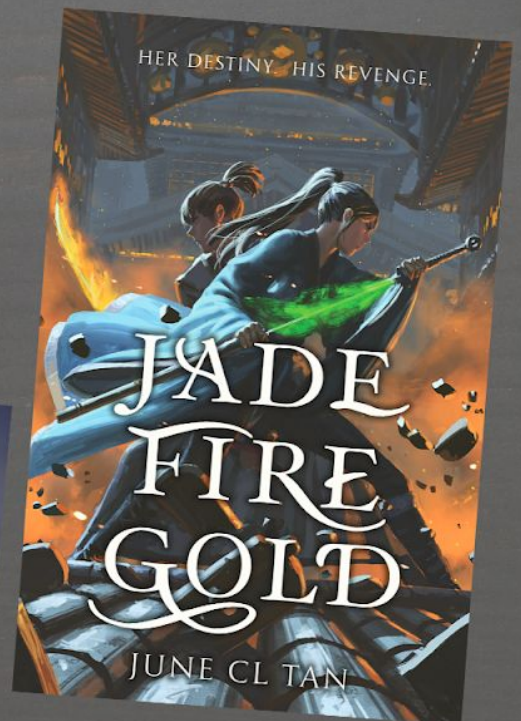
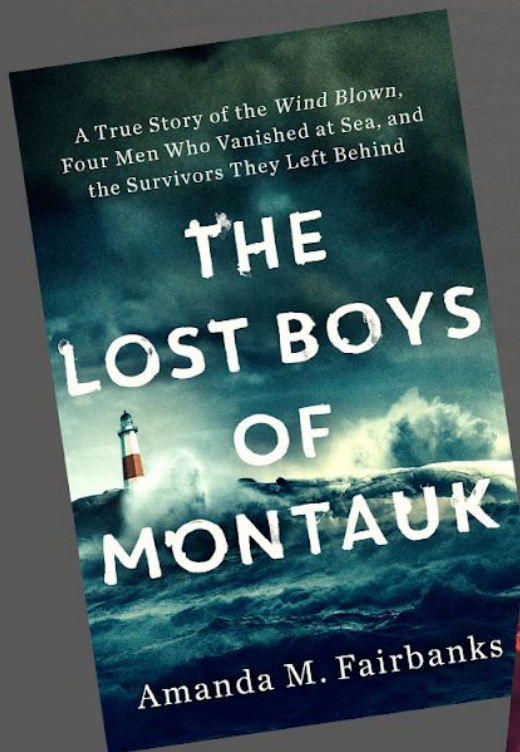


# spring hot list





**ADULT FICTION**

## **MARIE BENEDICT**



### HER HIDDEN GENIUS

• *Sourcebooks, January 2022*

The next big book by the *New York Times* bestselling author of **THE MYSTERY OF MRS. CHRISTIE** and **THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM**

**Discover the story of a woman who fought through a male-dominated field to unlock the secrets of DNA.**

Rosalind Franklin knows if she just takes one more x-ray picture—one more after thousands—she can unlock the building blocks of life. Never again will she have to listen to her male colleagues complain about her, especially Maurice Wilkins who'd rather conspire about genetics with James Watson and Francis Crick than work alongside her. Then it finally happens—the double helix structure of DNA reveals itself to her with perfect clarity. Photograph 51. But Rosalind never could have predicted how far her colleagues would go to erase her names from the history books.

Marie Benedict's next powerful novel shines a light on a woman who died to discover our very DNA, a woman whose contributions to science were suppressed by the men around her but whose relentless drive advanced our understanding of humankind.

You know **MARIE BENEDICT**. She is the *USA Today* and *New York Times* bestselling **THE OTHER EINSTEIN**, **CARNEGIE'S MAID**, **THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM**, **LADY CLEMENTINE**, **THE MYSTERY OF MRS. CHRISTIE**, and the forthcoming **THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN**. She writes about history's most complex, fascinating, and often under-appreciated women, bringing them into the light of the present day, and her books have been translated into 18 languages. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her family.

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## LILY CHU

### THE STAND IN

- *US & UK Audio: Audible Originals*
- *US & UK Print: Sourcebooks*
- ★ *Sold in an eight-house auction*

**This debut, diverse rom-com is indulgent, fun, and absorbing—the perfect escapist read!**

When a mysterious black SUV pulls up next to Gracie Reed, she can't believe that Wei Fangli and Sam Yao, Chinese cinema's golden couple, are inside. She's even more shocked when Fangli says she has a proposal for her. After seeing a picture online that mistakenly identified Gracie as Fangli, the famous actress has tracked her down to offer her a job: Pretend to be the starlet at public events for the next couple of months. The only catch is that she'll have to be escorted by Sam Yao, Fangli's co-star, the most attractive (and rudest) man Gracie has ever met.

Despite reservations, Gracie agrees—partly because it will provide her with the money she needs to get her mother (who suffers from dementia) into a private nursing home and partly because she can't resist an opportunity to experience something different from her usual, boring life.

Her contract requires her to live with Sam, so she moves into his exclusive hotel suite and a world of luxury she never knew existed. But impersonating Fangli is not as easy as she thought. As Gracie spends more time as Fangli, she learns that neither Fangli nor Sam are what they seem. Will Gracie be able to keep up the deal without losing herself...and her heart?

**LILY CHU** loves staying up far too late reading a good book, ordering the second-cheapest wine on the menu, and wearing perfume all the time. She writes #OwnVoices romantic comedies set in Toronto with strong Asian characters. This is her debut novel.



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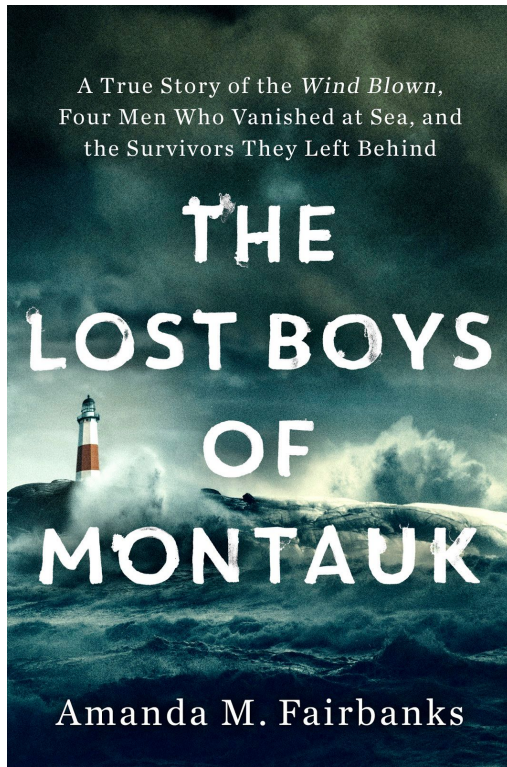
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ADULT NON-FICTION

## AMANDA M. FAIRBANKS



### THE LOST BOYS OF MONTAUK

• *Gallery (Simon & Schuster), May 2021*

**In 1984, a commercial fishing boat left Montauk Harbor on what should have been a routine voyage...but it never returned.**

**“Unforgettable.”**

—Nicholas Lemann, author of *Transaction Man*

**“Gripping.”**

—Graydon Carter, Editor, *Air Mail*

★ **“A memorable lost-at-sea narrative. . . a no-brainer for fans of *The Perfect Storm* and similar books. A riveting man-vs.-nature story and compelling tribute to those who perished.**

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred)

Somewhere between *The Perfect Storm* and *Manchester by the Sea*, journalist Amanda M.

Fairbanks chronicles the dramatic hours of the *Wind Blown*'s four-man crew, who found themselves in a life-and-death struggle with hurricane-force winds, as well as the wrenching aftermath of the tragedy, both for the survivors and the town.

It's a study of the bygone era of Montauk, “a drinking town with a fishing problem,” and of what happens when a working class community collides with affluence. The Hamptons, of course, are now a playground for the extremely wealthy, but it wasn't always so.

This riveting story also tackles the universal themes of family, life, death, and secrets.

**AMANDA M. FAIRBANKS** is a journalist and writer who has worked at *New York Times*, *HuffPost*, and *East Hampton Star*. Her writing has also appeared in the *Boston Globe*, *Newsweek*, the *Atlantic*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. This is her first book.

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CHILDREN'S FICTION/YA

RACHEL GRIFFIN

## THE NATURE OF WITCHES

• *Sourcebooks, June 2021*

**A heartfelt and timely YA contemporary fantasy featuring climate change witches.**

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

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

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

**RACHEL GRIFFIN** lives just outside of Seattle. She witnessed the 2017 total solar eclipse and became a certified weather spotter for the National Weather Service while doing research for this project.



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UK: Sourcebooks



## JUNE C.L. TAN



### JADE FIRE GOLD

• *HarperTeen (HarperCollins), October 2021*

**An epic YA fantasy about family, revenge, and forgiveness, inspired by Chinese mythology and folktales.**

In a desert outpost of the turbulent Shi Empire, Ahn lives as a dishwasher and a thief. When a heist goes wrong, her magic suddenly manifests, making her the most powerful weapon in the empire. She is the legendary Life Stealer—a reaper of souls, more dangerous than she could ever imagine—and a target of the ruthless Diyeh priests loyal to the Dragon Throne. But instead of being burnt at the stake, Ahn is saved by a mysterious priest and taken to the Imperial Palace where everyone seeks to use Ahn's powers for themselves.

His family murdered and his birthright hijacked, Altan has three things he must accomplish: take back the Dragon Throne, free the empire from the Diyeh priesthood, and undo the dark magic that the last Life

Stealer used to poison the land. To get what he wants, he must find the new Life Stealer—the girl who will be the tool for his vengeance and may also be the damnation of the entire world.

Altan finds Ahn just as the priests abduct Ahn's grandmother. Ahn agrees to help Altan on his mission, if he will help her save her grandmother. The pair begin an uneasy alliance but soon, the depth of Ahn's dark powers make them both question whether they will be able to survive the journey, let alone restore the empire and the land.

**JUNE C.L. TAN** writes science fiction and fantasy inspired by her childhood in multicultural Singapore. She has an MA in Cinema Studies from NYU. When she is not writing, she can be found wandering the streets of New York City in search of everyday mysteries and miracles.

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