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Featured Authors

FALON BALLARD – Translation/UK: Putnam

“A hopeful, heartwarming debut. With a relatable disaster of a protagonist and an adorably nerdy hero, this opposites-attract, roommates-to-lovers romance is a true delight.” –**Rachel Lynn Solomon, author of *The Ex Talk***

“Sadie is a firecracker of a protagonist who’s very aware of her flaws, and Jack is her perfect counterpart, embracing all of her rough edges with softness and understanding. *Lease on Love* warmly and wittily underscores that none of us are perfect, but we are all worthy, we are all enough: we all deserve to be loved, not just by others, but by ourselves too.” –**Sarah Hogle, author of *Twice Shy and You Deserve Each Other***

“*Lease on Love* was a delight on every level. Ballard delivers a soft, sweet story with enough shadows to make the happily ever after feel that much more earned. Jack and Sadie together are real in the best ways and the cast of characters shows the unabiding love of friends and found family. This is a beautiful love story about finding something precious that seems out of reach. *Lease on Love* is one of my new favorite romance novels!” –**Denise Williams, author of *How to Fail at Flirting***

"*Lease On Love* is a crackling, compulsively readable debut about forging new career and romantic paths, finding strength in found family, and discovering what it truly means to be “home.” I enjoyed every minute of it!” —**Suzanne Park, author of *Loathe At First Sight* and *So We Meet Again***

Beach Read meets *The Flatshare* in this warmly funny and delightfully sharp debut rom-com about a down-on-her-luck young woman who turns an innocent mix-up between a dating app and a roommate app into a new chance at love.

Exciting debut novel *Lease on Love* from Falon Ballard sold at auction in a two-book, six figure deal to Putnam and publishing February 1, 2022.

Already sold to Headline Eternal in the UK and Muza in Poland

LOUISE BAY

"Great dialogue, sparkling chemistry, powerfully sexy love scenes and well-developed characters. *Park Avenue Prince* is as swoon-worthy story that's as much satisfying as it is angsty." – **USA Today**

USA Today and *Der Spiegel* bestselling author Louise Bay writes sexy, contemporary romance novels. She has **sold CLOSE TO 2 MILLION COPIES** of her books in the English language worldwide. *Hollywood Scandal* was named

as one of the year's best romances in 2017 by *USA Today*. In 2018 Audible put *Duke of Manhattan* into their top 100 all-time favorite romances.

Stand alones include: *Hollywood Scandal; Love Unexpected, Hopeful, International Player and Private Player.*

Series include:

The Royalty series: *The King of Wall Street, Park Avenue Prince, Duke of Manhattan, The British Knight* and *The Earl of London*

The Mister series: *Mr. Mayfair, Mr. Knightsbridge, and Mr. Smithfield*

The Empire State series: *A Week in New York, Autumn in London and New Year in Manhattan*

The Night Series: *Parisian Nights, Promised Nights, and Indigo Nights*

The Always in Summer Collections: *A Ruthless Gentleman and The Wrong Gentleman*

Her latest release – *Mr. Park Lane....* The book will be published on September 28th, 2021.

Bay's books have been sold to Lyx in Germany, Always in Italy, Newton Compton in Italy, Angel in Brazil, Pamies in Spain, Adel Publishing in Israel and Eksmo in Russia. Louise just closed a FOUR book deal in Germany.

Her international presence is continuing to grow and we've added a second publisher in Italy! And we've also added Israel and Russia this year to her list of countries.

JACI BURTON

"Jaci Burton's stories are full of heat and heart."—Maya Banks, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

***New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Jaci Burton's latest deals!**

Housebroke and *Untitled*, where a woman who rescues dogs suddenly finds herself without a place for her and her menagerie of fur-babies to live and makes a deal with the guy renovating a house he's selling, forcing them to navigate each other, nonstop noise, and their growing feeling. **Sold to Berkley in a six-figure deal for two books. Manuscript for book 1: May 2022 and book 2: June 2023.**

The Accidental Newlywed Plan and *Untitled*, the next book in her 'Boots and Bouquets' series. **Sold to Berkley in a six-figure deal for two books. Manuscript for book 1: August 2021 and book 2: November 2022.**

Select rights have been sold to Sieben in Germany, Bragelonne in France, Pamies in Spain, Fanucci in Italy, Angel in Brazil, Lampsii in Greece, Ulipius in Hungary, Nemesis in Turkey, Crystal in Thailand.

SYLVIA DAY

Sylvia is the #1 *New York Times*, #1 *USA Today* & #1 international bestselling author of over twenty award-winning novels translated into 41 languages. With tens of millions of copies of her books in print, she is a #1 bestseller in 28 countries. Sylvia's novels claimed spots on the top bestselling books on global year-end sales round ups, making her one of the most widely read authors in the world today.

Her last book in the Crossfire series *One With You*, released (April 2016), was one of the top bestselling books of 2016 throughout the world: #2 most popular book on Google Play UK, #5 fiction book on iTunes AUS, #7 most popular book on Google Play, #8 fiction book on iTunes US, #10 on Amazon.CA's Top Selling Books of 2016, and #18 on Amazon's Top Selling Books of 2016.

Sylvia is currently working on her new duology *Blacklist* which has already been sold to Penugin UK, Random House Germany, Jai Lu in France, Mondadori in Italy, Planeta in Spain, HarperHolland in The Netherlands, Porto in Portugal, Politikens in Denmark, Grazyna Smosa-Wozniak in Poland and Psychios in Greece. Audio rights published by Brilliance.

MELISSA FERGUSON – Translation/UK: Thomas Nelson

"A book that is filled with both humor and heart." —Debbie Macomber, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"Ferguson delights with a grand sense of humor and a captivating story to boot!" —Patti Callahan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

"Melissa Ferguson's *The Cul-de-Sac War* is sweet, zany, and surprisingly tender. Bree and Chip will have you laughing and rooting for them until the very end." —Denise Hunter, bestselling author of *Carolina Breeze*

"With her sophomore novel, Melissa Ferguson delivers hilarity and heart in equal measure . . . I was thoroughly charmed from beginning to end." —Bethany Turner, award-winning author of *The Secret Life of Sarah Hollenbeck*

Author of *The Dating Charade*, *The Cul-de-Sac War* and the upcoming *Meet Me in the Margins* (publication February 15, 2022) **Melissa just closed a two-book deal (*Famous for a Living* plus *Untitled*) with Thomas Nelson.**

RAVEN KENNEDY

The bestselling *The Plated Prisoner* series from author Raven Kennedy is a stunning and massively successful new fantasy series, perfect for fans of Sarah J. Mass and Jennifer L. Armentrout. We have the first three books to sell *Gild* (published October 2020); *Glint* (January 2021); and *Gleam* (May 2021). The fourth book *Glow* is scheduled for an April 2022 delivery.

Since release the books have been in the top 100 of Amazon bestselling books outselling the heavy hitters like Sarah J. Maas and Jennifer L. Armentrout... *The Plated Prisoner* hashtag is trending on Tik Tok with 1.2 million views and her name is trending with 1.5 million views.

Here's what the author says about the incredible response to the books:

"When I released *Gild* in October, I immediately started pulling in new readers. It was a very steady book, that grew in popularity when I released the second book, *Glint* in January. Then, when I released *Gleam*, it really spiked, and my sales numbers have been going up ever since. The moment *Gleam* released on May 31 2021, all three books have been fluctuating in Amazon's top 100 Kindle store in the US, as well as ranking number 1 in their book categories. The books have even been beating some serious heavy hitters, such as *A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J Maas, and *From Blood and Ash* by Jennifer L Armentrout."

***The Plated Prisoner* Series, which has become a top 100 Amazon bestseller has already sold at auction to Armenia in Italy.**

BLANKA LIPINKSA

Blanka is a #1 international bestseller with over 2 million copies in print worldwide. The 365 DAYS Trilogy has sold in close to 30 countries.

Netflix released the first movie in 2020 and was the most watched movie for them in 2020: From Forbes in June – 365 DAYS was the #1 movie on Netflix for the month of June and has "broken records for 2020 like no other Netflix film".... – ["365 Days" is Breaking Netflix Records Like No Other Movie in 2020.](#)

365 Days made the top three most viewed pieces on Netflix in numerous territories, including Germany, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Lithuania,

Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Turkey, Sweden, Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Greece, Romania, South Africa, Portugal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, Mauritius, Canada, Israel, New Zealand, Malaysia, and the United States. It was the first movie to have two multiday periods as Netflix's #1 movie in the US. The film has spent ten days as #1, the second highest in the chart's history.

Netflix shot the movies based on *This Day* and *The Next 365 Days* over the summer and we are awaiting release information. You can check out the stars Instagram pages for more details and for a look at behind the scenes! Blanka and the stars of the film have a combined Instagram following of close to 17 milion followers.

The hashtag #365 DAYS on Tiktok has 2 BILLION VIEWS – that is BILLION WITH A “B”...

Blanka Lipińska is one of the most popular authors and influential women in Poland. She's an author out of desire rather than necessity and writes for fun instead of money. She loves tattoos, values truthfulness, and treasures altruism. Annoyed with the lack of openness about sex, she took it upon herself to start a discussion about the many sides of love. She likes to say that talking about sex is as easy as preparing dinner. Her bestselling novel 365 Days is the basis of one of 2020's most successful Netflix movies worldwide. The film has spent 10 days as #1, the second highest in the chart's history.

The trilogy has sold: US – auction – Emily Bestler/Atria; Germany - pre-empt – Blanvalet; Spain - pre-empt – PRH Grijalbo; Portugal - pre-empt – ASA; Brazil – auction – BUZZ; Denmark - pre-empt – Politikens; Hungary - pre-empt – Muvelt; Turkey - pre-empt – Perseus; Bulgaria – auction – Ciela; Russia – Eksmo - pre-empt; Israel - pre-empt – Adel; Korea - pre-empt – Dasan; Czech – auction – Baronet; Slovak - pre-empt – Ikar; Italy – pre-empt – Mondadori; Serbia – auction – Laguna; Bosnia – Buybook; Denmark – pre-empt – Politikens; Sweden – pre-empt – Bokfabriken; Macedonia – Martina; Dutch – auction – Boekerij; Slovenia – pre-empt – Učila; The Netherlands – auction – Boekerij; Romania – auction – Bookzone; Greece – pre-empt – Psychogios; France – pre-empt – Hugo; Estonia – auction – Postimees; and Poland – Edipress/Agora.

PAMELA TERRY

“I was enthralled by Pamela Terry’s gorgeous debut novel about the pleasures and perils of family and the enduring nature of love. Give yourself the gift of imagining the fragrances of magnolia and pine while savoring *The Sweet Taste of Muscadines*.”—**Amanda Eyre Ward, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Jetsetters***

“I inhaled this book. Rarely has a story or an author impressed me more. Pamela Terry is destined to be a rising star in the literary world.”—**Debbie Macomber, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Walk Along the Beach***

“A dazzling debut! *The Sweet Taste of Muscadines* is pure pleasure—a lyrical and compelling story that draws you in from the very first line and never lets you go.”—**Susan Mallery, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Friendship List***

“*The Sweet Taste of Muscadines* is a deeply moving work of Southern fiction that will appeal to fans of Rebecca Wells and Delia Owens. Yet Pamela Terry’s delicious mix of long-held secrets and hard-earned redemption is a unique journey into the heart of a family. A story to remember long after the last page is turned.”—**Susan Wiggs, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lost and Found Bookshop***

“*The Sweet Taste of Muscadines* came to me as the perfect escape. A wonderful debut novel, with everything from a dysfunctional family to a rich cast of characters.”—**Robert Hicks, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Orphan Mother***

“*The Sweet Taste of Muscadines* is an extraordinary and sensorial journey both geographically and emotionally. Pamela Terry offers a powerful wallop of drama, humor, and grief, all gorgeously wrapped in evocative language. . . . A story of family and of courage that begs to be read more than once.”—**Karen White, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dreams of Falling***

“This moving novel reminds us of the necessity of love, the value of family connection, and the redeeming light of forgiveness. Pamela Terry seems to have a second sight, one that allows her to really see the secret workings of the heart. She writes with humor, elegance, and grace about subjects as universal and diverse as humanity itself.”—**Patti Callahan Henry, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Favorite Daughter***

“A mashup of *Fried Green Tomatoes* and *You Can’t Go Home Again* with a sprinkling of William Faulkner.”—**BookPage**

Pamela Terry's debut novel *The Sweet Taste of Muscadines* (March 2021) was a huge hit, she had a featured TV interview on national morning show Good Morning America with interviewer Deb Roberts pulling a quote from the book - ("living a life of joy is a form of forgiveness") as the big takeaway and I love that GMA called it a "sweet read" and the perfect binge-read for the weekend! It was also listed in **Newsweek on the top 21 Books to Read in Spring 2021**.

Her next novel *Bright Lights and Black Wings* has been sold to Ballantine in a six-figure deal... Manuscript delivery November 2021.

What happens when we no longer like the people we love? When Marietta Cline falls ill at her husband's funeral she's rescued by her childhood friend, Butter. The two of them traveled parallel paths for most of their lives, only to diverge wildly during the recent years of political division and turmoil. Old friends and family members are forced to come to terms with each other and their differences, while through it all, Marietta's husband keeps watch, waiting.

***Muscadines* has been pre-empted by Vigmostad & Bjørke in Norway; auction (three way) to Keter/Modan in Israel; sold to XXI.Zsazad in Hungary; and Solferino in Italy.**

NON-FICTION:

SOPHIE LIARD

The Folding Lady: Making life a bit easier – tools and tricks to make the most of your space and find after value in your home

Despite having only launched *The Folding Lady* in summer 2020, **Sophie has grown an immense following on TikTok (3.7 million / 39 million likes) and Instagram (560k)**. Hundreds of thousands of fans across the globe have fallen for her handy home hacks, tips and accessible, down-to-earth ‘doable’ advice – much of this has been centered around folding household items (e.g. boxers, sheets, leggings, towels, socks, napkins) or organizing (e.g. desks, snack drawers, cupboards, cosmetics); all in a bid to create extra space, enjoy and make the most of the environment you have and improve its functionality where possible, to help make life easier to navigate.

Since the pandemic, with WFH now a norm for so many, and our normal routines limited – people have gone wild for budget DIY, cleaning / decluttering advice and easy interior improvements, but none so inviting and captivating than Sophie’s. Whilst we’re living in the face of uncertainty, she encourages us to take charge of small, simple and achievable tasks and find solutions that work for every one of us for our different homes.

The Folding Lady will inspire readers to let go of trying to tackle the big, overwhelming stuff / plans / macro goals and make the most of the little things that can be controlled, the tiny wins that will bring you untold comfort amidst the daily stress that can get on top of us and cloud our outlooks.

***The Folding Lady* has been pre-empted by Yellow Kite in the UK (in a six figure deal) and sold at auction to Harper Design in a six-figure deal. The manuscript with illustrations will be available December 2021 for an April 26th, 2022 publication.**

NOELL JETT

FROM THE GROUND UP: Building a Dream House---and a Beautiful Life – through Grit and Grace

Social media phenom Noell Jett has a huge **Tik Tok (3.5 million followers/248.5 (!!!) million likes) and Instagram (371k followers)** following and will share the unbelievable story behind her beautiful 3,700-square foot custom farmhouse--built by hand and savvy influencer marketing--and the key strategies she learned while overcoming a difficult past.

Growing up with seven people in a small house that was missing windowpanes and had only a small fireplace to fight the bitter cold of Missouri winters, Jett and her siblings learned how to survive at an early age. As a young adult, Noell struggled to find her footing both personally and financially, becoming a single mother without much support. But then she met and married Daniel, who shared her dream of building a farmhouse on a budget. It was a task that seemed daunting, relying only on their own sweat and labor, until Noell started an Instagram account that grew to more than 365,000 followers and then a TikTok account that now has more than 2.7 million followers. Through those accounts she forged sponsorships that provided them with over \$500,000 in materials and allowed them to build their dream home in St. Augustine, Florida.

In *From the Ground Up*, Noell shares the inside story behind their farmhouse and delivers a compelling vision for people who want to discover how to overcome their pasts and achieve their own dreams.

***From the Ground up* was pre-empted by Thomas Nelson Books in a six-figure deal. The book will publish March 8, 2022. The manuscript will be available in October 2021. Noell's second book written with husband Daniel *Create Your Dream Home on a Budget* – a lifestyle guide – was sold in a six-figure deal and will publish in 2023.**

BACKLIST

KATHARINE ASHE

*“Ashe strikes gold in her fourth Devil’s Duke Regency [...] Ashe allows desire to build slowly between the two, giving them time to demonstrate goodness, honor, and love before they act on their long-simmering passions. A subplot involving murdered women and grave-robbing adds mystery to this thoroughly pleasurable historical.” –Publishers Weekly (starred review) on **The Prince***

Ashe is the *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning author of historical romances reviewers call “intensely lush” and “sensationally intelligent.” A two-time nominee of the prestigious RITA Award of the Romance Writers of America, she has appeared on Amazon’s Best of the Year and Best of the Month lists multiple times. Katharine is also a professor of history and popular culture at Duke University, where she hosts the UNSUITABLE Speakers Series about Women, History and Popular Fiction. In addition, Ashe convenes Facebook Feminist Romance Lovers Book Club.

Books in her latest series include *The Prince*, *The Duke*, *The Earl*, and *The Rogue*.

Select titles have been sold to Jai Lu in France, 20/20 in Portugal, Urano in Spain, De Vrijbouter in The Netherlands, Oakla in Japan, Epilson in Turkey, and Elexmedia Komputindo in Indonesia. Audio rights to her backlist sold to Tantor.

MAYA BANKS

“[A] one-two punch of entertainment that will leave readers eager for the next book.”—Publishers Weekly

*“Her characters are a testament to the strength of the human spirit, and to the power love has to heal even the deepest wounds.” – Linda Howard, **New York Times** and **USA Today** bestselling author*

Maya Banks is the #1 *New York Times* and #1 *USA Today* bestselling author of the Surrender trilogy, the Breathless trilogy, the KGI series, the Sweet series, the Colters’ Legacy novels, and The Enforcers series

Select titles have been sold to Headline in the UK, Lyx in Germany, Bragelonne in France, Meulenhoff in The Netherlands, Roca in Spain, Harper Italia and Fanucci in Italy, 20/20 in Portugal, Autentica, Leya and Universo dos Livros in Brazil, Schibe in Norway, Basam In Finland, Rosinant and Lindhardt and Ringhof in Denmark, Oakla in Japan, Korim in

Israel, Baronet in Czech, Backviet in Vietnam, Azbooka Atticus in Russia, Stilus in Croatia, Učila in Slovene, Geopen in Hungary, Albatross in Poland, Sun Color in Complex Chinese, Amarin in Thailand, and Precious Paper in Tagalog. Audio rights to front and backlist sold to Tantor and Brilliance.

SHAYLA BLACK

“A Shayla Black story never disappoints!”—Sylvia Day, #1 New York Times bestselling author

Shayla Black is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of more than sixty novels. For over fifteen years, she’s written contemporary, erotic, paranormal, and historical romances via traditional, independent, foreign, and audio publishers. Her books have sold **millions of copies** and been published in a dozen languages.

Series include More Than Words series: *More Than Love You, More Than Want You, More Than Need You, More Than Crave You* and *More Tempt You*.

Select titles have been sold to Egmont in Germany, Fanucci in Italy, Jai Lu in France, Pamies in Spain, Grupo Saida de Emergencia in Portugal, Lafont in Brazil, Turbulenz in Denmark, Dharma in Turkey, Ulpius-Haz in Hungary and Rinomin in Israel. Audio rights to full front and backlist sold to Tantor.

SHAYLA BLACK AND LEXI BLAKE

“Shayla Black and Lexi Blake never fail to heat up the page, and the Perfect Gentlemen series is no exception. Hot and edgy and laced with danger, the stories in the Perfect Gentlemen series are just that---perfect.” – J. Kenner, New York Times and international bestselling author of the Stark series

From *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling authors Shayla Black and Lexi Black comes *The Perfect Gentlemen series*. They are the Perfect Gentlemen of Creighton Academy: privileged, wealthy, powerful friends with a wild side.

Books include *Scandal Never Sleeps, Seduction in Session, Big Easy Temptation, Smoke and Sin* and *At the Pleasure of the President*.

Books in the series have sold to Egmont in Germany and Jai Lu in France. Audio rights to the series sold to Tantor.

VANESSA FEWINGS

"There is no doubt that Fewings is a gifted writer with an eye for detail and a mastery at creating intimate scenes and action sequences." - RT Book Reviews

Vanessa Fewings is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Enthrall Sessions*. The *Icon* trilogy is her sizzling new romantic series from HQN Books and includes *The Chase*, *The Game*, and *The Prize*. Her most recent release *Perfume Girl* published November 2019.

She recently partnered with *USA Today* bestselling author Ava Harrison to write *The Ravishing* published in July 2021 and among Amazon's top 100 upon release. Rights are available.

Select titles have been sold to Jai Lu in France and Dressler Dublin in Poland

MARY MCNEAR

"This triumphant story had me reading until the wee hours of the morning." -- Debbie Macomber #1 New York Times bestselling author

"Butternut Lake is so beautifully rendered, you'll wish it was real. Mary McNear takes the reader on an emotional journey with this story of second chances, starting over, and the healing power of love. A book to relax, enjoy and savor any time of year, but especially during the long, lazy days of summer." -- Susan Wiggs, #1 New York Times bestselling author

"A great, emotional read for every woman who must face the past before moving forward." -- Sherryl Woods, #1 New York Times bestselling author

"A delicious setting and a heroine to cheer for, Moonlight on Butternut Lake is my favorite kind of book, one that treads that pleasurable line between romance and women's fiction. Enjoy!" -- Susan Elizabeth Phillips, New York Times bestselling author

Mary McNear is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the bestselling *Butternut Lake* series published by HarperCollins. Readers who love Susan Wiggs and Susan Mallery will adore McNear's *Butternut* novel. Books in the series include *Up At Butternut Lakes*, *Butternut Summer*, *Moonlight at Butternut Lake*, *The Space Between Sisters*, *The Secrets We Carried* and a novella "Butternut Lake: The Night Before Christmas."

Select titles have been sold to Jai Lu in France, Fanucci in Italy, Meulenhoff in The Netherlands, ERA in Bulgaria and Eram in Estonia.

NON-FICTION

DOROTHY LEE BARNETT

****Stay tuned for film announcement****

*“Lee Barnett’s courageous and strong voice shines through this memoir. A fast-paced adventure spanning countries and decades, it asks the important question — what would you do to protect your beloved child? Barnett answers this with intense love, bravery and honesty. This memoir is not only important but also compelling and powerful. This is your next must-read!” -- **Patti Callahan Henry**, New York Times bestselling author*

Dorothy Lee Barnett’s memoir *A Mother’s Promise* – a compelling and harrowing story that has captivated the world. Lee’s story has been featured on **CBS 48 Hours**, **NBC Dateline** as well as tv and print around the globe.

Lee Barnett eluded the FBI for almost two decades after fleeing the US with her 11-month old daughter Savanna, eventually settling in Australia. In 2013, after nearly 20 years of alluding the FBI as an international fugitive, her luck ran out. Full of intrigue, suspense, and a mother’s undying love of her child, Barnett’s story correlates to what is happening in society today – a woman forced to fight a system that would rather believe she is crazy than a victim of an abusive relationship.

AUZ/UK rights sold to PRH Auz on exclusive submission.