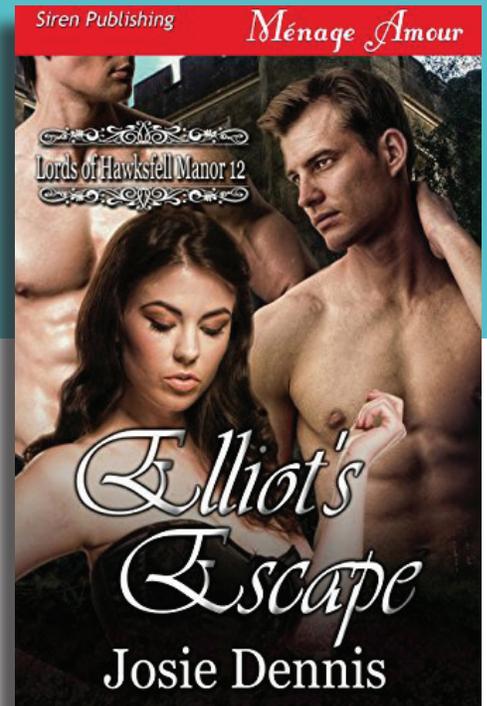
Henry Hawk has never known love. His late mother resented his father, and hated Henry. He believes his heart can't be touched. Julian Beckham recently rose to first footman of Hawksfell Manor and puts up a proper facade. Cook's assistant Poppy Thompson sees through his disguise. There's heat between them, as delectable as the treats she creates in the kitchens after hours. Henry comes to Hawksfell, and is immediately attracted to Julian. One midnight visit to the kitchens and he wants Poppy, too. He and Julian share passion, and talk about Poppy. She admits she wants them both, but she's untried. Henry and Julian tenderly make love to her, and their liaisons grow more passionate and

emotional with every encounter. When Poppy and Julian profess their love, Henry's terrified. He insists they're both better off without him. But Poppy and Julian cannot be together without Henry. Will Henry learn to trust his loves? Or will his heart remain closed forever?

Elliot's Escape

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 12

Elliot Hawk longs to escape his life of empty passion. His best friend, Brent Mason, has secretly loved him for years but is afraid to tell him for fear of losing him forever. Elliot fights his Hawk curse, and Brent doesn't want to be just another conquest. When they go to Hawksfell Manor, they both fall for lady's maid Violet Hart. Though Violet is captivated by them both, she won't risk her position. With a promise to keep her safe, the three of them begin a liaison. Brent is sweet and Elliot is intense, and soon they capture her heart as well as her passion. When Brent admits he loves her and Elliot, she knows she'll never be complete without both of them. Can Elliot admit his own feelings and accept their love and passion in return? Or will he escape back into his lonely life and lose them both?



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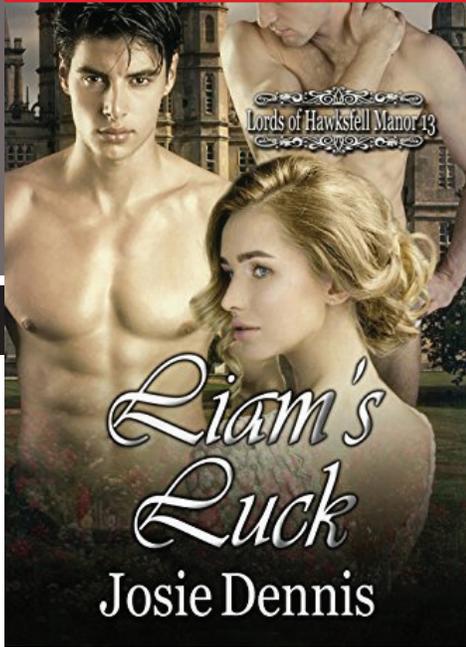
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Liam's Luck

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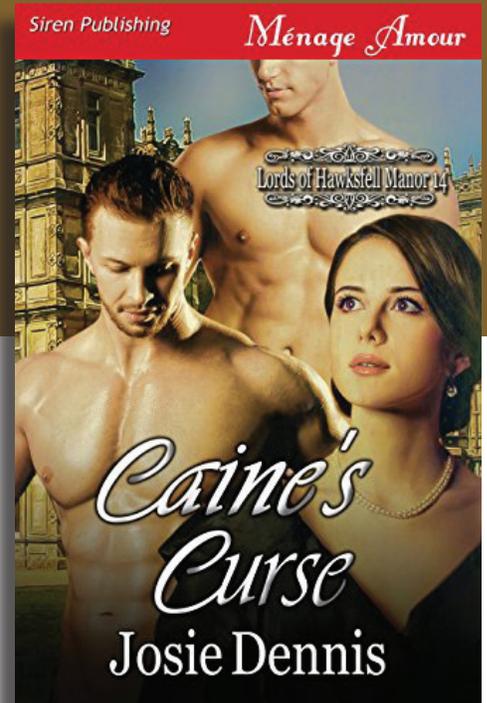
Liam Hawk has the luck of the Irish, according to his mother. Except for the Hawk curse that forces him to satisfy his lusts anywhere he can. When he's invited to Hawksfell Manor, his mother insists he take her ward with him. Charlotte Crane is a temptation he avoids. He wants her, but she's better off without his Hawk beast's desires. Charlotte loves Liam, but he always seems angry at her. At Hawksfell, Liam learns he's the Earl's half-brother and finds family he's never known. He can't deny he wants Charlotte and Jackson Hartley, his valet at Hawksfell. Jackson's role at Hawksfell is a solitary one. Liam and Jackson have much in common there. Jackson and Charlotte share kisses and more, and they

both speak of Liam. The three embark on a liaison, their hearts and passions mingling until none can imagine life without the other two. Can Liam be lucky in love? Or will he deny his good fortune? Note: This book contains double penetration, and the two men are sexually involved.

Caine's Curse

Lords of Hawksfell Manor 14

Caine Hawk accepts his Hawk curse as part of his life and indulges his driving sexual need to appease it. He longs for more than those empty conquests though and, at Hawksfell Manor, he finds passion and friendship with first footman Peter Tillman. When lady's maid Iris Hanlon falls for Caine and Peter, and they for her, the three of them begin a tender and exciting liaison that exceeds anything Caine has known before. The Earl tells him there is a way to break his curse, as other Hawks have done before him, but Caine is afraid to hope for a real future. For real love. He sets Peter and Iris aside, for the sake of their happiness if not his own. They love him, though. And each other. Can they break through to him and find happiness for all three of them? Or will his resistance break their hearts?



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Love & CHOCOLATE

Gail Cleare

When Sarah Westwood's deadbeat husband deserts her and their young son, she takes a job at her family's restaurant,

The Three Chocolatiers, working with her famous chef grandfather and her pastry chef cousin, Paisley.

Determined to never fall for the wrong guy again, Sarah vows to stick to chocolate and steer clear of men, especially her delicious ice-cream supplier, Blake Harrison. But when Paisley signs her up for a dating site, Sarah is soon engaging in a sexy online flirtation with a stranger. Blake Harrison wants nothing more than for Sarah to give him a chance, but all she'll give him is the cold shoulder. Never one to run from a challenge, he works on becoming the kind of man Sarah can't refuse. And since he just happens to be on the same dating site, he's not above using a little cyber-intel to worm his way into her heart.

When Sarah's grandfather collapses just weeks before an upscale chocolate-themed wedding that could make or break the business, the staff of The Three Chocolatiers is sent into a tailspin. With the pressure rising on personal and professional fronts, Sarah might just have to let someone sweet melt her defenses. Includes four recipes from The Three Chocolatiers Cookbook.

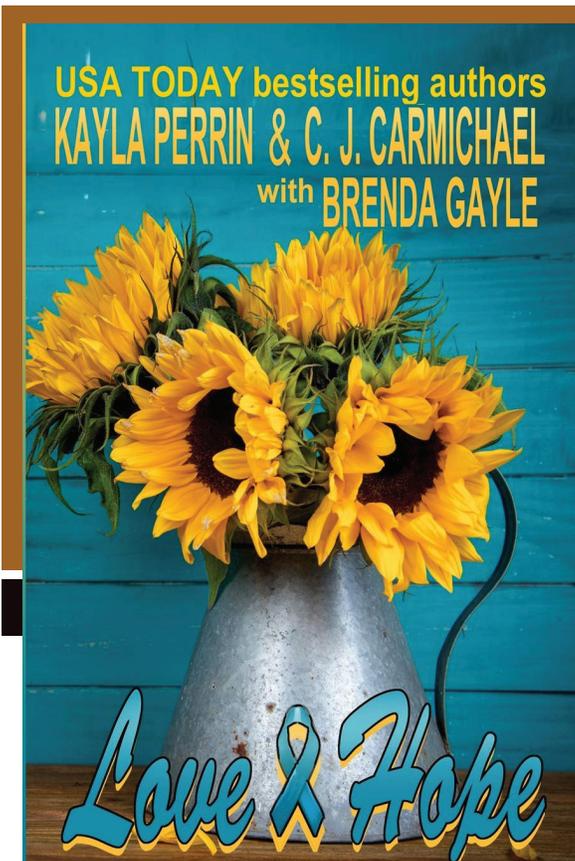
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Love & Hope

KAYLA PERRIN & C.J. CARMICHAEL with BRENDA GAYLE

Three stories about hope, healing, and the power of love By USA Today bestselling authors Kayla Perrin and C. J. Carmichael with author Brenda Gayle.

Twice and Forever by Brenda Gayle A 44 year-old widow has a hard time giving her daughter some breathing room now that her daughter is in remission from ovarian cancer. Not to mention she

can't seem to shake her confusing feelings for a very attractive veterinarian, who also happens to be her daughter's new boss.

Devoted to Her Cowboy by C. J. Carmichael A 26-year-old rodeo champ tries to take the reins of his beloved, but very stubborn grandmother's treatment plan, when he returns home to find out she has ovarian cancer. Meanwhile he can't stop thinking about the beautiful young woman who works with Grams at her flower shop.

Her Angel by Kayla Perrin A 31-year old woman must deal with the burden of guilt, sadness, and loss over the passing of her mom from ovarian cancer. Sorting through her mother's belongings, she makes a discovery that shocks her to her core, and has her re-thinking her budding relationship with the handsome contractor who was working on her mom's house.

Life is messy and Brenda Gayle tries to reflect that in her stories while still leaving readers with a feeling of hope. She wants them to see themselves and people they know in her characters. A fan of many genres, she finds it hard to stay within the publishing industry's prescribed boxes. Whether it's romantic suspense, women's fiction, or mystery—her greatest joy is creating deeply emotional books with memorable characters and compelling stories.

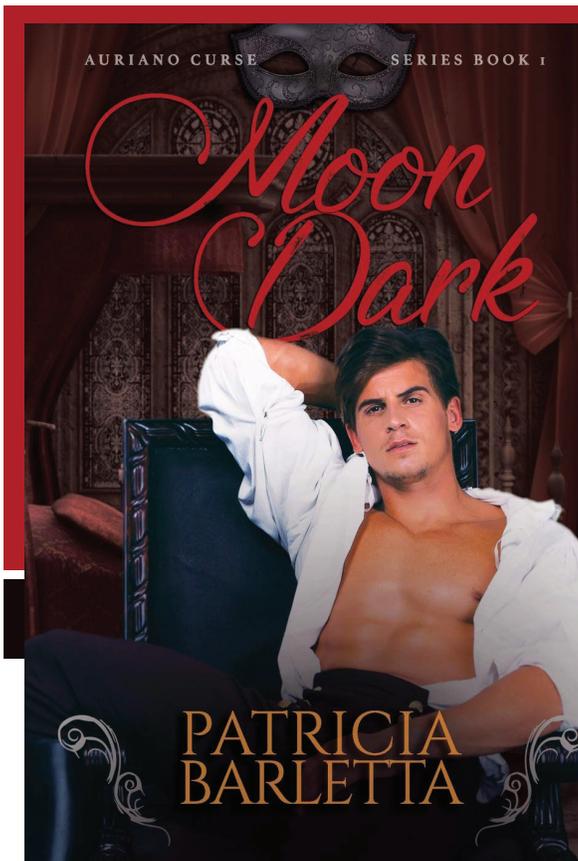
USA Today Bestselling author C. J. Carmichael has written over 45 novels in her favorite genres of romance and mystery. She has been nominated twice for the Romance Writers of America RITA Award, as well as RT Bookclub's Career Achievement in Romantic Suspense award, and the Bookseller's Best honor.

Kayla Perrin has been writing since the age of thirteen. She is a USA TODAY and Essence bestselling author of dozens of mainstream and romance novels and has been recognized for her talent, including twice winning Romance Writers of America's Top Ten Favorite Books of the Year Award. She has also won the Career Achievement Award for multicultural romance from RT Book Reviews. Kayla lives with her daughter in Ontario, Canada.

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Moon Dark

PATRICIA BARLETTA

A deadly stiletto rips through the Venetian night, and Lady Sabrina Barclay is saved from certain death by a mysterious Shadowman. Her secret errand, forced on her by her devious and tyrannical uncle-in-law, is thwarted, and she is fearful he will withdraw his support of her and her young son.

But who would want her dead? And who—or what—is the creature who saved her? Alessandro, Prince of Auriano, is cursed, forced to live half of every month as Shadow, losing all sense of touch. When he saves the Englishwoman from an assassin's blade, he is captivated by her beauty and shocked at his ability to feel her. Could she be the key to unlocking the curse that binds him and his family?

When Sabrina meets Alessandro in his human form, she is drawn to his dark and seductive charm. She has no idea he is her shadowy savior. Alessandro has never met a woman like Sabrina. He senses the inner strength of the ravishing Englishwoman, and something else—power that could deliver him from damnation. The thread of fate binds them together as they race to outwit the evil that stalks them and surrender to the passion that neither can deny.

From award-winning, historical romance author, Patricia Barletta, comes ***Moon Dark***, the first novel in a lush and compelling gothic historical paranormal romance series about a cursed family seeking redemption . . . the Auriano Curse Series.

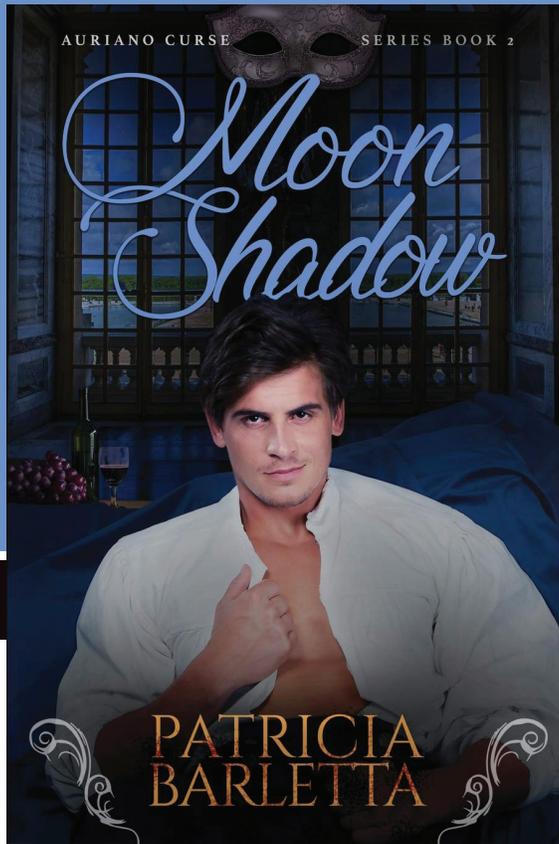
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Moon Shadow

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In the dead of night outside Paris, Antonio, Duke of Auriano is ambushed by a highwayman. The thief steals not only his coin, but also snatches the magical moonstone he wears as protection against the devastating cravings of the Hunger, a consequence of his family's curse. Antonio vows to find the thief no matter what

and take back what is his before the curse turns him to Shadow forever.

Solange Delacroix is forced to live in a twisted maze of lies and deceit. Nothing in her life is what it seems. She is the cunning highwayman forced to steal for Le Chacal, King of Thieves. She is the beautiful and seductive Madame de Volonté, mistress to the cruel Marquis de Vernoux, who watches her every move as she runs a salon of the demimonde. When she steals a moonstone from the handsome stranger and he turns up at her salon seeking the stolen item and revenge, she struggles to keep her life from toppling into a maelstrom of deadly peril. But then a mysterious, seductive Shadow visits her in the night and offers a bargain and the possibility of freedom.

Is this her salvation, or is she making a deal with the devil? Antonio and Solange come together in a dangerous dance of secrets, thievery, and passion. Hounded by the evil sorceress Nulkana, threatened by the ruthless King of Thieves, menaced by the vicious Marquis de Vernoux, their safety hangs in a precarious balance.

Will their burgeoning love and trust in each other be enough to help them come out alive? From award-winning, historical romance author, Patricia Barletta, comes Moon Shadow, the second novel in the lush and compelling Auriano Curse Series.

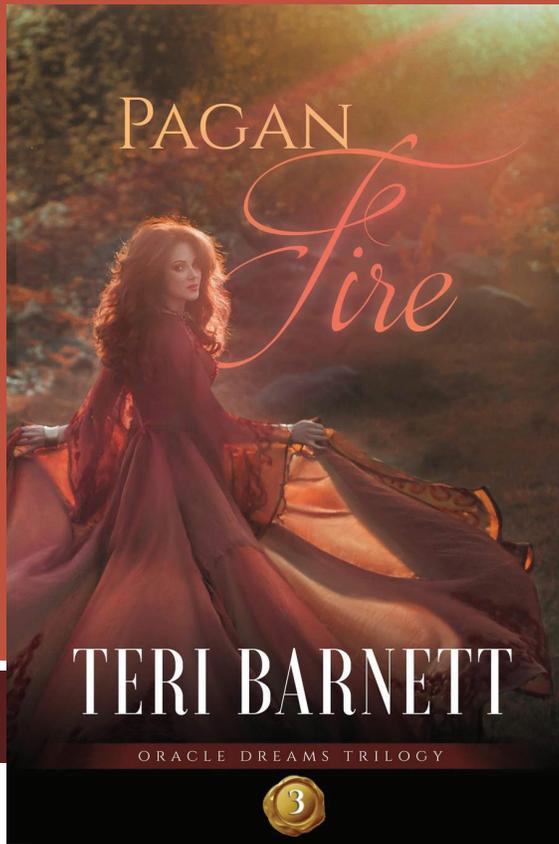
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PAGAN Fire

TERI BARNETT

In the ancient village of Tintagel, Cornwall when old magic still illuminates the night sky, a young warrior embarks on a quest to reclaim his rightful place and the woman who haunts his dreams...

Dylan mac Connall survived the slaughter of his family ten years ago by a traitor to their clan. A young boy at the time, he was rescued by Kate, a wise witch woman who taught him the ways of magic and warned him of the peril that lays ahead if he chooses a path of revenge.

Raised in an abbey by the Sisters of Saint Columba, Maere cu Llwyrr is ready to take her full vows and become a nun. But when a handsome warrior named Dylan arrives and claims to be her rightful betrothed, Maere is shocked and afraid of what her future will bring. A wee child when she was abducted from her village, Maere has blocked the memories of that horrific night. She has no recollection of the powerful ancient magic dormant inside her. Or of the childhood friend, who now stands before her, determined, to unlock both Maere's mind and her power.

As Maere and Dylan travel back to Tintagel, they must face the mercurial goddess Morrigan, dangerous Viking raiders, and the evil man who destroyed their families. *Can Maere and Dylan survive the battles to come and find their way back home and to each other?*

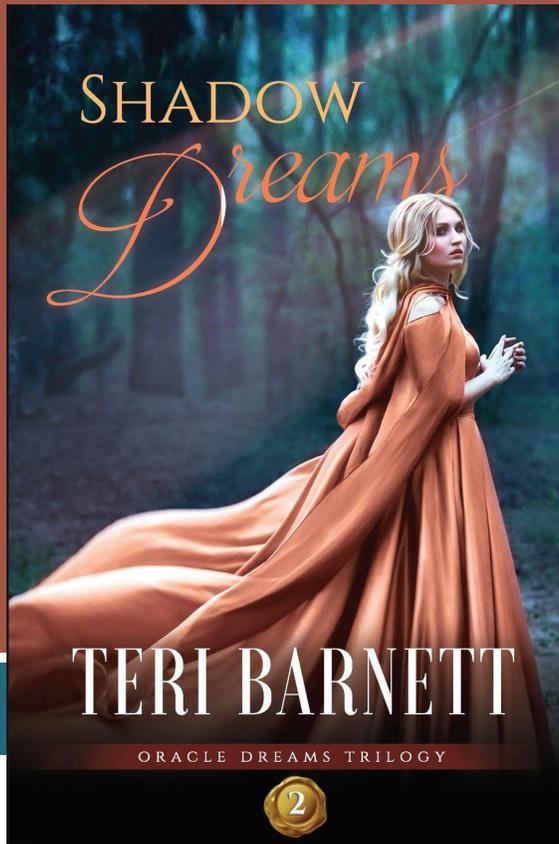
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SHADOW Dreams

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In the village of Paran, in the peaceful plane of Keilah, lurks an evil bent on destruction...

Bethany M'Doro, a Healer and a Knower, possesses the unique ability to see into the past. Her gifts make her invaluable on Paran's archeological digs. The team's most recent discovery, charred bones and a wooden box with an ornate comb, sparks a vision of an ancient cult called Eitel, known for stealing souls. Children's souls. A mysterious woman also appears in Bethany's vision, a woman named Elizabeth Jessup, who recently traveled through a portal from the Earth plane.

A widow, Bethany relies on her father to watch over her daughter Sarah, while she is on her expeditions. When Bethany returns home to Paran, her worst fear has come to pass. Sarah is missing along with several other children from the village. Bethany realizes the resurrected cult of Eitel is responsible for abducting Sarah and the other young ones. And their leader is the traveler, Elizabeth Jessup.

Bethany's visions lead her to the Earth plane, to Devil's Gate, Nevada in 1875, to enlist the help of Connor Jessup, Elizabeth's husband, a broken and embittered man.

Bethany now faces the greatest challenges of her life—heal Connor and convince him to travel back with her to Paran to unravel the secrets of Eitel and save Sarah and the other children.

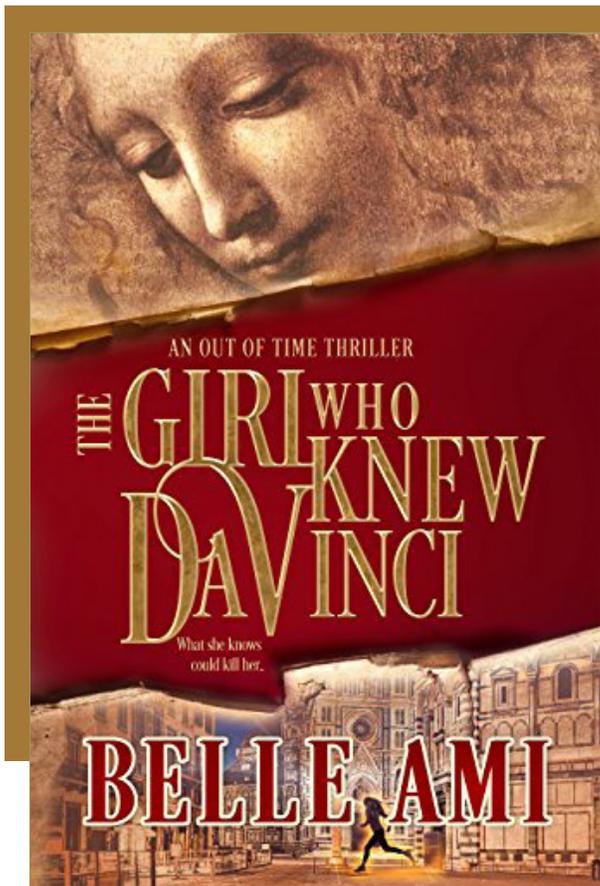
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THE GIRL WHO KNEW DAVINCI

BELLE AMI

Art historian Angela Renatus is haunted by dreams of Leonardo da Vinci and a mysterious painting of Giuliano Medici and his mistress Fioretta Gorini. A painting that, as far as the world knows, doesn't exist. Compelled by her visions, Angela is determined to find out the truth.

When Angela is contacted by art detective Alex Caine, she's shocked to learn that he too is seeking the same painting. Alex's client, a wealthy German financier, is determined to clear the name of his late uncle, Gerhard Jaeger, an art historian, who went missing in Florence, during World War II. In letters written before his disappearance, the historian describes his love affair with a beautiful young Italian woman named Sophia Caro and the discovery of an extraordinary painting by the great master himself—a painting depicting Giuliano and Fioretta.

Angela and Alex journey to Florence in search of the priceless treasure. Is it a lost da Vinci, potentially worth hundreds of millions of dollars, or a wild goose-chase that will only lead to a dead end? But someone else is searching for the elusive painting—Alberto Scordato is a powerful man in the art world and a sociopath who will stop at nothing to get what he wants, even murder. Scordato knows something about Angela that even she doesn't know, something that could threaten both Angela and Alex's lives, forcing them into the crosshairs of fate.

Belle Ami is an Amazon Top 100 Bestselling author. She writes romantic suspense, romantic thrillers and international mystery with a time-travel twist. Belle is a 2018 RONE Award finalist in the romantic suspense category for her novel *Escape*. Her new release, *The Girl Who Knew Da Vinci* – is a time-travel romantic suspense set in the art world and the first book in her *Out of Time Series*. When Belle isn't working on her next book, she'll most likely be in the kitchen whipping up something delicious for her family to enjoy. In addition to being a gourmet cook, Belle is also an accomplished pianist, skier, and world traveler. She lives in Calabasas, CA with her wonderful husband and two kids.



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Romance is MURDER

TERI BARNETT

There are two things Morgan Hart loves—her vintage motorcycle and anything with buttercream icing. What Morgan doesn't love is murder.

The thirty-six-year-old former Detroit detective has just moved back to Bijoux, Michigan, the lakeside town where she grew up. Returning to take up the reins as the new police captain since her father, Able, retired, Morgan hopes for a fresh start and a welcome change from the gritty police work she did in the Big D. Morgan also hopes she'll be able to get her life back on track since her husband Ian Daniels, also a detective, was murdered on a case five years ago. Still unsolved, her husband's death continues to haunt her. She's determined to find Ian's killer, even as she embarks on her new job.

Morgan has mixed feelings about being back in Bijoux and can't help but wonder if the move is the right thing for her. Her relationship with her dad is complicated. The townspeople have no qualms about telling her how to do her job every chance they get. Her childhood nemesis, Connie Graham, a reporter for the local TV news station, has the super power to show up at the worst possible time. And the owner of the local bookstore, Caleb Joseph, is far too attractive and far too nosy. At least she and her deputy, JJ Jones, bond over their mutual love of cupcakes.

The quaint, old town has gone through quite a transformation since Morgan moved away. Quirky shops are opening to attract summer tourists and many of the old stores along Main Street are getting a facelift. Even the iconic pink Firefly Bed & Breakfast is changing. It's hosting a romance writer's conference with some of the biggest names in the biz. But someone else is determined to make a few more changes. Deadly changes that will leave the town reeling and will have Morgan investigating the first murder in Bijoux in 100 years.

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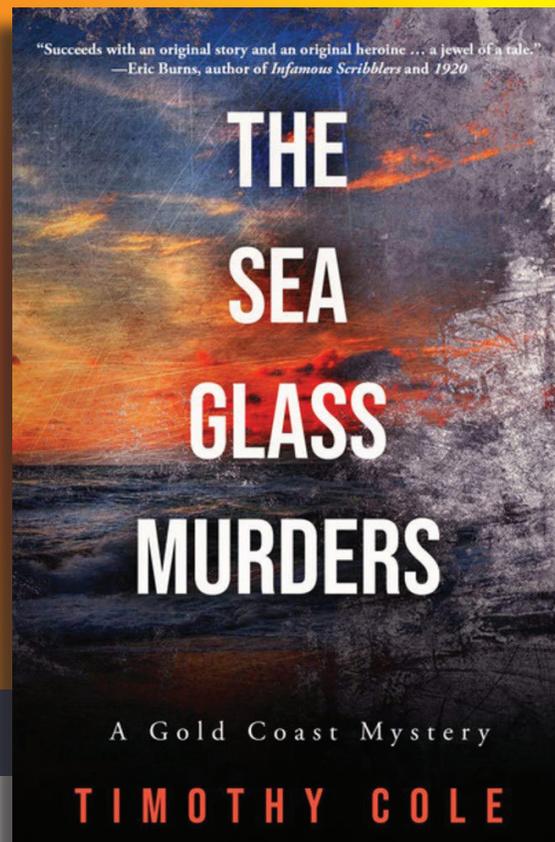
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THE SEA GLASS MURDERS

TIMOTHY COLE



"An original mystery novel is like an oyster with a pearl in it: rare, but worth the search. Search no more. In The Sea Glass

Murders, Tim Cole succeeds with an original story, an original heroine, and an original supporting cast all the while paying due diligence to the traditions of the genre. The gaps in logic that plague so many mysteries are absent here. What is present is a jewel of a tale." -Eric Burns, Emmy Award-winning NBC News correspondent and author of *Infamous Scribblers* and *1920: The Year That Made the Decade Roar*

A headless corpse in a dumpster unites a small-town cop and a formidable retired lady spy to track a killer in a wealthy New England neighborhood.

A decapitated body burned to a crisp might be found in any dumpster in any city in America, but not in the aristocratic Gold Coast of Westport, Connecticut, home to the wealthy and powerful. Westport cop Tony DeFranco dutifully collects evidence, knowing that the State Police will take over the case. But when the State investigator covers up the murder, DeFranco starts a rogue investigation.

DeFranco forms an alliance with retired CIA officer Dasha Petrov, whose elderly, ladylike appearance masks a lifetime's experience with violence and deception. As the body count mounts, DeFranco relies on Dasha's insights and skills acquired over decades of global troubleshooting to stop a killer operating in the center of American wealth and power.

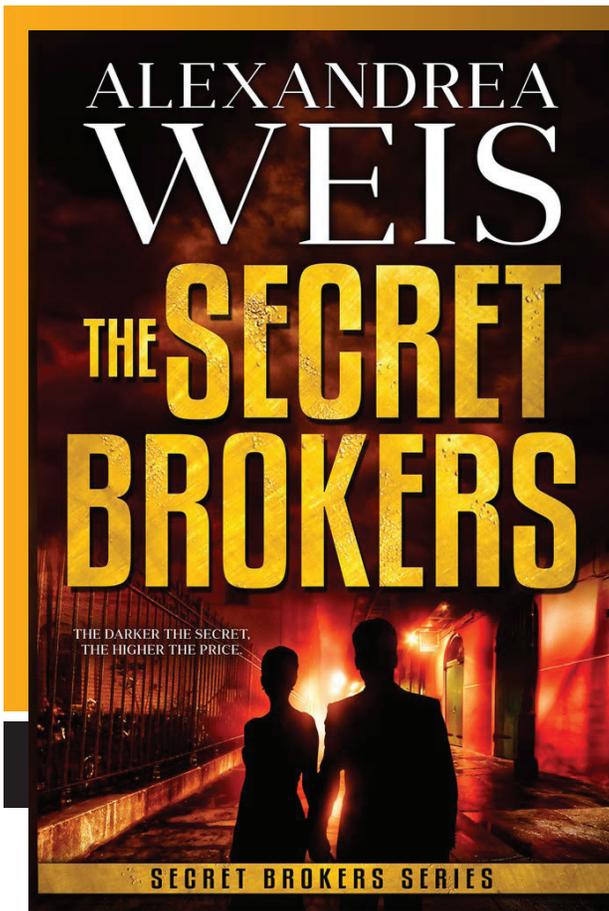
A glimpse at the sordid underside of money, position, and power, *The Sea Glass Murders* is an action-oriented mystery with an immersive, fast-paced plot and intriguing characterization

Timothy Cole has enjoyed a thirty-year career as journalist, editor and author. A former technology editor at *Popular Mechanics*, he currently serves as editorial director of Belvoir Media Group, publishers of health information products from Harvard Medical School, The Cleveland Clinic, Massachusetts General Hospital and other health centers. Tim and his wife, Sarah Smedley, live in Greenwich, Connecticut, and New York City.

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THE SECRET BROKERS

ALEXANDREA WEIS

THE DARKER THE SECRET, THE HIGHER THE PRICE.

The secrets trade.

Nothing is off limits, and no price is too high.

When asked to uncover what recluse Gwen Marsh knows about a Mafia kingpin's death, Dallas poses as a bodyguard to get close to his target, but the stubborn Asian beauty wants nothing to do with him. As the FBI and the Mafia close in, danger drives them together, but can he protect Gwen, or will Dallas be the one risking everything to discover what she is really hiding?

Dallas August is about to find out how dangerous life can be as one of the Secret Brokers.

Once you are in, there is no turning back.

Alexandrea Weis is an advanced practice registered nurse who was born and raised in New Orleans. Having been brought up in the motion picture industry, she learned to tell stories from a different perspective and began writing at the age of eight. Infusing the rich tapestry of her hometown into her award-winning novels, she believes that creating vivid characters makes a story memorable. A permitted/certified wildlife rehabber with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Weis rescues orphaned and injured wildlife. She lives with her husband and pets in New Orleans.



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The Velocity of Revolution

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From the author of the Maradaine saga comes a new steampunk fantasy novel that explores a chaotic city on the verge of revolution.

"A highly recommend this series to anyone who loves high fantasy, political intrigue, magic, fantastic world building and characters you can root for." -Gizmo's Reviews

"A grand adventure and some last-minute revelations promise plenty of entertaining twists to come for our stalwart hero." -Locus

In this standalone fantasy, the city of Ziaparr, capital of a ravaged nation, is being rebuilt after years of mechanized and magical warfare. Undercaste cycle gangs raid supply trucks, agitate the populace and grow a revolution in the slums led by a voice on government radio which broadcasts via forbidden magic.

Wenthi Tunget, loyal officer in the city patrol is assigned to infiltrate the cycle gangs. He must use their magic and mindmeld with Naia, a recently captured rebel, in order to use her knowledge to find his way into the heart of the rebellion. Wenthi's skill on a cycle makes him valuable to the resistance cell but, he discovers that the magic is enhanced by speed. Every ride intensifies his connection, drawing him closer to the gang he must betray and strengthening Nalia's presence in his mind. Torn between justice and duty, his slightest misstep will spark a city on the verge of combustion.

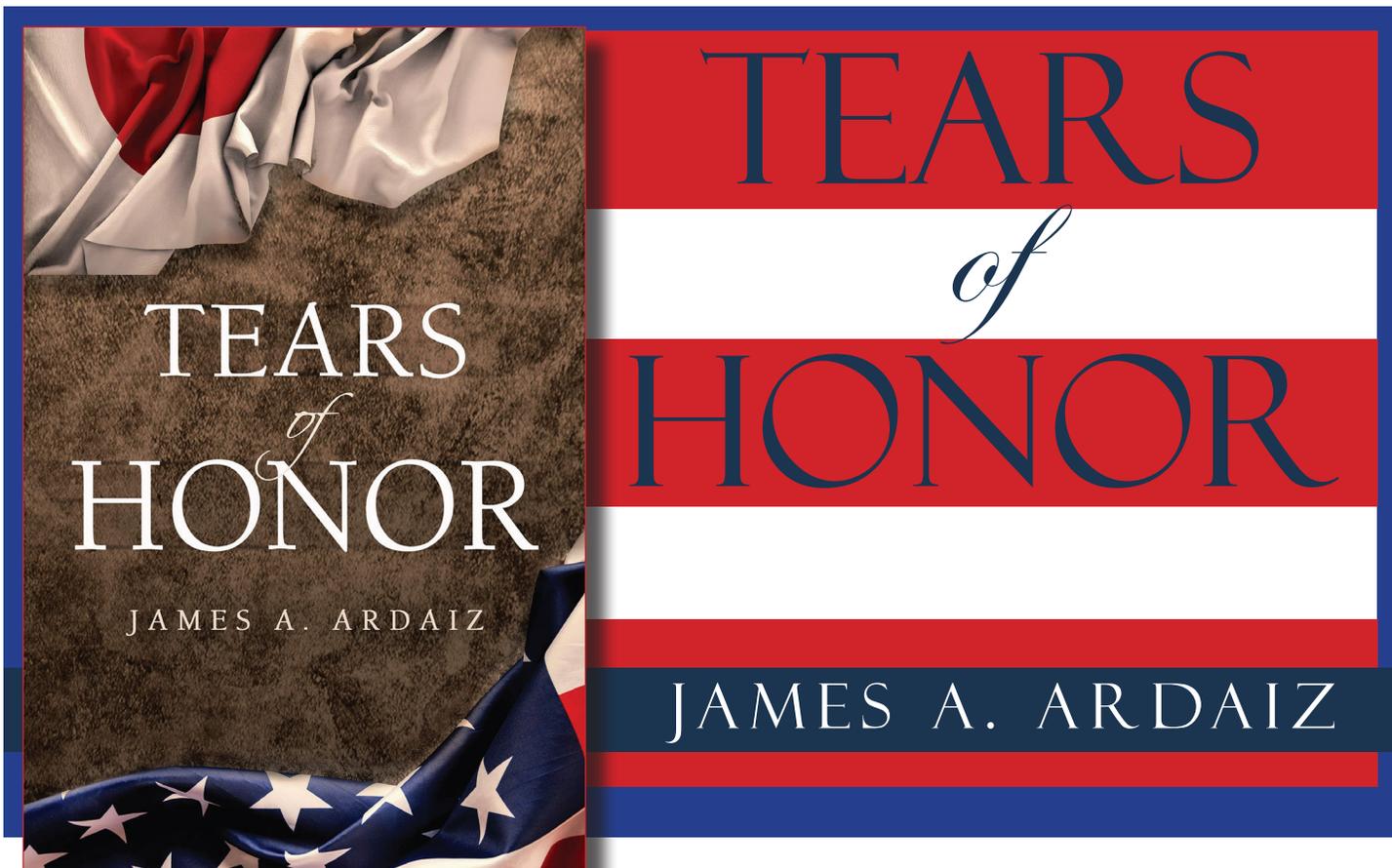
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A sweeping novel of history, war, and courage in the face of injustice, *Tears of Honor* tells the story of the heroic Japanese-American soldiers who fought against Nazi tyranny in Europe, while their families were imprisoned in America.

Sammy and Freddy are two all-American boys in the summer of 1941, dreaming of becoming professional baseball players and maybe asking a girl to the senior prom. But when war comes, Sammy Miyaki, Freddy Shiraga, and their families are seen as enemy aliens, not Americans. Taken from their homes in rural central California and placed in internment camps, the boys decide that the only way to prove their loyalty to America is to join the Army.

Assigned to an all-Japanese-American combat unit fighting against the Germans, Sammy and Freddy are placed under the command of the combat-hardened Lieutenant Young Oak Kim (a real-life person and one of the most highly decorated American soldiers in history), who leads them through some of the fiercest fighting of the war. Sammy, Freddy and their comrades confront the prejudice of white soldiers and the horrors of combat, as they come to realize they are fighting not just for the United States, but for the honor of all Japanese-Americans.

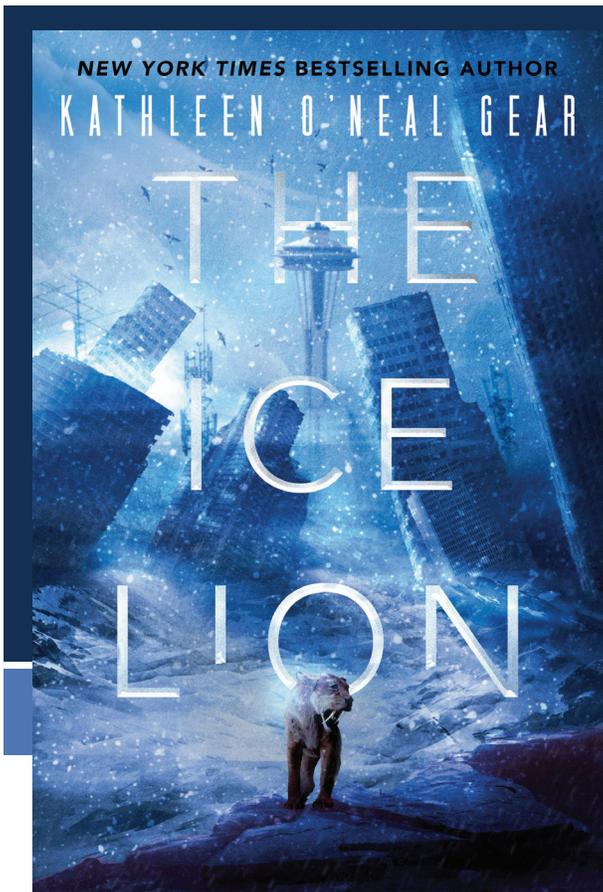
James A. Ardaiz is a former prosecutor, judge, and Presiding Justice of the California Fifth District Court of Appeal. His previous books include *Hands Through Stone*, a nonfiction account of the investigation and prosecution of murderer Clarence Ray Allen, and the mystery novels *Fractured Justice* and *Shades of Truth*.



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THE ICE LION

KATHLEEN O'NEAL GEAR

This cli-fi novel from a notable archaeologist and anthropologist explores a frozen future where archaic species struggle to survive an apocalyptic Ice Age

One thousand years in the future, the zyme, a thick blanket of luminous green slime, covers the oceans. Glaciers three-miles-high rise over the continents. The old stories say that when the Jemen, godlike beings from the past, realized their efforts to halt global warming had gone terribly wrong, they made a desperate gamble to save life on earth and recreated species that had survived the worst of the earth's Ice Ages.

Sixteen-summer-old Lynx and his best friend Quiller are members of the Sealion People—archaic humans known as Denisovans. They live in a world growing colder, a world filled with monstrous predators that hunt them for food. When they flee to a new land, they meet a strange old man who impossibly seems to be the last of the Jemen. He tells Lynx the only way he can save his world is by sacrificing himself to the last true god, a quantum computer named Quancee.

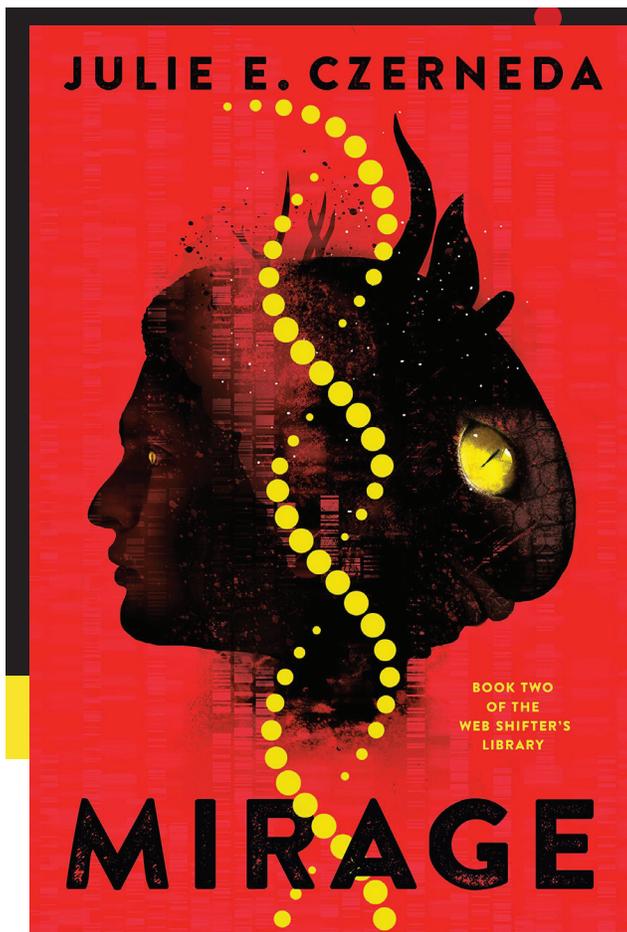
Kathleen O'Neal Gear's professional life began at the Museum of Cultural History in Los Angeles where she was cataloguing three-hundred-year-old Guatemalan saint statues as part of her Ph.D. coursework. In 1980, she moved to Wyoming to work for the U.S. Department of the Interior as a historian and archaeologist, where she was twice awarded a "Special Achievement Award" for outstanding management of America's cultural heritage. She's authored or co-authored 48 novels and around 200 non-fiction articles. In 2015, the United States Congress honored her with a "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition" for her work as an American archaeologist, and the California State Legislature passed Joint Member Resolution #117, saying, "The contributions of Kathleen Gear to the fields of history, archaeology, and writing have been invaluable." In 2019, her book MAZE MASTER, won the International Book Award for Best Science Fiction novel.



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MIRAGE

JULIE E. CZERNEDA

The second book in the Web Shifter's Library series returns to the adventures of Esen, a shape-shifting alien who must navigate the perils of a hostile universe.

Relationships get complicated when you don't know who—or what—you really are. Esen must find a way to rescue a hapless group of chimeras, beings who are a new and unique blend of species she knows, when she can't become one herself. When Evan Gooseberry tries to help, he is shattered to learn he himself isn't entirely Human and begins to suspect his new friend Esen isn't what she seems.

Complicating matters, a mysterious contagion has killed the crew of the ship that brought the chimeras—and Evan—to Botharis. Everyone's been quarantined inside the All Species' Library of Linguistics and Culture, including over a hundred disgruntled alien scholars.

The risks climb as Skalet and Lionel continue their quest to solve the disappearance of Paul's mother's ship, the Sidereal Pathfinder, only to find themselves caught in a tangle of loyalties as Skalet is betrayed by her own Kraal affiliates, who infiltrate the Library.

All of which would be quite enough for one Web-being's day, but Paul Ragem hopes to rekindle the romance of his first love. A shame Esen hasn't told him who's hiding in their greenhouse.

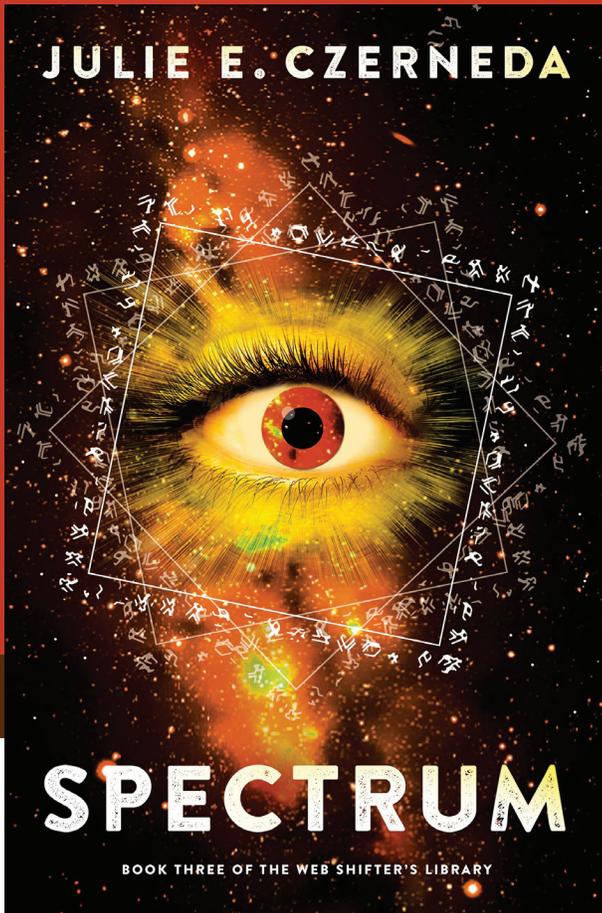
Julie E. Czerneda is a biologist and writer whose science fiction has received international acclaim, awards, and bestselling status. She is the author of the Clan Chronicles, the Species Imperative trilogy, the Stratification novels, and the Web Shifter series, among other works. She is a multiple Aurora Award winner, and has been a finalist for the John W. Campbell Award and the Philip K. Dick Award.



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SPECTRUM

JULIE E. CZERNEDA

The third book in the Web Shifter's Library series returns to the adventures of Esen, a shapeshifting alien who must navigate the perils of a hostile universe.

Here Be Monsters

Something malevolent lurks in deep space, something able to pluck starships from their course and cause their crews to vanish.

It has a purpose: to use those ships to mark an unmistakable boundary. A warning.

It has an interest: Botharis, the planet where Esen and Paul have established the All Species' Library of Linguistics and Culture. Home to Veya Ragem, whose ship was the first to trespass.

Esen and Paul will need every resource, every friend and even foes, if they're to discover who--or what is behind this before more are lost. Once they do, Esen plans to use her abilities to comprehend and reason with this new species. What she doesn't know? There truly are monsters. And they wait for you in the dark.

Just ask Evan Gooseberry.

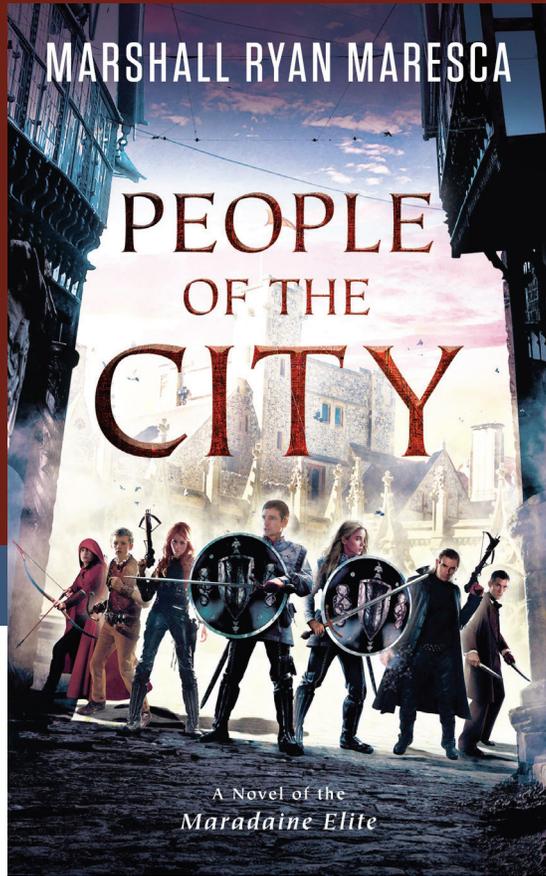
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PEOPLE OF THE CITY

MARSHALL RYAN MARESCA

The third and final novel in the Maradaine Elite series blends fast-paced high fantasy and political intrigue, bringing together the threads of the interconnected Maradaine novels.

"A series of violent rebel threats on the elections and the twisty machinations of both the Tarian Order and the Open Hand ensure enough action

and intrigue for any fan of fantasy adventure. Series readers will delight in returning to the rich universe of Maradaine."
-Publishers Weekly

"In one fast-paced, funny, highly readable novel after another, Maresca continues to build out every nook and alleyway of Maradaine, which is fast becoming one of the most richly detailed settings in fantasy." -Barnes & Noble Sci-fi and Fantasy Blog

Corruption and conspiracy have infected the city of Maradaine, from the top levels of power to the very depths beneath the city. Dayne Heldrin and Jerinne Fendall, elite warriors of the Tarian Order, have no idea how close they truly are to the center of the city's dark secrets. But when they learn that children are going missing, they know they must investigate further--no matter the cost.

They are soon joined by others, each with their own reasons for seeking the children. Veranix Calbert, the vigilante known as the Thorn, thinks his enemies are responsible for the missing children. Inspectors Minox Welling and Satrine Rainey fear the disappearing children are tied to corruption in the city Constabulary. Asti and Verci Rynax hope to protect the kids from their streets, one of whom barely escaped the kidnappers. And a mysterious young cloistress seeks to lead each of them deeper down into the depths of enigmas beneath the city, to the dark, unholy cult known as the Brotherhood, and the horrors that are growing within it.

The only hope Maradaine might have against the impending darkness is if these champions can work together to protect all the people of the city...

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THE COIN

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In Book Two of The Vessels, *The Coin*, Sam's estranged children play a vital role. His son, Governor Ron, closes the shelter and forces him out while his daughter, Gale, returns with her teenage daughter, Malina, to make amends.

Gale helps Sam, Doc and Blaze relocate the shelter while Malina discovers the Program within and threatens to tell her Uncle Ron if Sam does not let her join. Her selfishness, and her theft of Link's coin as leverage, allow for the vile Rogue to return, and he uses Malina to bond with Governor Ron in a union bent on controlling the world. Meantime, Tal, Link and Avani pursue life-threatening journeys with their visiting Spirits, and a memory-swept former Vessel, Caspian, joins them bearing a Spirit from Diego's Program in Peru. Caspian's Spirit, a good rogue named Jake, returns to help Tal's visiting Spirit uncover the real killer from the night Jake died. Tal ultimately takes the bullet that had been intended for her that night, and Book Two ends with some twists and a surprise.

Tal returns in Book Three - though in a different role. In addition to Link's, Avani's and Caspian's perilous Vessel/Spirit journeys, Tal, Liam, Sam, Diego, and a host of Spirits, Vessels, Spirit Guard and more will battle Governor Ron and the Rogue to defeat their dark influence.

Anna Elias has worked in production on feature films such as *Nell*, *The Rainmaker*, *The Client*, *12 Monkeys*, *A Time to Kill*, and *Practical Magic*. She has written and co-written spec films and TV scripts, and co-wrote a book adaption for a celebrity actor.

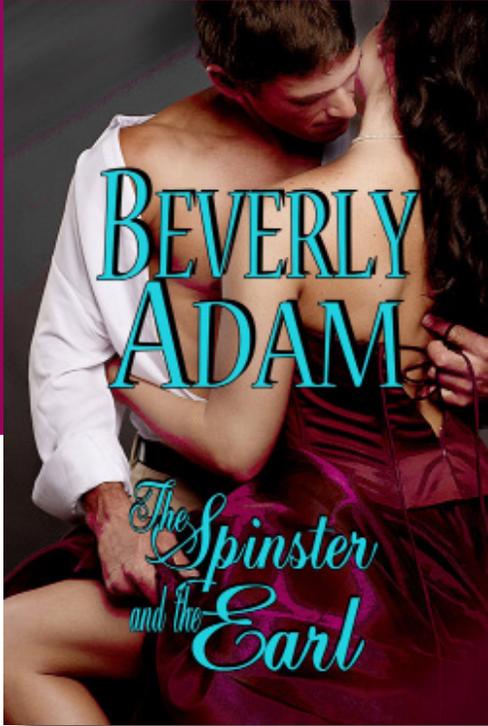


Anna's passion for justice is integral to her writing and has always been essential to her work. This was especially true on the set of John Grisham's, *A Time to Kill*. Canton, Mississippi had just suffered great racial hardship and division in a Mayoral race. With Anna's encouragement, the movie crew took extra steps to befriend, buy from, and work with the townspeople which served to break down walls of inequality and injustice that had divided the town for decades. The impact was so positive that Dan Rather traveled there to tape a 2-part special for 48 Hours.

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The Spinster and the Earl

BOOK 1, Gentlemen of Honor Series: She was known as The Spinster of Brightwood Manor, and that suited Lady Beatrice O'Brien just fine.

She was happy being a spinster; happy running her father's estates while amassing a fortune of her own; happy tending to the needs of her community; and most of all, she was happy not having a man around to tell her what to do.

But when Beatrice accidentally shoots her new neighbor, the Earl of Drennan, her life turns upside-down. Suddenly, this very arrogant gentleman, who also happens to be charming and attractive, makes himself at home at Brightwood Manor, and proceeds to court her!

Beatrice knows one thing for certain. Marriage will complicate her life. But falling in love? That's an entirely different matter.

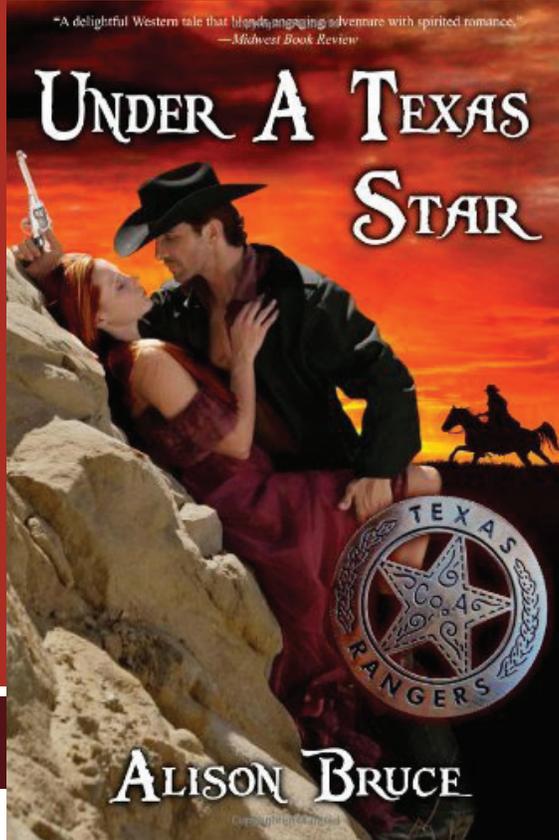
Beverly Adam writes engaging and romantic stories that feature feisty heroines and endearing heroes. She is the author of the Regency Historical romance series Gentlemen of Honor. The redheaded writer currently resides in California where she revisits history on a regular basis as a romance novelist and biographer.



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UNDER A TEXAS STAR

ALISON BRUCE

Disguised as a boy, Marly joins a handsome Texas Ranger in the hunt for a con man and they must bring the fugitive to justice...right after finding a murderer.

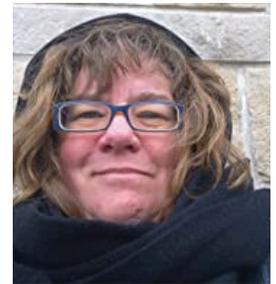
When Marly Landers is fooled by con man Charlie Meese, she's determined to bring him to justice--even if it means dressing up as a boy and setting off across the plains to find him.

Texas Ranger Jase Strachan is also after Meese, for crimes committed in Texas. He joins forces with the young boy in a journey that takes them to Fortuna, where a murder interrupts their mission. Jase is duty bound to find the killer, no matter the cost.

Under the Texas stars, Marly and Jase are drawn together by circumstances beyond their control, yet fate plots to tear them apart. Will Marly finally get her man?

Canadian Alison Bruce writes history, mystery and suspense. Her books combine clever mysteries, well-researched backgrounds and a touch of romance. Her protagonists are marked by their strength of character, sense of humour and the ability to adapt (sooner or later) to new situations. Four of her novels have been finalists for genre awards.

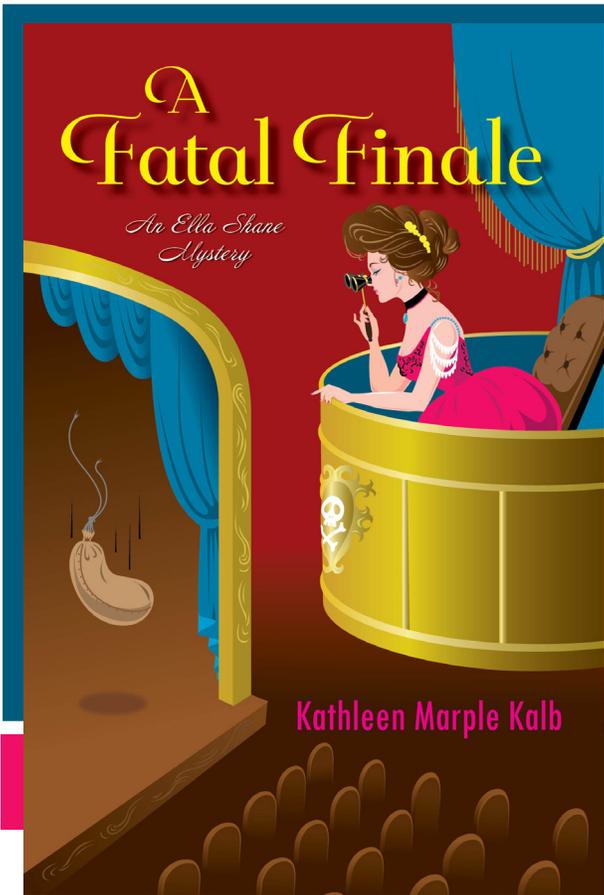
Copywriter, editor and graphic designer since 1992, Alison has also been a comic book store manager, small press publisher and web designer. Currently, she is the Executive Director of Crime Writers of Canada.



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A Fatal Finale

Kathleen Marple Kalb

On the cusp of the twentieth century, Manhattan is a lively metropolis buzzing with talent. But after a young soprano meets an untimely end on stage, can one go-getting leading lady hit the right notes in a case of murder?

New York City, 1899. When it comes to show business, Gilded Age opera singer Ella Shane wears the pants. The unconventional diva breaks the mold by assuming “trouser roles”—male characters played by women—and captivating audiences far and wide with her travelling theatre company. But Ella’s flair for the dramatic takes a terrifying turn when an overacting Juliet to her Romeo drinks real poison during the final act of Bellini’s *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*.

Weeks after the woman’s death is ruled a tragic accident, a mysterious English duke arrives in Greenwich Village on a mission. He’s certain someone is getting away with murder, and the refined aristocrat won’t travel back across the Atlantic until Ella helps him expose the truth.

As Ella finds herself caught between her craft and a growing infatuation with her dashing new acquaintance, she’s determined to decode the dark secrets surrounding her co-star’s fatale finale—before the lights go dark and the culprit appears for an encore . . .

Kathleen Marple Kalb lives with her family in Cheshire, Connecticut. She’s currently a weekend morning anchor at New York’s 1010WINS Radio, capping a career she began as a teenage DJ in rural Western Pennsylvania. She’s currently working on the next Ella Shane historical mystery.



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Book 6 of the David Slaton *ASSASSIN SERIES*

ASSASSIN'S REVENGE

WARD LARSEN

Praise for the Assassin's series:

"A must-read for anyone looking for the next great assassin saga." -Kirkus Reviews on Assassin's Game

"Slaton is the perfect assassin, and this is the perfect action-adventure thriller." -Booklist, starred review, on Assassin's Silence

USA Today bestselling author Ward Larsen's globe-trotting, hard-hitting assassin, David Slaton, returns for another breathless adventure in Assassin's Revenge.

On a sunny dock in Gibraltar, Slaton returns to the sailboat he shares with his wife and young son to find them missing. The only clue to their whereabouts is a cryptic message: If he wants to see them again, he must eliminate an obscure scientist working for the International Atomic Energy Agency. Slaton races to Vienna to unravel the scheme.

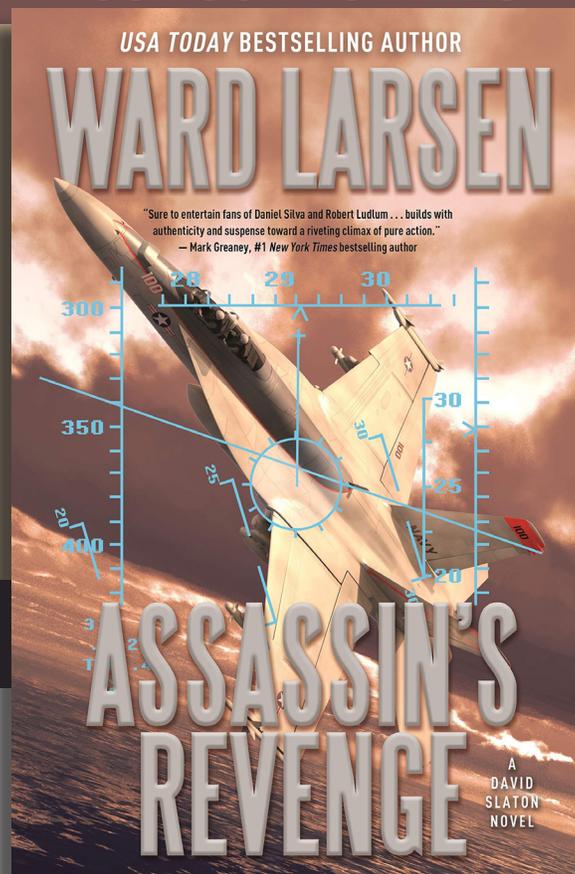
Half a world away, a small team of ISIS operatives arrives in North Korea. It is comprised of two suicidal jihadists, one technician, and the caliphate's only officer with naval experience. Their mission: to reestablish the group's relevance by undertaking a shocking strike against America.

From Europe to North Korea to the Pacific Ocean, Slaton finds himself entangled in a deadly nuclear game. Working against him are a band of suicidal terrorists, supported by a North Korean government that is about to implode. That slate of actors, however, face something even more lethal.

A devoted father and husband—one who happens to be the perfect assassin.



WARD LARSEN is a USA Today bestselling author and five-time winner of the Florida Book Award. His work has been nominated for both the Edgar and Macavity Awards. A former US Air Force fighter pilot, Larsen flew more than twenty missions in Operation Desert Storm. He also served as a federal law enforcement officer and is a trained aircraft accident investigator. Larsen's books include the David Slaton series, which begins with Assassin's Game.



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THE CITY OF THE STARS

Francis Carsac

An envoy from Earth, Tankar Holroy, Lieutenant in the Revolutionary Guard, is sent into space with a message, but his ship is sabotaged. When it explodes, he spins unconscious through the stars with only hours to live. Miraculously, rescued by a city/ship, the Tilsin, he is told by The Teknor that Tankar is now among the People of the Stars who had lived on Earth, but abandoned it centuries ago when faced with the escalating repression, violence and cruelty of the Empire.

The Teknor hands Tankar a Card A to furnish his room and board and recommends he head for the library and read THE HISTORY OF INTERPLANETARY CIVILIZATION. Tankar learns of the cast of refugees: the Pilgrims who fled religious persecution much like the Huguenots; the scientists and tech workers who started over on an uninhabited planet only to be tracked down by Imperial troops who chased them through space for another 23 years until the people of the stars found the first of the city ships and established a social structure without a military class.

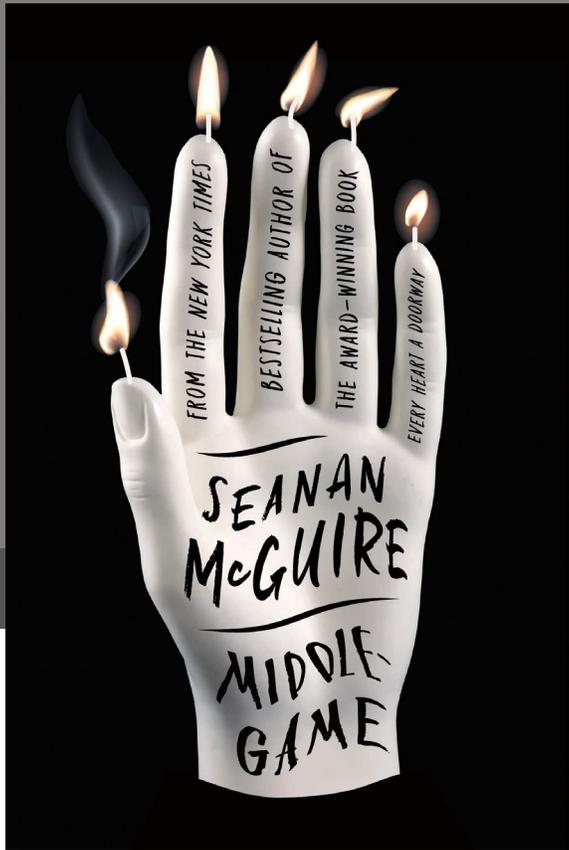
But the people of the stars are now threatened by a new enemy and a non-human species, the Mp-fifis, who are attacking and destroying city ships. Only Tankar can build and share technology for a tracking device to defend The Tilsin, but will he do it? Or will he use his knowledge to bargain his way back to Earth? Only Tankar has the military ability to lead an advance force on the enemy ship and build and plant a bomb, destroying the attacking Mp-fifis.

Never before translated into English, Francis Carsac is considered to be, along with Jules Verne and JH Rosney Aine, one of France's top classic scifi authors. He is listed in the prime directory of major literary authors for French literature Lagarde et Michard XXthC.

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MIDDLE GAME

SEANAN MCGUIRE

"Satisfying on all levels of the reading experience: thrilling, emotionally resonant, and cerebral." -Kirkus, starred review

"This is a fascinating novel by an author of consummate skill." -Publishers Weekly, starred review

"McGuire sets a high bar for alchemy-based stories in this new stand-alone, twisting themes of time and space as seen through the eyes of children. . . . This singular work keeps readers thinking long after the final page."
-Library Journal

Meet Roger. Skilled with words, languages come easily to him. He instinctively understands how the world works through the power of story.

Meet Dodger, his twin. Numbers are her world, her obsession, her everything. All she understands, she does so through the power of math.

Roger and Dodger aren't exactly human, though they don't realise it. They aren't exactly gods, either. Not entirely. Not yet.

Meet Reed, skilled in the alchemical arts like his progenitor before him. Reed created Dodger and her brother. He's not their father. Not quite. But he has a plan: to raise the twins to the highest power, to ascend with them and claim their authority as his own.

Godhood is attainable. Pray it isn't attained.

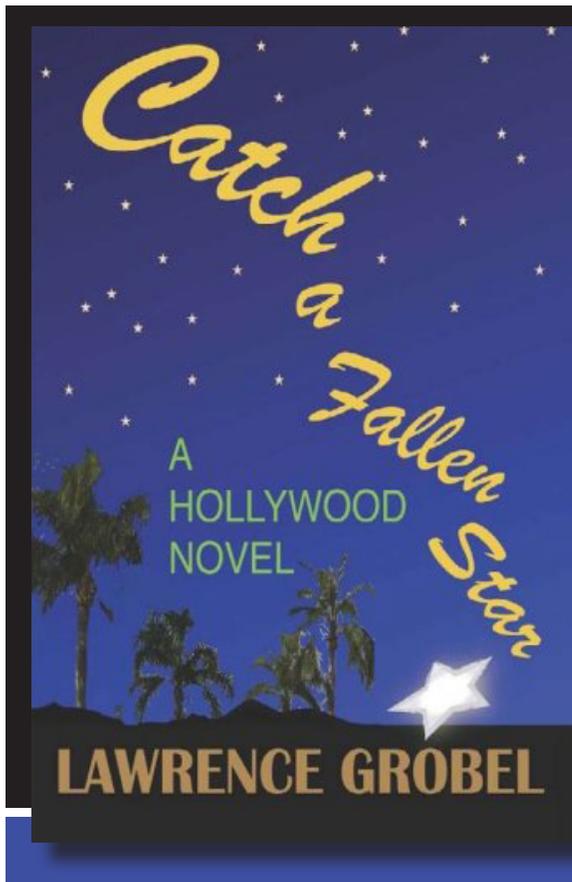
Seanan McGuire is the author of the Hugo, Nebula, Alex and Locus Award-winning Wayward Children series, the October Daye series, the InCryptid series, and other works. She also writes darker fiction as Mira Grant. Seanan lives in Seattle with her cats, a vast collection of creepy dolls, horror movies, and sufficient books to qualify her as a fire hazard. She won the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and in 2013 became the first person to appear five times on the same Hugo ballot.



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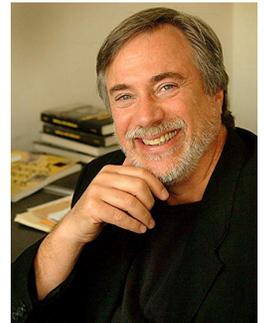


Catch a Fallen Star

LAWRENCE GROBEL

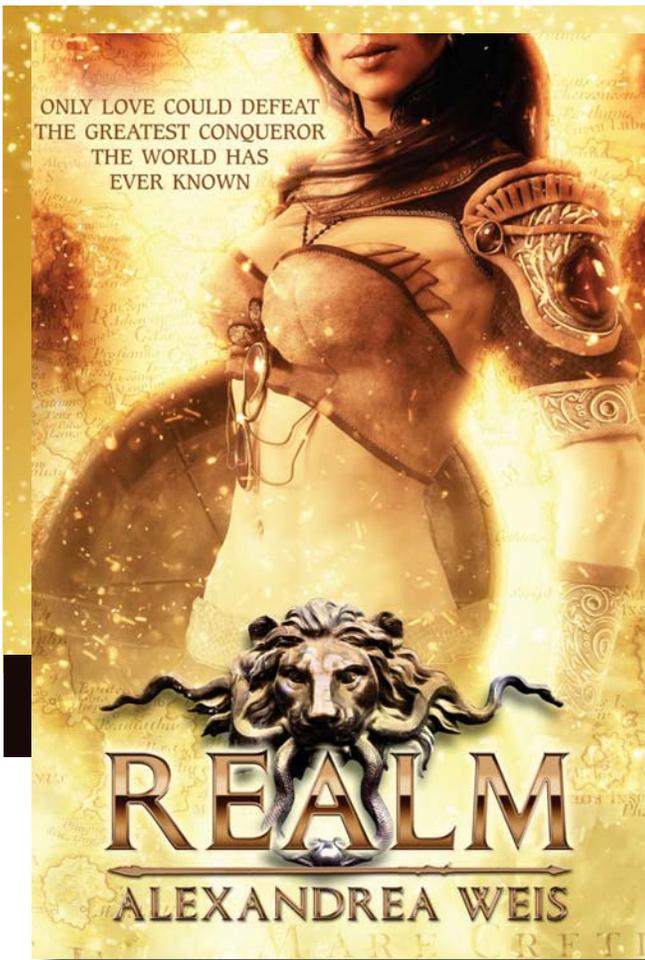
Catch a Fallen Star is the story of Layton Cross, a man who fails upward. It's a private look at the fast-paced life of an actor who achieved stardom after marrying a superstar, but his career unraveled as she outshone him. His downward spiral touches all bases: drugs, divorce, violence, megalomania. Cross's career sinks from bad films to worse TV and an embarrassing stint in the theater--yet his fame and popularity continue to rise. We're privy to all the sordid events: his public battles with both ex-wives; his clash with the head of a major studio; his best friend's deceit; his daughter's troubling secret. Grobel, whose in-depth interviews have appeared in Playboy, Movieline, Premiere, and Rolling Stone, is on familiar territory with this novel.

Lawrence Grobel is a novelist, journalist, biographer, poet and teacher. Four of his 22 books have been singled out as Best Books of the Year by Publisher's Weekly and many have appeared on Best Seller lists. He is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship for his fiction. PEN gave his Conversations with Capote a Special Achievement Award. The French Society of Film Critics awarded his Al Pacino their Prix Littéraire as the Best International Book of 2008. James A. Michener called his biography, The Hustons, "a masterpiece." His The Art of the Interview is used as a text in many journalism schools. Writer's Digest called him "a legend among journalists." Joyce Carol Oates dubbed him "The Mozart of Interviewers" and Playboy singled him out as "The Interviewer's Interviewer" after publishing his interviews with Barbra Streisand, Dolly Parton, Henry Fonda and Marlon Brando. He served in the Peace Corps, teaching at the Ghana Institute of Journalism; created the M.F.A. in Professional Writing for Antioch University; and taught in the English Department at UCLA for ten years. He has appeared on CNN, The Today Show, Good Morning America, The Charlie Rose Show and in two documentaries, Salinger and Al Pacino's Wilde Salome. He is married to the artist Hiromi Oda and they have two daughters.



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REALM

ALEXANDREA WEIS

**ONLY LOVE COULD DEFEAT THE GREATEST
CONQUEROR THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.**

When her homeland of Bactria is conquered by the mighty Alexander of Macedon, Roxana—the daughter of a mere chieftain—is torn from her simple life and thrown into a world of war and intrigue.

Terrified, the sixteen-year-old girl of renowned beauty is brought before the greatest ruler the world has ever known. Her life is in his hands; her future his to decide.

Without formal education or noble blood, Roxana is chosen by the Greek conqueror to be his bride. Soon she comes to know profound happiness and unyielding desire in her warrior's arms.

However, being the king's consort comes at a heavy price. To survive her husband's treacherous kingdom, she must endure continuous warfare, deadly plots, jealous rivals, victory-hungry generals, and the stigma of being a barbarian. Persian blood will keep her from claiming the grandest title of all—queen—but her reign will seal the fate of an empire.

History tells his story. This is hers.

From New Orleans, Alexandra Weis was raised in the motion picture industry and began writing stories at the age of eight. In college, she studied nursing. After finishing her PhD, she decided to pick up the pen once again and begin her first novel. Since that time, she has published many novels and won several national writing awards for fiction. Infusing the rich tapestry of her hometown into her bestselling books, she believes that creating vivid characters makes a story memorable.



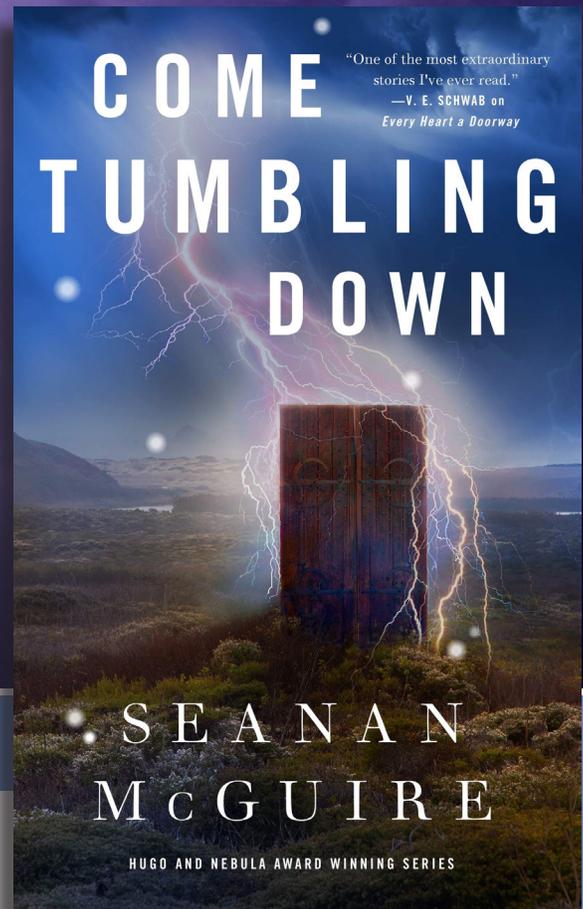
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COME TUMBLING DOWN

SEANAN McGUIRE



The fifth installment in New York Times bestselling author Seanan McGuire's award-winning Wayward Children series, *Come Tumbling Down* picks up the threads left dangling by *Every Heart a Doorway* and *Down Among the Sticks and Bones*

When Jack left Eleanor West's School for Wayward Children she was carrying the body of her deliciously deranged sister—whom she had recently murdered in a fit of righteous justice—back to their home on the Moors.

But death in their adopted world isn't always as permanent as it is here, and when Jack is herself carried back into the school, it becomes clear that something has happened to her. Something terrible. Something of which only the maddest of scientists could conceive. Something only her friends are equipped to help her overcome.

Eleanor West's "No Quests" rule is about to be broken.

Again.

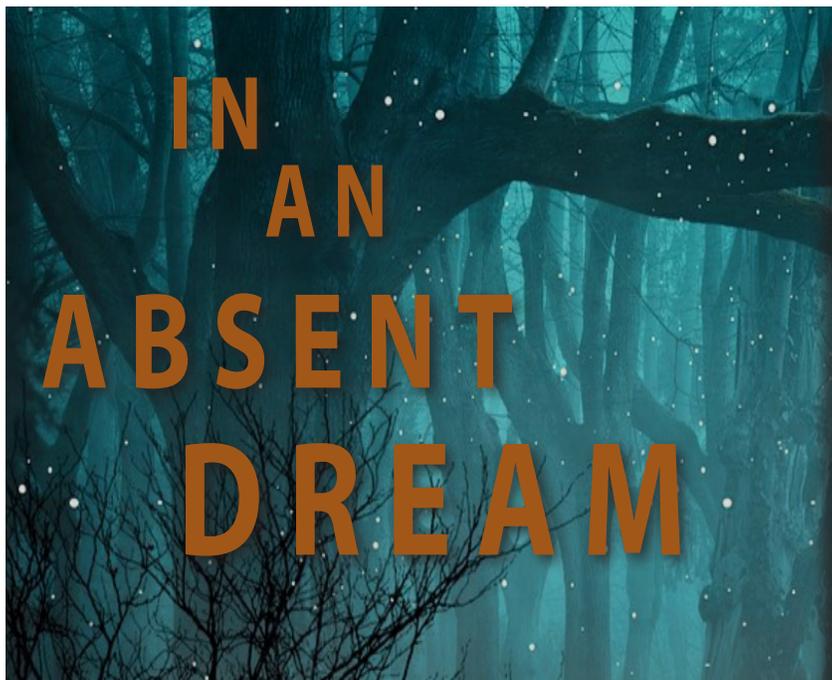


SEANAN McGUIRE is the author of the Hugo, Nebula, Alex and Locus Award-winning Wayward Children series, the October Daye series, the In-Cryptid series, and other works. She also writes darker fiction as Mira Grant. Seanan lives in Seattle with her cats, a vast collection of creepy dolls, horror movies, and sufficient books to qualify her as a fire hazard. She won the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and in 2013 became the first person to appear five times on the same Hugo ballot.

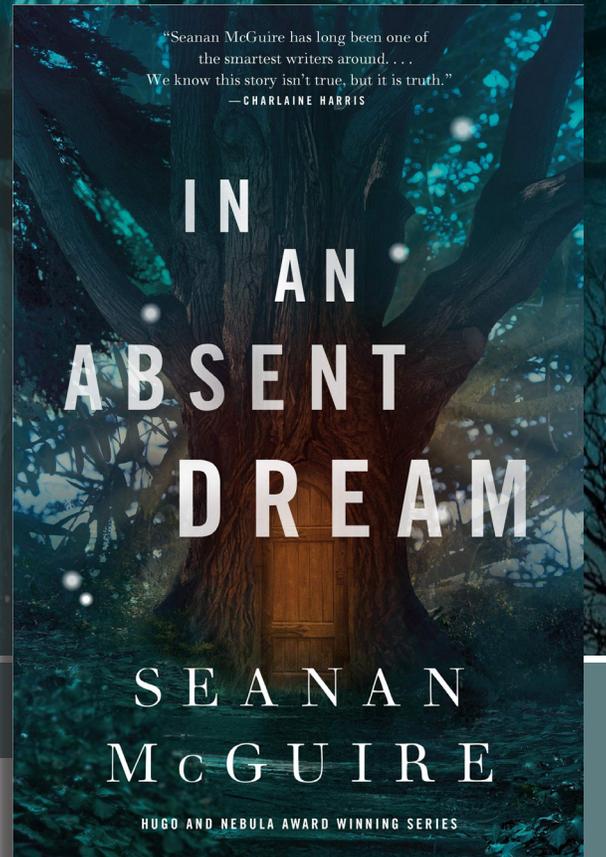
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Praise for Every Heart a Doorway:

"With Every Heart a Doorway, McGuire has created her own mini-masterpiece of portal fantasy - a jewel of a book that deserves to be shelved with Lewis Carroll's and C. S. Lewis' classics, even as it carves its own precocious space between them." -NPR

A stand-alone fantasy tale from Seanan McGuire's Alex award-winning Wayward Children series, which began in the Alex, Hugo, Nebula, and Locus Award-winning, World Fantasy Award finalist, Tiptree Honor List Every Heart a Doorway

This fourth entry and prequel tells the story of Lundy, a very serious young girl who would rather study and dream than become a respectable housewife and live up to the expectations of the world around her. As well she should.

When she finds a doorway to a world founded on logic and reason, riddles and lies, she thinks she's found her paradise. Alas, everything costs at the goblin market, and when her time there is drawing to a close, she makes the kind of bargain that never plays out well.



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*Winner 2017 Hugo and Nebula Award
for Best Novella*

EVERY HEART A DOORWAY

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children

No Solicitations...No Visitors...No Quests

Children have always disappeared under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere... else.

But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children. Nancy tumbled once, but now she's back. The things she's experienced... they change a person. The children under Miss West's care understand all too well. And each of them is seeking a way back to their own fantasy world.

But Nancy's arrival marks a change at the Home. There's a darkness just around each corner, and when tragedy strikes, it's up to Nancy and her new-found schoolmates to get to the heart of the matter... No matter the cost.

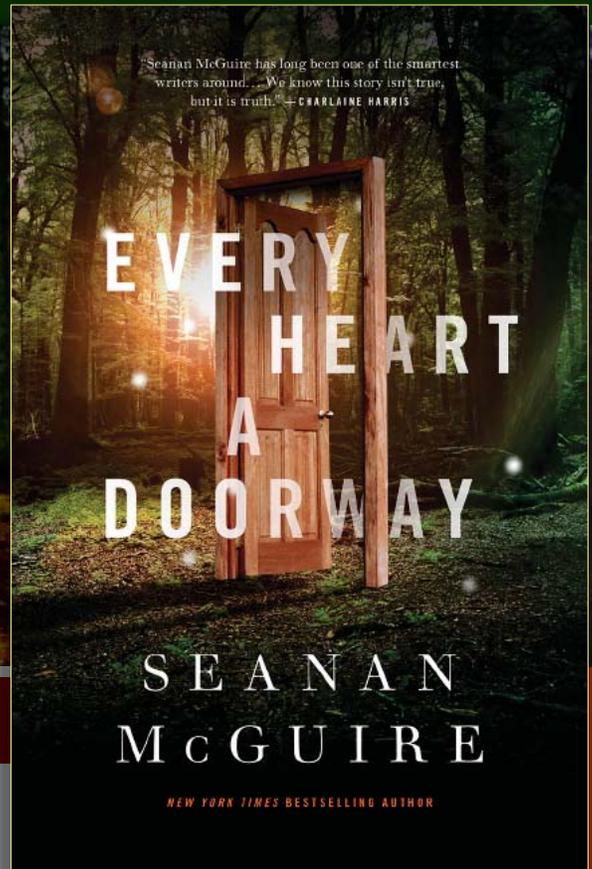


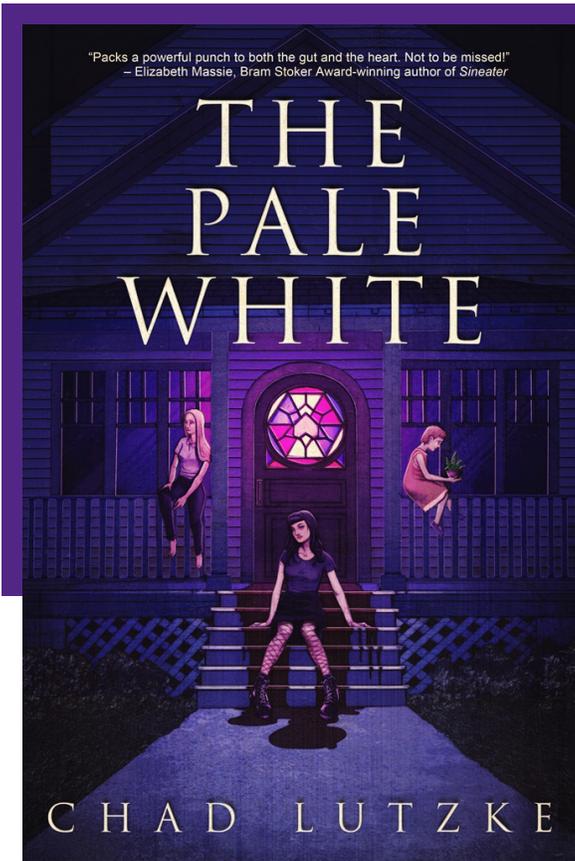
Seanan McGuire was born and raised in Northern California, where she has lived for the majority of her life. She spends most of her time writing or watching television, but also draws a semi-autobiographical comic strip and has released several albums of folk music (science fiction and fantasy themed folk music). To relax, Seanan enjoys travel, and frequents haunted corn mazes, aquariums with good octopus habitats, and Disney Parks. Seanan is remarkably good at finding reptiles and amphibians wherever she goes, sometimes to the dismay of the people she happens to be traveling with.

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THE PALE WHITE

CHAD LUTZKE

*"A harrowing tale of abuse, violence, and the redemptive power of love." -Tim Waggoner, author of *The Forever House**

*"Just when you thought he couldn't, Lutzke plunges the knife deeper. This one hurts good." -Matt Hayward, Bram Stoker Award-nominated author of *What Do Monsters Fear?**

*"Lutzke's *The Pale White* packs a powerful punch to both the gut and the heart. Not to be missed!" -Elizabeth Massie*

After being held against their will in a house used for trafficking, three girls plan their escape.

Alex: A hardened goth-punk who's convinced she's a vampire with a penchant for blood.

Stacia: A seventeen-year-old raised by an alcoholic mother, her fellow captives the only family she's ever truly had.

Kammie: The youngest of the three—a mute who finds solace in a houseplant.

But does life outside the house offer the freedom they'd envisioned? Or is it too late, the scars too deep?

A coming-of-age tale of revenge and survival that explores a friendship and the desperate measures taken to ensure they stay united, held together by the scars that bind them.

This contemporary Suspense Thriller / Horror novella with an all-female cast is the perfect read for fans of Robert R. McCammon, Stephen King, and Jack Ketchum.

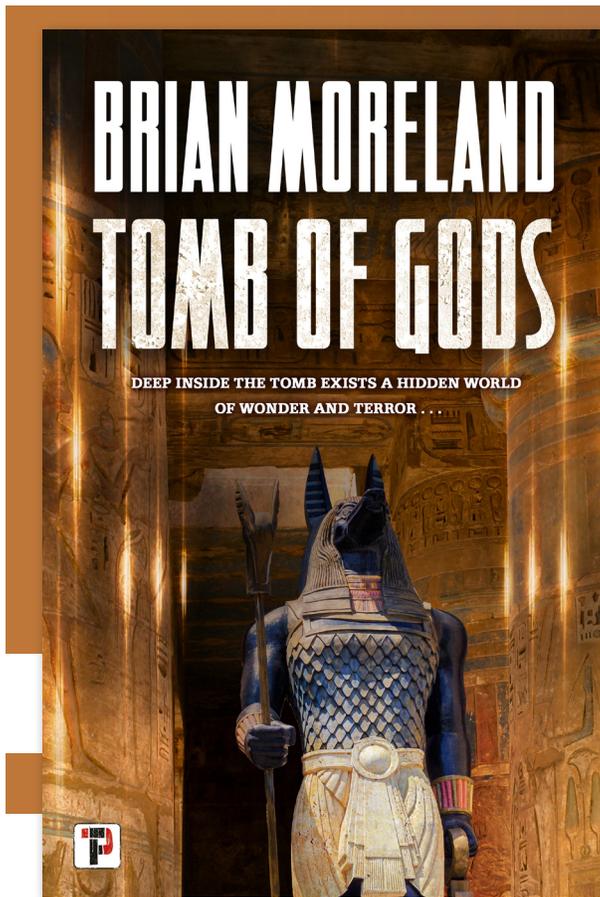
Chad lives in Michigan with his wife and children. For over two decades, he has been a contributor to several different outlets in the independent music and film scene, offering articles, reviews, and artwork. He has written for Famous Monsters of Filmland, Rue Morgue, Cemetery Dance, and Scream magazine. He's had a few dozen stories published, and some of his books include: OF FOSTER HOMES & FLIES, WALLFLOWER, STIRRING THE SHEETS, SKULLFACE BOY, and OUT BEHIND THE BARN co-written with John Boden. Lutzke's work has been praised by authors Jack Ketchum, James Newman, Stephen Graham Jones and his own mother.



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TOMB OF GODS

BRIAN MORELAND

Praise for Brian Moreland:

"Moreland has assembled a masterpiece that I cannot recommend enough. The thin line between horror and beauty in this story is one that must be read. Upon first reading, this is easily one of my favorite horror releases of the year." -Horror Underground

Deep inside the tomb exists a hidden world of wonder and terror . . .

In 1935, a team of British archaeologists entered an Egyptian cave tomb and vanished. A year later, only one man returned covered in mysterious scars.

Egyptologist Imogen Riley desperately wants to know what happened to the ill-fated expedition team, and why her grandfather left her a diary with strange codes. On a quest for answers, she joins a second team of archeologists in the Egyptian desert. Inside a mountain tomb, they've found a technologically advanced relic and a maze of endless tunnels. Dr. Nathan Trummel believes this tomb leads to the most guarded secrets of the pharaohs. When the explorers venture deep into the caves, they discover a realm inhabited by their darkest fears. As they struggle to survive, Imogen, Dr. Trummel, and the rest of their team soon learn why so many before them have disappeared forever.

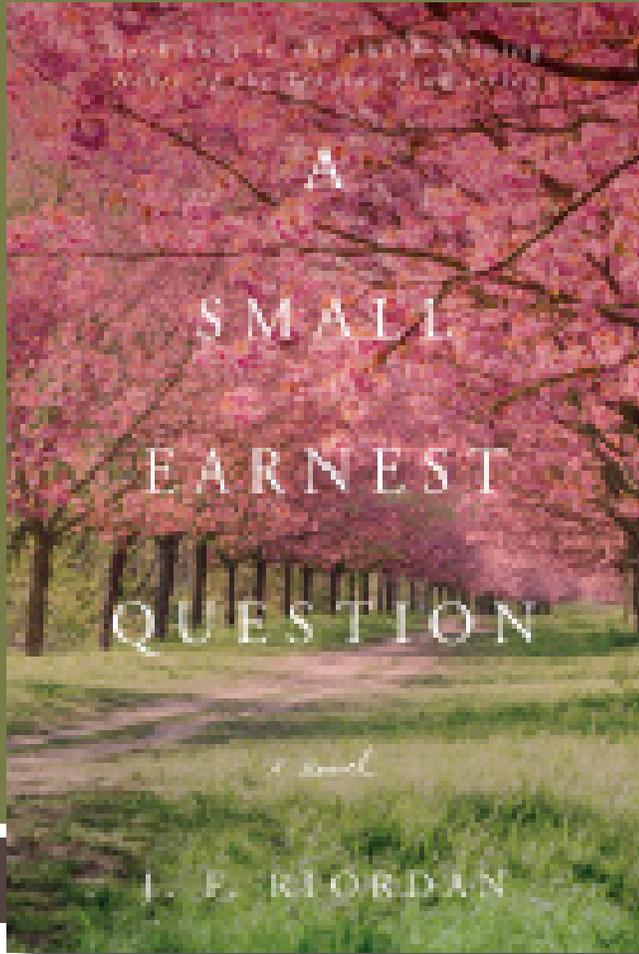
Brian Moreland writes dark suspense, thrillers, and horror. His books include DEAD OF WINTER, SHADOWS IN THE MIST, THE WITCHING HOUSE, THE DEVIL'S WOODS, THE SEEKERS, DARKNESS RISING, and TOMB OF GODS. A native Texan now living in Nashville, Tennessee, Brian is enjoying life and writing new thrilling fiction.



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A SMALL EARNEST QUESTION

J. F. RIORDAN

Life on Washington Island is always interesting. Elisabeth and Roger's new hotel is open and offering some unusual amenities. Eddie and Oliver Robert have started a great books club, and Emily Martin, not to be outdone, decides what the Island most needs is a literary festival, complete with a famous author. Pali and Ben have a spiritual encounter that will change them both. Meanwhile, Fiona must determine her answers to some very important questions. Lyrical, engrossing, and sharply insightful, J. F. Riordan's novels are a quiet tribute to the ordinary life, well-lived.

J.F. Riordan was born in New Jersey and first moved to Michigan, then Wisconsin as a child. At the age of 14 she decided to become an opera singer, and was fortunate in the aftermath to have been able to sing. At 16, after two years of high school, she went to the University of New Mexico to study voice, continued her music studies in Chicago and Milwaukee, and ultimately became a professional singer. Homesick after years of travel, she came home to the Midwest, finished her college degree, and became certified to teach high school. She taught for three years in the inner city before taking a position as a program officer for a foundation. She lives in exile from Washington Island with her husband and two dogs. North of the Tension Line is her first novel.



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A NOVEL OF PARANORMAL HORROR

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SEAN PADRAIC MCCARTHY

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"Reminiscent of THE SHINING, with lively twists and unique notions" -Michael Hathaway, Chiron Review

"Dark and emotionally creepy,...In the Midst of the Sea is a haunting debut from a talented new voice" -Foreword Reviews

Trapped in an isolated old house on Martha's Vineyard in winter, Diana Barlow is either seeing ghosts or losing her mind ...

After an estrangement from her parents, Diana came to Martha's Vineyard to start a new life with her husband Ford and young daughter Samantha. The beautiful Victorian house that Ford inherited seemed the perfect home for a fresh beginning. But in the winter, when the tourists go home and the island is deserted, Diana is afraid she's going crazy. Specters of people long dead flicker in and out of her vision. The antique dolls in her house never stay where they're put. Samantha suddenly has a whole group of imaginary friends who live in the house and tell her terrible things. And Ford is becoming increasingly moody, unpredictable, and violent.

While Diana investigates the horrifying history of the house, the past, the present, the living and the dead fatally intertwine, and Diana realizes she and her daughter must escape — if Ford and the house will let her.

Sean Padraic McCarthy's short stories have appeared in Glimmer Train, The Hopkins Review, Prole, Supernatural Tales, The Indianola Review, South Dakota Review, The Sewanee Review, 2 Bridges Review, Water~Stone Review, Hayden's Ferry Review, Shadowgraph Magazine, Fifth Wednesday Journal, and South Dakota Review. McCarthy's story "Better Man"—originally published in december magazine—was listed as a "Distinguished Story" in The Best American Short Stories 2015. He is a ten-time Top 25 Finalist in the Glimmer Train Fiction Open Award, and a 2016 recipient of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Artist Fellowship in Fiction Award. In the Midst of the Sea is McCarthy's first novel. He lives near Boston, Massachusetts.

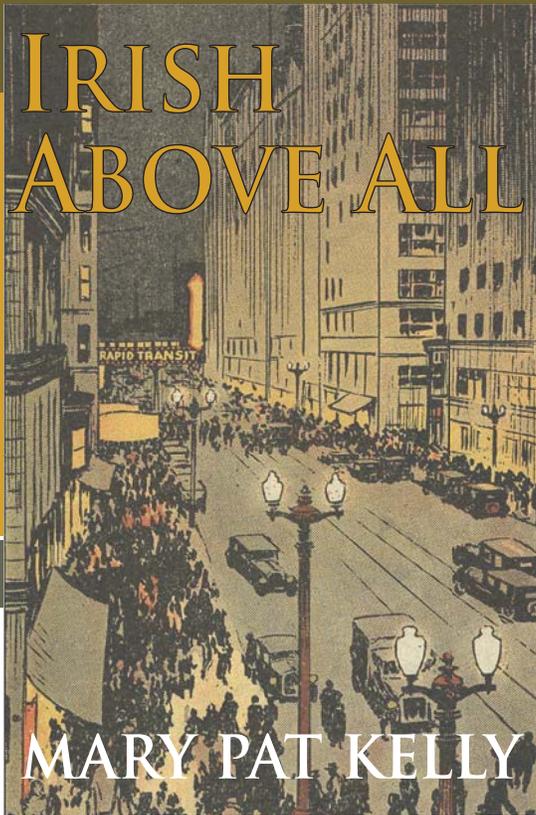


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The Kelly Family Saga in development for television mini-series, with Jean Doumanian and Jim Sheridan producing and directed by Jim Sheridan (My Left Foot)



IRISH ABOVE ALL

Book Three

MARY PAT KELLY

The third book of the Kelly family saga, is based on the true story of the rise of the Kelly-Nash political machine in Chicago. The lean years have given way to the years of power, money and politics on a grand scale. The backdrop -- years of prohibition, the Great Depression and the rise of the highly influential Democratic machine in Chicago.

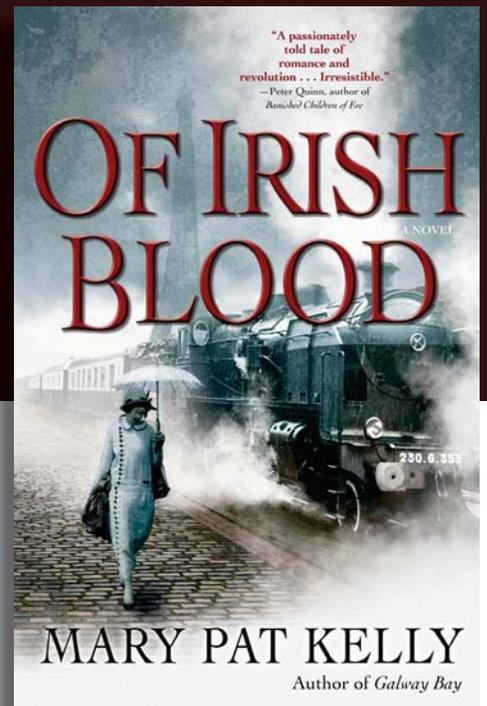
Now 43 and back from Paris, Nora is central in her family and as Mayor Ed's official photographer, she is part of the inner circle which includes everyone from Capone to Roosevelt to Joe Kennedy and of course, Mayor Ed Kelly.

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OF IRISH BLOOD

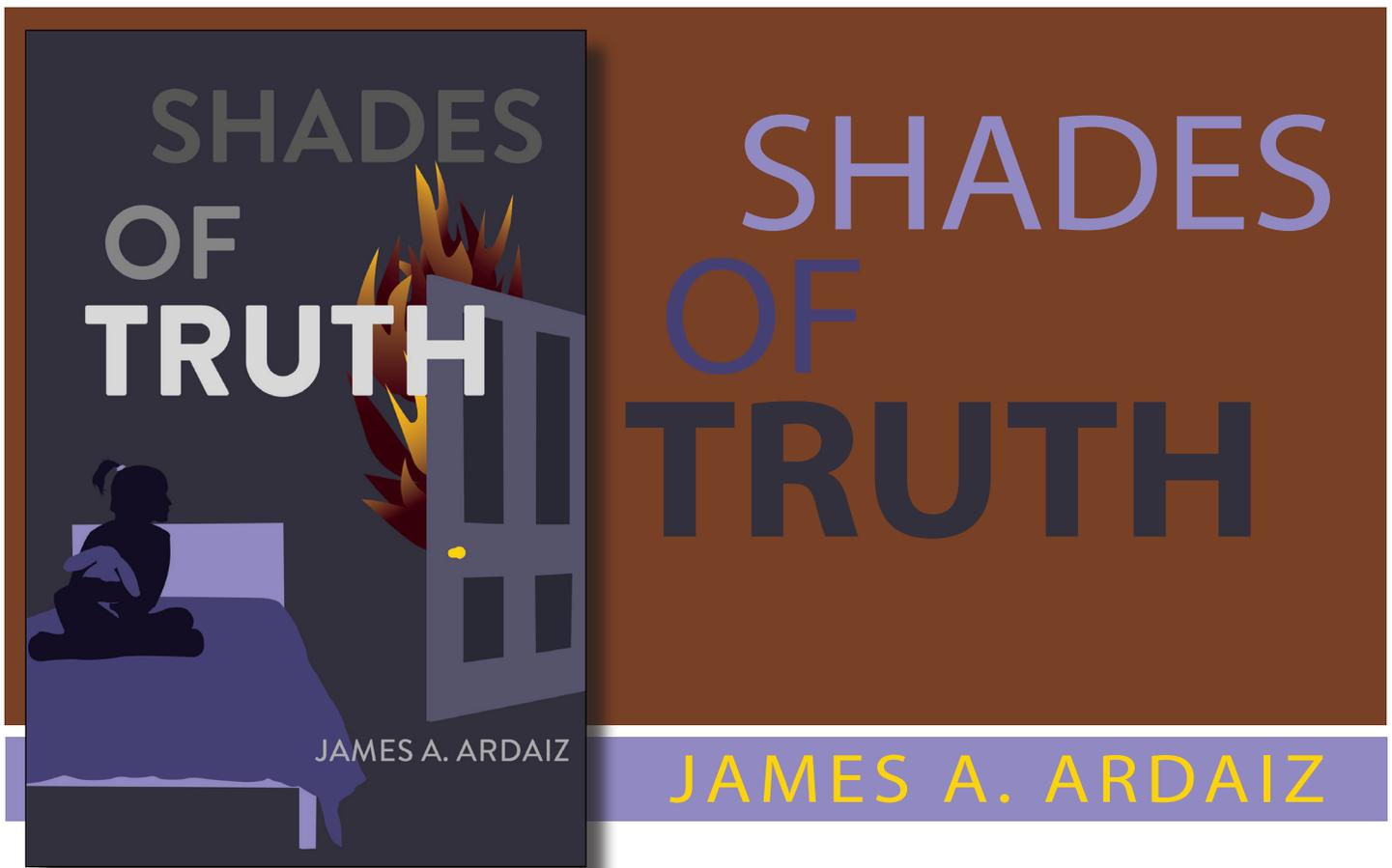
Book Two

Based on the author's family, *Of Irish Blood* follows the author's great aunt Nora Kelly from Chicago to Paris where she becomes involved in the exciting worlds of high fashion, art and politics. She meets Irish revolutionaries, wounded soldiers and struggling artists as well as the famous figures from "The Lost Generation". She jumps into the fray as she volunteers with the injured and goes undercover to Ireland during the Irish War of Independence. The time is 1903-1922 -- a time of great change for the world and passionate love for Nora.



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Reopening a cold murder case uncovers disturbing secrets ... and forces a young prosecutor to an agonizing decision.

Everyone knew Rick Harker was guilty. Twenty-six years ago he murdered Lisa Foster and set her body on fire. Lisa's three-year-old daughter Christine identified Harker as the murderer, and he's been in San Quentin ever since. But now the adult Christine Foster is recanting her testimony--handing assistant DA Matt Jamison a case that will test his character and his convictions. While Harker's idealistic attorney demands a new trial, Jamison retraces the original investigation, trying to find if there is any doubt of Harker's guilt. When Jamison finds evidence of corruption in the DA's office he is faced with a career-destroying question: Is exposing the truth worth the damage?

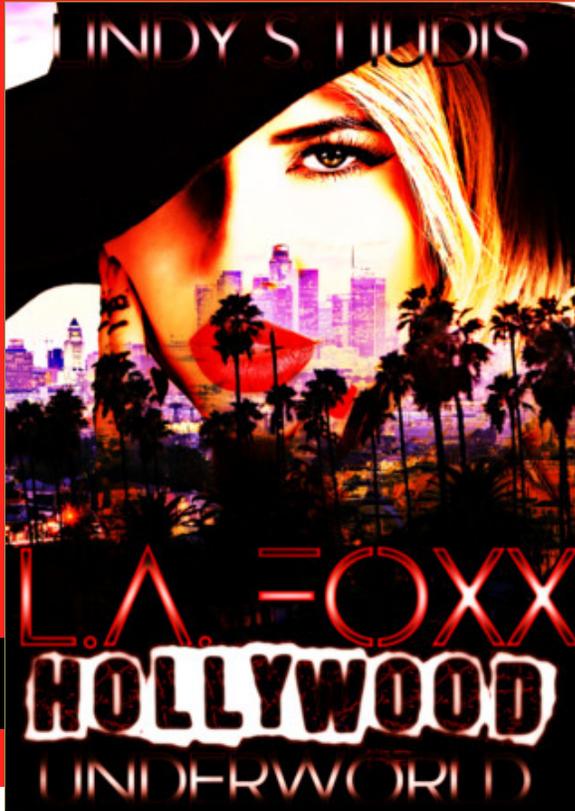
James A. Ardaiz is a former prosecutor, judge, and Presiding Justice of the California Fifth District Court of Appeal. His first book was *Hands Through Stone*, a nonfiction account of the investigation and prosecution of murderer Clarence Ray Allen.



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L.A. FOXX

LINDY S. HUDIS

Dani Foxx is a gorgeous, sexy and spirited Los Angeles personal manager to the stars of tomorrow. She has spunk, guts and a take-no-prisoners attitude. She lives in the San Fernando Valley with her teen-age daughter Dale, and together they survive and protect each other in the world's most glamorous and sin-filled city.

Dani is a former actress and model who is all too familiar with the pitfalls, dangers and perils that occur within the City of Angels. Being FULLY aware of the sordid underbelly of Los Angeles she now uses her talents and aptitude to assist others who have found themselves in similarly harrowing situations.

Her friend, the dashing and charismatic A.J. Tarentella, was raised in a ruthless crime family. Being the son of a mob boss, he fought his way to the top with honor, loyalty and pride and is now the proud owner of the Tarantella Agency, an immensely respected Private Investigation Company located in the heart of Beverly Hills. Together, A.J. and Dani navigate the dangerous underworld of Los Angeles. From the time they joined forces, they were destined to be a lethal and dynamic combination.

When the sordid underbelly of Tinseltown hits Dani's personal life and family, she must use every ounce of strength and fearlessness she has. Dani has to take chances that will test her strength, her will-power, and her family. The famous and infamous will tempt her with extreme power and enormous wealth, and thrust her forcefully into the wild side of Tinseltown- where everyone has their secrets and is ruled by ruthless ambition.

Lindy S. Hudis is a graduate of New York University, where she studied drama at Tisch School of the Arts. She also performed in a number of Off-Off Broadway theater productions while living in New York City. Lindy is the author of several titles, including her romance suspense novel, *Weekends*, her Hollywood story, *City of Toys*, and her crime novel, *Crashers*. Her latest release, "L.A. Foxx: Hollywood Underworld" is the first installment of a crime, mystery series.

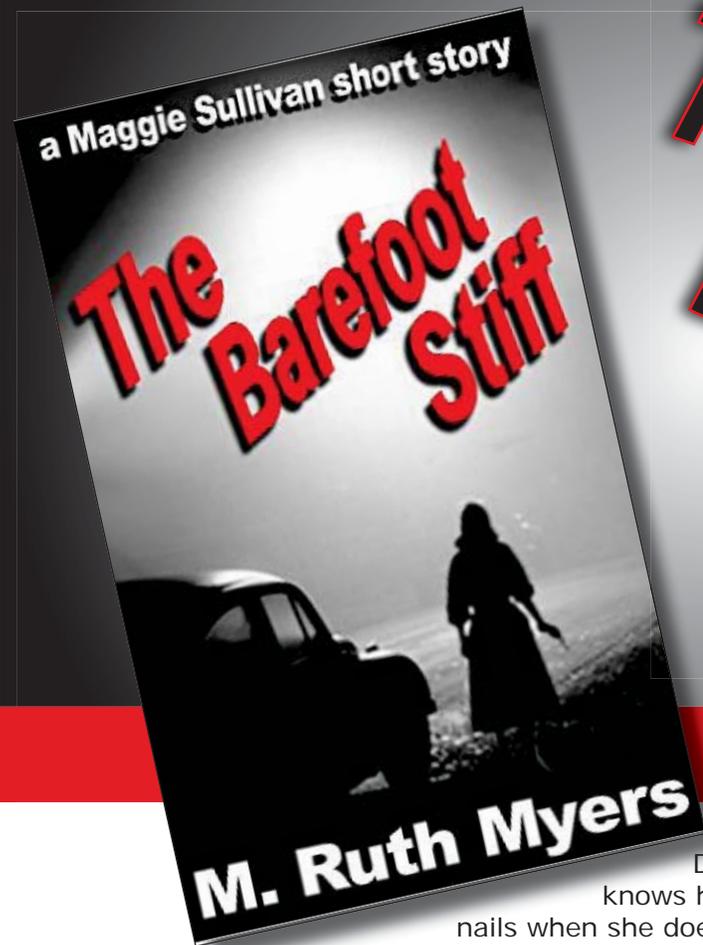


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From 2014 Shamus Award Winner M. Ruth Myers



The Barefoot Stiff

M. Ruth Myers

Depression-era private investigator Maggie Sullivan knows how to be tough when she needs to and polish her nails when she doesn't. She's drawn into a stranger's murder in this SHORT STORY featuring characters from the Maggie Sullivan mystery novels.

A job offer from a blonde at a dime store lunch counter lures the detective to a still-warm corpse in an alley. His gold watch and cufflinks are still on him, but not his shoes and socks.

A night of grilling by homicide cops does nothing to improve Maggie's mood, which deteriorates further when they laugh off a lead she gives them and imply she solves cases by batting her eyes instead of using her brains.

Aided by a ragtag newsboy, Maggie baits a trap for the killer. He shows up with a knife. But Maggie wields a .38 as expertly as she does an emery board — and she doesn't back down for thugs or authorities when she's after answers.

A woman sleuth like none you've met and historical atmosphere meet in the streets of a small Ohio city, capturing a 20th century America before cell phones or carry-out coffee cups in this short story reminiscent of the golden age of private eyes.

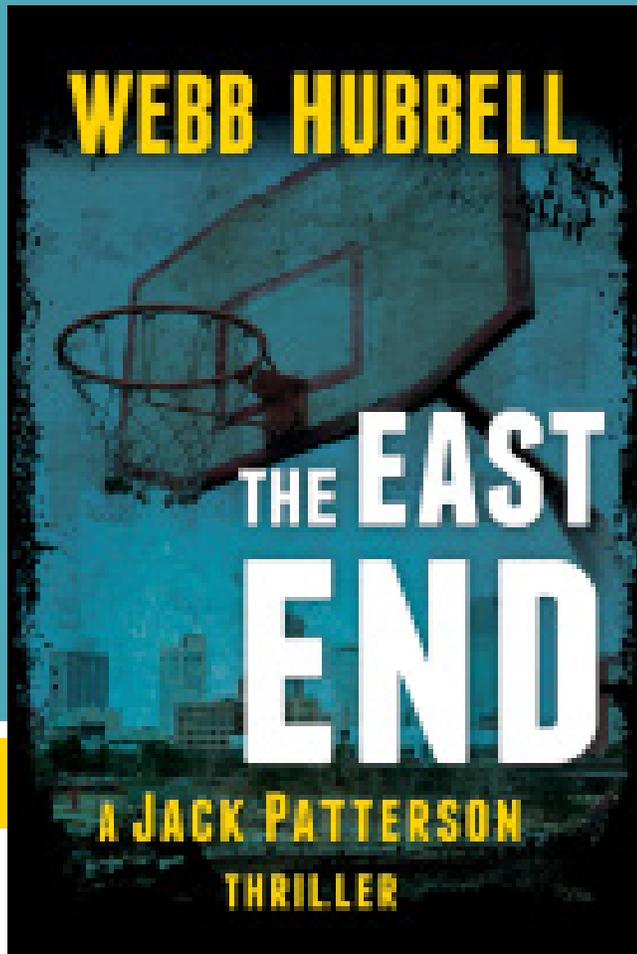
M. Ruth Myers is a Shamus Award winning mystery writer. Her Maggie Sullivan mystery series features a Depression era private eye in Dayton, Ohio. Other novels by the author have been translated and optioned for television. They have also been used in college classes in Japan. She and her husband are long-time Ohio residents with one grown daughter.



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THE EAST END

WEBB HUBBELL

Jack Patterson returns to Little Rock at the request of his boyhood friend Sam Pagano, but when Jack arrives, he's abducted and taken to a remote swamp where he's beaten and lynched by men set on revenge. Clovis Jones, his friend and bodyguard, finds Jack near death and gets him to a hospital.

As Jack recovers, he learns Sam's college sweetheart, Jana Hall, is now a doctor who established and ran Arkansas's health clinics for the poor including one in Little Rock's East End. Jana's efforts stepped on the toes of some powerful people, including someone who wants her clinics shut down, her medical practice ended, and for her to spend the rest of her life in jail. Meanwhile, someone has killed the men who tried to lynch Jack, and Jack is the prime suspect in the murders.

To make matters worse, Jack must defend Jana without the aid of his trusted assistant, Maggie, and his usual co-counsel, Micki Lawrence. Jack faces an unethical special prosecutor, a judge on the take, and the shadowy power broker bent on destroying Dr. Hall and her health clinics. Why Jana has become such a target, no one seems to know. Every time Jack thinks he has caught a break or sees a way to exonerate Dr. Hall, his adversaries or his client put a new obstacle in his path, including a second killer bent on settling an old score.

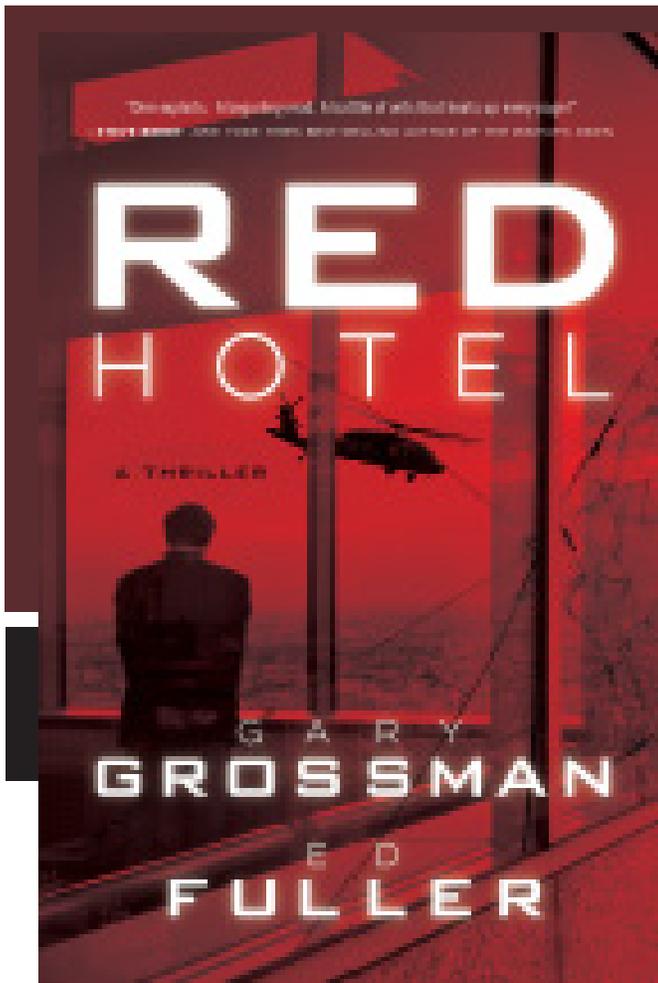
Jack's courtroom tactics fail, his client wants to plead guilty to protect her patients, and in a last-ditch effort to overcome the long odds against his client he resorts to a complicated and dangerous strategy. The strategy will either save Jana's life and reputation, or get Jack disbarred, his client put away for life, or worse—get Jack killed.

Webb Hubbell, former Associate Attorney General of the United States, is an author and lecturer. His novels, *When Men Betray*, *Ginger Snaps*, and *A Game Of Inches*, and his memoir, *Friends in High Places* are published by Beaufort Books. *When Men Betray* won one of the IndieFab awards for best novel in 2014. *Ginger Snaps* Won the IPPY Awards Gold Medal for best suspense/thriller.

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RED HOTEL

GARY GROSSMAN
ED FULLER

When a bomb rips the façade off the Kensington Hotel in Tokyo, dozens are killed and injured while one man walks calmly away from the wreckage, a coy smile playing on his lips. Former Army intelligence officer Dan Reilly, now an international hotel executive with high level access to the CIA, makes it his mission to track him down. He begins

a jet-setting search for answers as the clock ticks down to a climactic event that threatens NATO and the very security of member nations. Reilly begins mining old contacts and resources in an effort to delve deeper into the motive behind these attacks, and fast. Through his connections he learns that the Tokyo bomber is not acting alone. But the organization behind the perpetrator is not who they expect. Facilitated by the official government from a fearsome global superpower, the implications and reasons for these attacks are well beyond anything Reilly or his sources in the CIA and State Department could have imagined, and point not to random acts of terror, but calculated acts of war. RED Hotel is an incredibly timely globe-trotting thriller that's fiction on the edge of reality.

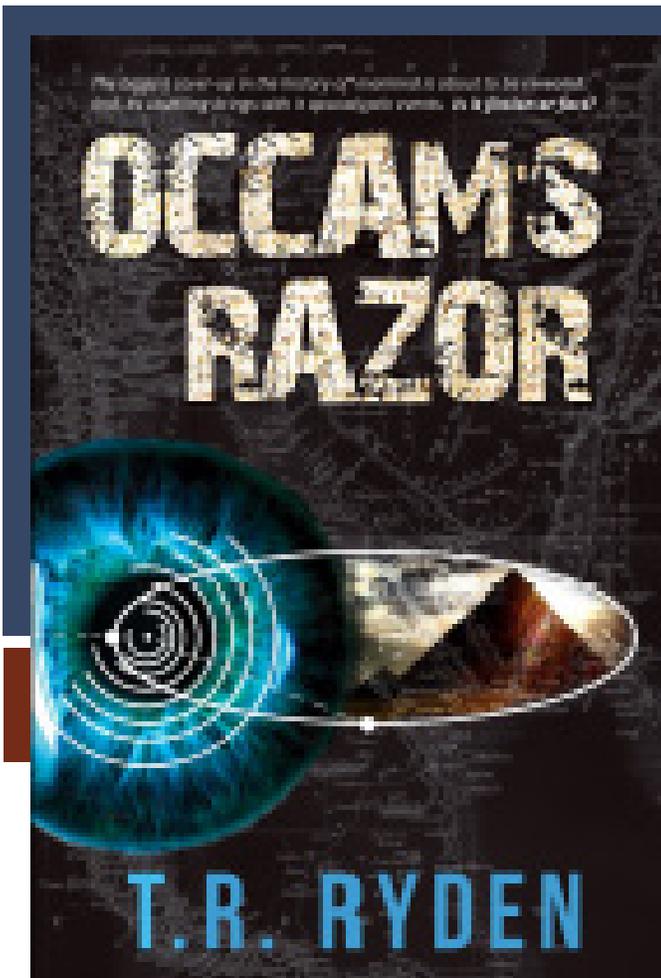
Ed Fuller is a hospitality industry leader, educator, and best-selling author of the international Top 20 bestselling business book, *You Can't Lead with Your Feet on the Desk*. He is President of the Irvine, California-based Laguna Strategic Advisors, a global consortium that provides business consulting services to corporations and governments. Ed is also Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigators National Academy Associates Foundation Board. He served as a Captain in the US Army in Germany and Vietnam and was decorated with a Bronze Star and Army Commendation medals.

Gary Grossman is a multiple Emmy Award winning television producer and author of the international political thrillers *Executive Actions*, *Executive Treason*, *Executive Command*, *Executive Force*, and *Old Earth*. He has also written two highly regarded non-fiction books on TV history. Grossman has been published by Dell/Delacorte, Byron Preiss Publishing, Diversion Books, Harlequin, Arlington House, and CBS/Popular Library. He has worked for NBC News, served as a columnist for the Boston Herald American, written for the Boston Globe and the New York Times. Grossman is Contributing Editor to Media Ethics Magazine and has produced more than 10,000 television programs for 40 networks. He's a member of ITW, the International Thriller Writers Association and the Military Writers Society of America.

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OCCAM'S RAZOR

T.R. RYDEN

When ancient artifacts discovered in the Great Pyramid of Giza shed new light on a DNA pattern identified by a world-renowned molecular biologist, venture capitalist, James Anderson, is thrust into an action-packed road of scientific exploration and discovery. An unlikely participant in the events that begin to unfold, Anderson and his team, pursued by those who don't want this new information out, realize they have stumbled upon the greatest and most terrifying cover-up in the history of the human race.

Occam's Razor is a chilling speculative fiction thriller which ties together several well-known, and some not so famous controversial theories concerning alien visitation, human evolution, ancient legends, and the cosmos. The novel explains how it could be very plausible to imagine that the powers that be may already know about an impending disaster and caught between all this are the novel's unfortunate characters as they struggle to figure out what to do in the face of unstoppable catastrophe.

As an attorney and technology entrepreneur, Todd R. Ryden has built and sold companies to Motorola, Comcast, and other global institutions. He received his undergraduate education at Purdue University, received his law degree from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, and has a Certificate in European Legal Studies from Tulane University School of Law, Paris, France.

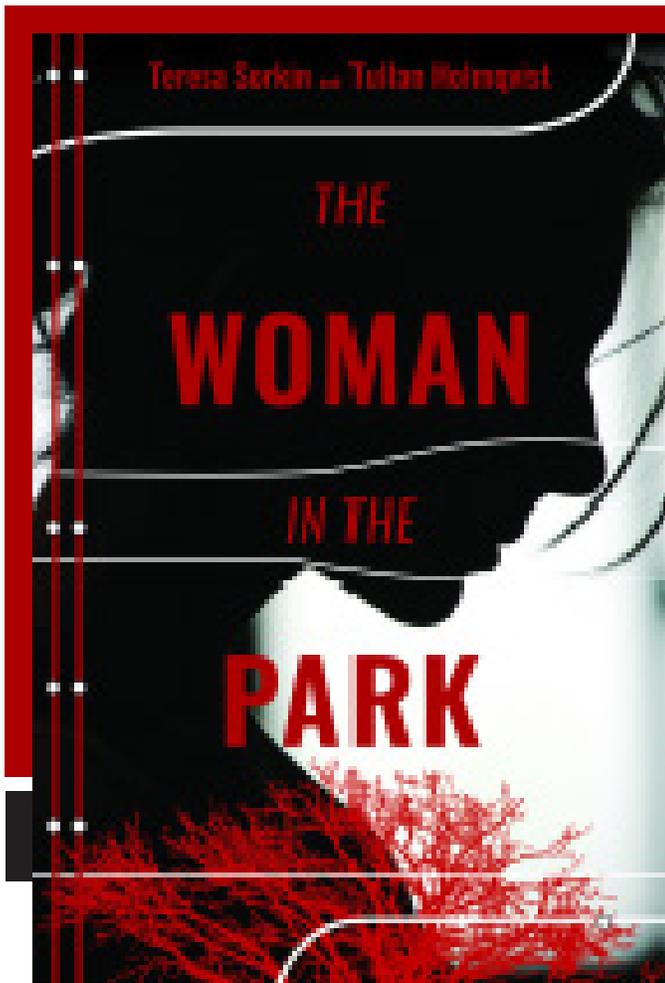
Occam's Razor demonstrates his keen interest in science and the unanswered questions that riddle us all. As a dyslexic he views fact patterns, information, and connectivity of evidence a little differently from most people, and he suspects this contributed to his creation of this unique conspiracy thriller.

Mr. Ryden is passionate about philanthropies that focus on children facing adversity and works with organizations that pursue educational reform in struggling urban communities and schools. He has served in a Board capacity with Big Brother & Big Sisters, Christel House, and other children-focused nonprofits. He is married to his high school sweetheart and has three sons.

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THE WOMAN IN THE PARK

Teresa Sorkin

When Manhattanite Sarah Rock meets a mysterious and handsome stranger in the park, she is drawn to him. Sarah wants to get away from her daily routine, her cheating husband and his crazy mistress, her frequent sessions with her heartless therapist, and her moody children.

But nothing is as it seems. Her life begins to unravel when a woman from the park goes missing and Sarah becomes the prime suspect in the woman's disappearance. Her lover is nowhere to be found, her husband is suspicious of her, and her therapist is talking to the police. With no one to trust, Sarah must face her inner demons and uncover the truth to prove her innocence.

A thriller that questions what is real—with its shocking twists, secrets, and lies—*The Woman in the Park* will leave readers breathless.

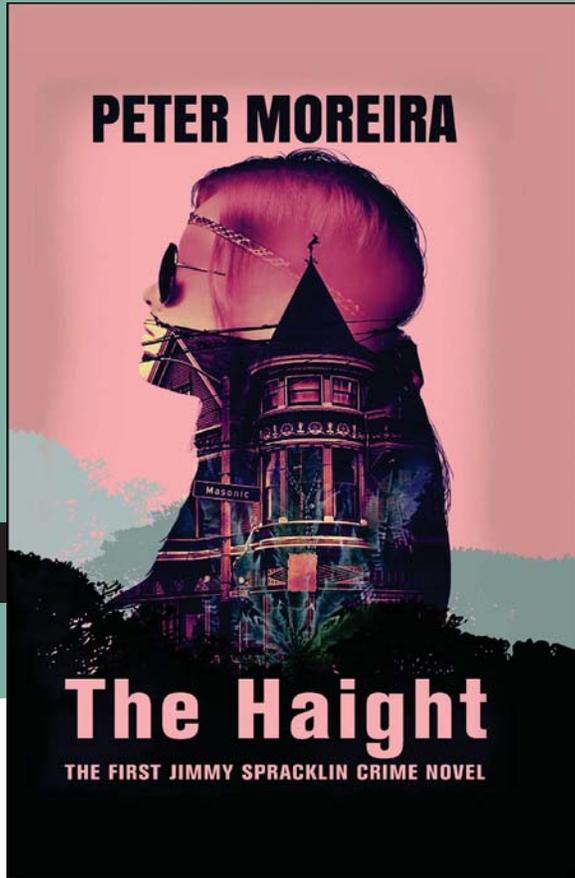
Teresa Sorkin is a Television Producer with a passion for creating, writing, telling, sharing and producing great stories. She is the founder of Roman Way Productions, a production company with 32 projects in development. Teresa has produced shows and films for various networks and studios. Teresa received her degree in Marketing and Media from New York University (NYU) and Bocconi University in Milan. She was a journalist for RAI TV where she worked on entertainment and fashion hosting her own show for the network. When Teresa isn't working on the best next story, she spends time with her husband Ian and two children.

Tullan Holmqvist is an investigator, writer and actor and is the coauthor of the psychological thriller novel and screenplay *The Woman in the Park* with producer Teresa Sorkin. Tullan's work as a private investigator has included global fraud investigations, financial due diligence and art cases. She has a master's degree in political science from the University of Florence; literature and language degrees from universities in France and Italy; and screenwriting and acting studies at New York University, Boston University, MH and HB Studios. Originally from Sweden, Tullan lives in New York with her composer-attorney husband Giovanni and two sons.

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The Haight

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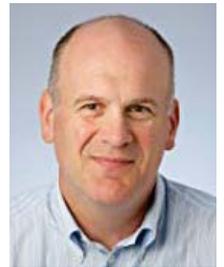
Jimmy Spracklin thinks he knows Haight-Ashbury when he's called out to the neighborhood to investigate the murder of artist John Blakely in the spring of 1968. Marie, Spracklin's beloved step-daughter, ran away to the birthplace of acid rock during the Summer of Love the previous year. What

Spracklin learns quickly is that heroin is now replacing acid as the most popular drug in Haight-Ashbury. Gangs are taking over. The scene is getting violent.

Now Spracklin, the head of the San Francisco Police Department's famed Bureau of Inspectors, must catch Blakely's killer while he struggles to bring his daughter home.

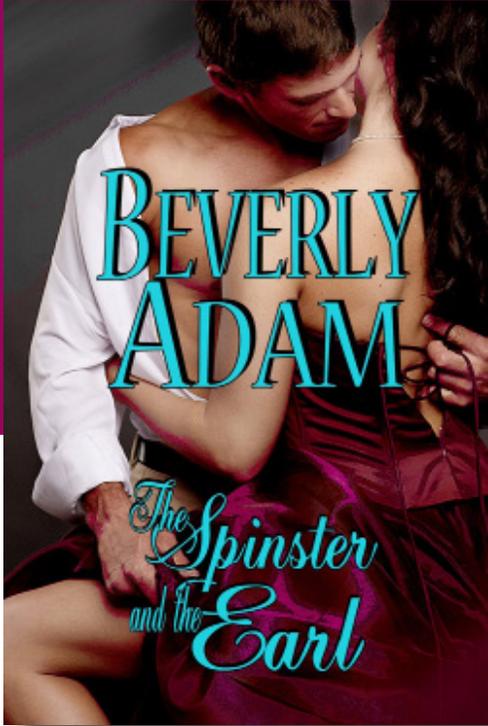
THE HAIGHT is the story of Jimmy Spracklin's mission to solve a string of murders in Haight-Ashbury before they claim Marie as another victim. The first book in The Haight crime series, this is a taut, fast-paced thriller that captures the color and turmoil of the 1960s.

An author of three non-fiction books, Peter Moreira spent more than 30 years in journalism in Asia, Europe and North America. He worked for a decade with The Deal of New York, serving as London Bureau Chief and then covering M&A and finance in the U.S. At Bloomberg, he covered European and U.K. banking and finance. He previously worked for the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong, Knight-Ridder Financial in Hong Kong and Seoul, and the Canadian Press's parliamentary bureau in Ottawa. His writing has appeared in USA Today, the Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star, National Post, the Chronicle-Herald and the Independent on Sunday (London). Peter is the author of Hemingway on the China Front (Potomac, 2006) Backwater: Nova Scotia's Economic Decline (Nimbus 2009), and The Jew Who Defeated Hitler (Prometheus, 2014). He presented an academic paper to the Hemingway Society's biennial conference in Ronda, Spain, has been the keynote speaker at the Hemingway Symposium in Ketchum, Idaho, and has had his fiction read on RTHK in Hong Kong.



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The Spinster and the Earl

BOOK 1, Gentlemen of Honor Series: She was known as The Spinster of Brightwood Manor, and that suited Lady Beatrice O'Brien just fine.

She was happy being a spinster; happy running her father's estates while amassing a fortune of her own; happy tending to the needs of her community; and most of all, she was happy not having a man around to tell her what to do.

But when Beatrice accidentally shoots her new neighbor, the Earl of Drennan, her life turns upside-down. Suddenly, this very arrogant gentleman, who also happens to be charming and attractive, makes himself at home at Brightwood Manor, and proceeds to court her!

Beatrice knows one thing for certain. Marriage will complicate her life. But falling in love? That's an entirely different matter.

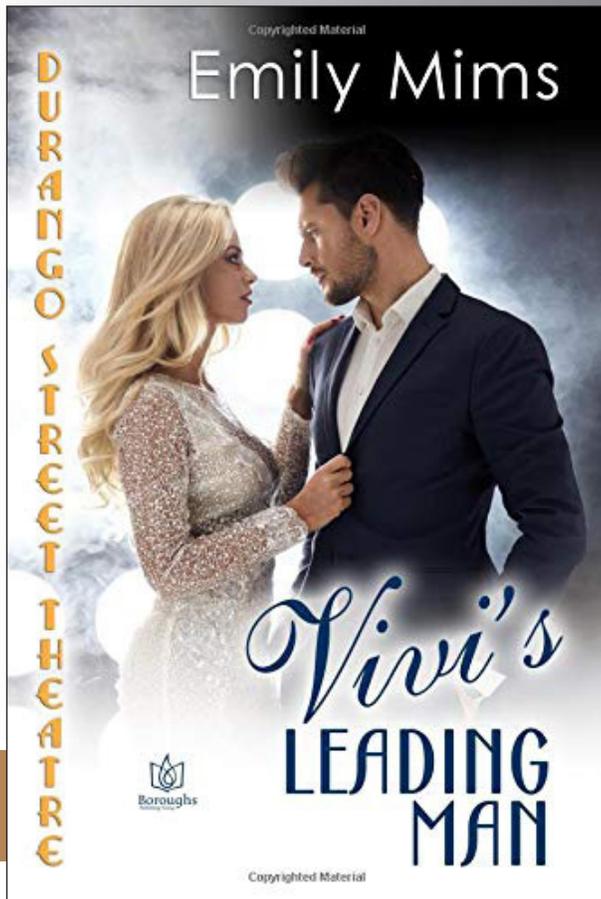
Beverly Adam writes engaging and romantic stories that feature feisty heroines and endearing heroes. She is the author of the Regency Historical romance series Gentlemen of Honor. The redheaded writer currently resides in California where she revisits history on a regular basis as a romance novelist and biographer.



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Vivi's LEADING MAN

Emily Mims

EXES AND OHS

The marriage was one of convenience. She had status and he had money. But... there was something there, and both of them felt it. After three years of him working long hours and her spending too much time at the Durango Street Theatre, Miguel Abonce and Vivienne Heiser called it quits. One year later, they are forced to work together to save or sell the theater. In the process they discover things they never knew about each other and they learn there's more between them than burning up the sheets. They might really love each other after all.

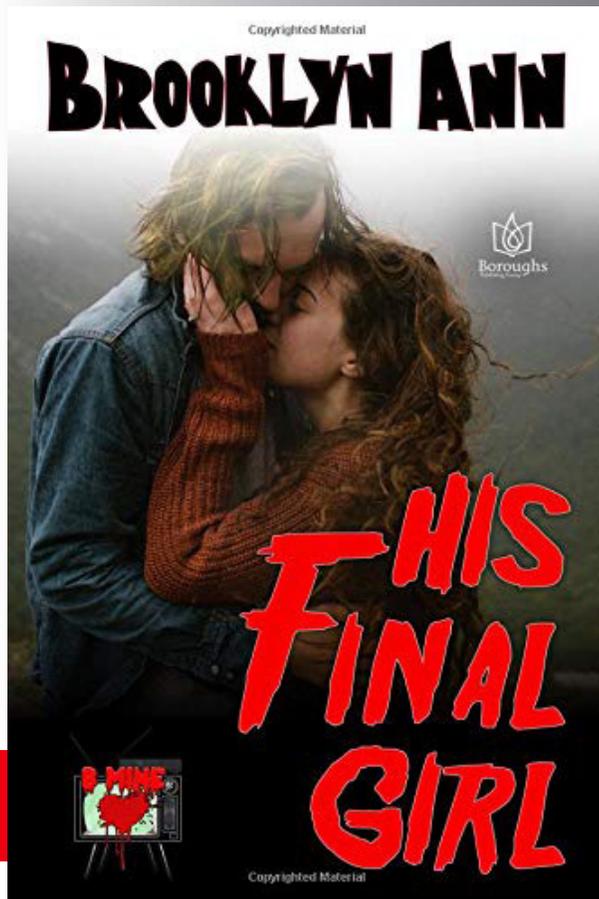
Author of nineteen Romance novels, Emily Mims combined her writing career with a career in public education until leaving the classroom to write full time. The mother of two sons, she and her husband Charles split their time between central Texas and eastern Tennessee. For relaxation she plays the piano, organ, and dulcimer.

She says, "I love to write Romances because I believe in them. Romance happened to me and it can happen to any woman - if she'll just let it."



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HIS FINAL GIRL

BROOKLYN ANN

DON'T GO IN THE WOODS

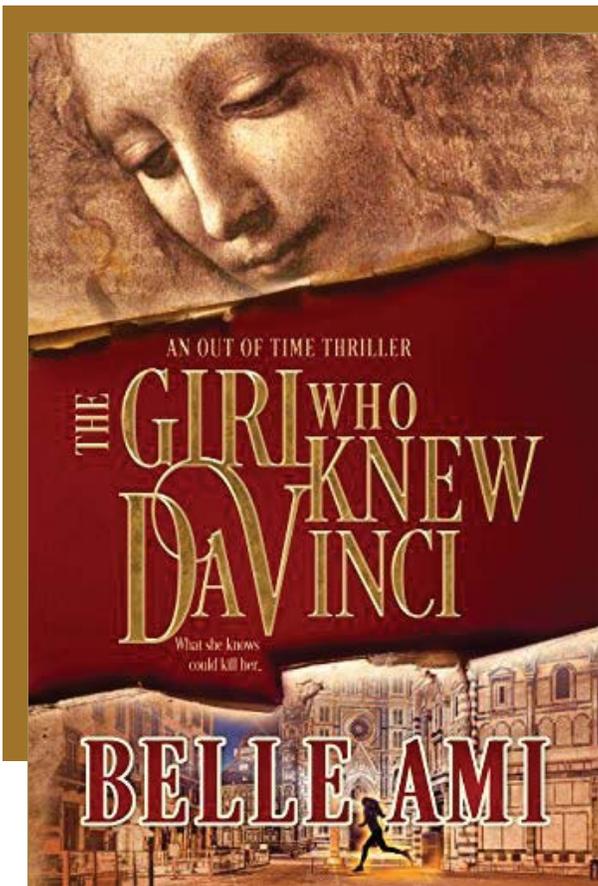
Computer nerd, Wes Carpenter, dreads having to spend ten days at summer camp with the rest of his in-coming high school senior class. But when he meets strong-willed and confident farm girl, Linnea Langenkamp, everything about being away at camp improves immediately. When a malicious prank awakens an ancient evil, turning their summer romance into a bloodbath, Wes and Linnea pray they make it home alive while fighting for the survival of their classmates. With Wes's ingenuity and Linnea's knowledge of the forest, together they may be able to stop the killer, save the camp, and maybe even find their happily ever after on the way.

Formerly an auto-mechanic, Brooklyn Ann thrives on writing romance featuring unconventional heroines and heroes who adore them. Author of historical paranormal romance in her critically acclaimed "Scandals with Bite" series, urban fantasy in the cult favorite, "Brides of Prophecy" novels, and the New Adult winner of the 2016 Reader's Choice Award, "Hearts of Metal Series," she provides love for the broken and strange.

She lives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho with her son, miscellaneous horror memorabilia, and a 1980 Datsun 210.



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THE GIRL WHO KNEW DA VINCI

BELLE AMI

the world knows, doesn't exist. Compelled by her visions, Angela is determined to find out the truth.

Art historian Angela Renatus is haunted by dreams of Leonardo da Vinci and a mysterious painting of Giuliano Medici and his mistress Fioretta Gorini. A painting that, as far as

When Angela is contacted by art detective Alex Caine, she's shocked to learn that he too is seeking the same painting. Alex's client, a wealthy German financier, is determined to clear the name of his late uncle, Gerhard Jaeger, an art historian, who went missing in Florence, during World War II. In letters written before his disappearance, the historian describes his love affair with a beautiful young Italian woman named Sophia Caro and the discovery of an extraordinary painting by the great master himself—a painting depicting Giuliano and Fioretta.

Angela and Alex journey to Florence in search of the priceless treasure. Is it a lost da Vinci, potentially worth hundreds of millions of dollars, or a wild goose-chase that will only lead to a dead end? But someone else is searching for the elusive painting—Alberto Scordato is a powerful man in the art world and a sociopath who will stop at nothing to get what he wants, even murder. Scordato knows something about Angela that even she doesn't know, something that could threaten both Angela and Alex's lives, forcing them into the crosshairs of fate.

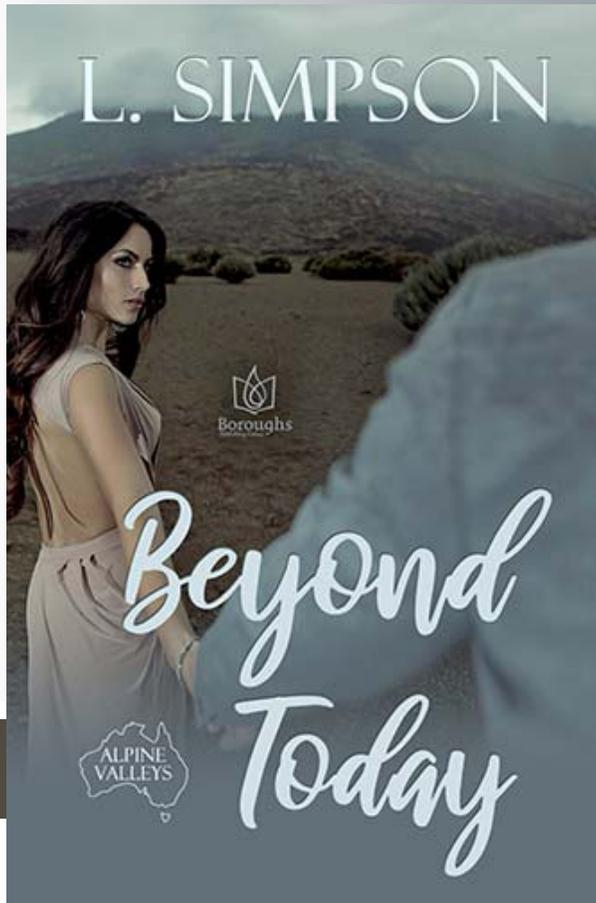
Belle Ami is an Amazon Top 100 Bestselling author. She writes romantic suspense, romantic thrillers and international mystery with a time-travel twist. Belle is a 2018 RONE Award finalist in the romantic suspense category for her novel *Escape*. Her new release, *The Girl Who Knew Da Vinci* – is a time-travel romantic suspense set in the art world and the first book in her *Out of Time Series*. When Belle isn't working on her next book, she'll most likely be in the kitchen whipping up something delicious for her family to enjoy. In addition to being a gourmet cook, Belle is also an accomplished pianist, skier, and world traveler. She lives in Calabasas, CA with her wonderful husband and two kids.



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Beyond Today

L. SIMPSON

Ticking all the boxes, the new man in Hannah's life also has a past with enough baggage for a voyage, and she can't see how they'll make it work between them beyond today.

THE PRICE OF FORGIVENESS

When Hannah meets Howard, the elusive best man in her friend's wedding, Hannah is instantly drawn to the damaged alpha because they share a connection that makes her heart race and her head spin. But his past, his family and how he slaked his sexual needs keep him prisoner, and challenges her faith in people. With time, Hannah sees the real him, but when he does the one thing she can't accept, her own demons whisper: Run away from the only man who has ever made her heart full.

Laura Simpson writes contemporary romance, with a bent towards humour and a little spice. She is a member of Romance Writers of Australia and is part of the Love Sabre Tribe. She lives in Porepunkah in the Alpine Valley of North East Victoria, Australia with her husband, daughter, two dogs and seven chooks. When she isn't doing the whole mum-thing, working at a homelessness agency, renovating her farmhouse or trying to do laundry bleary-eyed at midnight, she is writing. With two series on the go, and a mind full of ideas, Laura has a bit going on.

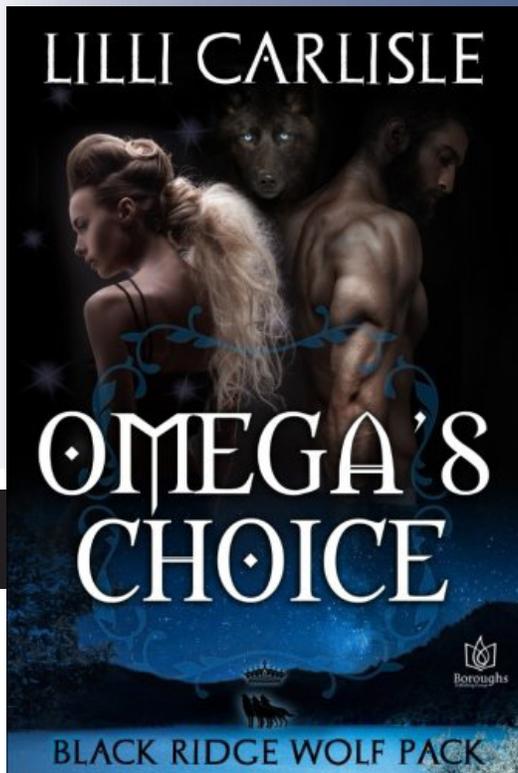


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OMEGA'S CHOICE

BLACK RIDGE WOLF PACK #1

LILLI CARLISLE

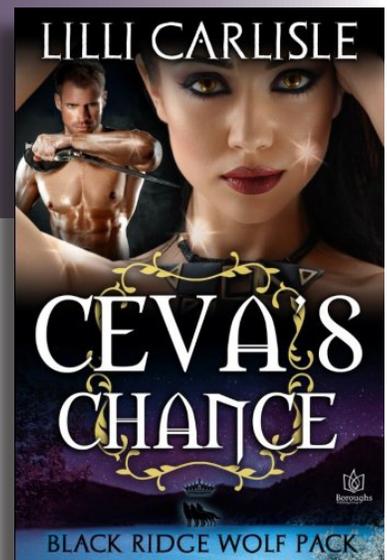
Scarred but powerful, Black Ridge Wolf Pack leader Aldric Forst has been selected to mate with an Omega—but first he must protect her from the dark forces that would corrupt her magic. In a realm of elves, ogres and white witches, where danger is ever-present, Princess Helena Lichtenberg lost her parents at a young age. Raised by her uncle and aunt, Helena values family above all else. Now,

as decreed by tradition, it is time to select a mate. HER ALPHA Enormous, scarred and scary, Black Ridge Wolf Pack leader Aldric Forst has never drawn the eye of any Omega. Why would he? But, on this, the night of what he swears is his last selection celebration, everything is different. One of those most beautiful, magical and powerful women, the niece of the king and queen themselves, wants him. And Aldric has never wanted anything more in return. No force—no matter how dark, no matter how powerful—will take Helena from him.

CEVA'S CHANCE

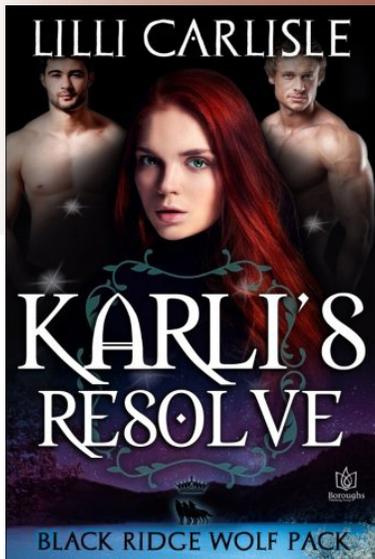
BLACK RIDGE WOLF PACK #2

SHROUDED IN DARKNESS... If it hadn't been for King Leonidas, white witch Ceva would have roamed the earth alone and ostracized. She was a biological accident, and her heritage was a curse she'd carry around for all her days. Now she fights for her king and kingdom, a fierce warrior on a mission to prove she is worthy of the trust and friendship the king has afforded. When she meets Lothar, captain of the Black Ridge Wolf Pack guard, she glimpses a future she never thought possible. But once he knows her truths, he will surely reject her. **ONLY HE CAN SET HER FREE** Lothar had never met anyone like Ceva. Beautiful, fierce, protective and loyal, she would make the perfect mate for any man. Lothar wants to be that man, but Ceva remains elusive. Sure, she flirts, and they dance around each other, but Lothar wants more. When his team joins hers on a dangerous mission, he learns her secrets, which makes her more extraordinary, not the pariah she believes she is. But her past is about to catch up with her, and only his love can save them from certain death.



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KARLI'S RESOLVE

BLACK RIDGE WOLF PACK #3

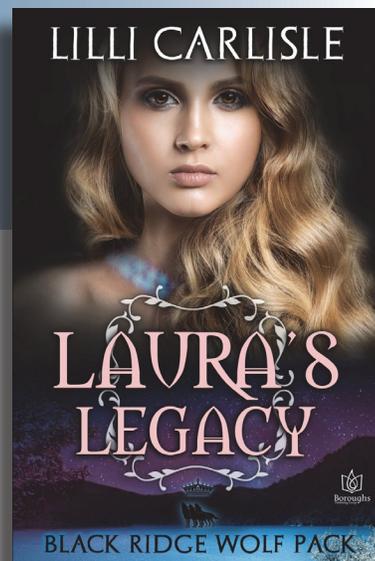
In their realm, a loving triad was welcome, but for Karli's parent's, anything less than a wealthy, powerful alpha would do, so they tore Karli away from her two true loves. The Power of Unity Twenty-five years ago Karli's parents ripped her away from her home and the men she loved. An omega with gifts worthy of only the most special man, her parents refused to allow her to mate with anyone less than a powerful, wealthy alpha. But at a young age Karli had found her forever in Joseph and Rowl's arms, and she knew she could never love anyone else. After a vicious ogre attack decimated the village where her parent's had hidden her, warriors came to save the wounded pack members. Warriors led by Joseph and Rowl. Although she had seemed to disappear into thin air, Joseph and Rowl

never stopped searching for the woman they loved. When Karli was discovered among the ruins of a small village, the fierce warrior captains couldn't believe their eyes. And once they had found her, they were never going to let her go. But dark forces were at work to separate the triad once again, and this time all their lives were on the line.

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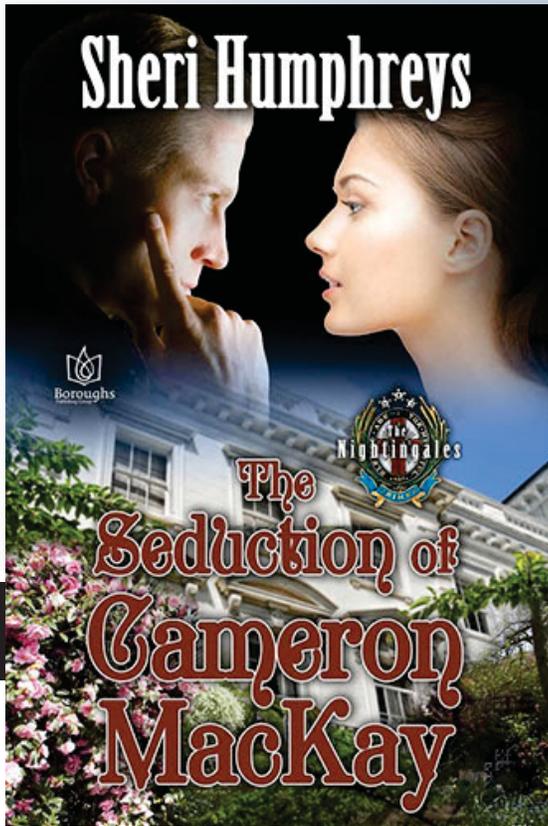
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Lilli Carlisle, lives outside Toronto, Canada. She's a member of the Romance Writers of America and its chapter, Toronto Romance Writers. Lilli is a mother of two wonderful girls, wife to an amazing man and servant to the pets in her life. Lilli writes both contemporary and paranormal romance and believes love should be celebrated and shared. After all, everybody needs a little romance, excitement, intrigue and passion in their lives.





The Seduction of Cameron MacKay

Sheri Humphreys

Pulled by a deep yearning, Cameron MacKay must find the strength to do the right thing and reject Elissa Lockwood's love.

Cameron MacKay dedicated his life to atoning for an unforgivable mistake by becoming a surgeon beyond compare. During the Crimean War, he meets Nightingale nurse Elissa Lockwood in Turkey, and she makes him believe that redemption, love and happiness are within his grasp. When he returns to the battlefield, Cam learns his dreams were little more than fantasy.

Their love affair discovered, Elissa is sent back to England in disgrace. Even worse, she receives a letter from Cameron that leaves her disillusioned and heartbroken. Back in London, she finds employment and is shocked to discover Cam working at the same hospital. But he is not the confident man she once knew. He's drinking, and not performing surgery - he's lost his nerve and his spirit. Their problems seem insurmountable, and they are ready to admit they don't belong to each other when life shows them that together they can conquer anything.

Sheri Humphreys used to be an Emergency Room nurse, but today applies bandages, splints, and slings to the characters of her Victorian romance novels. Having conjured stories in her mind her entire life, she wondered if she were normal. Then she began putting stories to paper and became a two-time Golden Heart® finalist. Her first published novel, *A Hero to Hold*, received a prized Kirkus Star and was named to Kirkus Reviews' Best Books of 2016. She lives with a Jack Russell mix rescue, Lucy, in a small town on the central California coast.

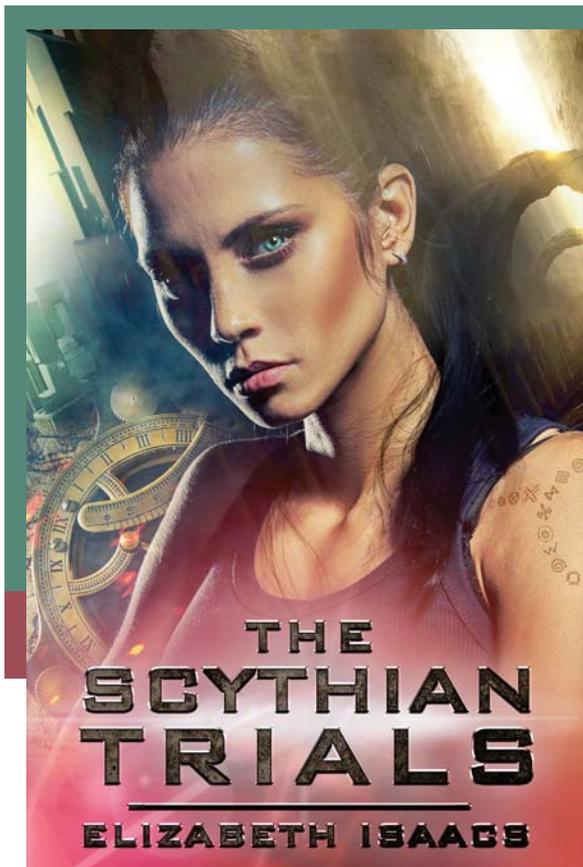


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THE SCYTHIAN TRIALS

ELIZABETH ISAACS

Descendants of the Amazons, the Scythians work alongside prominent governments but answer to no one. Warriors living on the fringe of civilization, they live by one credo: Strength through Equality. Power through Knowledge.

Nya Thalestris is the brightest Scythian of her generation. Strong, capable, ruthless, she is sure to earn a spot in the Trials, a time-honored mating ritual responsible for the evolution of her species.

Abducted by their sworn enemy, the Drahzda, Nya is forever altered and spirals out of control. The Society sends in Jax Nickius. Infamous psychologist and one of the most brutal warriors of their kind, he discovers triggers planted in Nya's mind. As Nya solidifies her spot in the Trials, Jax develops a plan to help—while pursuing her as a mate. But, Nya's attraction to Jax is at war with her instinct to never let anyone get too close.

During the Trials, Nya's repressed memories surface, revealing a new enemy—one from inside the consulate walls—and a traitorous alliance on the horizon that could irrevocably change the course of history.

Since before the Bronze Age, the Society has managed to safeguard humanity from itself ... until now.

Elizabeth Isaacs is an author, teacher, and publishing professional who began her career developing teacher seminars designed to foster creativity. Moving into formal education, she helped at-risk students improve their writing skills and implemented a creative writing/blogging program that centered on teaching the 21st-century learner. Works stemming from this initiative were published online and seen in over 40 countries. Elizabeth speaks nationwide at schools and book clubs about Young Adult content and writing. She co-founded the popular book site, Indie-Visible.com, which reaches thousands of people throughout the world. The writer support and reader interest group interacts with followers on Goodreads, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and various other sites. Elizabeth has a Master's degree from Austin Peay State University, where she was trained in classical opera.



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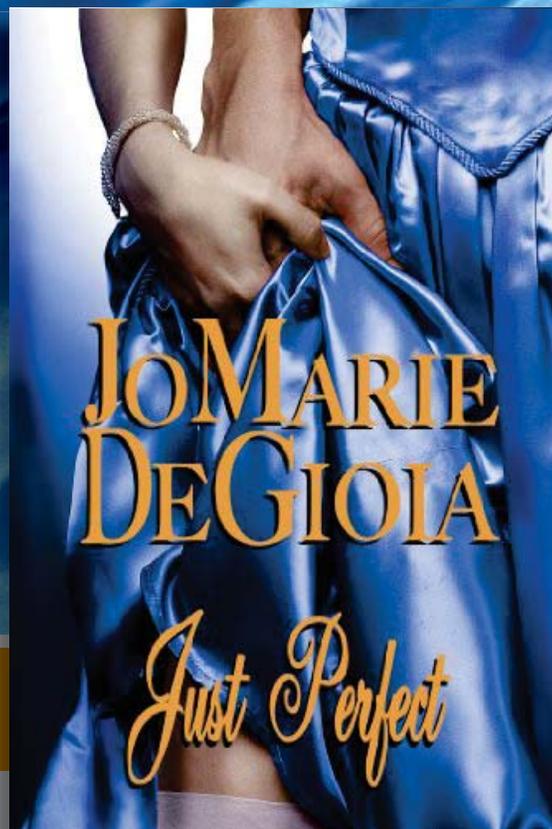
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Just Perfect

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William Chesterton, the Earl of Chester, might be the perfect gentleman, but his feelings for Constance Bridgewater are anything but gentlemanly. Constance Bridgewater, the daughter of the late Earl of Bridgewater, might be the perfect lady, but her feelings for the Earl of Chester are anything but ladylike. They both know that if they were together, everything would be just perfect.

So what is keeping them apart?



JoMarie DeGioia is a bestselling author of Historical and Contemporary Romance. She's known Mickey Mouse from the "inside," has been a copyeditor for her tiny town's newspaper, and a bookseller. A hybrid author, she also writes Young Adult Fantasy/Adventure stories and Paranormal Romance. She gets lost in DIY projects around the house and works out plot ideas during long runs. She divides her time between Central Florida and New England.

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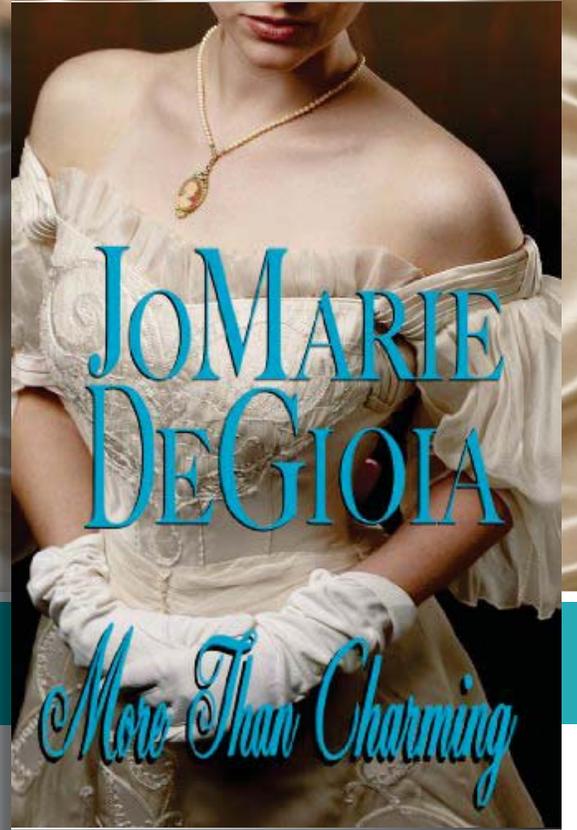
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More Than Charming

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James Bradford, Viscount Roberts, will never be a fool for love—falling in love only has disastrous results. James should know, since he almost lost his best friend Geoffrey Kane when he fell for Kane's bride Rebecca. Looking back now, he can see clearly that it was just an infatuation but he vows he will never lose control of his emotions ever again. He's quite satisfied charming all the ladies of London and sleeping with buxom barmaids.

Lady Catherine Talbot has always dreamed of having a loving marriage just like the one her dear brother Paul and his beautiful wife Michelle have, but she wonders if her chance at happiness may have passed her by. After all, she was jilted by her fiancé Lord Waltham, who left her and ran off with an heiress. A year has passed since that disaster. Catherine is older and wiser now, but a part of her still dreams.

When James sees Catherine at a society ball he is stunned by her beauty. Paul's sweet little sister has become a breathtakingly beautiful woman. And Catherine is just as taken with the most charming bachelor in London.

But can a charming rogue and an innocent lady find their own loving truth in the face of jealousy and scandal-mongers threatening to tear them apart? And will it be too late when their very future is threatened by unspeakable danger?

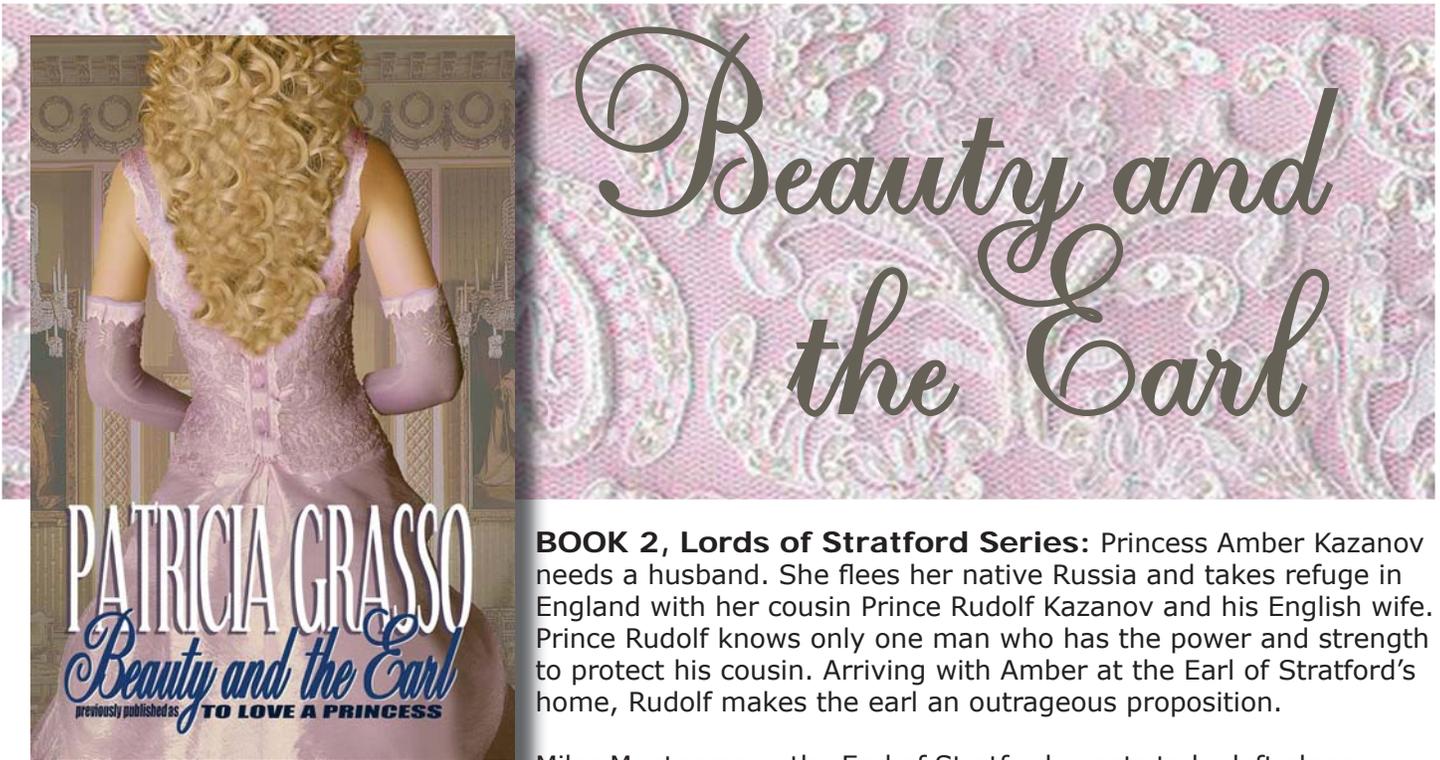


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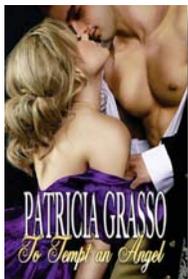


BOOK 2, Lords of Stratford Series: Princess Amber Kazanov needs a husband. She flees her native Russia and takes refuge in England with her cousin Prince Rudolf Kazanov and his English wife. Prince Rudolf knows only one man who has the power and strength to protect his cousin. Arriving with Amber at the Earl of Stratford's home, Rudolf makes the earl an outrageous proposition.

Miles Montgomery, the Earl of Stratford, wants to be left alone. Since losing his beloved wife in a fire, Miles has sat in the dark and waited for his own death. Until the day a beautiful princess walks into his home seeking marriage and the protection of his name. Amber's beauty attracts Miles, but her courageous heart shakes him to his core.

Drawn to Miles, Princess Amber sees beneath his masked scars and gruff exterior. Her love persuades him to push his bitterness aside and truly live and love again. Can Miles keep his wife safe when her enemies arrive in England? Or will his past return to haunt them?

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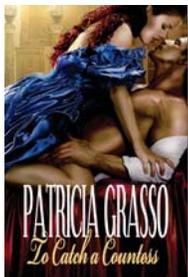


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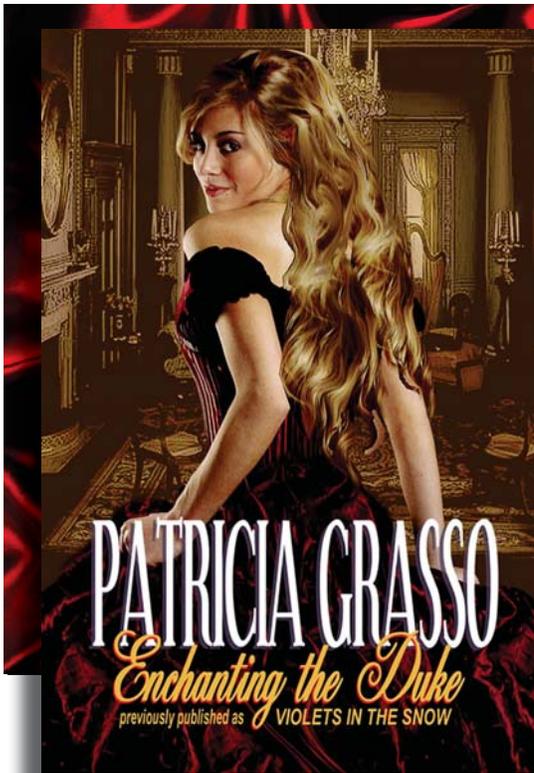


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Enchanting the Duke

Book 1, The Lords of Stratford Series: Lady Isabelle Montgomery wants to be left alone to play her flute and talk to Giselle, the guardian angel only she can see. Because

Isabelle manages her brother's estate finances, her greedy stepmother and selfish stepsisters continually harass her for fancy clothes and a season in London. For reasons she refuses to share, Isabelle has no desire to go to London. Unexpectedly, the Duke of Avon announces that he is her temporary guardian while her brother, the Earl of Stratford, has gone abroad. This complication annoys Isabelle who thinks the duke is thoroughly irritating. So why can't she stop thinking about him? And why does Giselle keep telling her about a dark prince?

John Saint-Germain, the Duke of Avon, wants nothing to do with wards or stepfamilies. The duke suffered a moment's weakness and promised the earl that he would watch over his sister, including sponsoring Isabelle and her stepsisters into society. And then John meets his stubborn, outspoken, thoroughly irritating ward. Her fiery beauty and independent spirit attract him. Is he falling in love? If only she'd stop talking to that imaginary friend.

Both John and Isabelle have enemies who join forces to plot against them. John will brave any danger to protect Isabelle and his family. Even if it means seeing with his heart and believing in the impossible.

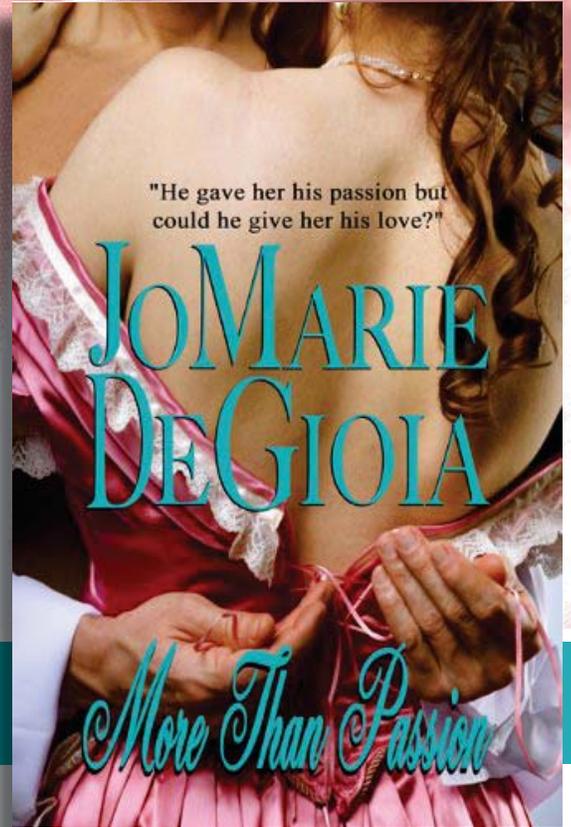
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More Than Passion

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Book 1 Dashing Nobles Series



Geoffrey Kane, Earl of Kanewood refuses to feel anything more than passion. Four years ago, his fiancée betrayed him and he has no desire to experience that again so when he meets the beautiful Rebecca Kingsley, it's passion at first sight. And only passion.

Rebecca has led a very quiet life working for her father at a small country inn. When she meets Geoffrey she falls in love with him right away. But she's only the daughter of a baronet and men like Geoffrey never marry country girls like her. Do they?

When Rebecca's father tries to marry her off to a wealthy old man, Geoffrey intervenes and marries her himself. He wants her very much but he couldn't possibly love her. Love is for fools. At least that's what he tells himself. But a sinister enemy soon threatens to destroy all that Geoffrey holds dear, forcing him to face the truth. His marriage depends on it . . . And maybe even Rebecca's very life.

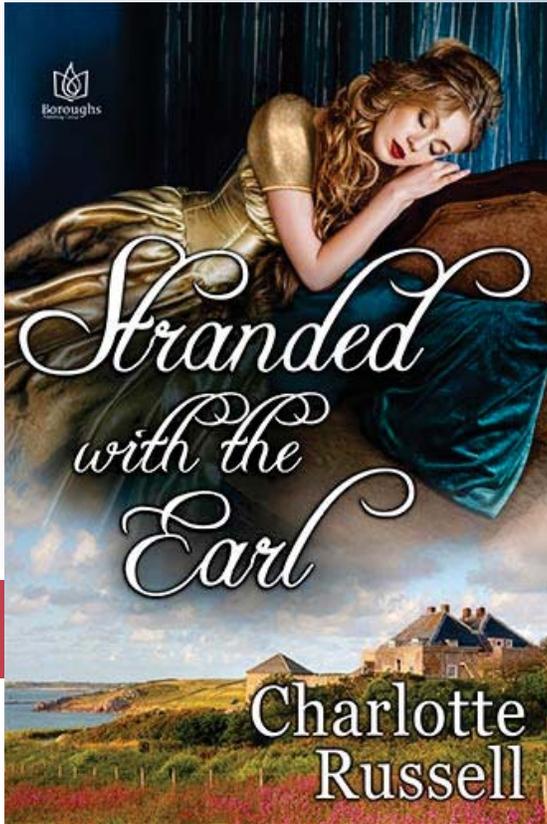


JoMarie DeGioia is a bestselling author of Historical and Contemporary Romance. She's known Mickey Mouse from the "inside," has been a copyeditor for her tiny town's newspaper, and a bookseller. A hybrid author, she also writes Young Adult Fantasy/Adventure stories and Paranormal Romance. She gets lost in DIY projects around the house and works out plot ideas during long runs. She divides her time between Central Florida and New England.

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Stranded with the Earl

Charlotte Russell

At a house party years after Thomas, Lord Trent, was betrayed by Lady Vivienne Denton, Trent learns his lost love was truly...lost.

BETRAYED

Young and in love, Lady Vivienne Denton has to hide her attachment to the Earl of Trent from her abusive, controlling father. When Trent's ardor is discovered, Vivienne knows she must seek him out so they can flee to Gretna Green before the life they mean to have is stolen from them.

OR SAVED?

Imagine the gall, to be summoned by his former best friend's widow to this sham of a house party. Thomas, Lord Trent, wants nothing to do with the woman who stole, then destroyed his heart. But Vivienne has a letter for Trent from her deceased husband, and when all is revealed the icy grip around Trent's chest melts at the prospect of a future he once dreamed possible.

Charlotte Russell didn't always know she wanted to be a writer. At one point she had grand plans to be an architect, until she realized she couldn't draw anything more complicated than a stick figure. So, she enrolled at the University of Notre Dame and studied her first love—history. Now she puts all that historical knowledge to good use by writing Romances set in Regency England. When not pounding on the keyboard she loves spending time with her husband, three kids, and two cats.

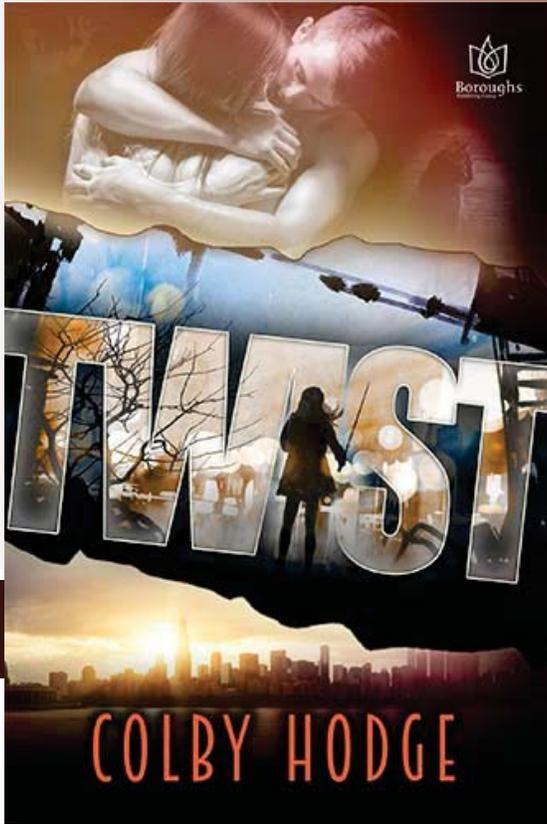


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TWIST

COLBY HODGE

One hundred years in the future, Abbey Shore is about to learn her life's twist--she'll save not just the dreamy yet doomed Dr. Shane Maddox but all of mankind.

ABBHEY'S TALE

I never intended to be the savior of the world. It was just something that happened—like my father's tragic death and the fact that I'm now poor and flipping houses in the Chicago suburbs to finish college. And there's more: behind a crumbling wall in my current renovation, a swirling vortex hides. It's a gate, a portal, and it will not only cast me into the arms and power of the enigmatic yet doomed Dr. Shane Maddox, but also into the clutches of Lucinda, the eerie, leather-clad beauty who shadowed Shane's every move in the Sacred Heart ER. I will soon be one hundred years in the future, in a dying land filled with roving bands of humans fighting for survival, and the "ticks" against whom they struggle. Oh yes, my life has had a twist. Time is running out to twist things back.

Award-winning author, Cindy Holby, first became published in 2002 with her historical western *Chase the Wind*. Since that time she has written eleven historicals, three sci/fi romances and one time-travel (as Colby Hodge), four young adult novels and two short stories. She lives in North Carolina with her husband Rob, her doxie Cody and two cats, Cisco and Dax. Cindy works with the Humane Society and has a blog about rescue titled *Authors for Animals*.



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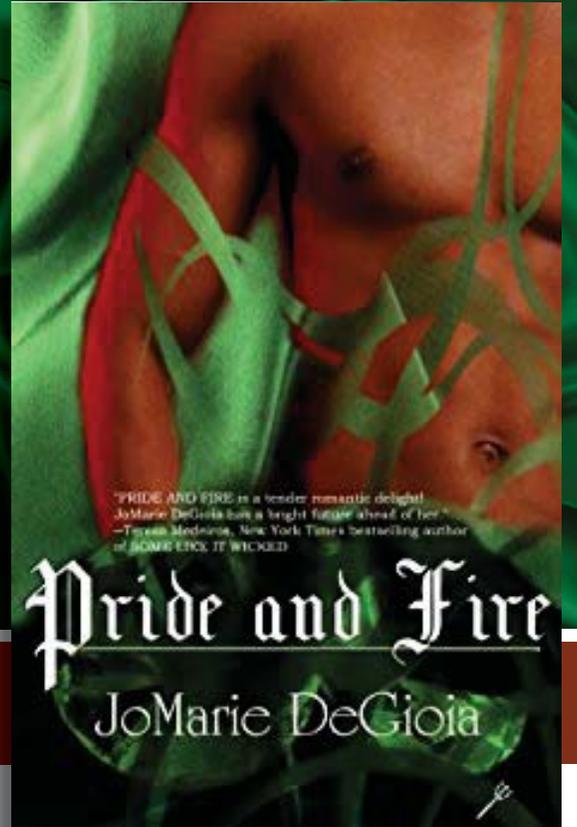
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Pride and Fire

JOMARIE DEGIOIA

Book 2 Dashing Nobles Series



PAUL TALBOT, Viscount Leed, is set on avoiding the marriage trap. Though his family has money troubles he won't marry an heiress and dance on her leading strings.

LADY MICHELLE THOMAS is a spirited heiress, piqued with the rules of Society which dictate that a woman must be seen and not heard. And if she has opinions on politics or finance? Well, she had best keep them to herself. Sparks fly when she meets Paul —she believes she's found a man interested in more than her face, form and finances.

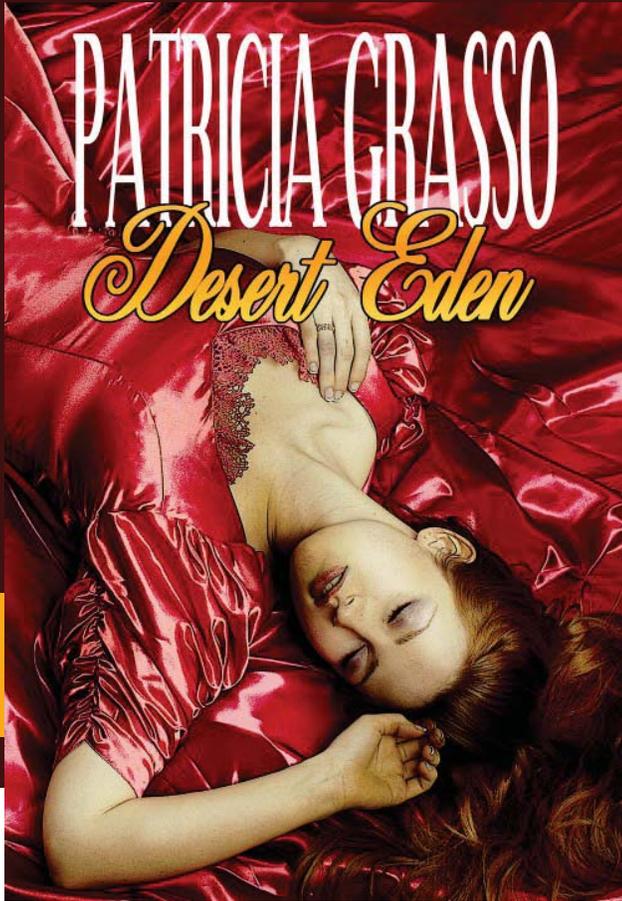
They wed but when Paul refuses her generous dowry she'll do anything to see her money settled on him, even if it means going to his rival and putting more than his career in jeopardy.



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Desert Eden

PATRICIA GRASSO

She yearns for adventure

On her way to France to marry the Comte de Beaulieu, Lady Heather Devereux is abducted by pirates and given to the Ottoman prince, Khalid. Although the red-haired beauty has no desire to marry the odious comte, she certainly doesn't want to belong to a notorious warrior prince either. But as Heather gets to know Khalid, she can't help but enjoy matching wits with the handsome warrior. Has fate brought her a grand adventure after all?

He plans his revenge

When his best friend delivers a red-headed spitfire to him, Prince Khalid vows to use her as a pawn to draw out the Comte de Beaulieu—the villain who killed his brother and sister. But Khalid can't help but be enchanted by Heather's fiery spirit, beauty, and courage. Is there more to life than his vow for revenge?

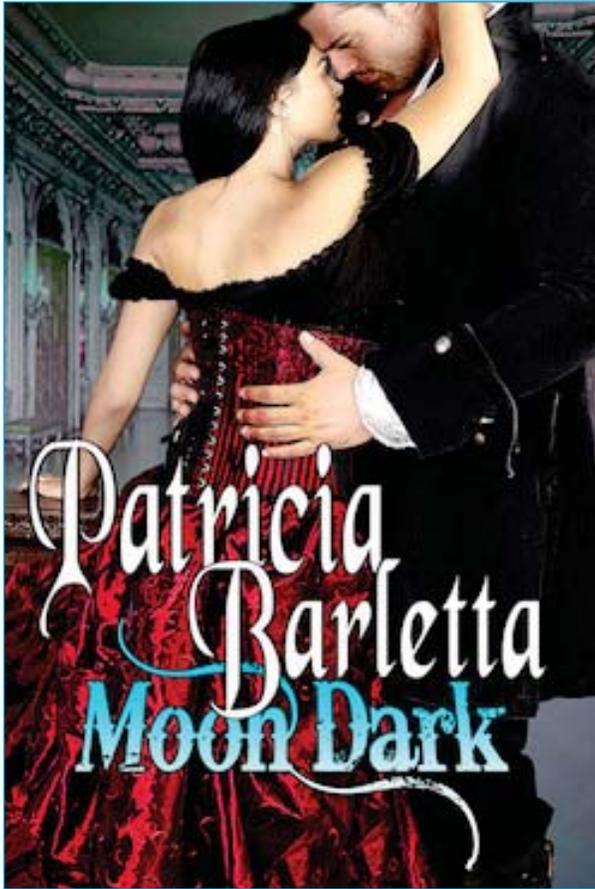
Patricia Grasso is the author of eighteen historical romances including the Douglas Series which follows the love stories of the amazing Douglas sisters (Angelica, Samantha and Victoria) in Regency London and the Lords of Stratford Series, Regency historical romances with a fairy-tale twist about the aristocratic families in Stratford-on-Avon, and the Devereux Series, a lush, lavish, and compelling series about the noble Devereux Family in Elizabethan England. Her books have won various awards including the National Readers' Choice Award, New England Readers' Choice Award, the Romantic Times Reviewer's Choice and KISS Awards as well as the B. Dalton and Bookrack Awards for bestselling first-time author. A native of Massachusetts, Patricia makes her home in the Boston area. She earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English and, for many years, used her "leisure" time to teach in a public high school.



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Moon Dark

Patricia Barletta

Lady Sabrina Dunfield is desperate. Widowed and destitute, she must rely on the dubious benevolence of her secretive uncle, an art collector living in Venice. Determined to make her way and provide for her young son, Sabrina is forced to take on clandestine and dangerous errands for her tyrannical relative. But when a mysterious shadow man saves her from an assassin's blade, she knows she must do everything in her power to keep her son safe.

Alessandro D'Este, Prince of Auriano, is cursed. Doomed to live a life half in shadow, he is determined to free himself and his family from the evil that stalks them. When Alessandro saves the English woman's life, he is captivated by her beauty and shocked at her ability to touch him in his shadowy form.

When Sabrina meets Alessandro in his human form, heady attraction sparks between them. She has no idea he is her shadowy savior, and she wonders what her life might be like with this charismatic man. Alessandro has never met a woman who affects him this way. Although life has taught him to trust only family, Sabrina might be the key that could deliver him from the diabolical darkness.

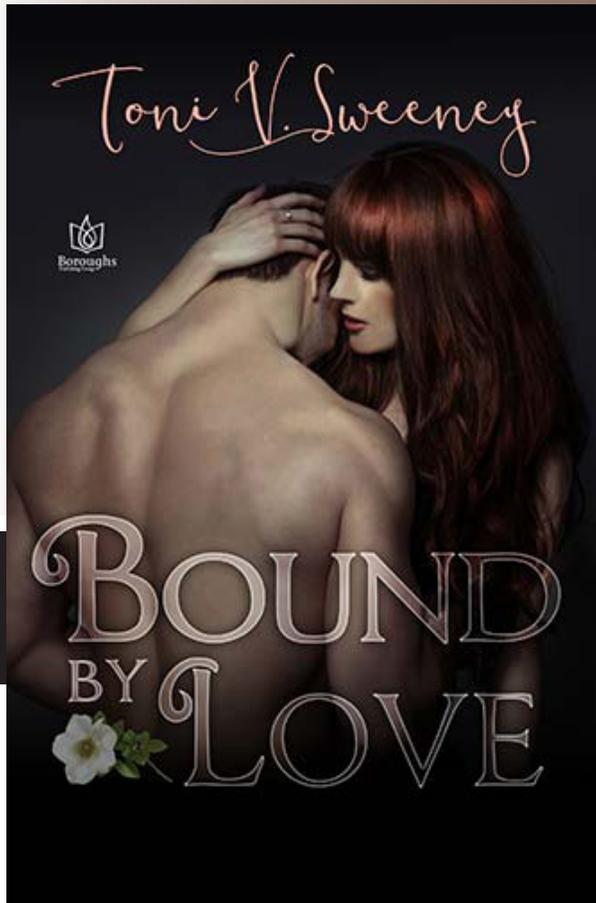
Patricia Barletta is a native of the Boston area. Its history has inspired her writing, and probably influenced her decision to become a high school British Literature teacher so she could pay the bills. She's also been an accounts receivable clerk, a receptionist and telephone operator (before cell phones), head of an elementary school library, and president of a food pantry, not in that order. Long ago, she published three historical romances in another life where she called herself Amy Christopher. She received a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing degree in Popular Fiction at the Stonecoast program in Maine, where she met many talented writers, who encouraged her and made her writing better. And now she's an author writing about dark heroes, feisty heroines, magic, and other fantastical things.



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BOUND BY LOVE

Toni Sweeney

Dylan isn't expecting romance when his family's construction company is contracted to renovate the old Mercier House, but his attraction to Scarlett Mercier is undeniable, and they share dark secrets that threaten to keep them apart.

LOVE, RECONSTRUCTED

Dylan Roth is back home, and not by his choosing. After a nasty divorce, he wants to find his footing and his place in the world. He joins his dad and brother in the family construction business and is assigned to the renovation of the old Mercier house, which is being filmed for the TV show Dream Homes, Unlimited. The last thing Dylan wants is to fall for Scarlett "Letty" Mercier, but an undeniable attraction is making it hard for him to say no to the redheaded beauty. When he learns the Roths and the Merciers' pasts are entwined, he starts digging, and family history can no longer stay buried. Dylan and Letty are bound by a haunting secret that threatens to tear them apart unless they can break the ties of the past.

Since the publication of her first novel in 1989, Toni divides her time between writing SF/Fantasy and Romance. She is a book reviewer for the New York Journal of Books. A Southerner by birth, Toni has lived in the Midwest for many years. She is currently working on her 83rd novel.

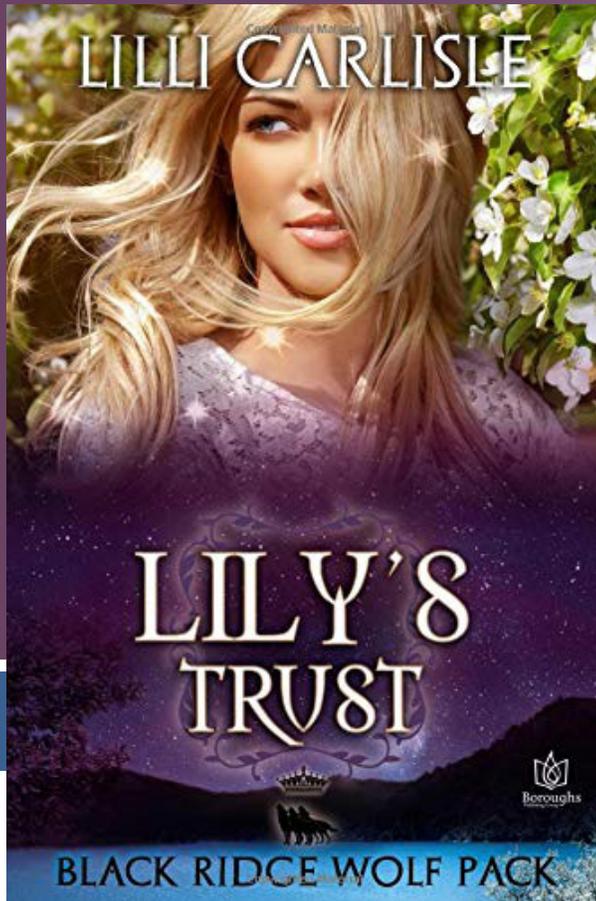


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LILY'S TRUST

BLACK RIDGE WOLF PACK #5

LILLI CARLISLE

LOVE AND SACRIFICE

Omegas choose their mates, and Lily had been certain Jensgar would be happy she had chosen him. Instead, the former general of the king's army refused her, forcing her to leave the pack she'd adopted. Humiliated and heartbroken, she returns to the Black Ridge Pack, only to find the pitying glances and hushed comments too much to bear. She has no home, and no one to call her own. Convinced she has no other choice, she flees to the forest to live as a wolf. She is shocked when Jensgar, in wolf form, comes for her, and slowly convinces her to trust him again. But the woods hold secrets, and danger. When Jensgar's life is threatened, Lily gives up everything to save the man she loves, and once again puts her chance for happiness in peril.

Lilli Carlisle, lives outside Toronto, Canada. She's a member of the Romance Writers of America and its chapter, Toronto Romance Writers. Lilli is a mother of two wonderful girls, wife to an amazing man and servant to the pets in her life. Lilli writes both contemporary and paranormal romance and believes love should be celebrated and shared. After all, everybody needs a little romance, excitement, intrigue and passion in their lives.



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NOT FROM THE STARS

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CHRISTINA BRITTON CONROY

Theatre is true love...

This wonderful novel, perfect for theatre lovers and Downton Abbey enthusiasts, is set in Yorkshire, England, in 1885. Bertha Roundtree, wife of Anthony Roundtree, dies in childbirth, leaving her infant daughter Elisa behind.

Once wealthy, the Roundtree family is destitute after Anthony gambled away its fortune.

Anthony Roundtree is a cruel man. He has no interest in his infant daughter, leaving her to be raised by his spinster sister Lillian, a rather simple woman with no dowry and no prospects, and a cruel governess.

Anthony is determined to turn Elisa into a lady, and marry her off to Sir John Garingham, who wants the tomboy Elisa turned into the perfect lady – no matter what it takes.

But the betrothal goes awry when Elisa develops a mind of her own, a passion for her art teacher, and an obsession with the theatre.

And her youthful vigour is about to lead into a glamorous world with a dark underbelly...

Christina Britton Conroy is a classically trained singer and actor who has toured the globe singing operas, operettas, and musicals, as well as being a Certified Music Therapist and Licensed Creative Arts Therapist. She has published several books, and *Not From The Stars* is the first of His Majesty's Theatre series.



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BUT FROM THINE EYES

Book 2 of His Majesty's Theatre



CHRISTINA BRITTON CONROY

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Book 2 of His Majesty's Theatre

CHRISTINA BRITTON CONROY

London, December, 1903. Seventeen-year-old Elisa Roundtree escapes her life in Yorkshire heading for His Majesty's Theatre, hoping to become an actress.

She is penniless, but educated by a family friend, and very beautiful. Betrothed since she was a child to a cruel older man named Sir John Garingham, Elisa decides she would rather live in poverty or die than marry him. While at school, she posed for her art-master, painter Robert Dennison, and the two had an affair. Now Robert wants to help Elisa escape the ugly life that lies before her in Yorkshire. He has a friend in the theatre, Michael Burns, and asks for his help with Elisa's escape.

Jeremy O'Connell is a famous actor-manager leasing His Majesty's Theatre. When he sees Elisa audition he knows she cannot act, but her beauty is exceptional, and he sees potential in how she carries herself. He offers her a non-speaking role in a play, and takes her on as an apprentice, renaming her Elly Fielding. However, when Jeremy learns that he might be harbouring a fugitive, he becomes curious. Why would Sir John Garingham want to marry a penniless young girl? And what about her German mother, who died in childbirth? And can they keep her safe in London, if her father really wants her back?

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TRUTH AND BEAUTY

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Lady Richfield's solicitors discover that Elly's real father is Charles Roundtree, Anthony Roundtree's older brother. Charles was murdered for his estate. Charles's wife, Elly's mother, was forced to marry Anthony on her deathbed, minutes before giving birth to Elly. When Elly is discovered missing, Lady Richfield calls Scotland Yard. The chase is on.

Peg McCarthy and Tommy Quinn have engineered Elly's abduction. Dragged back to her Yorkshire home, Sir John Garingham threatens to murder her unless she signs the marriage license. The elderly priest called to perform the ceremony was the young priest who married Elly's mother to her uncle, moments before Elly's birth. The priest refuses to marry Elly against her will, and Anthony Roundtree shoots him dead. During the scuffle, Elly pushes Lord Garingham out a window. He is killed in the fall.

To protect Elly from prosecution, everyone says that Garingham's death is accidental.

Elly is returned to London, injured in mind and body. Her new legal guardians become Lord and Lady Richfield. Elly now lives in luxury, rehearses at the theatre, but suffers excruciating nightmares. Jeremy O'Connell leads her through a sort of psychodrama, exorcising her fears and allowing her to perform on stage.

Her new-found happiness is overshadowed by the reminder that she may be called as a witness at Anthony Roundtree's trial for murdering the priest.

Christina Britton Conroy has many passions; author, singer, actor, musician and creative arts therapist. Her first novel, *One Man's Music*, was released in 2008 to wide critical acclaim. *How to have Fun with our Aging Parents* a non-fiction work, was published in April, 2017, receiving many positive reviews on Amazon and Goodreads. Other stories and non-fiction articles have appeared in anthologies and journals. Christina studied creative writing and screenwriting at NYU; acting at The Actors' Studio; and music at Juilliard. As a licensed music therapist, she works with both children and adults. She lives in Greenwich Village with her husband, actor/media-coach Larry Conroy.



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BEAUTY'S DOOM

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Surrounded by wealth beyond her imagination, Elly balances the worlds of mannered, hypocritical London society, and brash theatre people.

All this time, Anthony Roundtree has been in a Yorkshire jail, awaiting the circuit judge. When he finally reaches Yorkshire, Elly is forced to go back and testify. The jury determines that the priest was shot intentionally. Anthony Roundtree is hanged.

Sir John Garingham's accidental death is questioned. Elly is arrested for his murder and taken to Holloway Prison. Conditions bring her to near madness. Her defense attorney is Sir Douglas Tanner, actor Rory Cook's aging law professor from Oxford. Sir Douglas suffers a minor heart attack and they must choose between two impossibilities; indefinitely postponing the trial and leaving Elly in prison, or letting Elly give up the right to council, publicly dismiss her barrister, and handle her own defense.

They devise a plan. Elly will defend herself, with clandestine help. Since Rory has a working knowledge of the law, but no accreditation, he will cue her. Sir Douglas will sit apart, within Rory's view, and signal with prearranged gestures. After a crash course, with Sir Douglas lecturing on the law, and Jeremy O'Connell scripting Elly's questions for the witnesses, Elly braves the fury of a judge who is horrified that a woman would dare to defend herself. Believing Elly is guilty, and furious he is missing a golf match, the judge wants her sent to the gallows. But unprecedented press attention and excellent witnesses win the jury over and Elly is acquitted in the end.

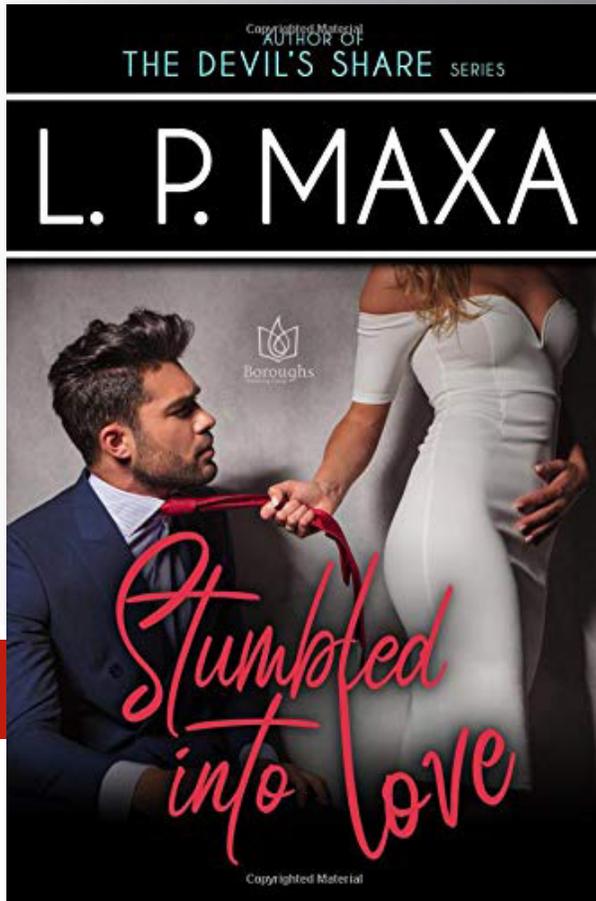
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*Stumbled
into Love*

L. P. MAXA

NOW, IT'S PERSONAL

If Brice Huntington had lived in another time he would have been called a debaucher, a scoundrel, a libertine, and a man leading a profligate life. Holland Baxter has a few choice modern words for him, and effin' jerk is the nicest one she can say here. But... When she finds herself without a home, it turns out Brice can be a good friend. And, as time and proximity give her an up-close look at who he really is, and who he can be, she's intrigued. Yeah, she knows this is a slippery slope, but there's something about him that makes her want to stay.

L.P. Maxa lives in Austin, Texas with her husband, daughter, three rescue dogs, and one adopted cat. The fish died. She is a full-time writer, and part time business owner. L.P. says she loves to read as much as she loves to write, and reading a good book is her reward after writing one. In her spare time, she fosters puppies for a rescue organization based in Austin.



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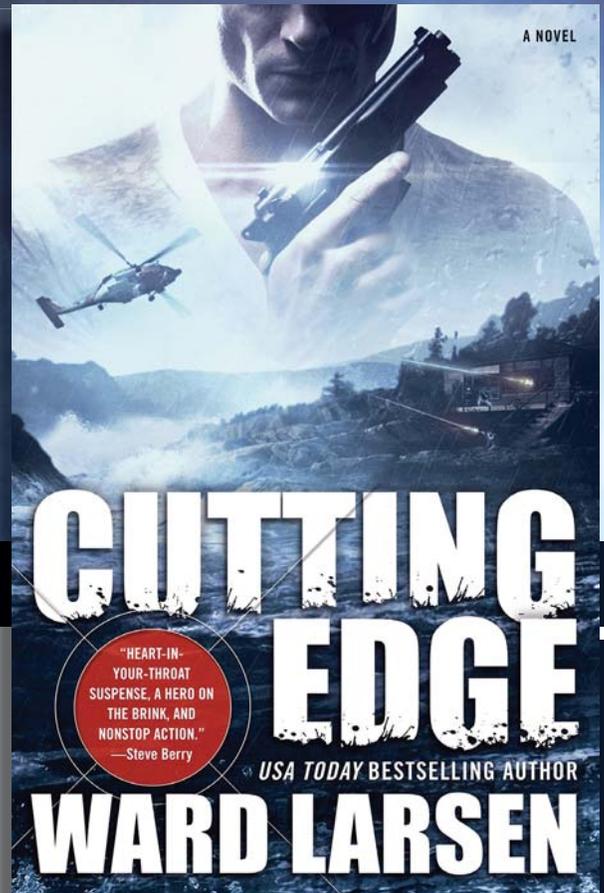
WARD LARSEN

"Ward Larsen is an amazing talent. Cutting Edge is the Bourne Identity on steroids."

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"A chilling and foreboding read from a long-time master of suspense. —a tantalizing blend of heart-in-your-throat suspense ...and non-stop action. ...a wicked ride."

-Steve Berry, New York Times bestselling author of The 14th Colony



A helicopter crash alters a Coast Guard rescue swimmer's life forever in Cutting Edge, a suspense thriller by USA Today bestselling author Ward Larsen

Trey DeBolt is a young man at the crest of life. His role as a Coast Guard rescue swimmer in Alaska offers him a rewarding job and limitless adventure. Then a tragic accident alters his life: during a harrowing rescue, his helicopter goes down.

Severely injured, DeBolt awakens in a seaside cabin in Maine, thousands of miles from where the accident occurred. His lone nurse lets slip that he has been officially declared dead, lost in the crash. Back in Alaska, however, Coast Guard investigator Shannon Lund uncovers evidence that DeBolt might still be alive. Her search quickly becomes personal, but before she can intervene, chaos erupts outside a cabin in the wilds of Maine.

The nurse who has been treating DeBolt is brutally killed by military-trained assassins. DeBolt is only saved when a bizarre vision guides him to safety. Soon other images appear, impossible revelations that are unerring in their accuracy. As he runs for his life, DeBolt discovers he has been drawn into an ultra-secret government project. The power it bestows is boundless, both a gift and a curse. Yet one thing is certain: Trey DeBolt has abilities no human has ever known.



Ward Larsen is a two-time winner of the Florida Book Award. His work has been nominated for both the Edgar and Macavity Awards. A former US Air Force fighter pilot, Larsen flew more than twenty missions in Operation Desert Storm. He has also served as a federal law enforcement officer and is a trained aircraft accident investigator. His first thriller, *The Perfect Assassin*, is currently being adapted into a major motion picture by Amber Entertainment.

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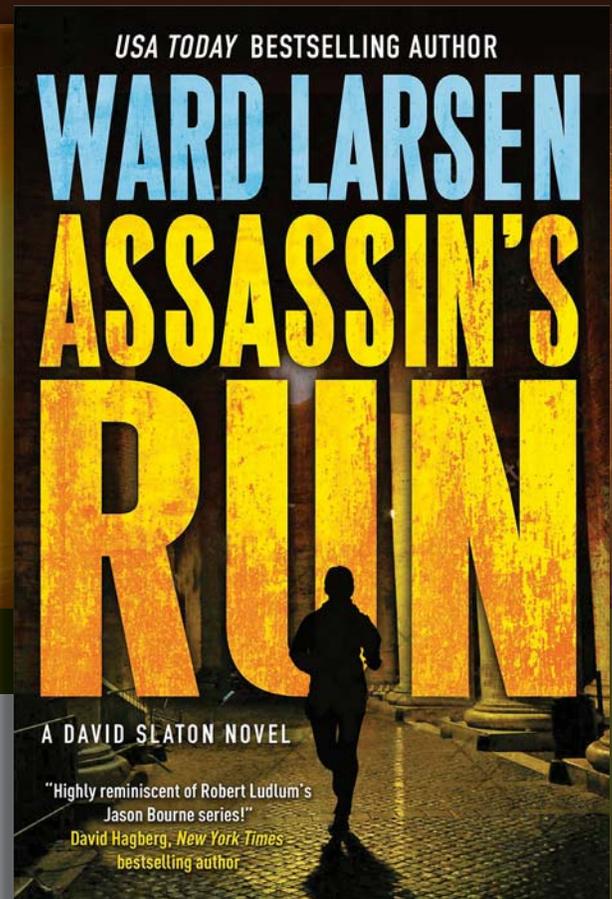
When a Russian oligarch is killed by a single bullet on his yacht off the Isle of Capri, Russian intelligence sources speculate that a legendary Israeli assassin, long thought dead, might be responsible. However, David Slaton—the assassin in question—is innocent. Realizing the only way to clear his name is to find out who's truly responsible, he travels to Capri.

While he searches, a web of disparate events unfolds across the Middle East. Three ships, owned by the group of Russians, deliver a mysterious cargo to the shores of the Arabian Peninsula. In Morocco, a Russian aerospace company begins flight testing an innovative new drone.

From Switzerland to the Red Sea to Morocco, Slaton gradually uncovers a conspiracy of monumental scope. It is a plot that will change the world strategic order—and one that goes straight to the top of the Russian government.



WARD LARSEN is a USA Today bestselling author and five-time winner of the Florida Book Award. He has also been nominated for both the Macavity and Silver Falchion Awards. A former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, Larsen flew more than twenty missions in Operation Desert Storm. He has served as a federal law enforcement officer and is a trained aircraft accident investigator.



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"Larsen is not just a dazzling new talent; he's a dazzling new supertar!" -Stephen Coonts

"Highly reminiscent of Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne series." -David Hagberg

Former assassin David Slaton discovers a cryptic message: on a memory stick, a photograph of the man who will soon assume command of DGSI, France's elite counterterrorism force. With that country reeling under a wave of ISIS tries to keep networks running and crumbling infrastructure. With the caliphate's very survival at stake, the leadership commits to a lost-ditch gambit: France must be attached on a massive scale, forcing the West into the battle of the Apocalypse.

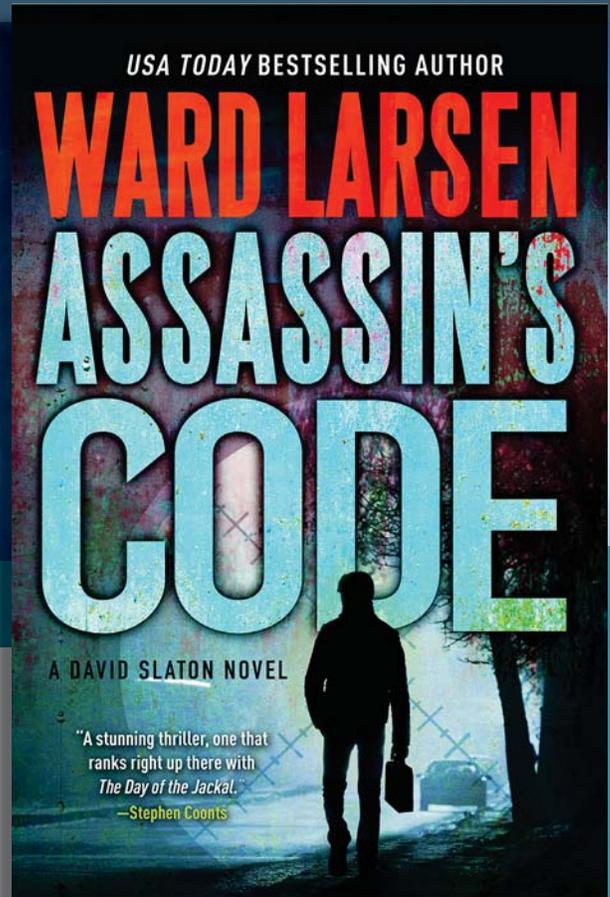
Slaton keeps a breakneck pace, traveling to Tel Aviv, Paris, and the deserts of Syria. In the end, he uncovers a labyrinthine plot ... one that only he can stop.



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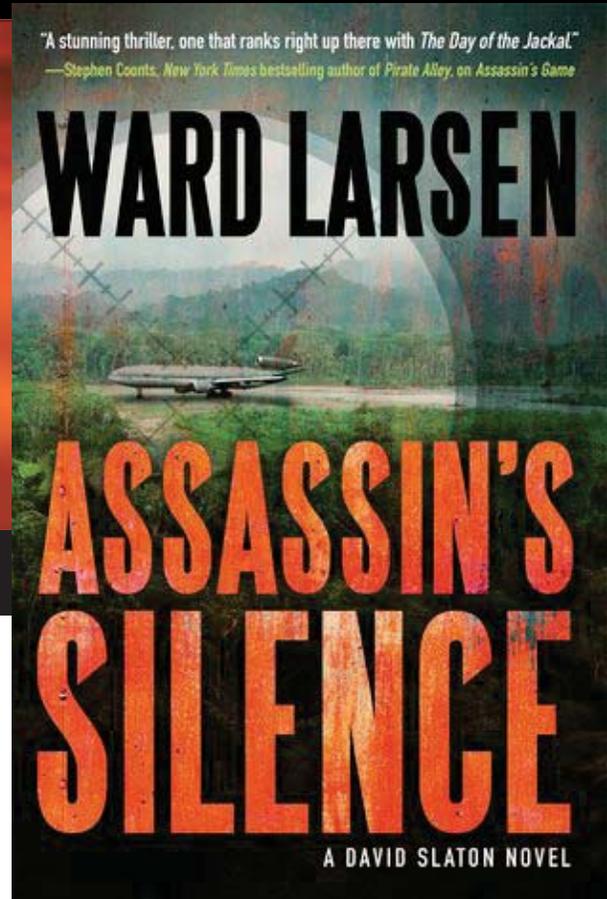
ASSASSIN'S SILENCE

WARD LARSEN

Praise for the ASSASSIN SERIES:

"A must-read for anyone looking for the next great assassin saga." -Kirkus Reviews

"A tightly woven storyline that builds to a series of bombshell concluding twists . . ." -Publishers Weekly



When it comes to disappearing, David Slaton has few equals. Police in three countries have written off trying to find him. His old employer, Mossad, keeps no forwarding address. Even his wife and son are convinced he is dead. So when an assault team strikes, Slaton is taken by surprise. He kills one man and manages to escape.

Half a world away, in the baleful heat of the Amazon, an obscure air cargo company purchases a derelict airliner. Teams of mechanics work feverishly to make the craft airworthy. On the first flight, the jet plunges toward the ocean.

The CIA assesses the two spectacles: a practiced killer leaving a trail of bodies across Europe, and a large airplane disappearing without a trace. The two affairs are increasingly seen to be intertwined. Langley realizes the killer is a man long thought to be dead, and the lost airliner has been highly modified into a tool of unimaginable terror.

When their worst fears are realized, Langley must trust the one man who can save them: David Slaton, the perfect assassin.



Ward Larsen is a two-time winner of the Florida Book Award. His work has been nominated for both the Edgar and Macavity Awards. A former US Air Force fighter pilot, Larsen flew more than twenty missions in Operation Desert Storm. He has also served as a federal law enforcement officer and is a trained aircraft accident investigator. His first thriller, *The Perfect Assassin*, is currently being adapted into a major motion picture by Amber Entertainment.

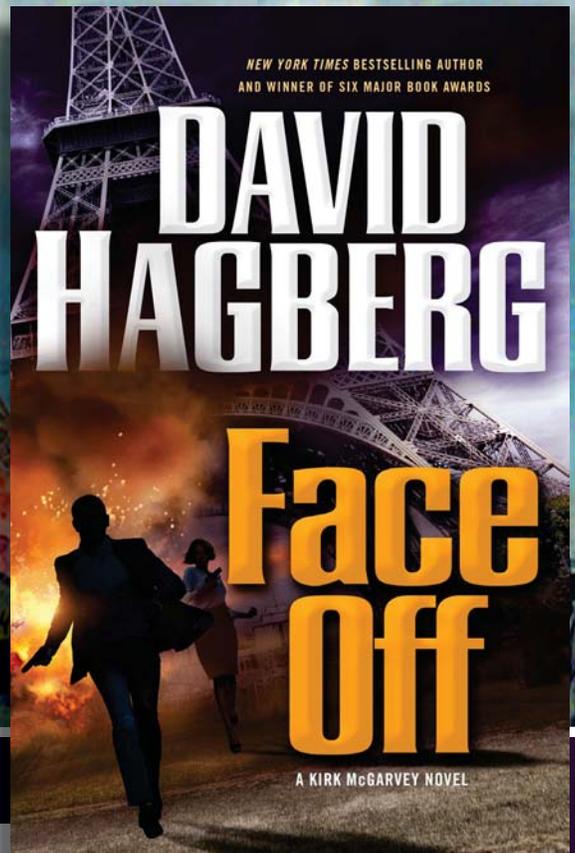
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DAVID HAGBERG



"David Hagberg is the pros' pro, the plot master we all wish we were."

-Stephen Coonts, New York Times bestselling author

"David Hagberg consistently delivers thrillers that truly thrill, with an uncanny ability to anticipate future headlines." **-Ralph Peters, New York Times bestselling author**

Kirk McGarvey is lunching in the Eiffel Tower when terrorists attempt to bring the Paris icon down. He springs into action to stop the attack, only to find there's a much larger plot at stake. One that aims to force the incompetent US President out by pitting him against Russia.

But Putin himself is eager to avoid World War III. When a Russian nuclear weapon goes missing and is found heading to the US, Putin enlists McGarvey's help in stopping it. The stakes couldn't be higher, and the outcome couldn't be more in doubt. Only McGarvey stands a chance of intervening before it's too late, in a race against time across Paris, Istanbul, Moscow, and Washington, D.C.



DAVID HAGBERG is a former Air Force cryptographer who has traveled extensively in Europe, the Arctic, and the Caribbean, and has spoken at CIA functions. He has published more than seventy novels of suspense, including *Tower Down*, *End Game*, and the bestselling *Allah's Scorpion*, *Dance with the Dragon*, and *The Expediter*. He makes his home in Sarasota, Florida.

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TOWER DOWN



TOWER DOWN

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Eagle, whose real name was Kamal Al-Daran, had come to kill the man, along with his mistress Alimah, and as many as three dozen other billionaires in the AtEighth penthouse on Eighth Avenue and West 57th, and one thousand or more on the ground at Carnegie Hall.

The blame would go to ISIS, of course, as would the downing of a second pencil tower here in Manhattan with even more devastating results than this evening's act of terrorism. Bringing down the two towers would be a copy of al-Quaeda's destruction of the Twin Trade Towers, only this time airplanes wouldn't be needed.

It was thought by his control officer that the attacks would be even more devastating to New Yorkers and to the entire nation than the ISIS attacks in Paris and Brussels and elsewhere. The U.S. military would be ordered to take out the entire ISIS war machine as Operation One, saving Saudi Arabia the bother.

The New Yorkers call them Pencil Towers, with names like 111Fifty-Seventh, or One57. Elegant but arrogant. One hundred million dollars or more for the penthouse condominiums. Playgrounds for men of talent when it comes to making money.

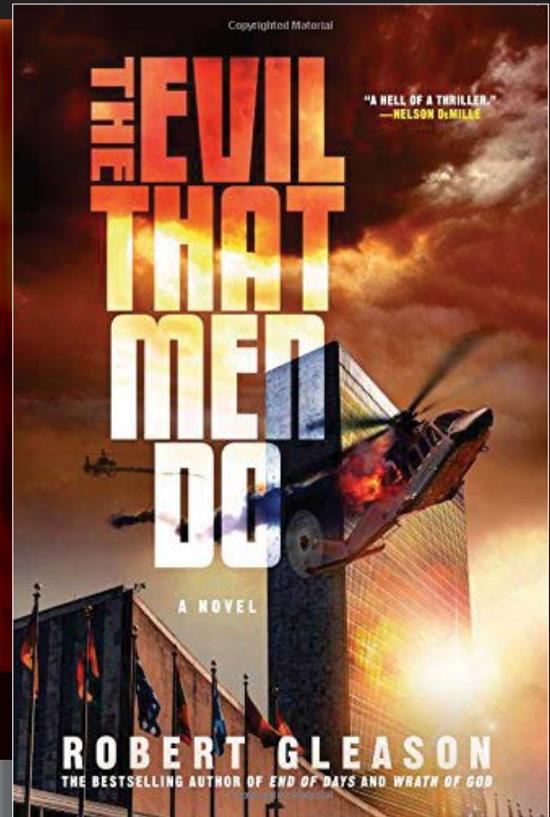
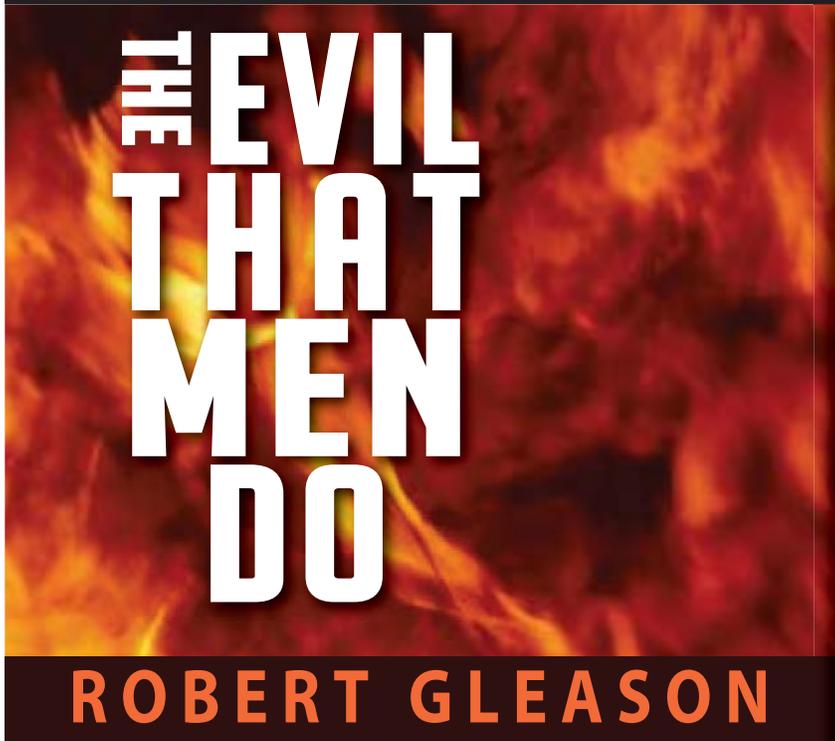
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From the Author of END OF DAYS and THE NUCLEAR TERRORIST



"The Evil That Men Do is a roiling, in-your-face thriller ... all narrated in a fiery prose that eagerly details love scenes, torture scenes, and the explosive finale. Enjoy the action." -Booklist

"Stunningly effective ... Echoing the best of Tom Clancy ... Superb in all respects."
-Sunday Providence Journal

Income inequality and the offshore hoarding of illicit black funds have reached such extremes that the earth's democracies are in peril. The oligarchs are taking over. The People worldwide, however, are rising up, and they demand that the UN seize and redistribute all that illegal filthy lucre. But it will not be easy. The world's oligarchs will not go gentle.

Mikhail Putilov, Russia's strongman; J. T. Tower, the American president, and Wahid al-Waheed, the Saudi Ambassador to the US will do anything to stop and destroy this global expropriation moment—even if it means nuking the UN. Only three people can stop them: the crusading, muckraking, investigative journalist, Jules Meredith; ex-CIA agent, Elena Moreno; and her boyfriend, the ex-Special Forces Operative turned cybersecurity billionaire, John C. Jameson. If these three fail, democracies around the world will die; and the Age of the Great Global Oligarchs will begin.

If these the three friends fail, the nuclear fireballs will blaze, the UN will burn, and a New Dark Ages will ensue. People everywhere must hold their breath and wait.

ROBERT GLEASON is a highly regarded expert on nuclear terrorism. He's spoken on the topic at Harvard four times, and on the Sean Hannity and Lou Dobbs TV shows, and also starred in a two-hour History Channel special largely devoted to the subject. He has discussed it on George Noory's Coast to Coast AM, NPR, and many other shows. Gleason is the author of And Into the Fire, The Nuclear Terrorist, and End of Days. New York City named a day after him for his work in prison literacy, and he was instrumental in getting the 86-year-old anti-nuclear nun, Sister Megan Rice, out of prison. He lives in New York City.

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AND INTO THE FIRE

The advance blurbs all say that *And Into the Fire* is not only a hair-raising thriller, it is arguably the most knowledgeable nuclear terrorism novel of our time.

Byron Dorgan, former US Senator and New York Times bestselling author of *Gridlock* has written: *"Gleason writes with undeniable authority on the threat of nuclear terrorism. His new book, And Into the Fire, is an eye-opening, hair-raising, up-all-night thriller that should be required reading for all Members of Congress."*

William S. Cohen, former Secretary of Defense, US senator and New York Times bestselling author of *Collision*, has said: *"His research is devastatingly detailed and shockingly realistic. We should be scared, all of us--very scared."*

Lt. Colonel Ralph Peters (US Army retired) three-time Boyd Award-winner, Fox News military analyst and New York Times bestselling author of *The Damned of Petersburg*, says: *"Not only the most terrifying, but also the most realistic nuclear-terror scenario I have encountered, whether on the page or in the Pentagon. Robert Gleason's decades of deep research into the dark realms of nuclear energy and weapons have yielded a superb thriller. It's a gripping read--and a primer on nuclear terrorism."*

Richard Marcinko, New York Times Bestselling author of *Rogue Warrior* and founding father of SEAL Team SIX says the book's nuclear terrorism scenarios are *"not only possible they are probable. Robert Gleason enhances the realism with technocrat language and verifiable research."*

Steve Berry, New York Times bestselling author of *The 14th Colony*, says that Gleason's book is *"steeped in pure fact. And that's what makes this book so scary. It actually could happen."*

James Rollins, New York Times bestselling author of *The Bone Labyrinth*, says *And Into the Fire* is *"frighteningly authentic . . . Don't miss this cautionary and important tale of where the world is headed."*



ROBERT GLEASON has dedicated nearly 30 years to researching the threat of nuclear terrorism and the possibility of nuclear annihilation. He was recently featured in the History Channel special "Prophets of Doom." He has also had a successful career as an acquisitions editor in New York publishing. Stephen King, Robert Heinlein, Harold Robbins, Father Andrew Greeley, Margaret Truman, Jack Anderson, Whitley Strieber, Ice-T, Reggie Jackson, and Former Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger are among the notables and bestselling authors that Gleason has signed up and edited.

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Based on Robert Gleason's THE NUCLEAR TERRORIST

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**Author of
THE NUCLEAR TERRORIST**

PRAISE FOR ROBERT GLEASON:

"...a horrifying story that must be told, and right away ...a compulsively readable book that frightens and infuriates the reader. I couldn't put it down." -Douglas Preston, New York Times bestselling author

**The world's worst nightmare is coming to pass:
ISIS, al Qaeda and a group of mega-rich Saudi princes have joined forces.**

In a daring raid on a Pakistani military site, terrorists seize several nuclear devices. They plan to nuke a Washington DC State of the Union address and a nuclear weapons lab on the edge of San Francisco. Their skilled commandos will also melt down a nuclear power plant in New York City's backyard. Such a disaster would make Chernobyl look like a day at the beach, kill as many as 20 million people and render the Tri-State Area, New York City included, uninhabitable. Their goal is to plunge the US into another Mideast war—a war that will radicalize Muslims worldwide and foment global nuclear Armageddon.

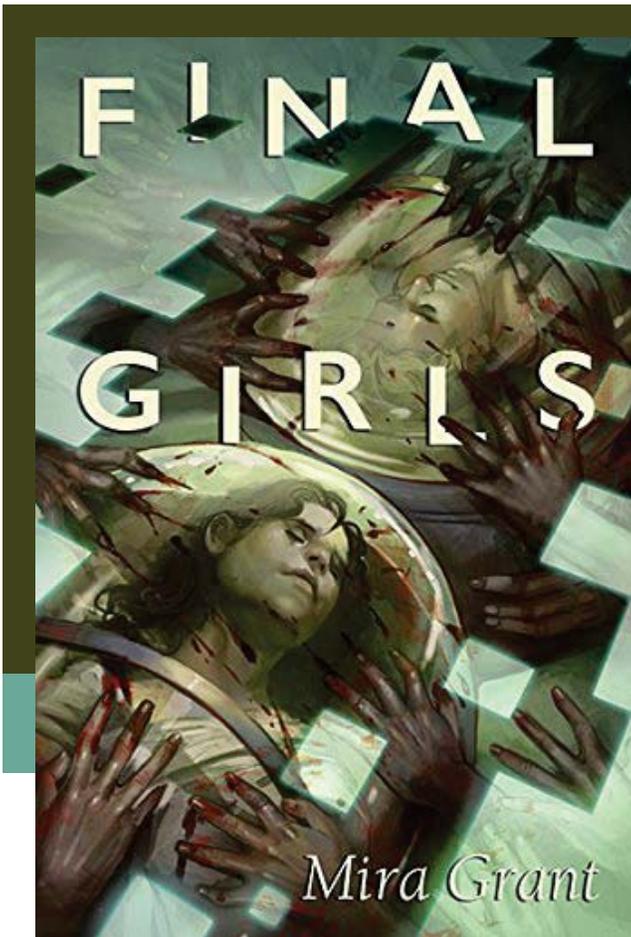
The clock is ticking... Only intrepid investigative reporter Julie Meredith and her sister, Vivian, a fearless CIA agent can stop them. But will a corrupt White House—obsessed with procuring Saudi oil money—believe the two women? And can they stop the nuclear attacks in time?



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FINAL GIRLS

Mira Grant

What if you could fix the worst parts of yourself by confronting your worst fears?

Dr. Jennifer Webb has invented proprietary virtual reality technology that purports to heal psychological wounds by running clients through scenarios straight out of horror movies and nightmares. In a carefully controlled environment, with a medical cocktail running through their veins, sisters might develop a bond they've been missing their whole lives—while running from the bogeyman through a simulated forest. But...can real change come so easily?

Esther Hoffman doubts it. Esther has spent her entire journalism career debunking pseudoscience, after phony regression therapy ruined her father's life. She's determined to unearth the truth about Dr. Webb's budding company. Dr. Webb's willing to let her, of course, for reasons of her own. What better advertisement could she get than that of a convinced skeptic? But Esther's not the only one curious about how this technology works. Enter real-world threats just as frightening as those created in the lab. Dr. Webb and Esther are at odds, but they may also be each other's only hope of survival.

With her new novella *Final Girls*, bestselling, award-winning author Mira Grant has conjured a heart-stopping, gut-wrenching story filled with as many twists as it is versions of reality. Grant offers a chilling exploration of how surviving horrors might define us all.

Mira Grant lives in California, sleeps with a machete under her bed, and highly suggests you do the same. Mira Grant is the pseudonym of Seanan McGuire - winner of the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for best new writer. Find out more about the author at www.miragrants.com or follow her on twitter @seananmcguire.



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CHILDREN OF THE FIFTH SUN TRILOGY

GARETH WORTHINGTON

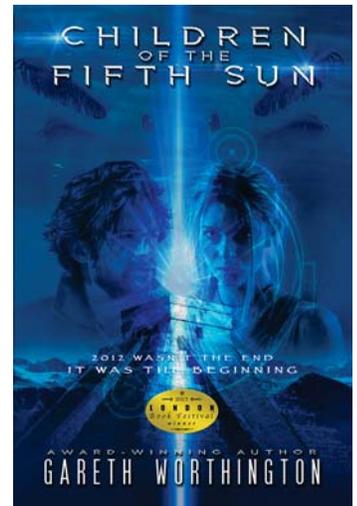
CHILDREN OF THE FIFTH SUN
2017 London Book Festival Winner

"An action-packed, globe-hopping science fiction thriller... pedal-to-the-metal pacing and relentless action..." -Kirkus Reviews

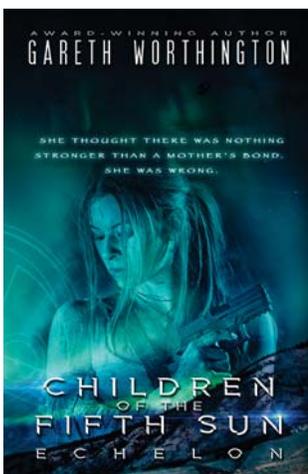
2012 WASN'T THE END, IT WAS THE BEGINNING

In almost every belief system on earth, there exists a single unifying mythos: thousands of years ago a great flood devastated the Earth's inhabitants. From the ruins of this cataclysm, a race of beings emerged from the sea bestowing knowledge and culture upon humanity, saving us from our selfish drive toward extinction.

Some say this race were "ancient aliens" who came to assist our evolution. But what if they weren't alien at all? What if they evolved right here on Earth, alongside humans . . . and they are still here? And, what if the World's governments already know?



CHILDREN OF THE FIFTH SUN: ECHELON

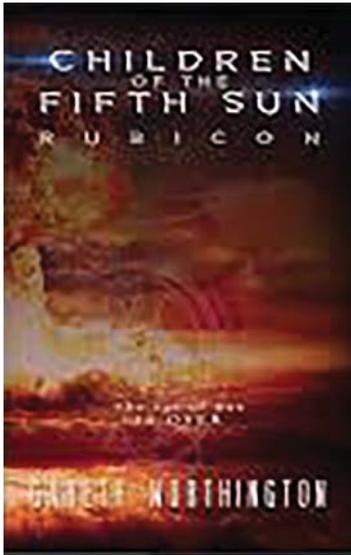


THE BATTLE FOR EARTH WILL BE FOUGHT BY THE YOUNGEST SOULS

Fifteen thousand years ago, the knowledge bringers—an amphibious, non-humanoid species known as the Huahuqui—came after a great global flood, gifting humans with math, science and civility. We killed them all. Seventy years ago, we found one of their corpses preserved in ice and eventually created a clone, named K'in. Our governments squabbled over the creature and we killed that, too.

Now, a sinkhole in Siberia has opened revealing new secrets and humans may once again have a chance to prove we deserve the gifts the Huahuqui bestowed.

COMING IN 2019!



CHILDREN OF THE FIFTH SUN: RUBICON

It has been fourteen years since the Nine Veils abducted a group of Nenets children and their bonded Huahuqui from Antarctica. Despite years of searching by Jonathan Teller and the NSA, nothing has been heard from the clandestine organization or the abductees.

Meanwhile, KJ Nilsson, the remaining children and their Huahuqui—collectively known as TheStratum—have grown up in relative safety at Alpha Base in Antarctica. Thanks to the work of Lucy Taylor, now President of the United States, The Stratum are to be recognized as a unique, symbiotic, race and legal citizens of several great nations.

But, things do not go as planned when the Nine Veils come out of hiding—with their own army of Huahuqui—determined to become the most elite power on the planet.

Now, KJ and his fellow Stratum must prove they deserve their new status by defending the citizens of Earth against their own kind.

Whoever wins, the age of man is over.

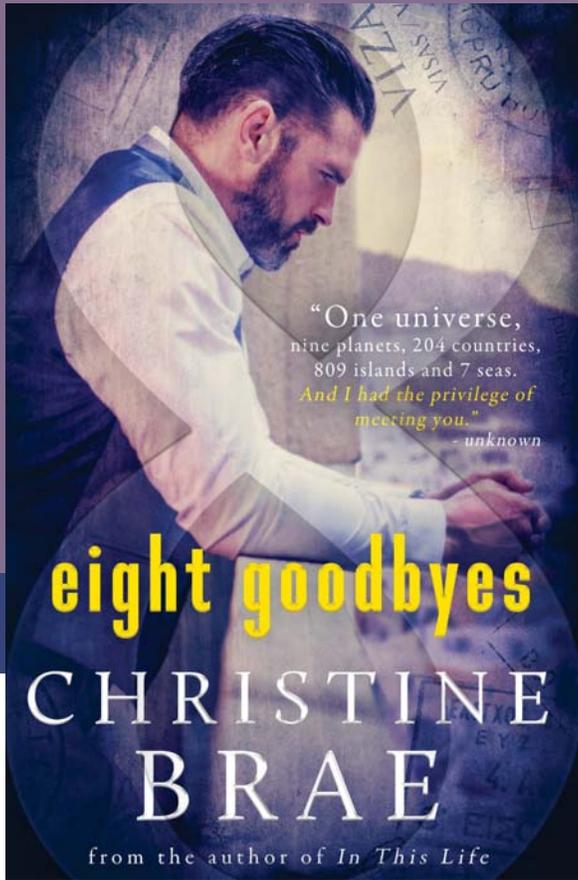
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In his spare time, he has a number of passions, including: martial arts (he trained in Muay Thai at the prestigious EVOLVE MMA gym in Singapore); playing acoustic guitar; studying ancient history; drawing; and most of all writing fiction. Born in England, Gareth resides in Switzerland.



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eight goodbyes

CHRISTINE BRAE

One universe, nine planets, 204 countries, 809 islands and 7 seas, and I had the privilege of meeting you.
—Unknown

When Tessa Talman meets Simon Fremont for the first time, not only is she attracted to him, she's intrigued by how different their lives are. He's a dedicated scientist, practical, pragmatic, and grounded—while she's a head-in-the-clouds romance author. As their relationship grows, they agree to meet in places around the world, while continuing to live on opposite sides of the globe.

Though their feelings for each other deepen, their priorities remain the same. Simon is in a hurry to be financially sound and settle down, but Tessa is enjoying her freedom and newfound success. Neither is willing to give in, but as each goodbye gets harder, Tessa begins to wonder whether fame is the path to happiness, or if she has everything she needs in Simon.

Just as Tessa finds the courage to go after her own happily ever after, the unthinkable happens, separating them in ways they never imagined.

To move forward, she must let go of the past, and determine once and for all if love is truly more powerful than the pain of goodbye.

Christine Brae was born in the city of Makati, Philippines and educated abroad. She met and married her best friend who whisked her away to Chicago over twenty years ago. Christine is CFO of Leo Burnett, a global advertising company founded in 1935 in Chicago.

The author of four novels, Christine has an established fan base and a dedicated following. Her titles ranked in the Top 100 months following release. Her most recent novel, IN THIS LIFE, has been optioned for film.



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IT TAKES DEATH TO REACH A STAR

STU JONES & GARETH WORTHINGTON

WINNER-NYC Book Festival, Sci-Fi Category

FINALIST 2018 CYGNUS AWARD

BRONZE-AUTHORSdb First Lines Competition

***THE WORLD YOU KNOW IS DEAD.
WE DID THIS TO OURSELVES.***

The epidemic struck at the end of the Third World War. Fighting over oil, power, and religion, governments ignored the rise of an anti-bacterial-resistant plague. In just five years, the Earth was annihilated. Only one city survived—Etyom—a frozen hell-hole in northern Siberia, still engulfed in conflict.

The year is 2251.

Two groups emerged from the ashes of the old world. Within the walled city of Lower Etyom, dwell the Robusts—descendants of the poor who were immune to The New Black Death. Above them, in a metropolis of pristine platforms called Lillipads, live the Graciles—the progeny of the super-rich; bio-engineered to resist the plague.

Mila Solokoff is a Robust who trades information in a world where knowing too much can get you killed. Caught in a deal-gone-bad, she's forced to take a high-risk job for a clandestine organization hell-bent on revolution.

Demitri Stasevich is a Gracile with a dark secret—a sickness that, if discovered, will surely get him Ax'd. His only relief is an illegal narcotic produced by the Robusts, and his only means of obtaining it is a journey to the arctic hell far below New Etyom.

Thrust together in the midst of a sinister plot that threatens all life above and below the cloud line, Mila and Demitri must master their demons and make a choice—one that will either salvage what's left of the human race, or doom it to extinction...

Gareth Worthington BSc PhD is a trained marine biologist and also holds a doctorate in comparative endocrinology. Currently, Gareth works full time for the pharmaceutical industry helping to educate the world's doctors on new cancer therapies. His debut novel, *Children of the Fifth Sun*, won in the Science Fiction category at the London Book Festival 2017. Born in England, Gareth resides in Switzerland.

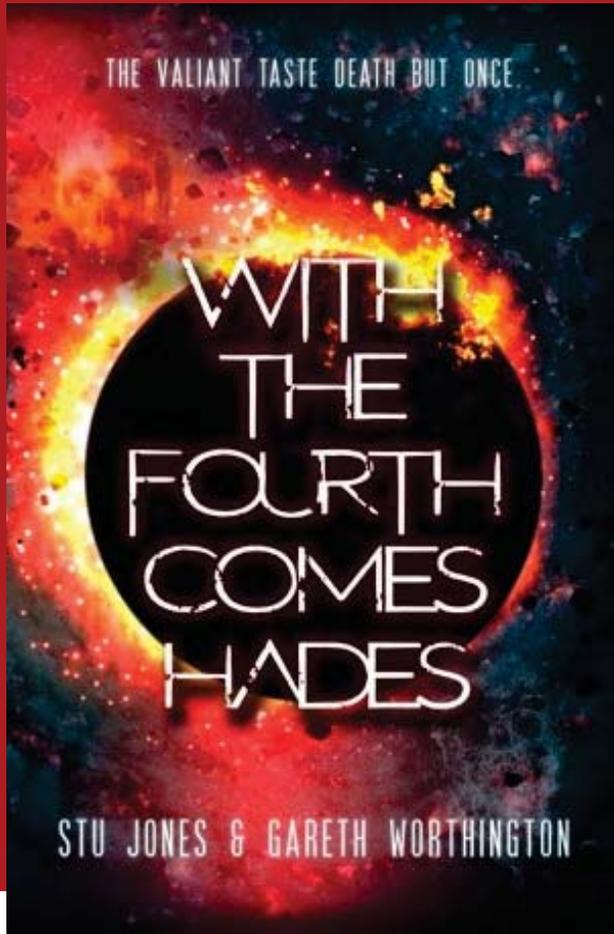


Stu Jones has served full time as a law enforcement officer for twelve years. Over the course of his career he has worked as an investigator, an instructor teaching SWAT close quarters and defensive tactics, and as a member and team leader of a multijurisdictional SWAT team. He is also trained and qualified as a law enforcement SWAT sniper, as well as in hostage rescue and high-risk entry tactics.

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WITH THE FOURTH COMES HADES

Three years after the fall of the Leader, the resistance led by Mila has grown and even includes a Gracile component headed by Oksana and her private Creed Security. They battle Extremist Musuls for control of what is left of Etyom, and to search for Faruq. But this is the least of their problems as Vedmak commandeered the last Lillipad and has been secretly building an army of Graciles bonded to demons like him. But with each connection of Gracile soldier to a demon in a parallel universe, the fabric of space time weakens – until at one crucial moment, the multiverse will collapse.

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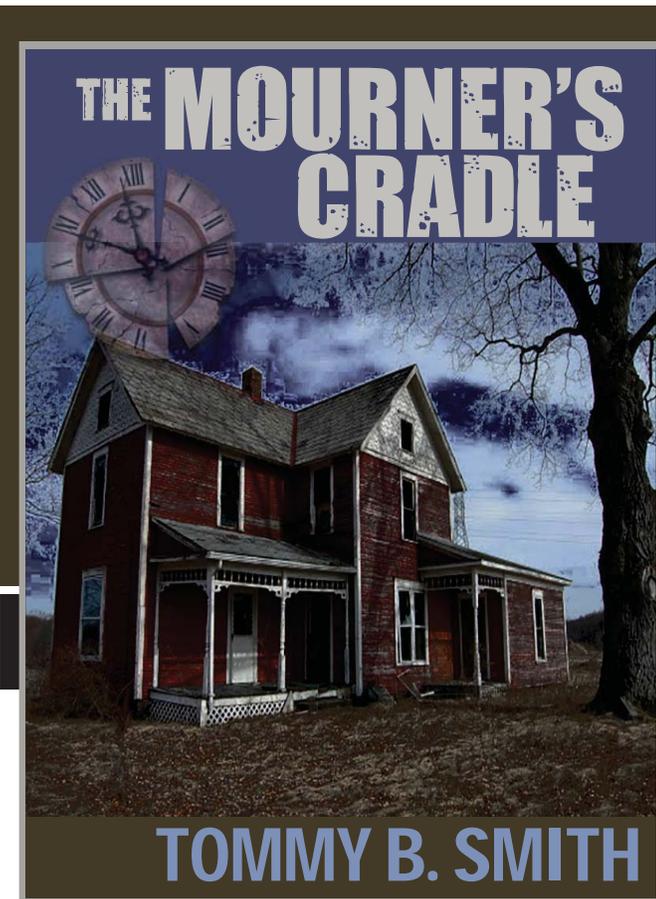


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THE MOURNER'S CRADLE

TOMMY B. SMITH

Praise for the work of Tommy B. Smith:

"I absolutely loved this book.one you cannot put down! ...features great writing, edge of your seat drama and the kind of gothic horror

you can really sink your teeth into. A huge adrenaline rush for serious horror junkies!"
-GMTA Review

"Poisonous belongs to the queasy realm of organic horror. Portraying a parasitic infection of evil that poisons the innocent... Great little page turner that any fan of horror fiction will find worth reading." -Ellis Goodson, Amazon

Damon Sharpe had in part found victory, he believed, in his battle to unearth a truth obscured by time. By autumn, he was dead, leaving to his wife Anne a house of unfulfilled wishes, remnants, and the key to the enigma of his obsession, the Mourner's Cradle.

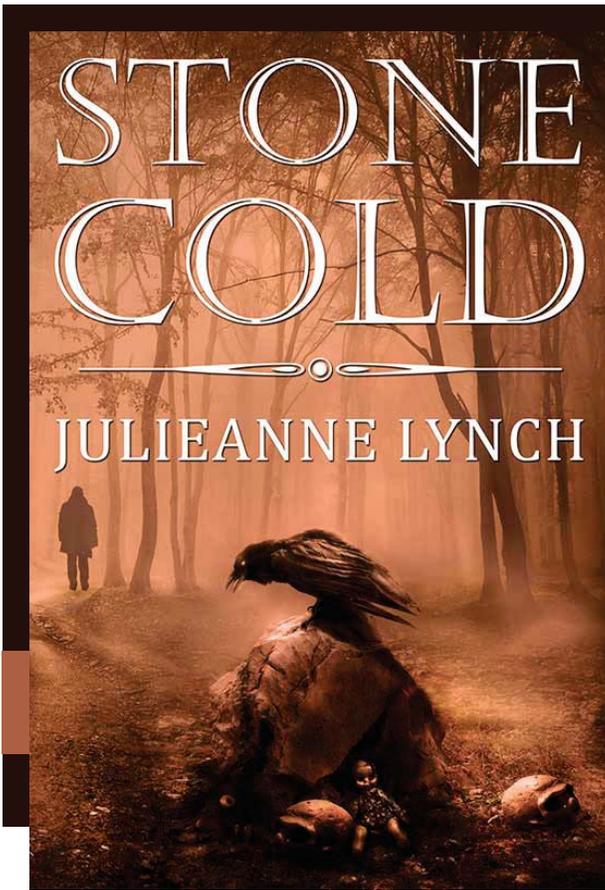
A journey through grief and peril delivers Anne Sharpe from her home in St. Charles to the far-away skeletons of a long-dead civilization where she will find the desperate answers she seeks... or die trying.

Tommy B. Smith is a writer of dark fiction and author of *The Mourner's Cradle*, *Poisonous*, and the short story collection *Pieces of Chaos*. His work has appeared in numerous publications over the years, including *Every Day Fiction*, *Night to Dawn*, and the anthology *Tales from The Lake Vol. 3*. His presence currently infests Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he resides with his wife and cats.

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STONE COLD

JULIEANNE LYNCH

Pain and suffering is all Nathan Stone has ever known and he refuses to live by the rules of his Irish Catholic roots. After a brutal showdown with his father, Nathan is forced to flee his beloved Ireland aboard *The Flying Dragon*, where he witnesses his first human sacrifice—and the psychopath within awakens.

Nathan takes refuge in Boston, where he assumes a new identity and joins a ritualistic society based on the Thelemic ideals of Aleister Crowley. Obsession and need compel Nathan's every thought and move, and he is soon immersed in a world of his own making. A world where boundaries are crossed and lives are taken, all in the search of his True Will. The monster within controls him in ways he never imagined.

No child is safe, not with Nathan prowling in the shadows.

Julieanne Lynch is a YA and Adult author. Julieanne was born in Northern Ireland, but spent much of her early life in London, United Kingdom, until her family relocated back to their roots.

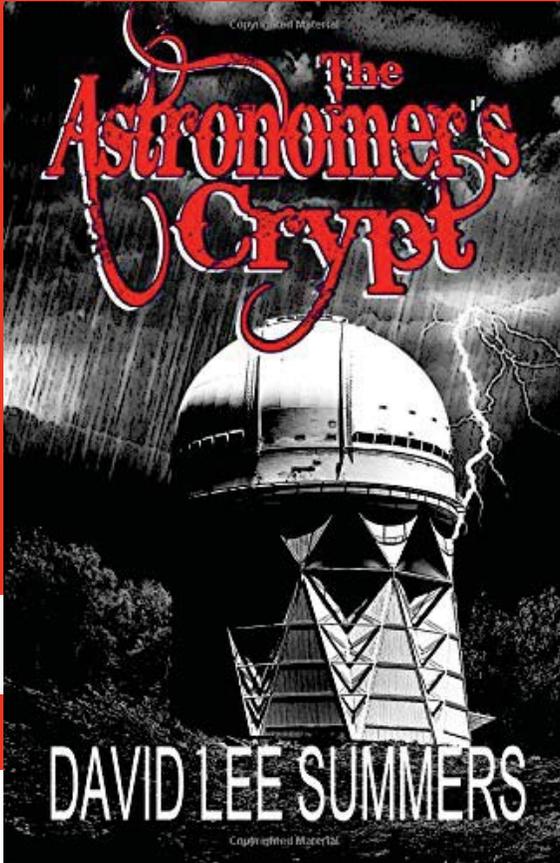
Julieanne lives in Northern Ireland, with her husband and five children, where she is a full-time author. She studied English Literature and Creative Writing at The Open University, and considered journalism as a career path. Julieanne has several projects optioned for film.



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The Astronomer's Crypt

DAVID LEE SUMMERS

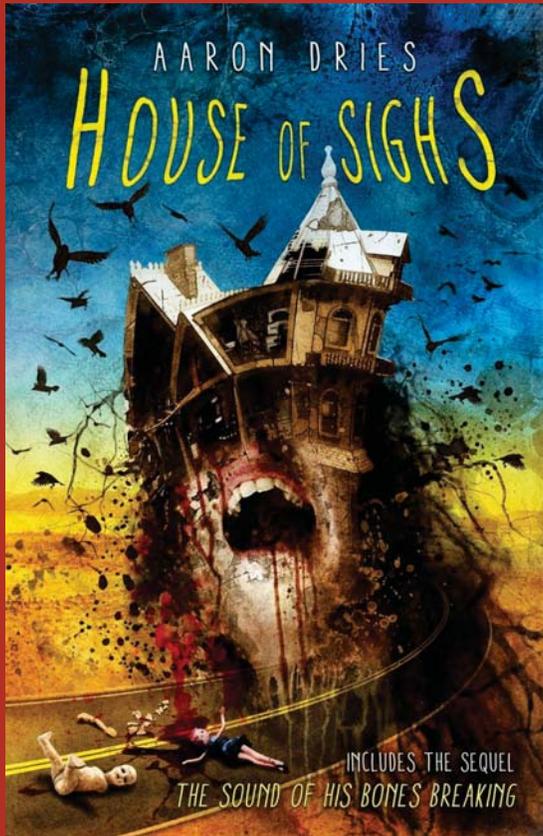
If you scare easily, don't read this book. If you dare to read it, you've been warned. Two years ago on a stormy night, in the dead of winter, Mike Teter experienced something that would change his life forever. Mike was a telescope operator at the world renowned Carson Peak Observatory in New Mexico. We won't tell you what he saw that night on the mountain nor what happened afterward on a dark stretch of highway, because it would haunt you just as it has haunted Mike. But what we will tell you is that Mike is back at Carson Peak. And what he witnessed that night two years ago is about to become a reality . . .

David Lee Summers is an author, editor and astronomer living somewhere between the western and final frontiers in Southern New Mexico. He is the author of nine novels. His short stories and poems have appeared in numerous magazines including Cemetery Dance, Realms of Fantasy, Star*Line, and The Santa Clara Review. David is also the founding editor of Tales of the Talisman Magazine. When he's not writing, he operates telescopes at Kitt Peak National Observatory.



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HOUSE OF SIGHS

AARON DRIES

"Aaron Dries' debut pulls out all the stops... The villains Dries creates are incredibly realistic and absolutely terrifying... [It] will please any horror fan looking for an entirely unique, twisted tale." -RT Book Review

"One of the most horrifying books I've ever read. I know it's cliché to say you're hooked from the first page, but it is absolutely true here. The first chapter packs a gut-punch that completely shocked me as both a reader and a parent. I read HOUSE OF SIGHS in just a few days, only putting it down when I had to." -The Horror Fiction Review

It's the summer of 1995, and the passengers of the Sunday bus into town have realized that something is very, very wrong with their driver. They don't know that she began her day planning to kill herself. But they know that she's threatening to kill them. They began the ride as her passengers, but now they're her captives. She's already shown she won't hesitate to use that gun in her hand, and no one wants to be the next to die. They have no idea where she's taking them, who will be left alive when they get there, or what's in store for the survivors. With a madwoman at the wheel, the bus has gone far off its route, deep into insanity. And for most of the passengers, the next stop will be their last.

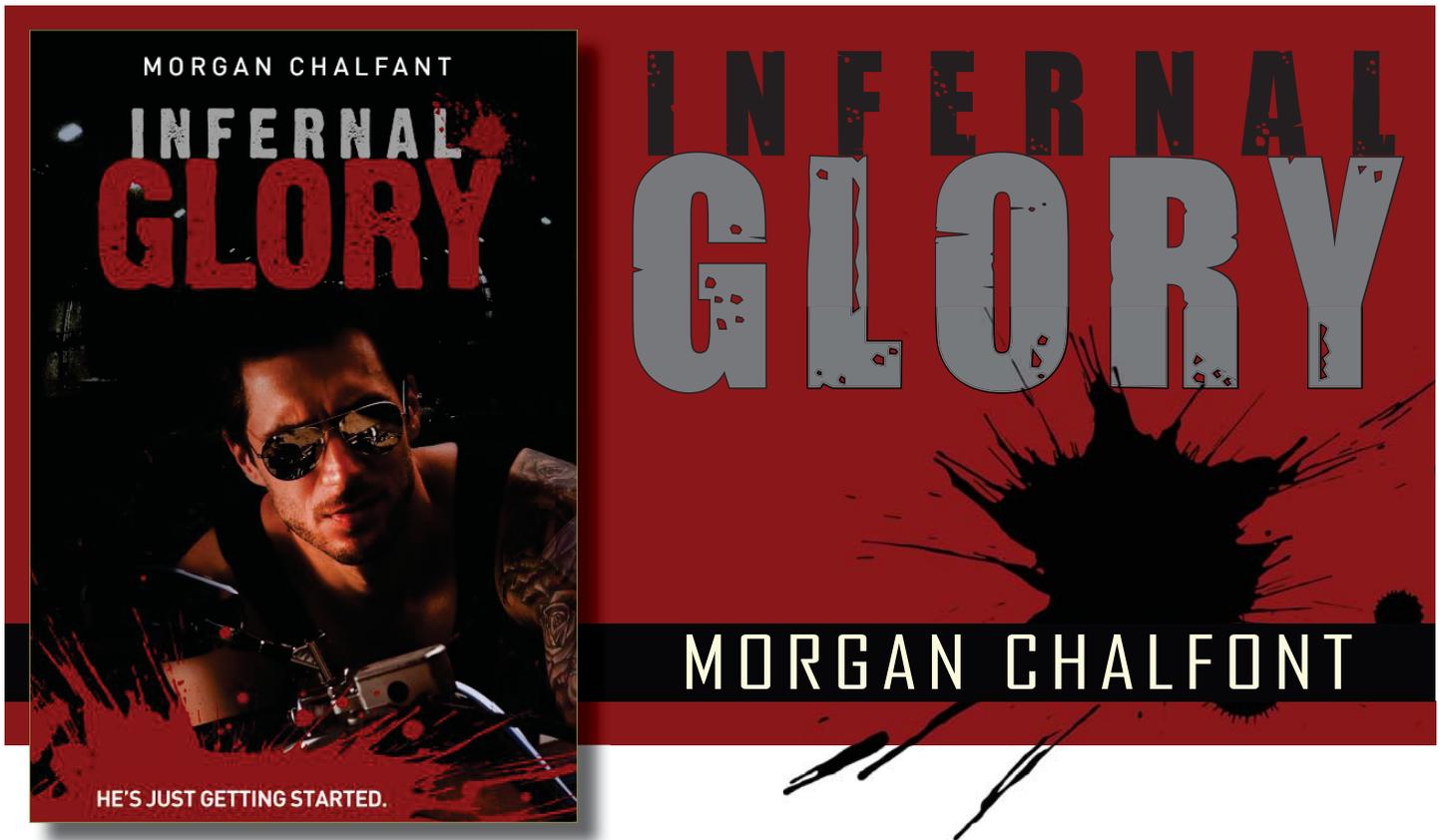
Author, artist, and filmmaker Aaron Dries was born and raised in New South Wales, Australia. His novels include House of Sighs, The Fallen Boys, A Place for Sinners, and Where the Dead Go to Die, which he co-wrote with Mark Allan Gunnells. His short fiction and illustration work has been published world-wide. .



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Jersey “The Brawler” Romero was a washed-up, old, street fighter who spent more time behind bars than outside of them—until he was granted his youth, immortality, and the powers of a god by the Twilight Goddess, the mother he never knew. The only catch: Jersey has to protect his home city, Glory, from the dark forces that plague her at every turn. Already he’s battled his own brother, a succession of underworld demons determined to make Glory their home, and even the vengeful goddess, Athena. When can a brawler catch a break?

With his ex-lover, Abigail, in exile for betraying him to his brother and almost getting him killed, Jersey has carved out a new life for himself (along with carving up the occasional demon on the side). Alys, a champion MMA fighter, along with her friends who run the White Rabbits Detective Agency, are his new allies. They’re good for him. A human connection in a city filled with inhuman cruelty. Along with his friend, Goodspeed, (Mercury, the Messenger God), Jersey is going to need the White Rabbits’ help to handle what’s coming. A new trouble is riding into Glory on the backs of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. The Horsemen’s psychopathic, black-sheep brother, Abattoir, the Carrion Collector, cleaner of the battlefields, is hell-bent on destroying them and any god he can get his hands on. And when Jersey decides to help, he becomes the next god in Abattoir’s path.

Morgan Chalfant is the author of the urban fantasy novel, *Ghosts of Glory*, and the horror/thriller, *Focused Insanity*. His poetry and short stories have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies including the horror anthology, *Dark and Evil*, *Deadly Quill*, *Under the Bed Magazine*, and *Straylight Magazine*. He teaches composition and writing at Fort Hays State University. You can find him in his writing cave hanging out with his heroes of the 1980s, Alex Murphy, Conan the Barbarian, Flash Gordon, and Snake Plissken, while jamming to Iron Maiden, AC/DC, and The Scorpions. He was born and raised in Hill City, Kansas.

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THE CHIMERA EFFECT

BOOK TWO: THE GHOST GENE

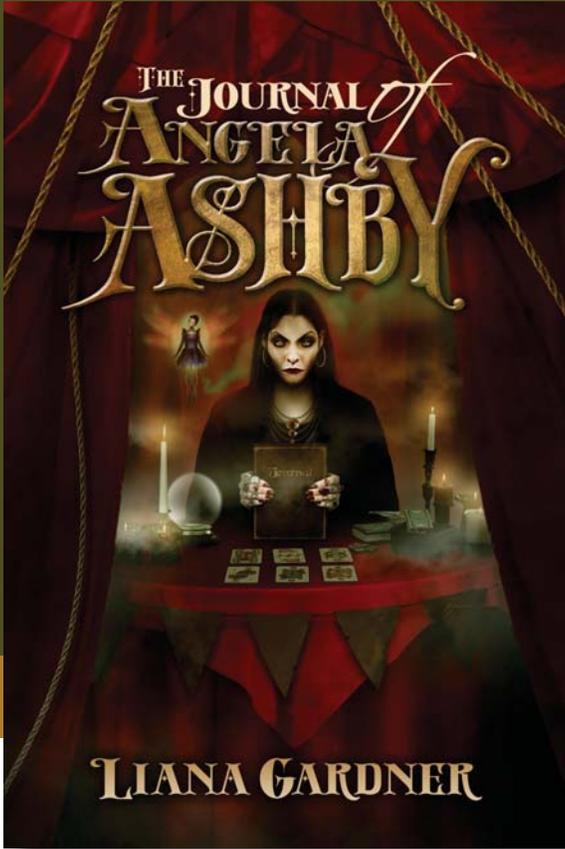
Keenan was conceived as a twin, but his brother died in utero. As a result, Keenan absorbed his brother's genetic material. Labeled the chimera effect by one scientist, no one knows exactly how these chimeric genes will manifest in the surviving twin. Keenan believes his abilities and the increasing instances of visions are related to this phenomenon. As his powers continue to intensify, Keenan heads to Brazil for experimental stem cell procedures aimed at more fully understanding his powers. But as the experiments continue, he becomes more unpredictable and is occasionally subject to violent outbursts. After experiencing one of his visions, Keenan decides he must go to England in search of his daughter. Keenan determines that he must cut himself off from the world and bury himself in his gift more than ever to find her.

BOOK THREE: THE CIRCLE OF CHAOS

Having been unable to locate his little girl Keenan returns to the states and a self-imposed exile. After having several more visions of his daughter, he is convinced that she is in England SOMEWHERE and he decides to return with the help of Cassy, another *chimera*. This time they track his daughter down, but she has been drugged, and her paranoia has lead her to distrust and fear her father. Keenan realizes he must conquer his demons and learn to control the power within him in order to reunite with his child.

Alexandrea weis is an award-winning author of twenty-five novels, a screenwriter, ICU Nurse, and historian who was born and raised in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Having grown up in the motion picture industry as the daughter of a director, she learned to tell stories from a different perspective and began writing at the age of eight. Weis writes paranormal, suspense, thrillers, horror, crime fiction, and romance. She lives with her husband and pets in New Orleans. ~Winner of the gold medal from Reader's Favorite Book Awards for Romantic Suspense, the Silver Medal from the Foreword Magazine Book of the Year awards for Romance, the gold medal from the Feathered Quill Book Awards for Romance, and an InD'Tale Magazine RONE winner for Paranormal Romance.

Lucas Astor is from New York, has resided in Central America and the Middle East, and traveled through Europe. He is an author and poet with a penchant for telling stories that delve into the dark side of the human psyche. Lucas likes to explore the evil that exists, not just in the world, but right next door behind a smiling face. Archery, photography, making wine, listening to jazz, blues, and classical music, and helping endangered species are some of his interests.



THE JOURNAL of ANGELA ASHBY

LIANA GARDNER

At a school carnival, a mysterious fortune-teller gives twelve-year old Angela Ashby a journal and warns her to use it wisely. Nothing prepares Angela for the journal's power—when she pours her heart onto its pages her desires come true.

She tests the journal by conjuring a gnome, a unicorn, and a farting fairy and then uses it to stop the school bullies in their tracks. But the unintended consequences alienate her best friend and puts her favorite teacher in danger of losing her job.

After she shares her deepest desire of all—that her parents get back together—her adversary steals the journal, and Angela fears she will use it to bring mayhem to the entire school if she doesn't get it back.

Liana Gardner is the two-time teen choice award-winning author. Daughter of a rocket scientist and an artist, Liana combines the traits of both into a quirky yet pragmatic writer and in everything sees the story lurking beneath the surface.



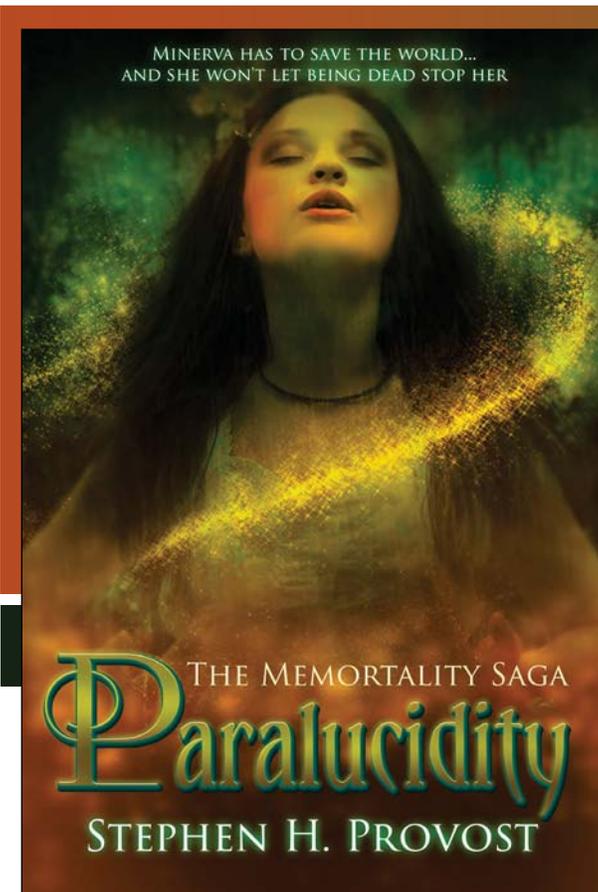
Liana volunteers with high school students through the International Trade Education Programs (ITEP). ITEP unites business people and educators to prepare students for a meaningful place in the world of tomorrow. Working in partnership with industry and educators, ITEP helps young people “think globally and earn locally.”

Her 2017 release, *7thGrade Revolution*, was a Finalist in the International Book Awards: Children's Fiction

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Paralucidity

STEPHEN H. PROVOST

Praise for the work of Stephen Provost:

"one of those books that is strangely fascinating, curiously thrilling, and absolutely so much fun to read."
-Jazzy Book Reviews

Provost, a reporter, is a no-nonsense writer who delivers on the action ... his style makes the trippy landscapes and mind-bending plot points more believable and adds a thrilling edge to this vivid crossover fantasy." -Foreword Reviews

Somebody wanted Minerva Rus dead. They succeeded. But Minerva isn't letting a little thing like death stop her. After the dangerous adventure that killed her in *MEMORTALITY*, Minerva Rus has reconciled herself to being dead. She and her also-dead boyfriend Raven, share a gift that allows them to bring the dead back to life – including each other. Now that Jules, their most dangerous enemy, has been banished from reality and trapped inside her own mind, Minerva and Raven plan on enjoying the eternity of their unnatural lives.

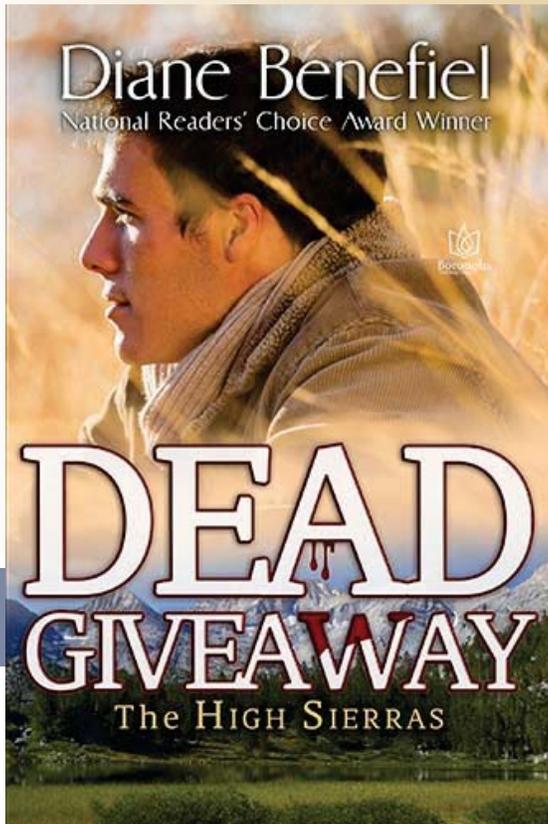
But immortality isn't safe. Minerva and Raven's life-giving powers mysteriously fade, forcing them to take refuge in the *In Between*, a shadowy realm of memories that lie between life and death. What's more, their old adversary Jules, is on the loose partnered with a resurrected Nazi scientist planning a monstrous experiment that will change the destiny of the human race. And now its up to a 21-year-old dead girl to save the world –again.

Stephen H. Provost is a journalist, author and editor of The Cambrian newspaper. His previous books include *MEMORALITY* the precursor to *PARALUCITY*, and two books of California history. Provost lives with his wife on California's Central Coast where he frequently blogs on writing and current events at stephenhprovost.com

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DEAD GIVEAWAY

Diane Benefiel

You've witnessed your best friend's murder, taken her son on the run, and the police want to "talk" to you - where do you go? - to the man who's always hated you, of course.

If asked, Gwendolyn Ballard would admit she co-parented her best friend Chloe's son, Cameron. Now Gwen is all he's got as they flee from the man who murdered his mother. There's only one place Cameron will be safe, and that's with his uncle, Elijah MacElvoy. Arriving on his doorstep at the Broken Arrow Ranch is a desperate decision, and Gwen knows he'd slam the door in her face if she didn't have his nephew with her. But she'll do anything for Cam, even if it means putting up with Elijah's distrust and judgment.

Chloe's dead. Cam's orphaned, and Elijah is confronted with the prospect of living with the one woman who's driven him crazy for the past ten years. He'll fight to keep her safe. That's encoded in his DNA. But can he trust her with a little boy who just lost his mother? As Eli watches how Gwen loves and cares for his nephew, he reevaluates his thinking and gives in to the smoldering attraction he felt the first time he saw her. With so much on the line, Eli comes clean about his past, making way for a future that's all about silver linings.

National Readers' Choice Award winner for her novel, *Solitary Man*, Diane Benefiel has been an avid reader all her life. She enjoys a wide range of genres, from westerns to fantasy to mysteries, but romance has always been a favorite. She writes what she loves best to read – emotional, heart-gripping romantic suspense novels. A native Southern Californian, Diane enjoys nothing better than summer. For a high school history teacher, summer means a break from teenagers, and summer allows her to spend her early mornings immersed in her current writing project. With both kids living out of the house, in addition to writing, she enjoys camping and gardening with her husband.

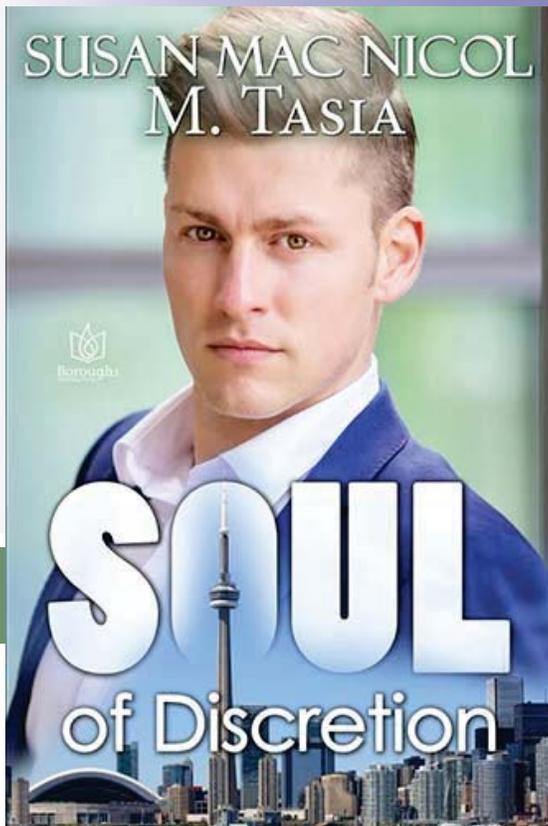


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SOUL of Discretion

SUSAN MACNICOL & M. TASIA

Simon Bridgeworth believes in loyalty, and keeping things in-house. When he discovers his best friend, who has been running the Canadian division of Simon's tech empire, has been skimming millions from the company, Simon flies to Toronto to get to the bottom of the theft and learns his friend has been murdered. Devastated and at a loose end, Simon knows there's no way the company's problems can be kept under wraps now. Imagine his surprise when he learns the Mountie investigating the murder is the first repeat Simon has allowed himself in years.

Sergeant Nick Cooper is a proud member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He's served his country in the military, and now he's protecting the citizenry of Toronto. But devotion to duty is no longer enough. On a whim, Nick hooks up with Aristocrat69 on crUIzer, and what started as one night of incredible sex turns into an attraction neither man can ignore. When a grisly mob murder sends Nick to the Breakforce corporation, he is shocked to discover his lover is none other than its CEO. When Simon's life is threatened, ethical lines blur as Nick does anything to keep him safe - no cost is too high for the man who has become Nick's everything.

Susan MacNicol writes steamy, sexy and fun contemporary gay romances. She is a PAN member of Romance Writers of America and is also a member of the Romantic Novelists Association in the UK. She's the Editor-in-Chief at Divine Magazine and a Charity Board trustee at Being Me in London. She's also written a screenplay with a Hollywood actor/producer, with a view to taking her book, Sight Unseen, to the big screen.



Michelle is a paralegal and author who lives in Ontario, Canada. A member of the RWA and its chapter RRW, she is a dedicated people watcher, and a lover of romance, 80's rock, and happy endings. Mother of two wonderful girls, she is also a servant to two spoiled furry children.

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When Evie James decides to become the rock princess everyone on campus wants her to be, she falls off a cliff, and only Nick Barrens can catch her before it's too late.

Evie James loves to read, gets great grades, and enjoys being a good daughter. But after two days at SMU, she learns the entire university is disgusted that she's not a rock princess. Never one to disappoint, and desperate to fit in, she reinvents herself and becomes the darling of her sorority, and the girl everyone wants to be. Except Evie needs a little help to keep up appearances. What started as a boost has turned into an out-of-control dependency. Does she care? Nah. Not even when the tattooed god of her dreams, Nick Barrens calls her on it.

Two years ago Nick Barrens fell hard for sweet, shy, gorgeous Evie James. When she reappears in his life, she's not the same Evie. This girl is in trouble, and Nick can't help but try to save her. Problem is, Evie doesn't want to be saved, or so she says. But Nick knows the girl he fell for is in there, and decides he'll move heaven and earth to support her as she finds her way back to normal, and back to him. 'Cause the one thing Nick won't do is lose Evie ever again.

L P Maxa lives in Austin, Texas with her husband, daughter, three rescue dogs, and one adopted cat. The fish died. She is a full-time writer, and part time business owner. L.P. says she loves to read as much as she loves to write, and reading a good book is her reward after writing one. In her spare time, she fosters puppies for a rescue organization based in Austin.

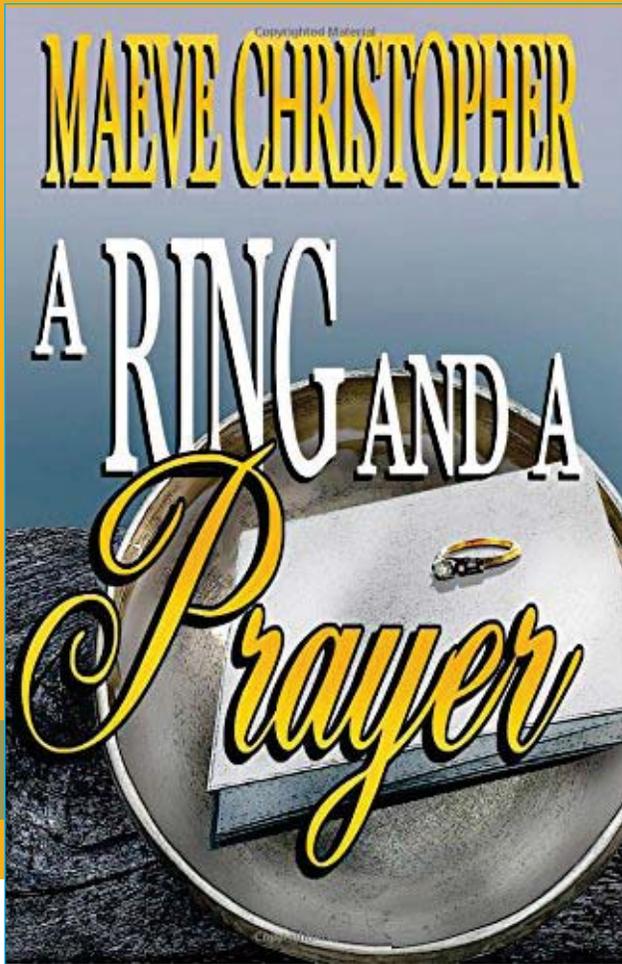


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A RING AND A *Prayer*

MAEVE CHRISTOPHER

Annie Brewster has dedicated her life to helping others, but now she's going to need a little help of her own. A beautiful gold bowl sits on a pedestal on the front porch of The Golden Bowl restaurant in Marberry, Maine, where patrons are invited to leave a prayer and take a prayer. Annie Brewster, the owner, has made it her life's mission to feed people both body and soul. When her beloved husband Russ died ten years ago, Annie threw herself into making the restaurant a success—to the detriment of everything else in her life: her finances, her home, even her heart. Annie believes in prayer and in miracles too, and she's going to need plenty of both because her life is about to be turned upside down and inside out . . .

Ordinary people in extraordinary situations fuel Maeve Christopher's imagination. Keep asking "what if" and "why," and the plot thickens. What could be more fun? Her new series, *The Golden Bowl*, is set on the scenic coast of Maine. This unusual restaurant caters to body, soul, and spirit. A large gold bowl on the front porch gives the establishment its name and invites patrons to leave a prayer and take a prayer. When they do: lives change. Maeve currently lives in Massachusetts with too many characters and a number of messy subplots.



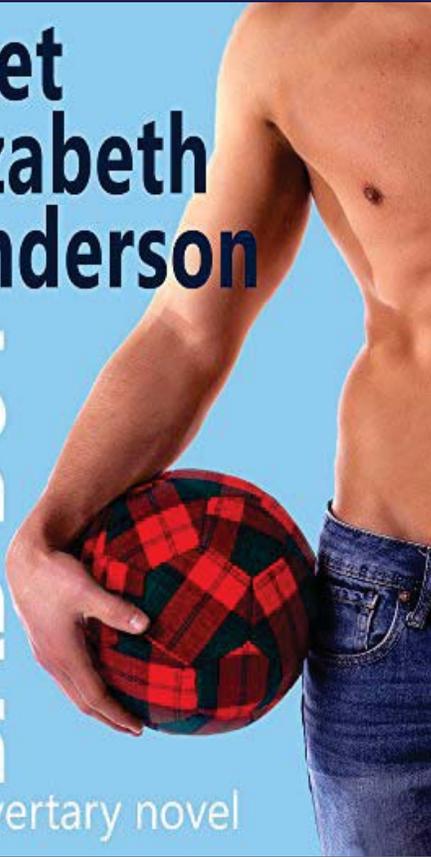
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an Inventory novel



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**A Bad Boy trying to be good, a Good Girl driven to be bad
and a five year old who wants to rule the world...**

When an injury ends Flynn Boyle's professional soccer career, he doesn't know what to do with himself or the rest of his life. According to the tabloid press, all he's good for is partying hard,

womanizing and making an ass of himself. The sad thing is--they aren't far wrong. With no other plans, Flynn heads back to his Highland hometown to regroup--unfortunately, his wild lifestyle and reputation follow him there.

Abby McKenzie is a widow with a five year old. She's trying to keep her business going, and keep her head above water, while she raises her child and gets over the death of her husband. When Flynn Boyle buys the plot of land next to Abby's and sets up home in a luxury RV, Abby fears the worst. The last thing she needs is to be swept up into the drama of an immature playboy.

When Flynn's wild life overflows into Abby's nice contained one, the next thing she knows she's featuring in the tabloid press. Flynn doesn't see the big deal, but then, he doesn't have a stuck-up mother who would like nothing more than to take Abby's child from her and raise her "properly". The bad publicity gives Abby's mother the ammunition she needs to sue for custody of five year old Katy. Abby has one week to prove that she's giving her child a staid, sensible and nurturing environment, or she could lose her baby. Even though her business is failing and Abby is barely holding it together, she knows she can show the courts exactly what they need to see in order for her to keep her child. The only problem is, Flynn. He's right next door. He's dragged her into his mess of a life. And he's going to make Abby lose her child. Unless...

Unless, she can get the bad boy of soccer to turn over a new leaf. If he could just behave himself for one week, she'd be home free. All she needs is for Flynn Boyle to be a good guy. A quiet, respectful, chaos free good guy, for one whole week. Seriously, how hard could that be?

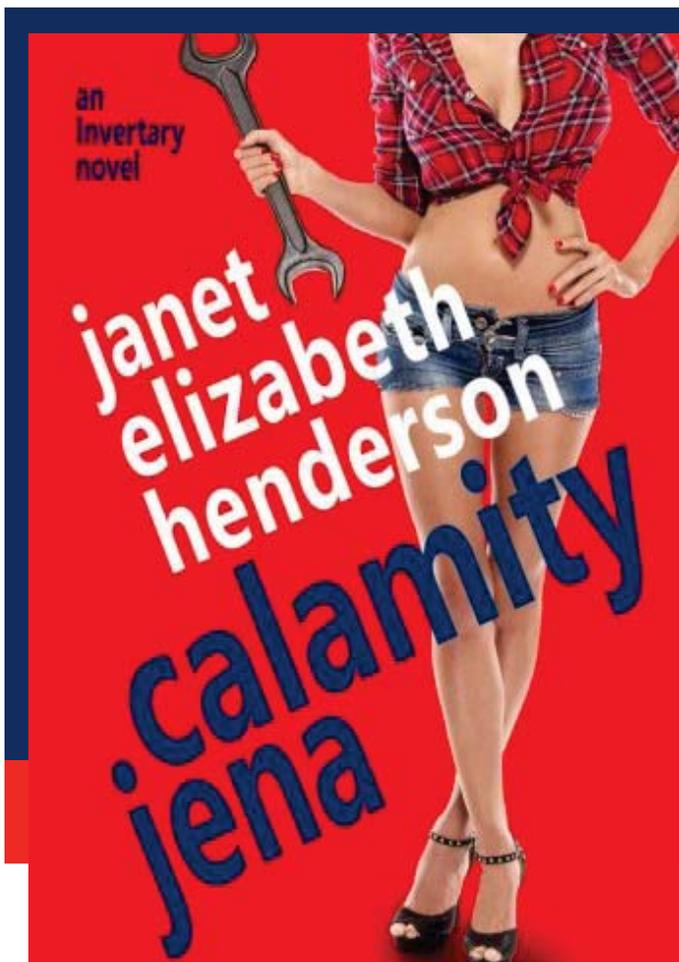
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Jena Morgan, Atlantic City's favorite go-go dancer, may have overreacted when she found her boyfriend balls deep in a stripper called Candy. Instead of washing her eyeballs with bleach, she drank a bottle of tequila and bought a house off the internet. A house far away from her cheating, criminal of an ex-boyfriend. A house in Scotland. As soon as she turns up to claim her new home, Jena finds out exactly why you shouldn't 'one-click' houses while falling-down drunk. It was a dump. With no money, and no skills outside of shaking her booty, Jena does the only thing she can do—she throws herself into the biggest DIY project the Highlands have ever seen. Since Jena's arrival in town, Officer Matt Donaldson's workload has tripled. The woman is a menace, gorgeous yes, but definitely a few sandwiches short of a picnic. Her only discernible skill seems to be causing chaos wherever she goes. She attracts trouble like honey attracts bears. Which is why Matt isn't surprised when her ex-boyfriend turns out to be a member of the New Jersey mob. Although Jena's ex has come to Scotland to win her back, she wants nothing to do with him—a reaction the mobster does not take well. Overnight, Matt's job morphs from hunting missing cats and breaking up fights at the old folk's home, to chasing down the mob and keeping Jena alive. And he's trying to do it all while remaining professional enough to keep his hands off his sexy, but crazy, American charge.

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Disgraced cop Jack Miller inherits a house. He also inherits a tenant. She's sexy, mysterious and obviously up to no good. His cop instincts are in overdrive. He's trying to

get his job back and no police force will employ him if there's illegal activity in his house. His only option is to solve the mystery of his crazy tenant's behaviour and kick her out - if he can keep his hands off her long enough to do it!

Davina Davenport is trying to make a movie with 'borrowed' equipment, in a house without permission and on a deadline. It's her last stab at an acting career and even she knows the plan is slightly insane. Her boss at the TV station is asking about the missing equipment. Jack Miller is nosing around her house - and her. And the creepy cameraman from work wants to blackmail her into trading sex for his filming skills.

It will be a miracle if the movie gets made before Davina ends up fired, in jail or in Jack's bed!

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**He wants forever. She just wants his body.
Neither of them want to give in.**

Mitch Harris has it all. As a successful music manager, who isn't hard to look at, he has women falling at his feet. And that's just the way he likes it. For years he's laughed as, one by one, his buddies have found their women and settled down. He vowed it would never happen to him. Until he sets eyes on the owner of the town's new spa. Jodie Miller is everything Mitch didn't think he wanted, but now desperately needs. She's tough, wicked, smart and so damn sexy it hurts to look at her. Mitch isn't sure if it's love at first sight, or just plain lust. All he knows is that Jodie is the woman for him and he'll do anything, and everything, to make her see that they are meant to be together.

Jodie Miller was inoculated against relationships when she divorced her ex. She learned the hard way that men might say they like strong, independent women, but in reality they'd rather tie themselves to someone who couldn't kick their ass. As a martial arts expert, spa owner and proud feminist (she's got the T-shirt to prove it), Jodie plans to pour her energy into her business instead of another relationship. She's happy to let Mitch play the part of her sex toy—after all, she isn't dead and he's hot as hell—but there's no way she's giving him her heart. No matter how dirty he plays to get it.

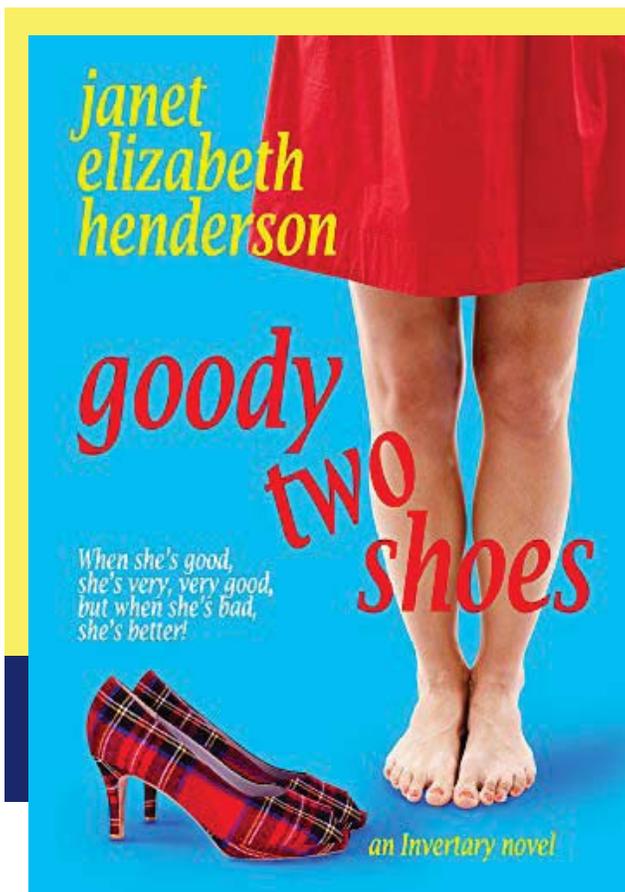
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goody two shoes

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Josh McInnes' biological clock is ticking and he wants to get married—now. After 20 years singing soppy love songs, he knows that there is no such thing as romantic love. There's only hormones and lust. At thirty-five, he's

tired of his playboy lifestyle. He wants a wife who isn't interested in fame, money, or romance. A sensible wife, who values commitment. He wants a partnership, a friendship, and none of the craziness that goes with falling in love. As far as he can see, there's only one way to get exactly what he wants—he needs an arranged marriage.

Caroline Patterson terrifies men. With her no-nonsense attitude, and ice queen demeanour, she's in control of everything—and everyone—around her. Her sensible shoes and grey skirt suits act like a force field, repelling male attention. At thirty-one, she can't remember the last time she went on a date and is beginning to think she'll never have a family of her own. When an American stranger approaches Caroline with a marriage proposal that resembles a business contract, she quickly accepts. She doesn't expect romance. But she does expect to control each and every detail of their lives together. Because as life has taught her—if you aren't in control, bad things happen.

Josh and Caroline learn the hard way that falling in love isn't something you can avoid. And it definitely isn't something you can control. Their well laid plans are about to degenerate into chaos, as they fall in love the Scottish way.

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**Kirsty has planned the perfect Leap Day wedding.
And it's all falling apart...**

The Scottish Highlands are in the middle of the worst snow storm in decades. Cell towers are down, electricity is out and roads are closed.

In true Inverrary style the town's folk have decided to ignore the weather and carry on with the party. Kirsty is at the castle, in the middle of her hen-night and having second thoughts about the wedding. Lake is enduring his stag-do at the town's only pub, helpfully organised by his 'best man' eighty-nine year old Betty. Rainne, Lake's sister, has come back to town after three years away to not only attend the wedding, but to see if Alastair will give her a second chance to love him. Oh yeah, and a whole bunch of men with guns have surrounded the castle!

The castle is under siege. The town is under snow. The men are stuck at the pub and the women are on their own. With emotions running high, snow falling hard and lives on the line, the residents of Inverrary are about to stage the wedding of the century.

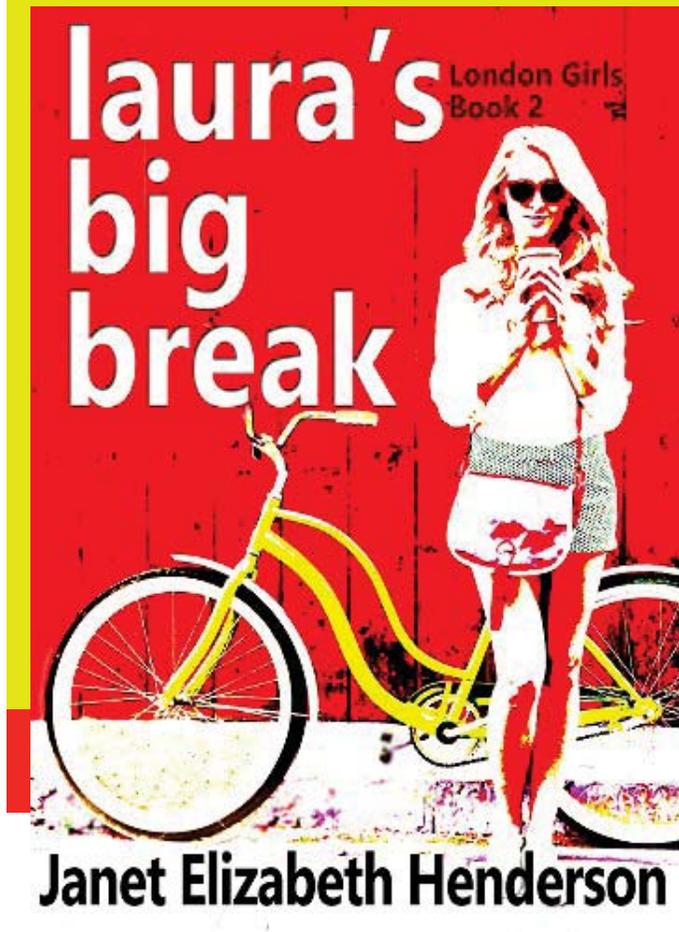
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laura's big break

janet elizabeth
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Laura needs to interview the hero of the moment to keep her new job with a women's magazine. She'd rather stick a fork in her eye. Twelve years have passed since her disastrous one night stand with Charlie and they've barely exchanged two civil words in that time. She calls him the Neanderthal and he calls her The Iron Maiden. If it wasn't for the fact his sister was Laura's best friend, she wouldn't have anything at all to do with him.

Charlie has come back from a stint in Afghanistan with a souvenir - nightmares. After one afternoon arguing with Laura, Charlie makes a wonderful discovery: she's so irritating, she scares away his dreams. So Charlie agrees to give her an interview - at a price. She has to accompany him on a two week cycling holiday in Holland, that way he might actually get the rest he needs. He takes particular delight in the plan because he knows that Laura hates exercise, loathes the outdoors and despises him. It feels good to have the upper hand for a change.

Laura needs an interview. Charlie needs sleep. And they both need to grow up and get over the past. But not before Laura cycles into a canal, sets fire to a tent and posts nude pictures of Charlie on the internet - all with the hope of getting her story.

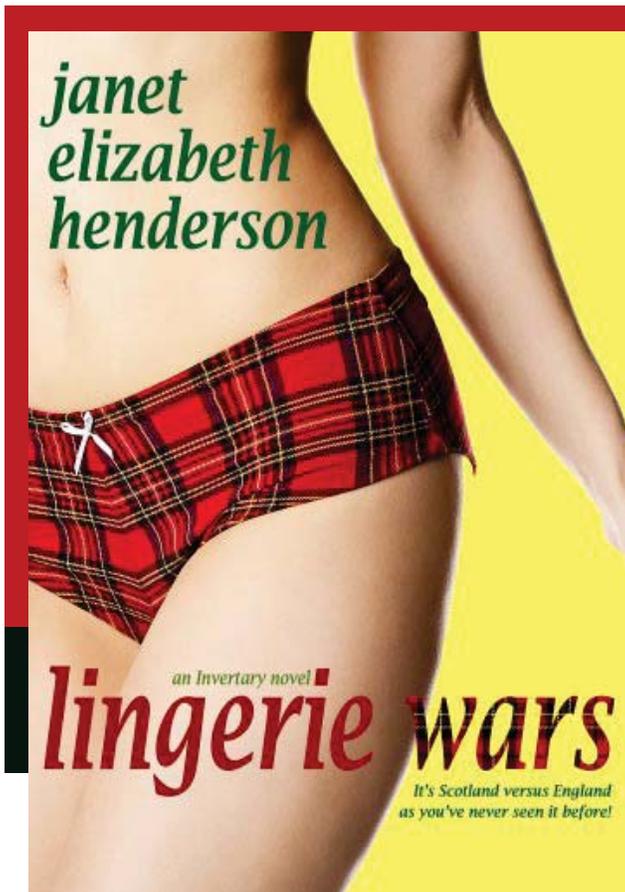
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lingerie wars

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Englishman Lake Benson loaned his life savings to his dippy sister so that she could buy a shop. It was a big mistake. His sister has been steadily flushing his money down the drain – and now he wants it back. Years in the special forces taught Lake that if you want a job done, do it yourself. So he steps in to make the shop profitable, sell it and get his money back. The only problem is, the business is an underwear shop. And all Lake knows about underwear can be summed up in how fast he can unsnap a bra. To make matters worse, the tiny highland town already has a lingerie shop. A successful one, run by an ex-lingerie model. A very gorgeous ex-lingerie model, who's distracting him from his mission more than he'd like to admit. If Lake wants to get his savings back, and get out of Scotland, he only has one option – wipe out the competition.

Kirsty Campbell has spent years rebuilding her life after she woke up in hospital in Spain to find her body scarred, and her ex-fiance had run off with all her money. The last thing she needs is a cocky, English soldier-boy trying to ruin all she has left. Her home town is only too happy to help her fight the latest English invasion, although Lake is beginning to sway them with his sex appeal and cut-price knickers. With the help of her mother, and the retired ladies of Knit or Die, Kirsty sets about making sure that her shop is the last one standing in Inverrary.

It's Scotland versus England as you've never seen it before. It's lingerie war

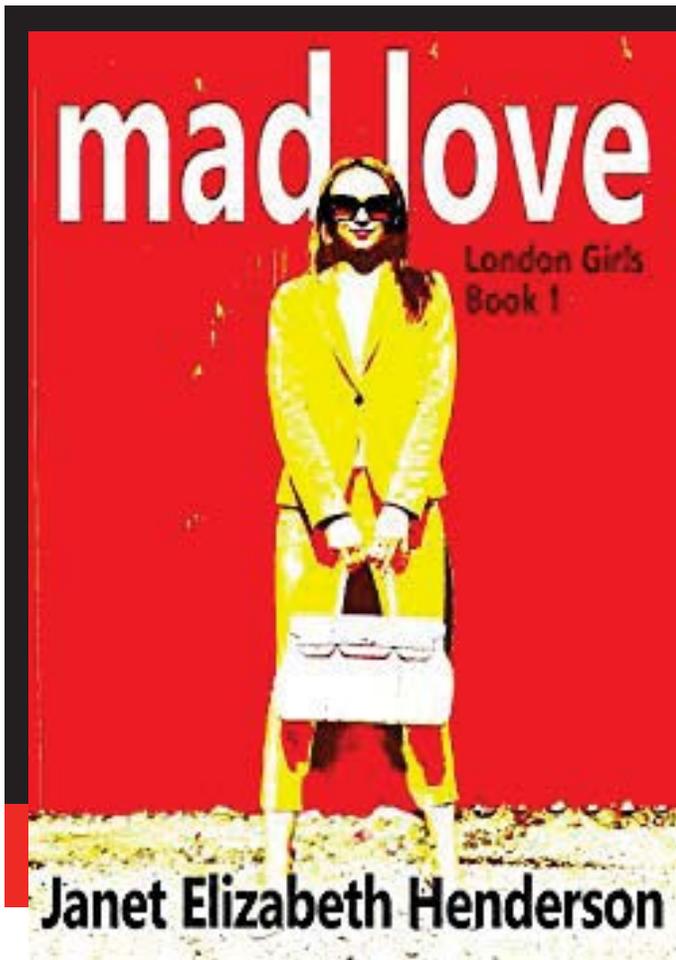
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mad love

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Madeline Lewis wants to be the next big thing in something - anything. She is tired of failure, although to be fair she does cause most of it, but now she wants to be a success. And the only thing standing between her and world domination is Dean Montgomery, her childhood friend. Dean has been in Maddie's life so long that he's taken on the attributes of wallpaper. That's something Dean plans to change and fast. He'd tired cleaning up Maddie's messes, he's tired of being the sensible one and he's tired of being invisible. Maddie might be confused about what she wants out of life, but Dean knows what he wants - Madeline Lewis. She won't know what hit her.

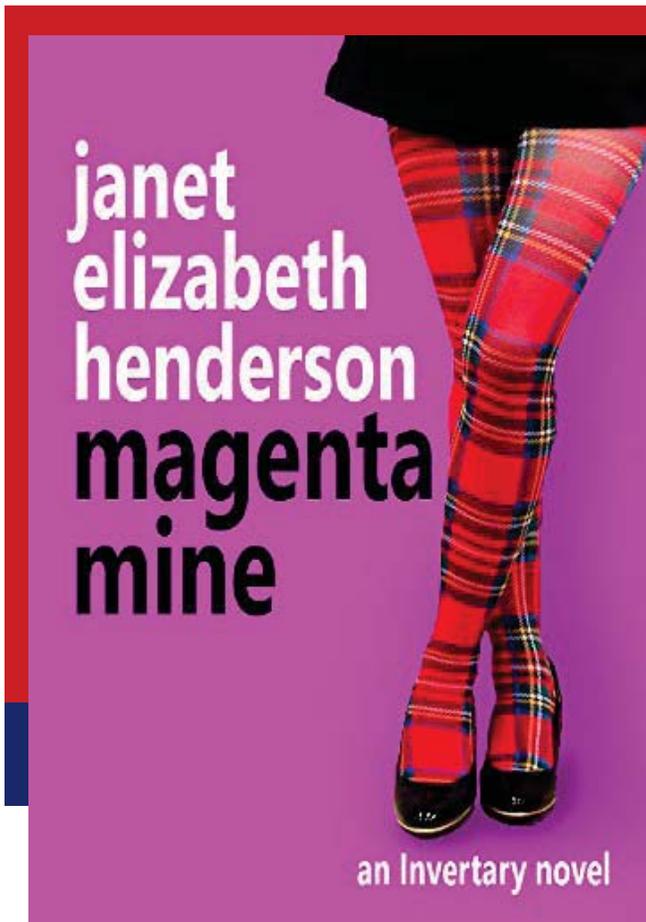
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magenta mine

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Harry Boyle's genius IQ has failed him.

The alpha geek stupidly followed relationship advice from InVENTORY's resident evil mastermind—eighty-seven year old Betty. That's how he ended up trapped in an abandoned mine waiting to be rescued by his high school crush. The same crush he still loves. The one he's come back to town to claim.

Magenta Fraser doesn't want to be claimed—what is this? The Stone Age? The sarcastic Goth with a fondness for hitting first and asking questions later has been avoiding Harry. He's her Kryptonite. Around him she loses her badass powers and becomes a pathetic giggling girl. As the local caving expert, she has no choice but to rescue the man. But that doesn't mean she has to talk to him. Or touch him. Or do any of the other X-rated things that keep popping into her mind. All she has to do is resist him, rescue him and then run from him—before he uncovers her secret.

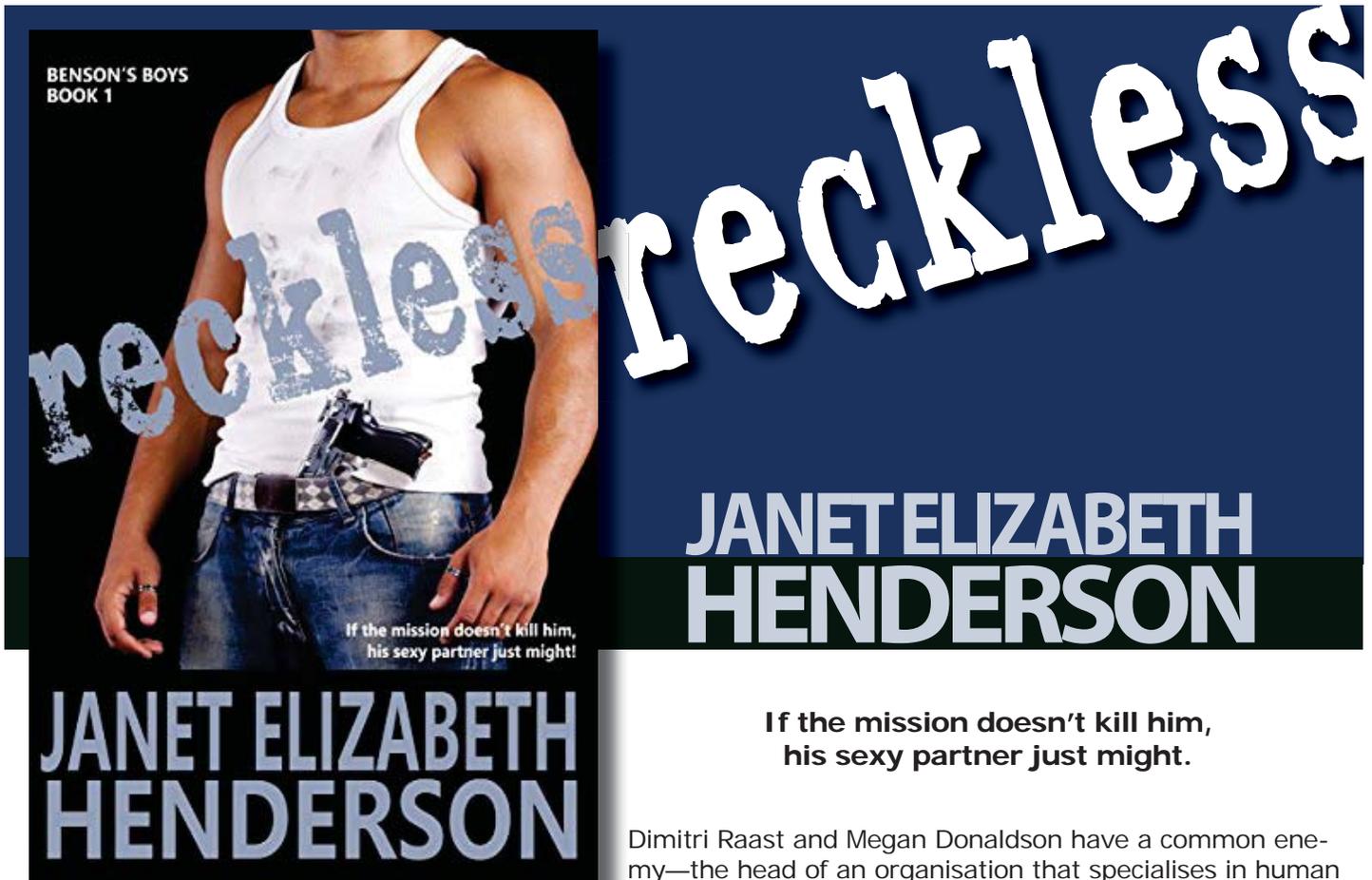
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**If the mission doesn't kill him,
his sexy partner just might.**

Dimitri Raast and Megan Donaldson have a common enemy—the head of an organisation that specialises in human trafficking and sexual slavery. They have similar motivations

—Dimitri's sister was taken by the organisation, and Megan's sister is threatened by it. They have the same goal—eliminate their enemy and save their sisters. Given they have so much in common, you would think working together would be a piece of cake.

You would be wrong.

While Dimitri brings skills and experience from years as a US army ranger to their partnership, Megan brings a background in failed career choices and an ability to cause trouble wherever she goes. Yet, even with so much at stake, Dimitri can't resist Megan's particular brand of crazy. She's wild, she's sexy and she's fearless. An irresistible combination for a man who lives his life completely in control. Now, after almost a year with one all-consuming focus, Dimitri finds himself torn between rescuing his sister and protecting the woman he wants from herself.

Before she gets them both killed.

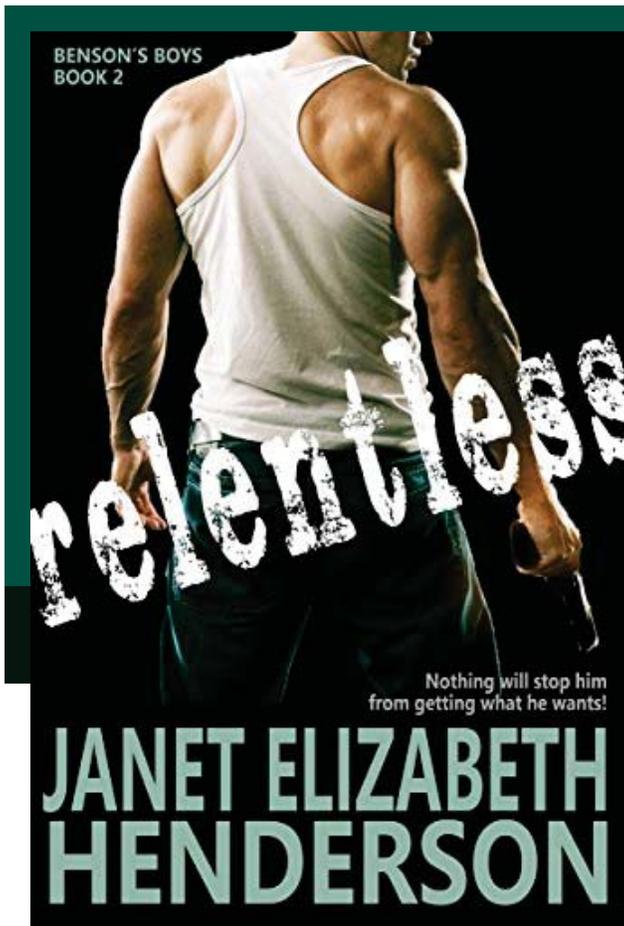
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relentless

JANET ELIZABETH HENDERSON

Every woman needs a warrior at her back

There's no hiding the fact that Julia Collins has issues. She's shy to the point of trying to become invisible. She has OCD tendencies--breaking out in hives if she loses control of her environment. She finds it hard to talk to intimidating men,

or more accurately, to any men. A fact that makes working as the office manager for Benson Security particularly difficult--the company is made up almost entirely of huge, intimidating, ex-military men. But none of the men affect her the way Joe Barone does. The ex-marine is charming, confident, heroic and so sexy it hurts to look at him. Everything about Joe intimidates Julia. And that's why, when he declares his interest in her, she does the only sensible thing--she hides.

There's a limit to how long Joe Barone is going to tolerate Julia hiding. So what if she has a few issues? They don't detract from her many attributes. She's gorgeous, smart, generous and kind. Which guy wouldn't want a woman like that by his side? So when her grandmother gets arrested in South America, Joe sees a perfect opportunity to show Julia how good they'd be together. Julia needs someone to accompany her to Peru, someone who speaks Spanish and who doesn't crumble in the face of authority. Julia needs Joe.

But when they get to Lima, they discover things are much worse than they were led to believe. With danger at every turn and lives on the line, Julia is forced to get past her issues and trust in Joe--her life depends on it.

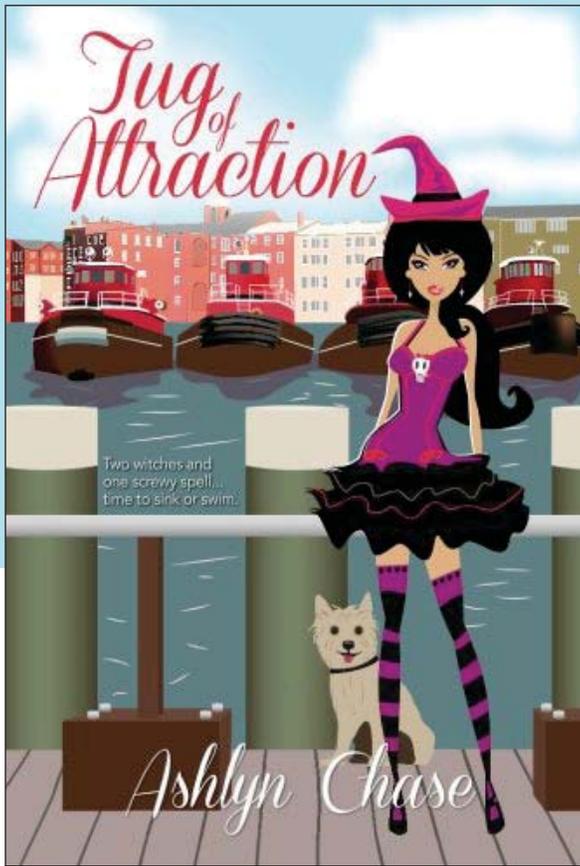
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Tug of Attraction

Book 2, Love Spells Gone Wrong

Brigit Love wants to have a baby, even though she's minus a husband. She'll have to start trying soon since she has endometriosis and women in her family have trouble conceiving. Can she convince her long-time friend and fellow coven member to be her baby-daddy?

Ethan Cox is a tug boat captain. Content with his job and confirmed bachelorhood, his life is turned upside down when his dear friend asks him to help her get pregnant.

Ordinarily he's only too willing to play around in the bedroom, but this is waaaaay different.

Ethan truly wants to help Brigit, but the contract she draws up stating he must give up all rights and responsibilities leaves him with a sinking feeling. Will he lose Brigit's friendship if he refuses—and lose even more if he doesn't?

Out of the Broom Closet

Book 3, Love Spells Gone Wrong

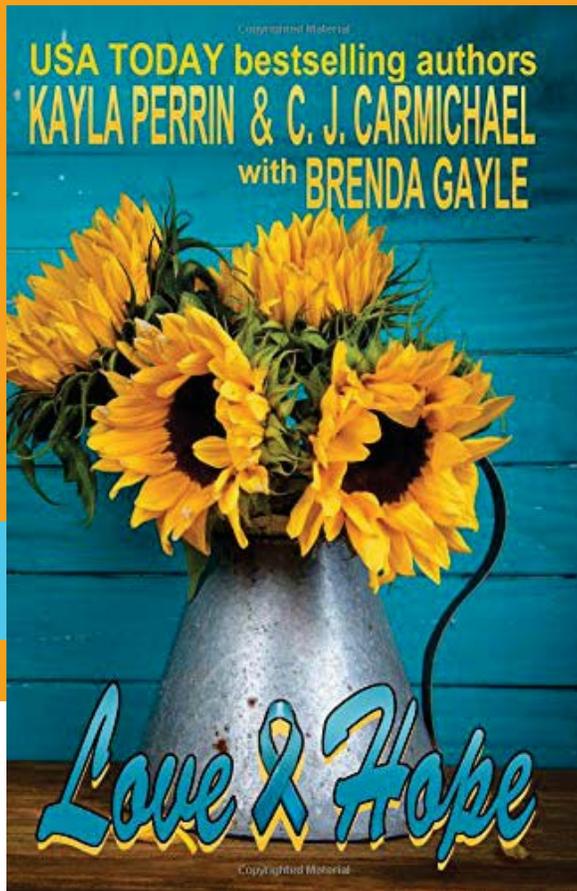
Wiccan priestess Michele Erikson won't harm others with spells, even if it's the only way to save herself from a crazed stalker wielding black magic, who has chased her from Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Daytona Beach, Florida.

Ex-NFL player turned bodyguard Vic Matthews didn't believe in magic until late in the game. Once he understands the power at Michele's fingertips, he must convince her to use everything in her arsenal to save herself.

He'll lose Michele, his part-fey client and lover, if he can't persuade her that self-defense won't compromise her Wiccan principles. It's time to come out of the broom closet and come out fighting.

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Love & Hope

KAYLA PERRIN & C.J. CARMICHAEL
with BRENDA GAYLE

Three stories about hope, healing, and the power of love

In ***Twice and Forever*** a 44 year-old widow has a hard time giving her daughter some breathing room now that her daughter is in remission from ovarian cancer. Not to mention she can't seem to shake her confusing feelings for a very attractive veterinarian, who also happens to be her daughter's new boss. In ***Devoted to Her Cowboy*** a 26-year-old rodeo champ tries to take the reins of his beloved, but very stubborn grandmother's treatment plan, when he returns home to find out she has ovarian cancer. Meanwhile he can't stop thinking about the beautiful young woman who works with Grams at her flower shop. And in ***Her Angel*** a 31-year old woman must deal with the burden of guilt, sadness, and loss over the passing of her mom from ovarian cancer. Sorting through her mother's belongings, she makes a discovery that shocks her to her core, and has her re-thinking her budding relationship with the handsome contractor who was working on her mom's house.

Kayla Perrin has been a trailblazer in the African-American fiction arena with works published in multiple genres. She has been featured in *Ebony* magazine, *Romantic Times* magazine, *The Toronto Star* and many other publications. Her works have been translated into Italian, German, Spanish and Portuguese. Kayla has been awarded the *Romantic Times* Career Achievement Award for excellence in multicultural romance, and her novel, *MIDNIGHT DREAMS*, was named *Borders* bestselling multicultural romance. She has twice had books on *Romance Writers of America's* Top Ten Favorite Books of the Year list, and in 2011, she received the prestigious Harry Jerome Award for excellence in the arts. She resides in Toronto, Canada.

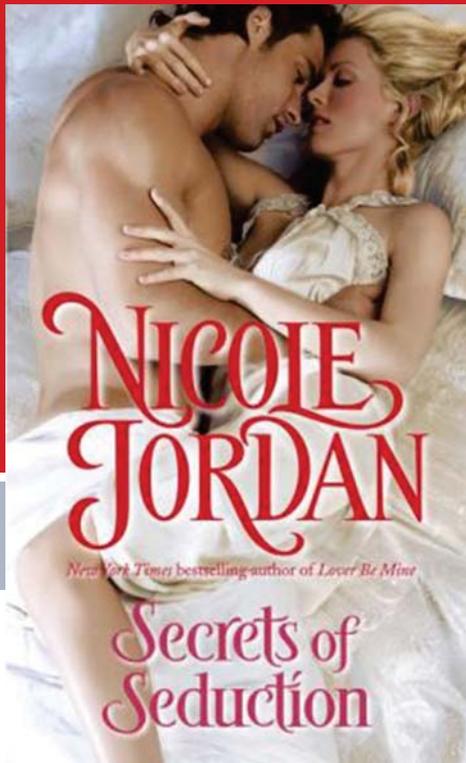
USA Today Bestselling author C. J. Carmichael has written over 45 novels in the genres of romance and mystery. She has been nominated twice for the *Romance Writers of America* RITA Award, as well as RT Bookclub's Career Achievement in Romantic Suspense award, and the Bookseller's Best honor. When not writing C. J. enjoys family time with her grown daughters and her husband in Calgary, Canada and relaxing at their cottage on Flathead Lake, Montana.

Brenda Gayle turned to her love of fiction after more than 20 years in the world of corporate communications. She has a Master's degree in journalism and an undergraduate degree in psychology. A fan of many genres, Brenda is drawn to contemporary romance and enjoys creating deeply emotional stories with elements of mystery and suspense. She lives in Ontario, Canada with her husband and two children.

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Secrets of Seduction

NICOLE JORDAN

Praise for Nicole Jordan:

"Sexy characters, powerful love stories and fast-paced action are [Nicole] Jordan's forte." -RT Book Reviews

"[An] engagingly, well-plotted Regency that is worthy of the Bard." -Library Journal

"Nicole Jordan's new fairy tale series will steal your heart." -Cathy Maxwell

Stunning sensuality and breathtaking romance mark this dazzling new Legendary Lovers tale from New York Times bestselling author Nicole Jordan, where an extraordinary beauty teaches a handsome, reclusive "beast" to love again.

The most charming Wilde cousin, Lady Skye has secretly loved the enigmatic Earl of Hawkhurst since girlhood, long before the tragedy that left him scarred both physically and emotionally. When Skye learns that the celebrated hero has returned to England from his self-imposed exile to make a cold marriage of convenience, she brazenly plants herself on his castle doorstep, determined to convince Hawk that she alone is his true mate and destiny.

An elite member of the Guardians of the Sword, Hawk has vowed never again to risk the pain of loving—but that's before he deals with the most enchanting, annoyingly persistent seductress he's ever encountered. One night of blazing passion leaves him impossibly torn. Will Hawk choose duty over love, or will he open his heart and let Skye's healing light penetrate his darkness?

New York Times bestselling author Nicole Jordan spins delightful tales that simmer with passion and sensuality. Nicole grew up as an Army brat, moving frequently and attending high school in Germany. She later earned a civil engineering degree from Georgia Tech and spent eight years as a manufacturing manager. Currently Nicole lives in the Rocky Mountains of Utah with her real-life hero (her husband) and beloved kids (her horses).



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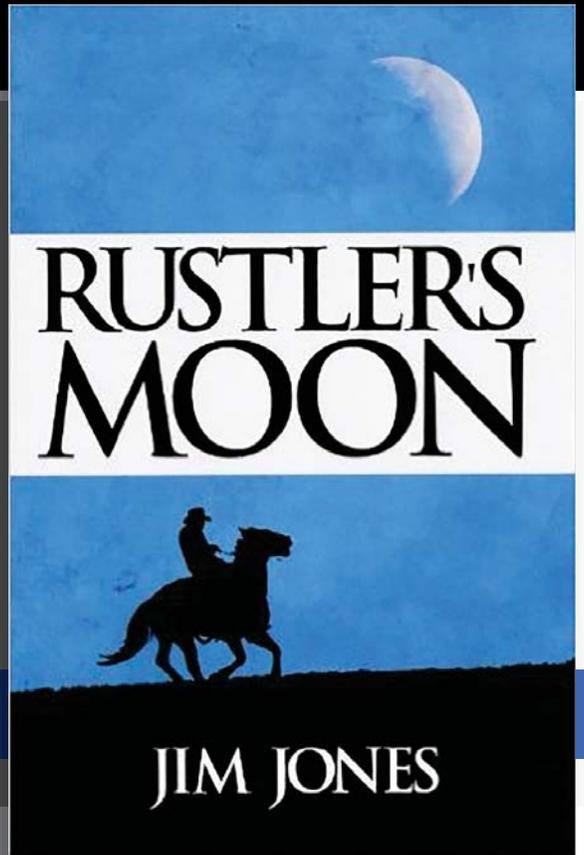
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RUSTLER'S MOON

BOOK ONE: JARED DELANEY TRILOGY

JIM JONES



Jared Delaney rides into Cimarron, New Mexico in 1878 looking for a job, a cold beer and a warm bed but instead finds himself caught in the crossfire of a vicious range war that forces him to choose sides. Orphaned by outlaws who shot down his parents in cold blood, Jared's childhood is shrouded in a mysterious fog, leaving him with no memories and nightmares of a malevolent voice and the coldest blue eyes he's ever seen. Jared doesn't want to get involved in the local troubles, yet everyone he meets tugs at him to join their faction. On one side, there's the tough old sheriff, the beautiful and outspoken schoolteacher, and the struggling rancher and his wife. On the other is a slick bartender, a "soiled dove" and the powerful patron who seems disturbingly familiar. By the light of the rustler's moon, Jared makes his stand and faces down his demons.



Jim Jones lives in Albuquerque, NM with his wife and two dogs, Jessie and Colter. In addition to being a Western novelist, he is also an award-winning Western singer/songwriter who performs at festivals, coffeehouses and other venues throughout the West. Rustler's Moon, Jim's first novel, was a finalist in two categories for the 2009 New Mexico Book Awards, Best Historical Fiction and Best First Book. Colorado Moon, the second in the Jared Delaney trilogy, was published in 5/11 and won the Western Music Association's 2011 Award for Outstanding Western Book. Jim is a proud member of both the Western Writers of America and the Western Music Association. Although he writes about cattle rustling, Jim has never rustled cattle.

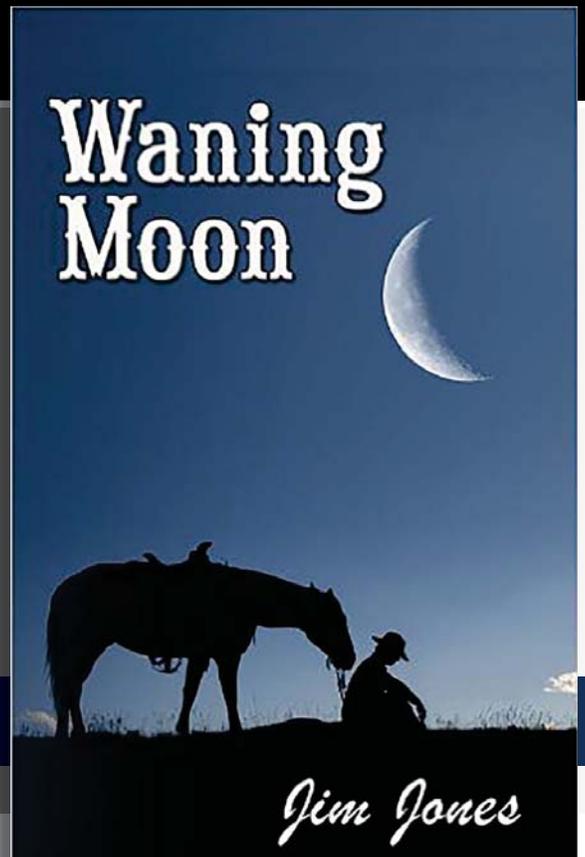
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WANING MOON

BOOK THREE: JARED DELANEY TRILOGY

JIM JONES



Set in the late 1800s in New Mexico, this third book in the Jared Delaney Trilogy is loosely based in historical fact. It details the trials and tribulations of the landowners in Colfax County as they cope with the double-dealing politicians in Santa Fe.

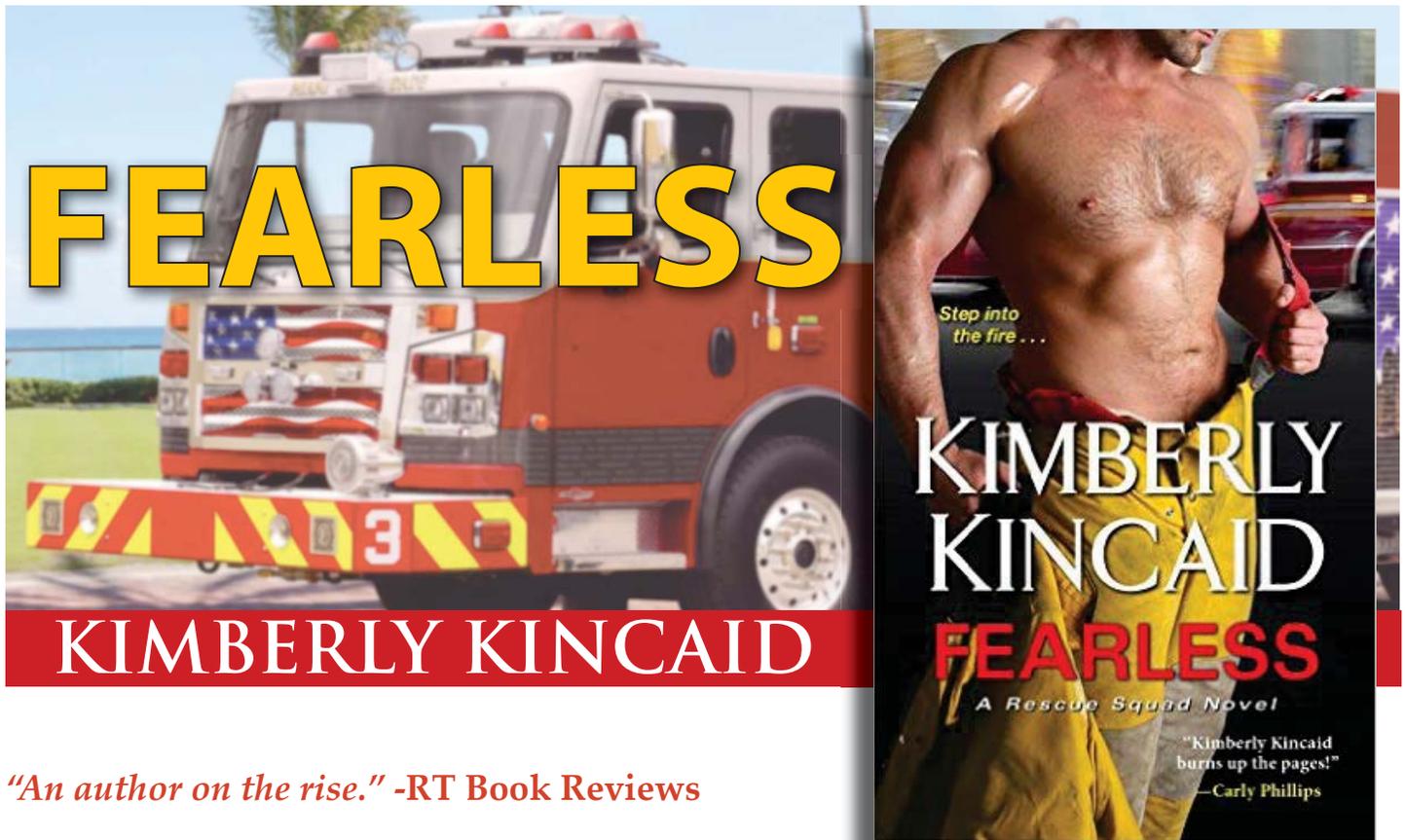
The greed and audacity of the Santa Fe Ring knows no bounds. How many good people will die in the effort to turn the tide of their relentless land-grabbing? In another tense showdown, this time in a courtroom, Jared Delaney faces off against the arrogant and malicious Bill Chapman and his hired killer, Daughtry. Sheriff Nathan Averill faces a crisis of confidence as his skills as a lawman wane with his advancing age, and then in the time of Cimarrón's greatest need, he vanishes. Right and wrong, honesty and justice...are these just empty words? Can the men and women of Cimarrón make one more stand? And even if they prevail, what will be left of their way of life as the world changes around them?



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"An author on the rise." -RT Book Reviews

The Temperature Is Rising...

Firefighter Cole Everett’s life revolves around the firehouse. Committed to saving lives--and to the guys who always have his back in the most dangerous moments on the job--Cole’s focus is a coveted spot on the Fairview Rescue Squad. When his captain asks him to mentor a rookie firefighter, he jumps at the chance, hoping it will help to prove his skill. But the new “guy” is none other than Savannah Nelson, a female firefighter as stubbornly determined as Cole is, and a whole lot curvier in all the right places . . .

Savannah won’t let anyone extinguish her dream of fulfilling her family legacy and becoming a top notch firefighter--and she’s happily surprised when strong-willed, sexy Cole is willing to give her the chance she deserves. Concentrating on the job isn’t always easy when the heat between them flares higher every day, but Savannah won’t give up--not even when one of Station Eight’s veterans seems bent on trashing her reputation. To stop a string of possible arsons, Savannah and Cole will need to eliminate every distraction--but can they let their love go up in flames?



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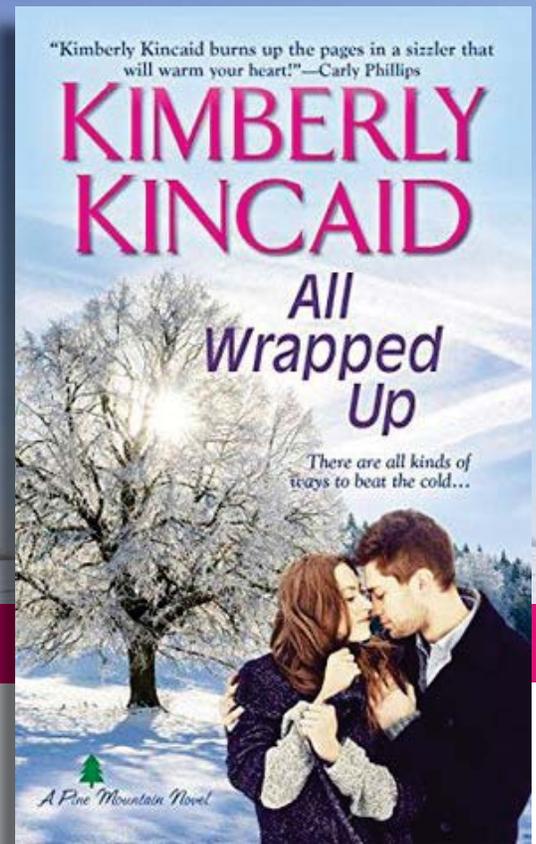
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All Wrapped Up

KIMBERLY KINCAID

"A sweet and sexy treat! Don't miss it!"
-Bella Andre, New York Times bestselling author



Talk about a hot lead...

Christmas is coming to Pine Mountain—and it has a way of stirring up memories, good and bad. Nick Brennan may manage the Double Shot bar smooth as good whiskey, but his past is a hot mess. When he runs into a burning building to save a little boy, some people start thinking there's more to his heroism than holiday spirit. And then the local reporter assigned to the story turns out to be gorgeous Ava Mancuso, the girl who got away.

Ava knows what it's like to have a past. But the changes she's seen in Nick since she knew him do more than set off her natural curiosity—his warm eyes and gruff charm have her instincts fired up. Still, all the chemistry in the world doesn't erase history, even when Nick invites her to his little sister's mistletoe wedding. Does he have a heart under all those secrets? Or is this going to be just another Christmas past?



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Fire Me Up

KIMBERLY KINCAID

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If You Can't Stand The Heat...

Teagan O'Malley can handle a crisis. She's a paramedic, it's her job. But she never expected to land in the kitchen of her father's pub, with no notice, no cash, and no room for error. The kitchen is not her favorite place. Lucky for her, she just scraped a bad-boy chef off the pavement after a motorcycle accident—and something about him says he can turn up the heat in more ways than one.

Adrian Holt has had a rough few years, and he's not eager to get tangled up in anything more complicated than a good risotto. But with a broken arm and a head full of bad memories, he needs a challenge to keep him sane. Teagan's dare-me attitude and smoldering mess of a bar are just what the doctor ordered. And the two of them together might cook up some even better medicine...

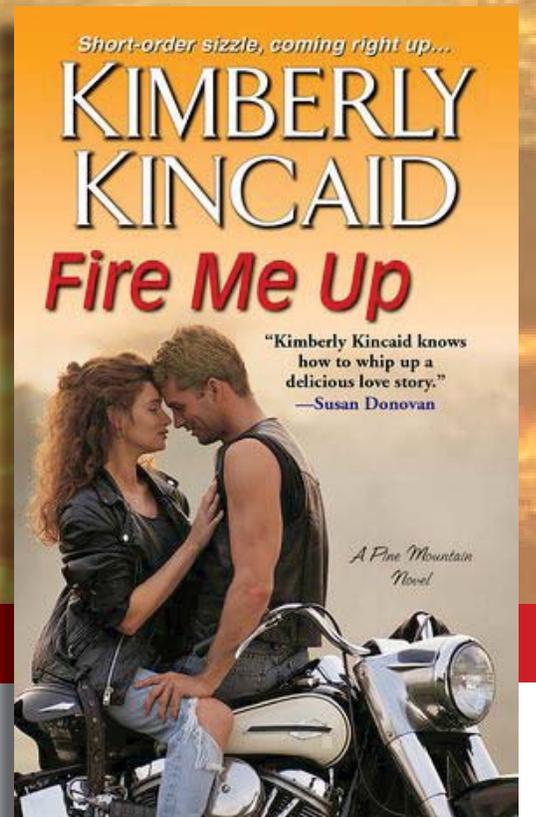


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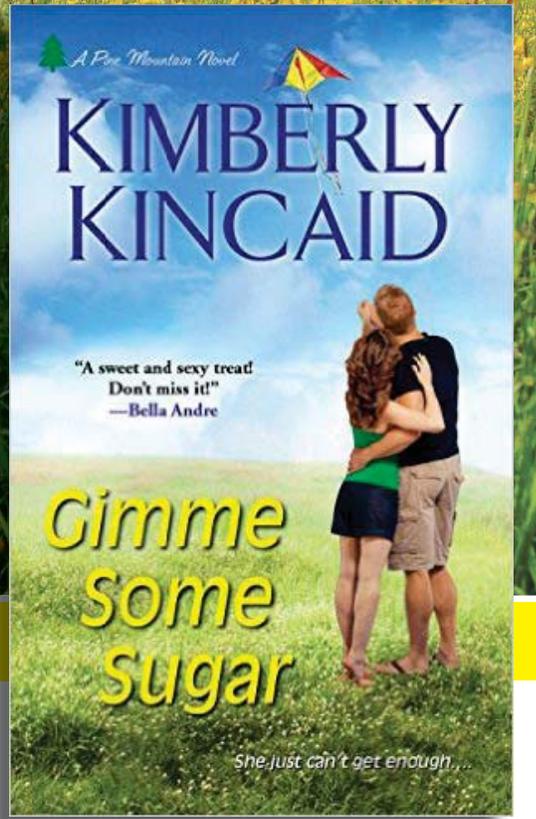
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Out of the frying pan. . .and into the fire!

Desperate to escape the spotlight of her failed marriage to a fellow celebrity-chef, Carly di Matisse left New York City for a tiny town in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The restaurant she's running these days may not be chic, but in Pine Mountain she can pretend to be the tough cookie everybody knows and loves. Until she finds herself spending too much time with a way-too-hot contractor whose rugged good looks melt her like butter. . .

Jackson Carter wasn't looking for love. But he's not the kind of man to walk away from a worksite--or from a fiery beauty whose passionate nature provides some irresistible on-the-job benefits. . .

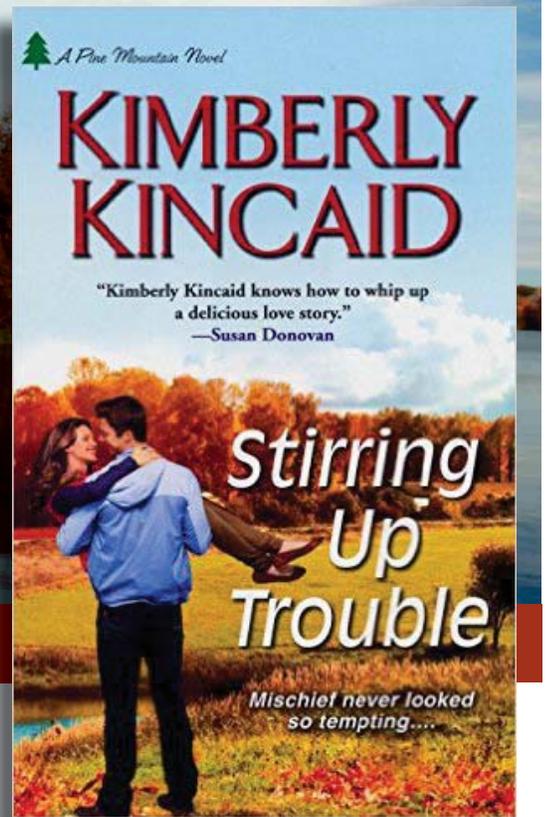
It's the perfect temporary arrangement for two ravenous commitment-phobes--except that Jackson and Carly keep coming back for seconds. . .and thirds. . .and fourths. . .



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"Kimberly Kincaid knows how to whip up a delicious love story." -Susan Donovan

Looking for inspiration

Sloane Russo's turned a decade of crazy jobs and whimsical travel into a career writing steamy novels set in exotic places. Trouble is, Sloane's flat broke now--and she can't channel sun-drenched beaches in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The only fast cash in town comes with some seriously distracting temptation: Gavin Carmichael, hot, handsome and oh-so-hard-headed.

Gavin isn't the impulsive Don Juan of Sloane's novels. He's raising his thirteen-year-old half-sister, and he's pretty sure he's supposed to act like he's never heard of fun. Sloane is way too sexy and irresponsible to be his idea of a good tutor for Bree, but the unpredictable anti-nanny may be irresistible as well. . .



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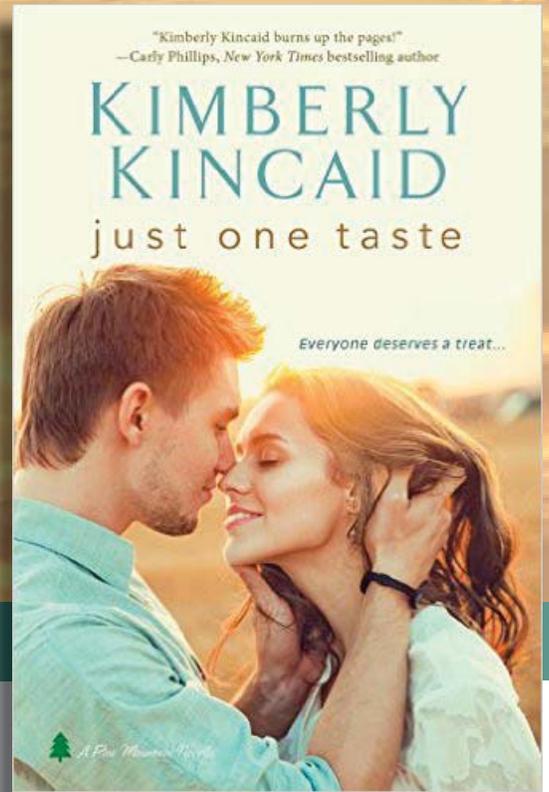
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just one taste

KIMBERLY KINCAID



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A little home improvement can go a long way...

Jesse Oliver was a medic in Afghanistan, but back home in Pine Mountain he's happy to switch gears as the Double Shot bar's new sous chef. When his apartment floods and his old Army buddy offers the family's dilapidated lake house as temporary quarters, Jesse thinks a little remodeling on the creaky duplex sounds like a fair return favor. That's before he sets eyes on the gorgeous woman moving into the other side of the cabin—and discovers she's his buddy's kid sister, a.k.a totally off limits.

Kat McMarrin has fought hard for her space, and she's not too interested in sharing it. Of course, her job as a physical therapist means she won't see much of Jesse, even if he's a few thin floorboards away—unless she seeks him out. And with his sculpted body and slow-burn gaze, she might be tempted. Maybe the fixer-upper projects she has planned for the cabin will keep her mind off him. Or maybe her instincts to strip the place down will get out of hand...

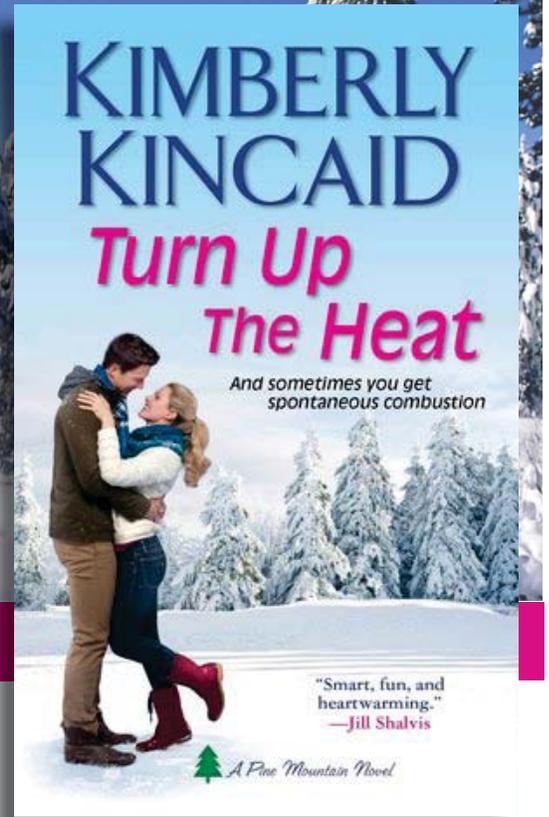


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"Smart, fun, and heartwarming." -Jill Shalvis

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"It's not you."

There are only so many times a girl can hear those words before she believes that it is, in fact, very much her. Unexpectedly jilted by her locally famous boyfriend and haunted by a boss who makes Attila the Hun look like a lap dog, Bellamy Blake does what any self-respecting girl in her shoes would do. She rounds up her two best girlfriends and makes plans to get the hell out of Dodge. . .

But Bellamy's escape plan takes a nose dive on the side of rural route 164 when her transmission self-destructs, leaving her in the middle of a cell phone dead zone with nothing but her wits. Oh, and Shane Griffin, the hottest mechanic who's ever checked under her hood.

Yet this small-town man isn't all he seems. Can Shane and Bellamy prove that sometimes the most unlikely ingredients make the most deliciously sexy mix?

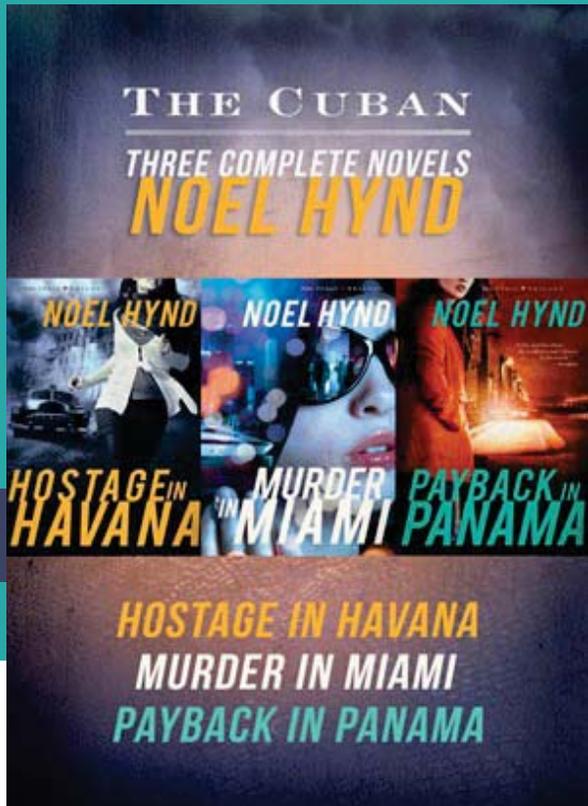


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THE CUBAN

NOEL HYND

The sequel to The Russian.

Three big complete novels and one intricate story of espionage and suspense from bestselling author

Noel Hynd, author of *Flowers From Berlin* and *Truman's Spy*. More than 1000 pages, the exciting completion of Alexandra LaDuca's professional and personal journey flows from New York and Washington, D.C., through the dangerous banking underworld of Central America and the steaming jungles of South America.

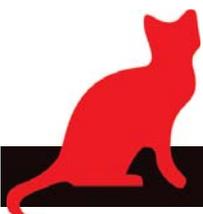
Hostage in Havana: When US Treasury Agent Alexandra LaDuca illegally enters Cuba on the trail of an unsolved mystery, she gets more than she imagined. The stakes? Her life . . . plus a decades-old Batista-era mystery to be solved, a pile of cash, and an unlikely defector. Espionage and unexpected romance smolder together in this exciting thriller set in Cuba's isolated capital in the final days of the Castro regime.

Murder in Miami: U.S. Treasury Agent Alex LaDuca travels to Miami to continue her investigations into the murder-and-money laundering intrigue set in motion in *Hostage in Havana*. Caught between the Dosi cartel and cocaine profits, and the surreal and supernatural world of Santaria, Alex is confronted by yet another ominous inconvenience: a flagrant and brutal murder of her contact in Miami.

Payback in Panama: U.S. Treasury Agent Alex LaDuca travels to Panama for a showdown with her longtime nemesis, the powers of the Dosi cartel. At the same time, romance finally re-enters her life. But is it too late to avoid yet another searing personal tragedy? Fortified by her strong Christian faith, Alex bravely moves toward a final resolution which will leave her personal and professional changed forever.

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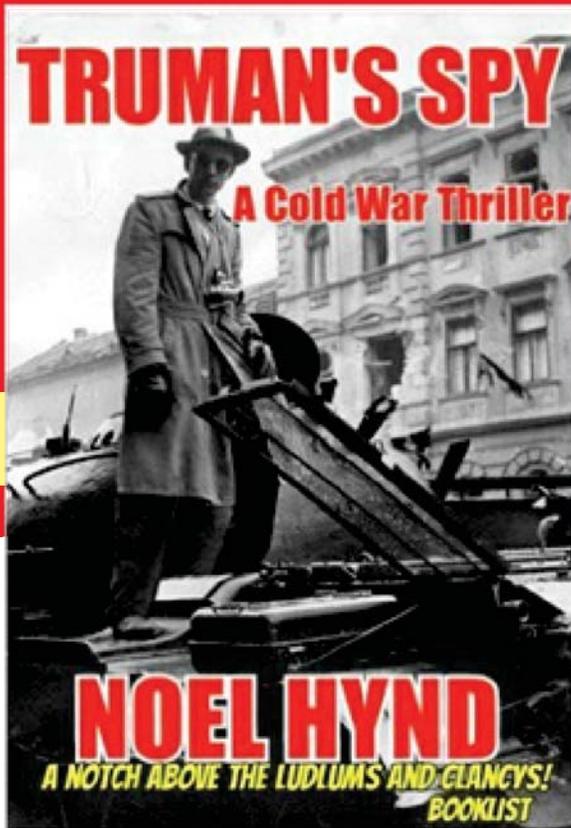
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TRUMAN'S SPY

NOEL HYND

"Noel Hynd knows the ins and outs of Washington's agencies, public and private." -Publishers Weekly

"A notch above the Ludlums and Clancys of the world...." -Booklist

It is early 1950, the midpoint of the Twentieth Century.

Joe McCarthy is cranking up his demagoguery and Joseph Stalin had intensified the cold war. In Washington, J. Edgar Hoover's FBI is fighting a turf war with the newly founded Central Intelligence Agency. Harry Truman is in the White House, trying to keep a lid on domestic and foreign politics, but the crises never stop. It should be a time of peace and prosperity in America, but it is anything but.

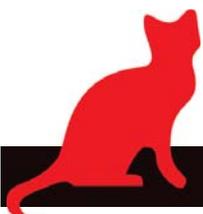
FBI agent Thomas Buchanan is assigned to investigate the father of a former fiancée, Ann Garrett, who dumped Buchanan while he was away to World War Two. And suddenly Buchanan finds himself on a world-wide search for both an active Soviet spy and the only woman he ever loved. In the process, he crosses paths with Hoover, Truman, Soviet moles and assassins, an opium kingpin from China, and a brigade of lowlife from the American film community.

Truman's Spy is a classic cold war story of espionage and betrayal, love and regret, patriots and traitors. This is the revised and updated 2013 edition of Noel Hynd's follow-up to Flowers From Berlin. The story is big, a sprawling intricate tale of espionage, from post-war Rome and Moscow to New York, Philadelphia and Hollywood, filled with the characters, mores and attitudes of the day. And at its heart: the most crucial military secret of the decade.

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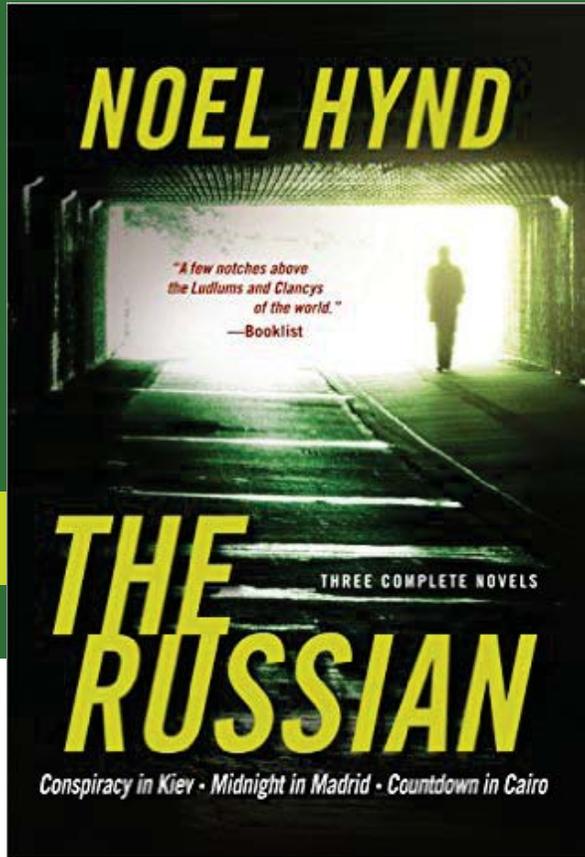
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THE RUSSIAN

NOEL HYND

The Russian is a thrilling compilation of three complete novels in bestselling author Noel Hynd's "Russian Trilogy."

Conspiracy in Kiev: Working with the U.S. Treasury, federal agent Alexandra LaDuca travels to Ukraine to track a Russian-Ukrainian mobster named Yuri Federov during a visit by the American president. Personally and professionally, Alex's life will be changed forever by the explosive events that transpire in the Ukrainian capital.

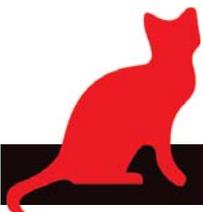
Midnight in Madrid: U.S. Treasury agent Alexandra LaDuca returns from her previous assignment to track down stolen artwork, a small carving called The Pietà of Malta. It seems to be a simple assignment, but nothing about this job is simple, as the mysteries and legends surrounding the relic become increasingly complex with claims of supernatural power.

Countdown in Cairo: Alexandra LaDuca is smart, tough, and cool under fire. But when she travels to Cairo to investigate a former mentor who was believed to be dead, Alex is caught in a bizarre game of double cross, and her life is more perilously on the line than ever. You'll be holding your breath from the explosive beginning to the very last twist!

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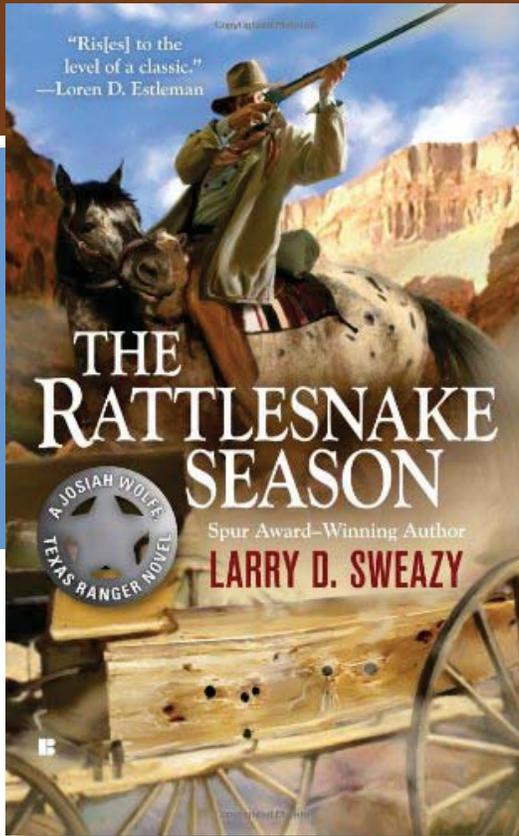


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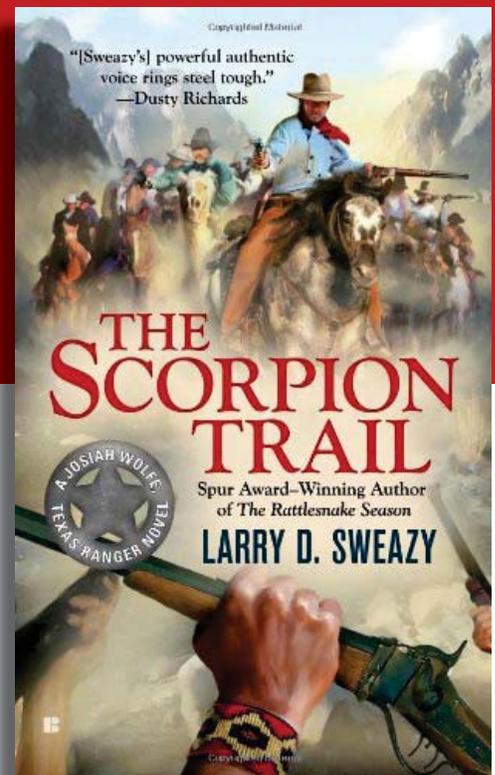
THE RATTLESNAKE SEASON

After rejoining the Texas Rangers as part of the Frontier Battalion, Josiah Wolfe must escort his old friend Charlie Langdon to trial. But the ride to the hangman's noose isn't going to be easy. And Wolfe's killer instinct may be his only chance to see his son again.

THE SCORPION TRAIL

*2011 Will Rogers Medallion Award for Western Fiction
and the 2011 Best Books of Indiana*

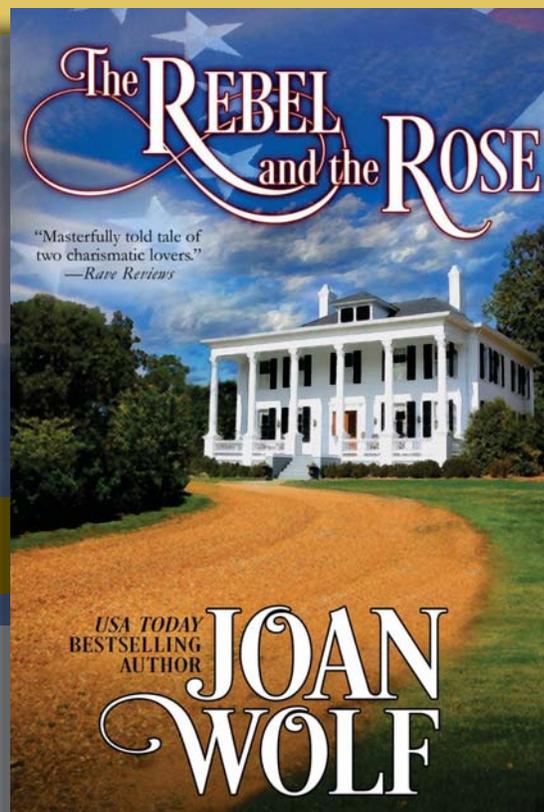
Starting your life over in a big city like Austin, Texas, is no easy task, especially for a man raised in the country like Texas Ranger Josiah Wolfe. Now, after uprooting his son to the state's capital, Josiah must leave Austin to meet up with the rest of the Texas Ranger Frontier Battalion. But before he can get to work, Josiah has to make a quick stop to check on his old friend Juan Carlos, who's no stranger to trouble.



Historical Romances

The REBEL and the ROSE

JOAN WOLF



"In this masterfully told tale Joan Wolf makes a very important part of American history come alive through the story of two charismatic characters." -Rave Reviews

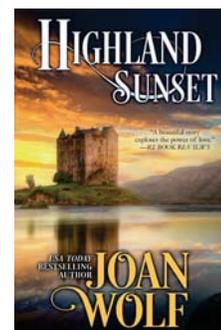
Alan Maxwell, a Virginia planter, arrives in England in 1773 to plead America's cause before the British government. At a ball he meets Lady Barbara Carr, a young aristocratic girl whose beauty and grace catch his attention.

Barbara notices the dark, handsome American before she is forced to wed him to pay her father's debts and finds herself on a ship. As they sail to America, passion ignites between them and on the long slow journey they fall in love.

The America Barbara finds is on the brink of revolution and soon at war. After Alan leaves to fight, Barbara must run the plantation and look after their children alone. How can their love for each other endure hardships, misunderstandings and war as a nation is founded?

Another Historical Romance From Joan Wolf

Highland Sunset



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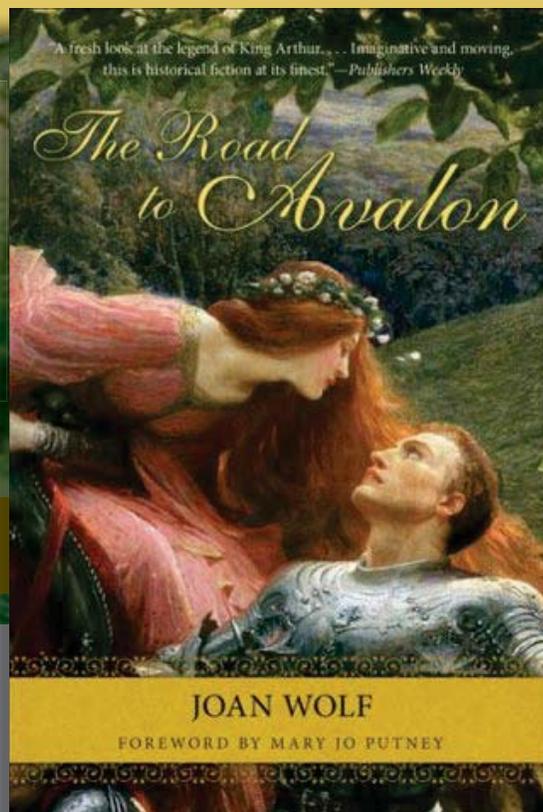
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Dark Ages Trilogy

The Road to Avalon

JOAN WOLF



"Making old material new marks a master storyteller and with this fresh look at the legend of King Arthur, romance writer Wolf reaffirms her preeminence in those ranks... Imaginative and moving, this narrative by the author of The Rebel and the Rose is historical fiction at its finest." -Publishers Weekly

The pageantry and passionate intrigues of King Arthur's court are expertly re-created in this historical novel—the only Arthurian novel in which all of the central characters are portrayed as intrinsically good people.

This realistic retelling of the legend shows Arthur severing the bonds of bastardy, vanquishing the Saxons, and loving one woman. As the daring teenage warrior prepares for the throne, he discovers true love with Morgan of Avalon, the youngest of Merlin's daughters, but fate cruelly thwarts their hopes for a future together.

Never before has a telling of the Arthur story made the breathtaking drama of this charismatic king more real or moving.

Other Titles in the Dark Ages Trilogy From Joan Wolf

Born of the Sun

The Edge of Light



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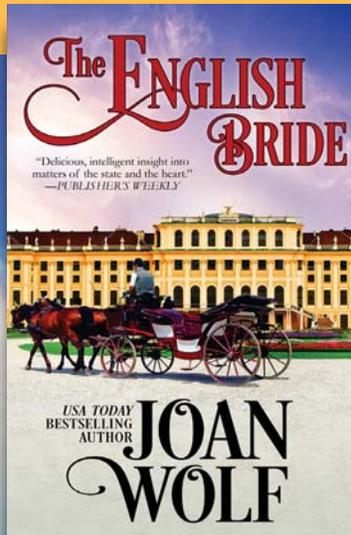
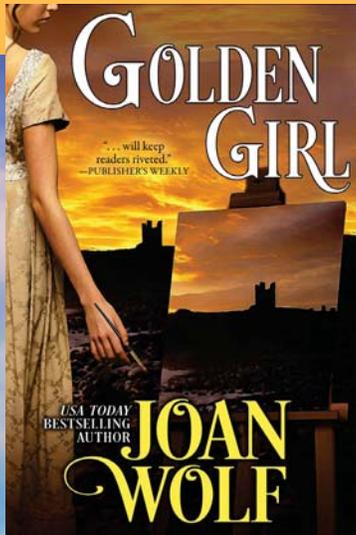


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"As a writer, she's an absolute treasure." -Linda Howard

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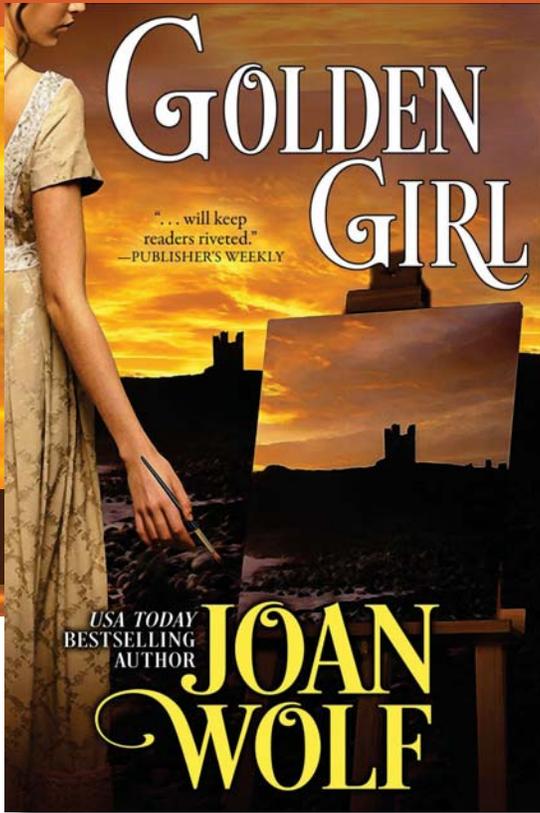
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GOLDEN GIRL

JOAN WOLF



"an absolute treasure." -Linda Howard

"A charming, poignant story ... with strong characters and vivid prose." -Rendezvous

The only way that Anthony Selbourne, the new Duke of Cheviot, can save his centuries-old estate and redeem his father's debts is by marrying 'golden girl' Sarah Patterson, granddaughter of a vulgar multimillionaire.

Sarah doesn't want to marry, she wants to be a painter, but Anthony seduces her with his extraordinary good looks and promises to encourage her artistic hopes. Once they marry the two are surprised by an unexpected and intense love. Then attempts begin to happen on Sarah's life and the twisted finger of suspicion points to Anthony. Can her husband be after Sarah's additional fortune? Can she dare to trust him?

And if it's not Anthony, then who else could want her dead?

More Regencies From Joan Wolf

The Counterfeit Marriage
A Kind of Honor

A London Season
Margarita and the Earl

Someday Soon
The English Bride

A Difficult Truce
The American Earl



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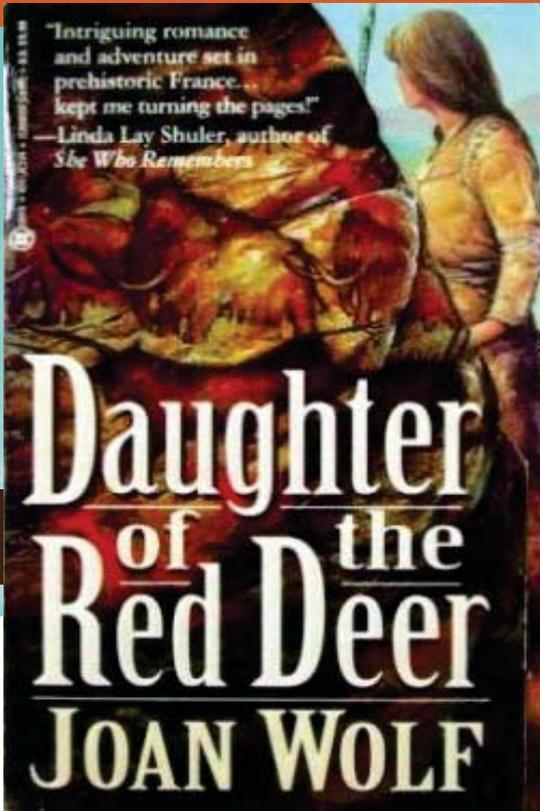


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PRE-HISTORIES



Daughter of the Red Deer

JOAN WOLF

"evoke[s] comparisons with Jean Auel's Earth Children series." -Publishers Weekly

"A skillfully woven story of romance, intrigue, and conflict set in prehistoric southern France." -School Library Journal

Filled with the lyrical beauty of a now-vanished world, this magnificent novel unfolds during the last great ice age, amid the mist-shrouded mountains of the Pyrenees in prehistoric France. When tainted spring water fatally poisons the women of the tribe of the Horse, the clan's young men set forth to kidnap new women from the matriarchal tribe of the Red Deer--a quest that must succeed or their people will die out. Golden-haired Mar, the leader of the young men, falls in love with the beautiful Alin, daughter of the Red Deer priestess. And though they are born to embrace different traditions, raised to worship different gods, Mar will fight to claim this strangely powerful woman as his own. Against a lush backdrop of ancient magic, mammoth hunts, and secret rites, this mesmerizing novel brings to life the ritual and adventure of a primeval world and tells a timeless tale of conflict between two societies...two beliefs...two sexes...and two people.

Other Pre-Histories From Joan Wolf

The Horsemasters

The Reindeer Hunters



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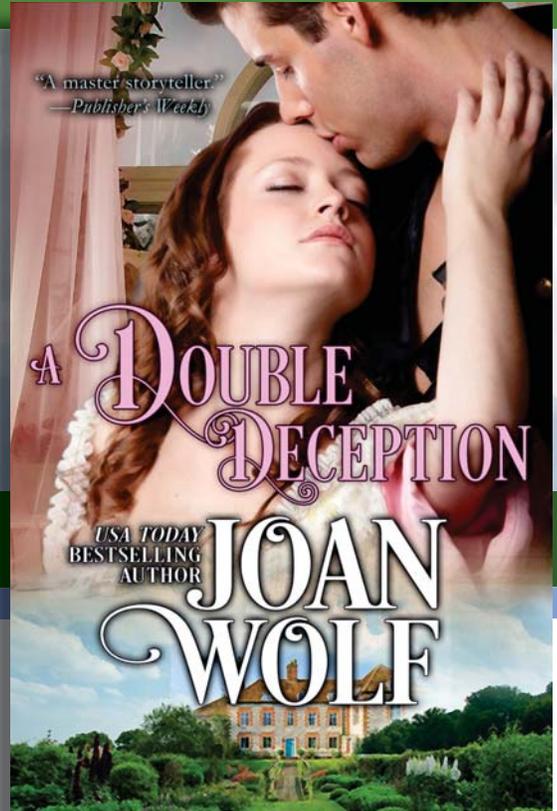
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A DOUBLE DECEPTION

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One betrayal should have been enough ...

Enchantingly lovely Laura Dalwood was little more than a girl when she was given in marriage to a man whose glittering wealth concealed a dark secret revealed to her only on her wedding night.

Now her husband's death had freed her from that odious union – and Laura vowed never to make so grievous an error again.

But how could she reject the handsome and brilliant Mark Cheny, Earl of Dartmouth, when his proposal was one that no young woman of sense or sensibility could rightly decline?

And what could she do when, as his bride, he carried her over the threshold to allow her to discover just how much she could love a man – and then, to her distress, just how much could she fear him ...

More Regencies From Joan Wolf

The Arrangement
The Guardian
The Deception

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The Scottish Lord
His Lordship's Mistress

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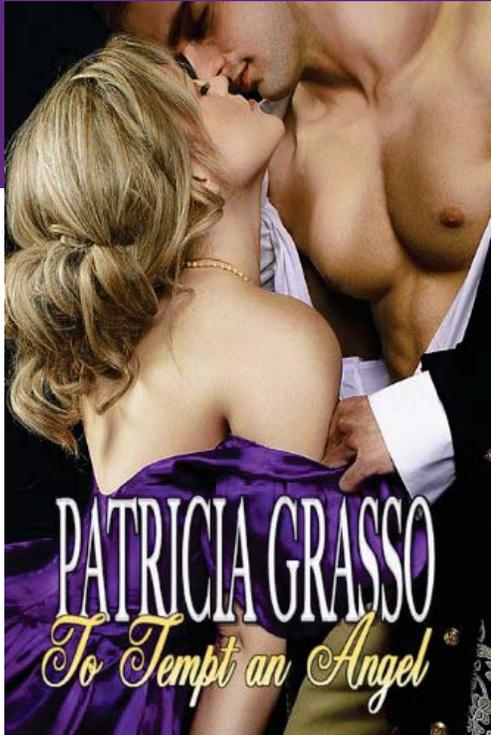
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To Tempt an Angel

Angelica Douglas has no idea that she's the Countess of Melrose. What she does know is that she needs to support her family as a card shark, while finding a way to seek revenge on the men who ruined her father and sent her family spiralling down into poverty.

Robert Campbell, Marquess of Argyll, heir to the Duke of Inverary, has no idea who Angelica truly is. He just wants to watch over her and make her his mistress.

Angelica thinks Robert is simply a dashing rogue who is far too dangerous for her peace of mind. Robert thinks Angelica is an angel except when she's being a pain in the behind.

When Robert finds out that his own father may have been one of the men who ruined Angelica's family, he vows to keep a careful eye on her. When Angelica finds out that Robert's father may have been one of the men responsible, she vows to stay as far away from Robert as possible. But when danger threatens, both Robert and Angelica must face the truth and let fate take the upper hand.

Patricia Grasso is a bestselling author of over thirty Romance Novels who has won numerous recognitions, including a Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, a Romantic Times KISS Award, and a National Readers' Choice Award. She was born in Massachusetts, where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English and, for thirty years, used her "leisure" time to teach in a public high school. Currently, Patricia lives in Winchester, north of Boston, Massachusetts.



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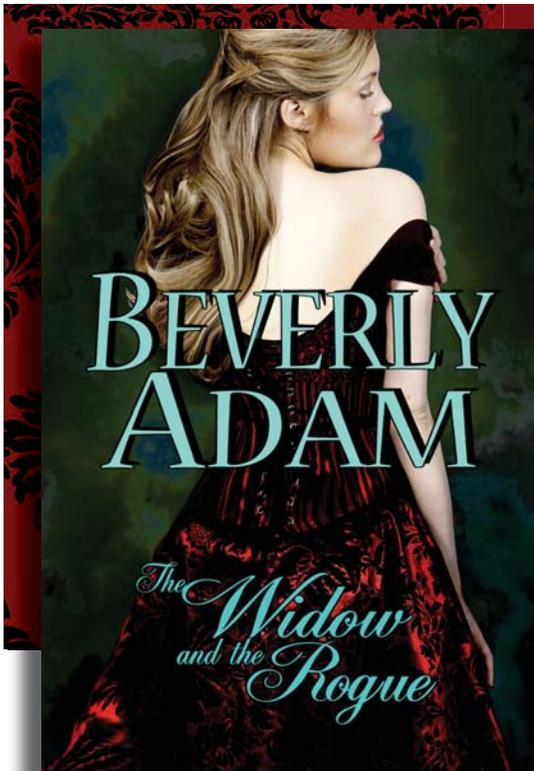


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The Widow and the Rogue

Book 3, Gentlemen of Honor Series: Married off at a tender age by her greedy uncle, Lady Kathleen Langtry suffered through several years as the wife of a wealthy, but cruel man. Now a widow, and mistress of Dovehill Hall, Kathleen is determined to be her own woman. Independent and free. She certainly doesn't want the famous solicitor, Beau Powers telling her what to do, even if he is devilishly handsome and charming.

Beau Powers is well aware that the beautiful widow resents his presence, but he is determined to guard Kathleen's interests from her money hungry relatives. Besides he enjoys spending time with the refreshing young woman. But when an attempt is made on Kathleen's life they realize there is more at stake than the estate. So in order to catch a killer, Beau and Kathleen embark on a journey to discover the secrets of Dovehill Hall . . . secrets to die for.

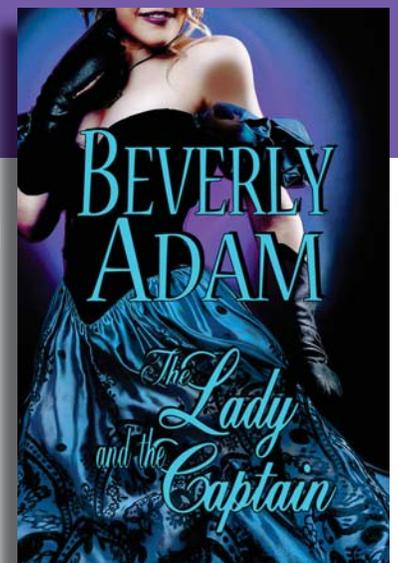
The Lady and the Captain

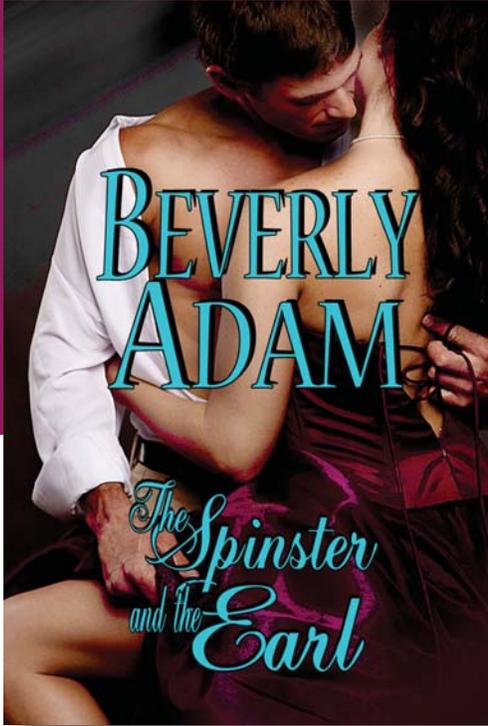
Book 2, Gentlemen of Honor Series: Sarah Duncan had the kind of beauty suited for the ballrooms of London, not the back alleys of Ireland. But she was a healer, not a debutante. Her life was devoted to helping others, not dressing up and attending fancy balls.

And then one stormy night she met him. He was a young, English naval officer, who arrived on her doorstep with his deathly ill friend. Her life would be forever changed.

Lieutenant Robert Smythe, acting Captain of The Brunswick, was determined to find the killer who'd poisoned his commander and friend. With Sarah's knowledge of plants and herbs, he would investigate this devious crime. Posing as his fiancée, she would be off limits to a crew of randy men at sea.

Sarah's beauty was captivating, but her strength and courage drew him like a talisman. He was determined to catch the killer and keep her safe. Indeed, he would protect her with his very life.





The Spinster and the Earl

BOOK 1, Gentlemen of Honor Series: She was known as The Spinster of Brightwood Manor, and that suited Lady Beatrice O'Brien just fine.

She was happy being a spinster; happy running her father's estates while amassing a fortune of her own; happy tending to the needs of her community; and most of all, she was happy not having a man around to tell her what to do.

But when Beatrice accidentally shoots her new neighbor, the Earl of Drennan, her life turns upside-down. Suddenly, this very arrogant gentleman, who also happens to be charming and attractive, makes himself at home at Brightwood Manor, and proceeds to court her!

Beatrice knows one thing for certain. Marriage will complicate her life. But falling in love? That's an entirely different matter.

Beverly Adam writes engaging and romantic stories that feature feisty heroines and endearing heroes. She is the author of the Regency Historical romance series Gentlemen of Honor. The redheaded writer currently resides in California where she revisits history on a regular basis as a romance novelist and biographer.

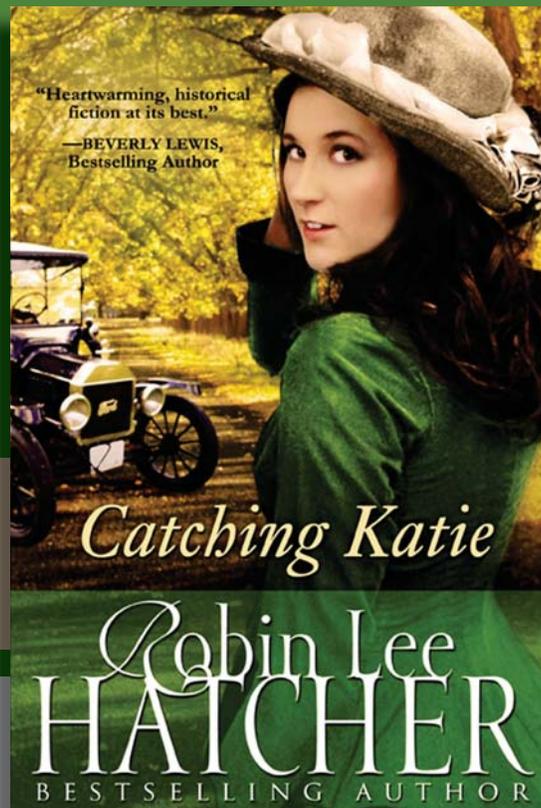


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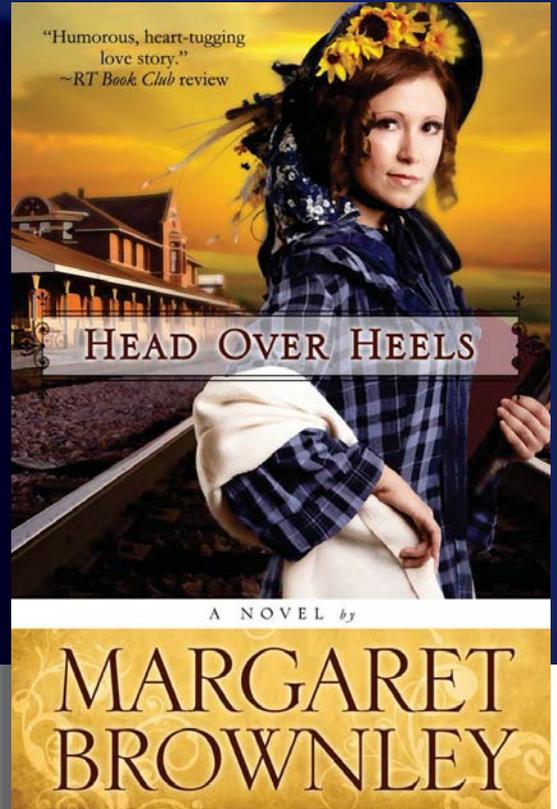
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Despite her lovely red-blond hair and exquisite looks, unconventional Kate Whittaker will never find a husband as long as she keeps shocking the town with her newfangled inventions. That is just fine with Kate—until she meets handsome Jonas Hunter, who dares to claim her inventions as his.

Jonas is stunned to discover that this infuriating woman is stealing his ideas. But his fury doesn't work on her—it just makes Kate angry.

When Jonas tries to trick Kate into admitting she stole his idea, the ploy fails. When he attempts a little romance, it backfires—Jonas never meant to have his heart stolen. But love proves to be a very old invention—one that is made to be shared.

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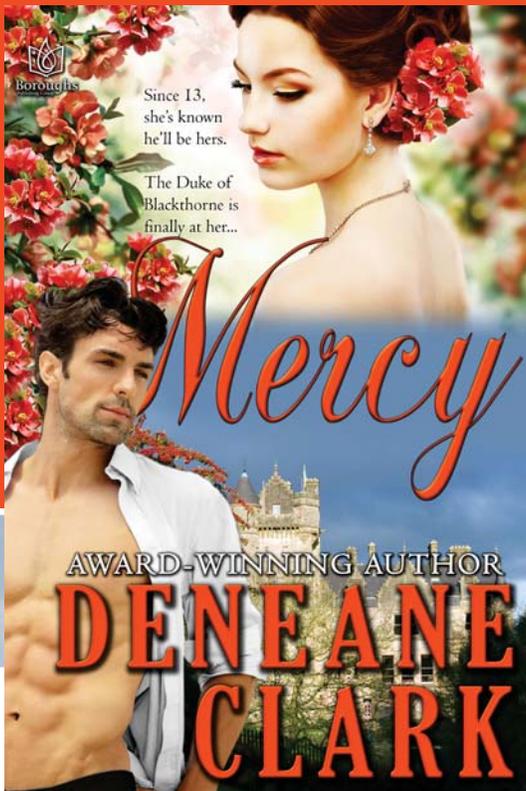
Thrills, mystery, suspense, romance: Margaret penned it all. Nothing wrong with this—except Margaret happened to be writing for the church newsletter at the time. After making the church picnic read like a Grisham novel, her former pastor took her aside and said, "Maybe God's calling you to write fiction." Margaret is now a New York Times bestselling author and a past Romance Writers of America RITA finalist with more than 30 novels to her credit. Not bad for someone who flunked 8th grade English. Just don't ask her to diagram a sentence.



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Mercy

DENEANE CLARK

The youngest of six sisters, Mercy Ackerly has known since thirteen what everyone else is about to learn: She'll marry the elusive Duke of Blackthorne.

WORTH THE WAIT

It was love at first sight for thirteen-year-old Mercy Ackerly. The second she encountered the traveling Duke of Blackthorne, she fell in love...with his horses. And since Sebastian Tremaine was also perfect, they would someday be man and wife.

From the start, Sebastian has felt oddly protective of Mercy. Delightfully straightforward, the girl is everything honest and sweet, which is why he approved when his best friend married into the family—and then so did his other friends. But now Mercy's all grown up. Now she's facing the ton's matchmaking mamas and their deceitful daughters, is joining a world he despises, be it the ballrooms and routs or the opulent crush. He would shield her if he could, would do anything but entangle his heart.

Sebastian will fight the inevitable for as long as he can. And then he'll fight for it. Some matches are schemed for, some are arranged, and some have just been coming for a long, long time.

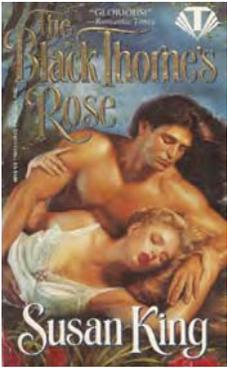
Deneane Elise Clark is an historical romance novelist. Her published work includes the first three books in THE VIRTUE SERIES, a lighthearted romp through the ballrooms and bedrooms of Regency London. The books tell the love stories of the motherless Ackerly sisters, beginning with GRACE, continuing with the stories of FAITH and CHARITY, and will conclude with MERCY. Deneane's books have been published in the United States, Canada, the UK and Australia, and have been translated into several languages, including Dutch, Norwegian and Turkish.



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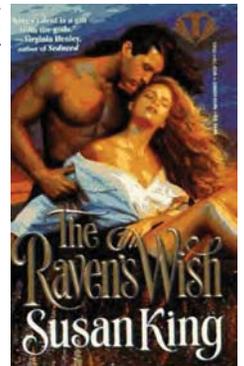


The Black Thorne's Rose

Stripped of her land and forced to marry a ruthless earl, Emlyn de Ashbourne flees into the woods, where she falls in love with a mysterious outlaw named Black Thorne, never realizing that he is her husband.

The Raven's Wish

Elspeth Fraser, a woman with psychic powers, is distraught when she foresees a handsome stranger's execution, and when Highlander Duncan Macrae rides into her life, Elspeth is certain that their passion spells certain doom.

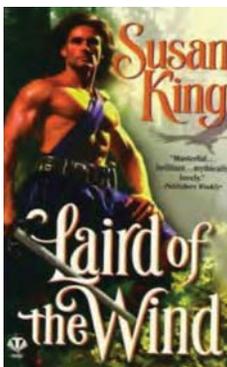
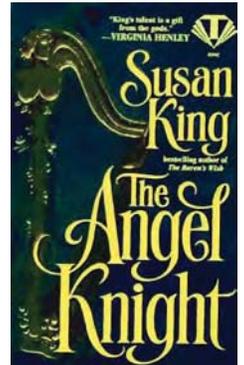


The Raven's Moon

Desperately seeking freedom for her brother, wrongly accused of stealing, a beautiful woman raids the Scottish highways for the documents that will prove his innocence and is swept up by a dangerous border deputy.

The Angel Knight

Refusing to surrender her home or the location of her family's treasures to an invading king's army, Lady Christian MacGillean incites the pity of Sir Gavin Faulkener, who requests the lady's hand in marriage in order to save her life.

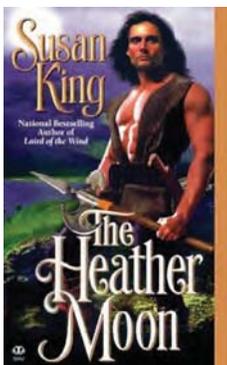
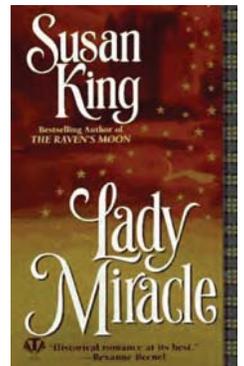


Laird of the Wind

In medieval Scotland, the warrior known as Border Hawk seizes the castle belonging to the father of the beautiful Isabel Scott, famous throughout the Lowlands for her gift of prophecy. During the battle, Isabel is injured while fighting alongside her men, and placed under Border Hawk's protection. As war rages on, the warrior and prophetess engage in a more intimate conflict, discovering that their love for the Scottish borderlands is surpassed only by their love for each other.

Lady Miracle

Diarmid Campbell scours a battlefield in medieval Scotland for the mysterious healer known as "Lady Miracle," hoping to enlist her powers to help his ailing niece, only to lose his heart in the bargain.

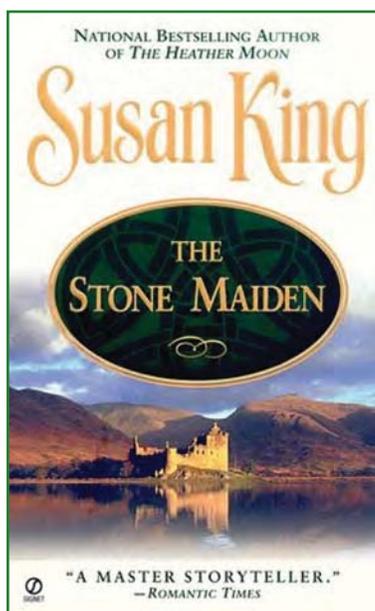


The Heather Moon

While riding escort for King James V, a handsome young man finds his ruler's life in his hands when the Scottish king suddenly falls ill. Aided by a beautiful, spirited, half-gypsy girl, the young man is forever enchanted by the mysterious girl. But fate places them on opposing sides of a diabolical plot to obtain power. The infant Scottish queen is in danger of being kidnapped, and while the man acts as a spy to uncover this fiendish plan, the girl's father is hired to do the deed. Caught between loyalty to his country and the longing in his heart for the girl, who will he inevitably betray?

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The Stone Maiden

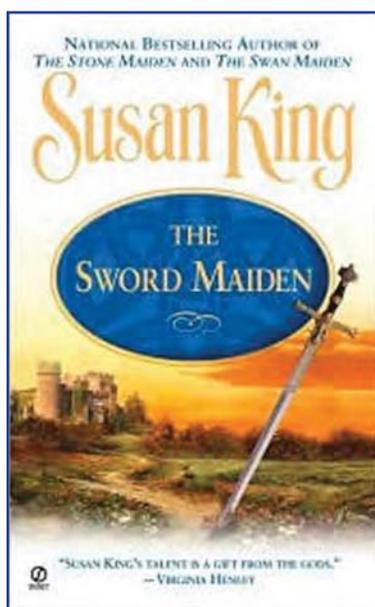
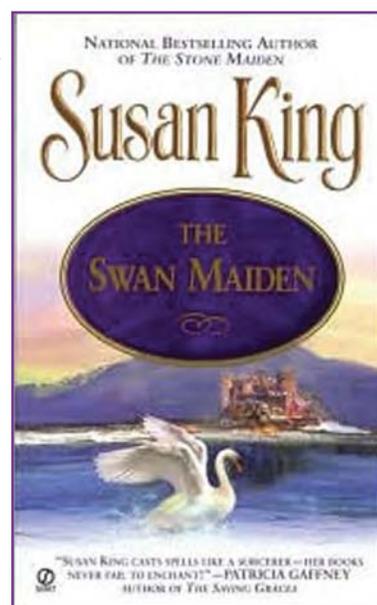
As the leader of her late-12th-century Highland clan, which has been decimated by war and illness since her father's death, Alainna MacLaren has no choice but to abide by the legend of the Stone Maiden in order to save her Scottish clan from oblivion: she must wed a man willing to adopt her clan name. Since each clan is fiercely protective of the lineage of its proud name, Alainna's mission seems futile. Sebastien de Bret, a Norman knight, who was a nameless infant foundling raised by monks, agrees to protect Alainna's clan in exchange for the land the king will give him. He will even marry Alainna in accord with the king's wishes, but he refuses to relinquish the name he has struggled so hard to establish for himself.

The Swan Maiden

As proud as the Scottish hills, Juliana Lindsey possesses a delicate beauty and a noble spirit. She'll stop at nothing to see her beloved country free, even if it means trusting a man whose motives are as secretive as they are impassioned...

Gawain Avenel, a knight sworn to the English crown, has vowed never to reveal his true heritage. But the fever in his Scottish blood has driven him to a woman who has risked her life to teach him the true meaning of the word "honor"...

Torn between opposing loyalties, bound by an impossible passion, Juliana and Gawain must now face the ultimate test of devotion in the most courageous battle of all—the battle for the human heart.

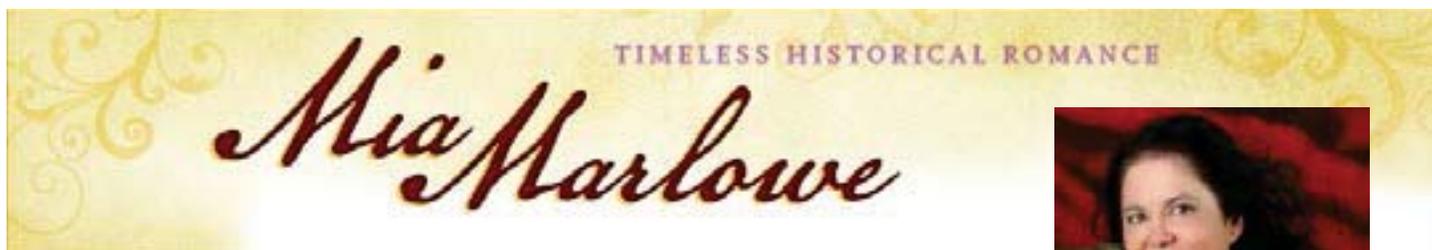


The Sword Maiden

Against the backdrop of the Hundred Years' War, King (The Swan Maiden, etc.) deftly spins a mystical Highland romance between the daughter of a Scottish clan leader and a humble blacksmith. Feisty Eva MacArthur is the guardian of Innisfarna, an island that is purported to possess fairy magic. Eva's status and her precious holdings have earned her the unwanted attentions of Colin Campbell, a land-greedy clan chief who has close ties to the English king. When Eva's oldest brother is imprisoned and her father falsely executed for treason, Colin blackmails Eva into accepting a betrothal in exchange for her brother's life. Colin stalls on his promise but seizes the MacArthur lands anyway. Desperate to reclaim Innisfarna, Eva turns to her trusted friend Lachlann MacKerron, only to find that the physical and emotional wounds he incurred while fighting in France have impaired his ability to craft her a fairy sword. Nevertheless, Eva and Lachlann ignite sparks that fan into a strong love and a successful rebellion.

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