

THE TIMEKEEPER

Based on a True Story

Kevin MacDermot

To Find His Future, He Must Unlock His Past

Today, on a corner in Londonderry, Ireland there stands a tavern not unlike those on neighboring streets and corners. Step inside however, and you're in a bit of untold history of WWII. During the war, barkeeper, Michael Tracy, served the sailors and U.S. Navy men based in Derry. Drowning out the horrors of war for a few days at a time, they often ran out of money too quickly. The barman stepped up and offered a simple solution: when a sailor ran out of money he surrendered his watch in return for credit and when next in port the sailor would pay his bill and reclaim his watch from a drawer behind the bar counter. Then the whole cycle would begin again. When the war ended, this barman was left with a drawer full of unclaimed watches. He made it the rest of his life's work to return these watches to their owners' families.

In this novel, this true story is extended to the barman's grandson who must return the five remaining watches in the drawer.



Kevin Macdermot is a veteran Irish journalist who's written for The Irish Independent, The Evening Herald, and The Sunday Business Post. He's been a freelance journalist for the Sunday Telegraph in London, and has worked with numerous broadcasters including RTE (Ireland), TV3 (Ireland), BBC Radio Foyle (Northern Ireland), Radio 5 Live (London) and the BBC World Service.

Now, as owner of Irish Sports Publishing, a small, independent press specializing in sports books, Kevin has published 15 books and co-authored two books, which became best-sellers in Ireland and attracted much media and reader praise. One topped the 2011 Bestsellers chart in Ireland while a second was nominated for the prestigious British Sports Book Awards.

Kevin holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and Politics from Queens University Belfast and a Master's Degree in Journalism from Dublin City University. He is a former Westminster Parliamentary Researcher for Nobel Laureate, John Hume.

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THE WINTER LONG

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Praise for Seanan McGuire's October Daye Series:

"McGuire applies a hard-boiled mentality and a keen appreciation for mythology to a blend of politics, magic, and romance to make this the most entertaining series..."
-Publishers Weekly

"The October Daye series has become one of my favorites, and it just keeps getting better and better."
-Fantasy Book Cafe

In the end, the winter always comes.

October "Toby" Daye is in the best position she's ever been in. She has friends, powerful allies, and the new Queen in the Mists is on her side, even going so far as naming her a hero of the realm--a position no other changeling has ever held.

Things are on track. Naturally, that means that things are about to start going wrong.

Winter is here. Now everything changes..

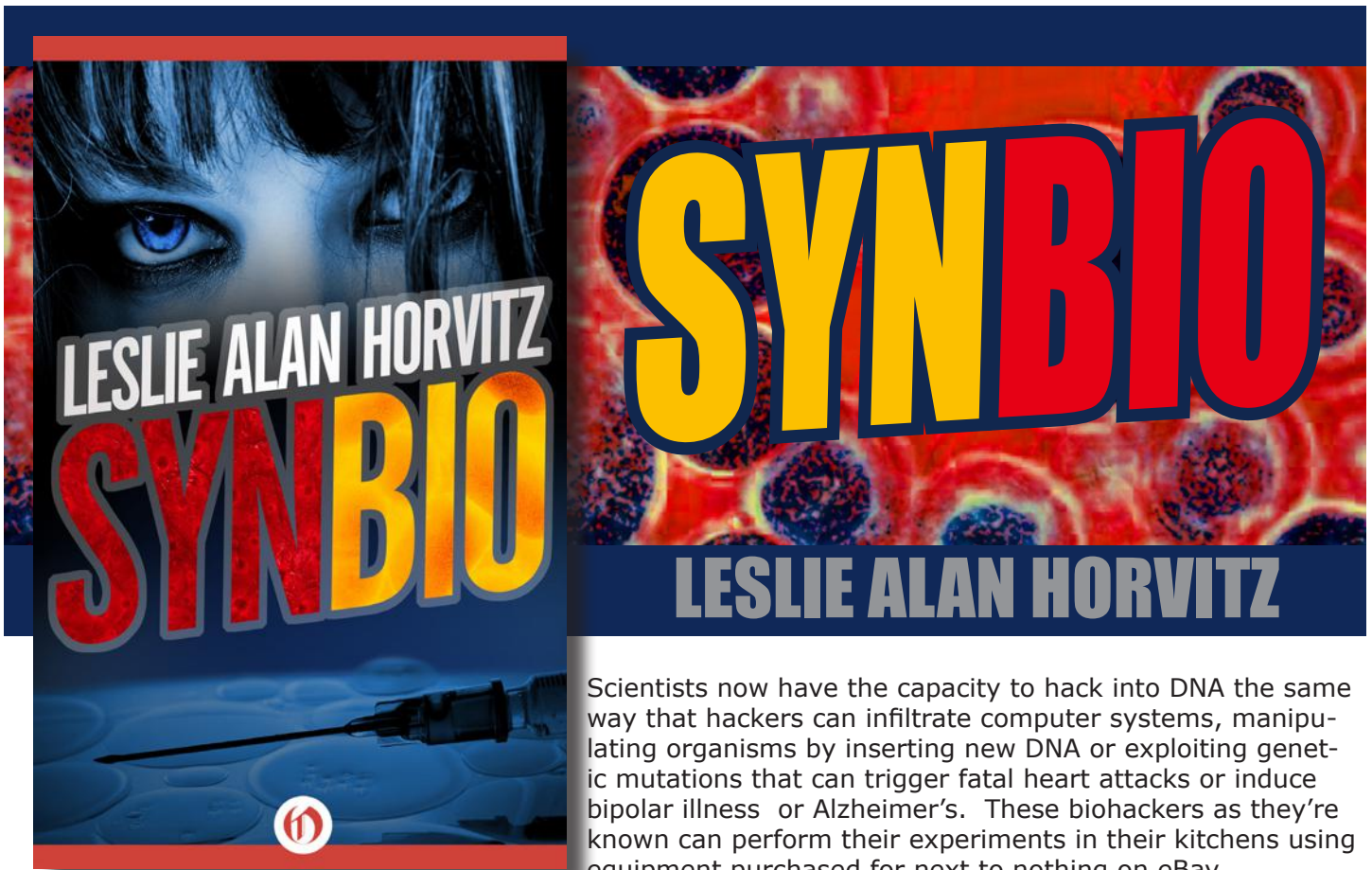
Seanan McGuire is a California-based author with a strong penchant for travel and can regularly be found just about anywhere capable of supporting human life (as well as a few places that probably aren't). Early exposure to a vast number of books left her with a lifelong affection for the written word, and led, perhaps inevitably, to her writing books of her own, starting somewhere around the age of eleven. Seanan was the winner of the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer; *Rosemary and Rue*, the first novel in the October Daye series, was named one of the Top 20 Paranormal Fantasy Novels of the Past Decade; and her novel *Feed*, written under the name Mira Grant, was named as one of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of 2010. She also won a Hugo for her podcast, and is the first person to be nominated for five Hugo Awards in a single year.



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Scientists now have the capacity to hack into DNA the same way that hackers can infiltrate computer systems, manipulating organisms by inserting new DNA or exploiting genetic mutations that can trigger fatal heart attacks or induce bipolar illness or Alzheimer's. These biohackers as they're known can perform their experiments in their kitchens using equipment purchased for next to nothing on eBay.

Most of these biohackers are like Seth Stringer in Cambridge, MA who's made a name for himself exploring the frontiers of genetic manipulation. He's young, brash, ambitious and obsessed with his work. but also a little naïve. When his former professor Marcus Adair holds out the possibility of coming to London and going to work for an international pharmaceutical company called Chimera, he jumps at the chance. He can make good money and cement his relationship with his girlfriend, who has misgivings about his future prospects as a breadwinner. He fails to realize until too late that the principal business of Chimera isn't the manufacture of generic drugs but the production of lethal genetic products for well-heeled clients. This will then be used to assassinate or debilitate presidents, prime ministers and CEOs using their own DNA against them - a method that not only makes it difficult to identify the perpetrator (a cold virus can deliver the engineered DNA) but makes it almost impossible to determine that a crime has been committed in the first place.

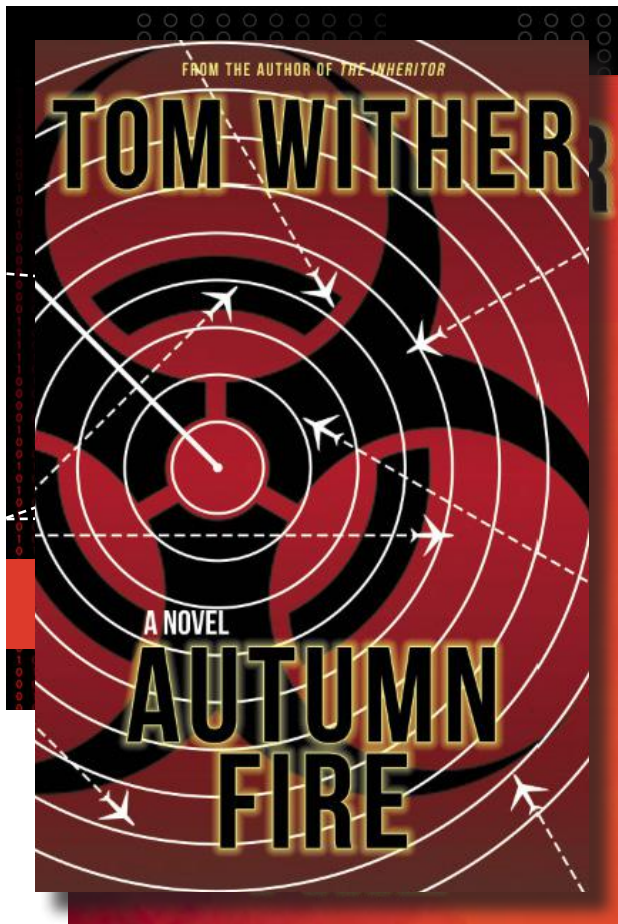
Leslie Alan Horvitz is the author of over twenty novels including *The Memory Hole*, *The Donors*, *The Dying* and *Causes Unknown*. Editions of his books have been published in Germany, Poland, Hungary, Norway, Japan, Russia, South Korea, Brazil and the UK. He is also the author of several works of nonfiction, most recently *The Essential Book of Weather Folklore*, *The Encyclopedia of War Crimes and Genocide*, *Night Sky Tracker Eureka: Scientific Breakthroughs That Changed the World*, and *Understanding Depression* with Dr. Raymond DePaulo of Johns Hopkins University. In 1996 Horvitz collaborated with noted epidemiologists, Dr. Joseph McCormick and Dr. Susan Fisher-Hoch, on *Level 4: Virus Hunters of the CDC*. Level 4 refers to a biohazard unit in the Centers for Disease Control where scientists examine some of the most lethal pathogens known to man. He has written articles on a variety of political and social topics including pieces on money laundering, international organized crime, and fraud in biomedical research.



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AUTUMN FIRE

TOM WITHER

Praise for Tom Wither:

"Vivid, terrifying, and all too possible ... sets a high bar in the darkest speculative corner of the political thriller niche."

-Larry Brooks, Bestselling author of Darkness Bound

"The Inheritor is a spectacularly good thriller—banging with action, filled with absolutely fascinating and authentic details from the world of military intelligence"
-Max Byrd, author of The Paris Deadline

America is under attack. Al-Qaeda mastermind Aziz Abdul Muhammad is still on the loose, leaving no trail after his massive attacks against the U.S. energy infrastructure. Once again, the dedicated special ops force—Officer Cain, Sergeant Thompson, FBI Agent Johnson, and Lieutenant Mathews—relentlessly pursue him in their covert investigation, codename **AUTUMN FIRE**.

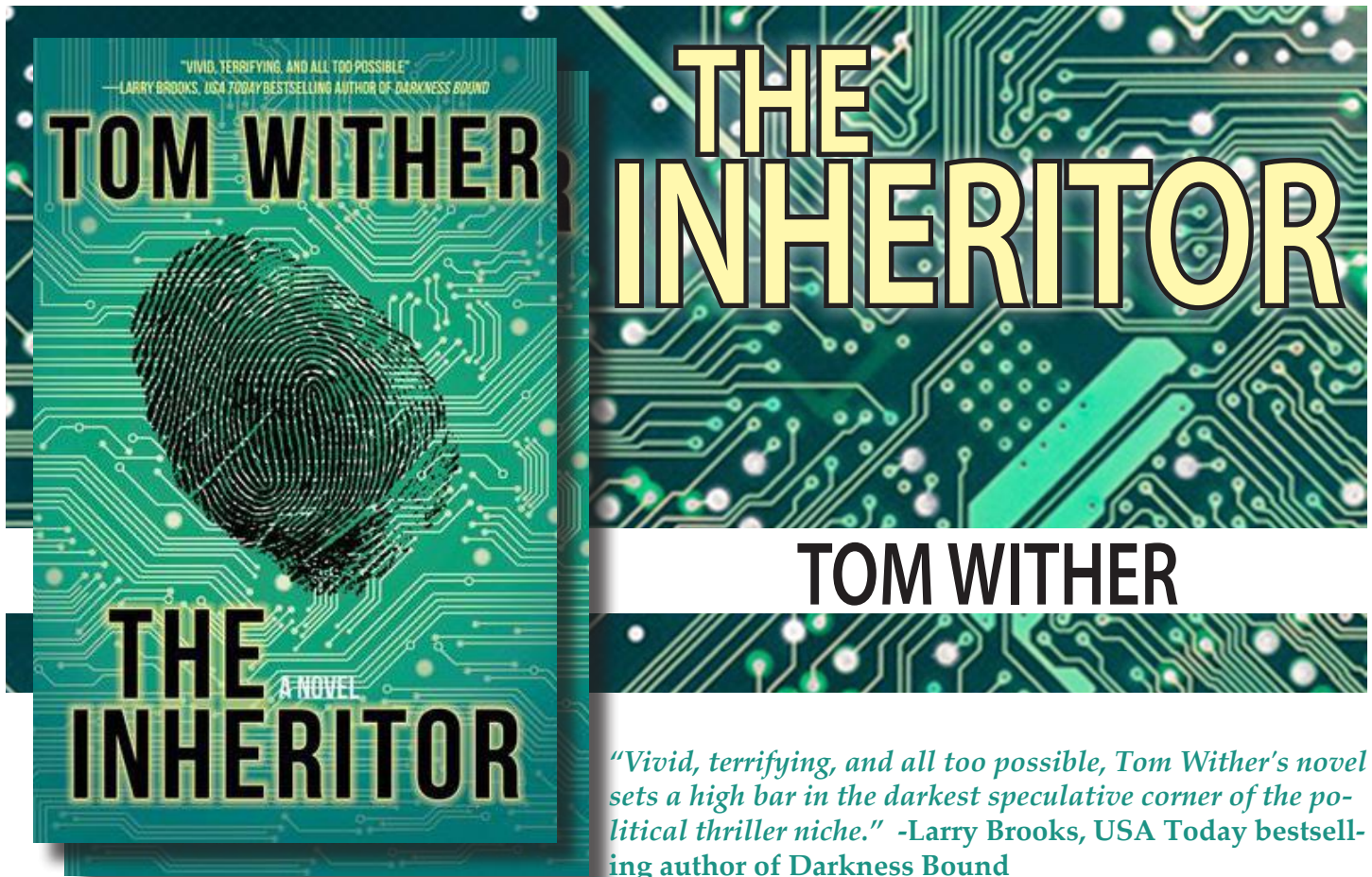
Aziz and his group of loyal jihadists send shockwaves across the nation as they execute their next phase of attacks: a mass shootout and deadly explosion at a nuclear power plant. Days later, Aziz's followers blow up U.S. military supply ships in the Indian Ocean, crippling the country's ability to deploy forces in the Middle East in the event of war. And the jihadists don't stop there—under Aziz's command, they contaminate public water supplies along the East Coast with radioactive material. Time is quickly running out for the special ops to stop Aziz before he delivers his final destructive blow against the U.S. in the most shocking, unthinkable attack yet. Culminating in an explosive operations mission overseas, *Autumn Fire* is a terrifyingly realistic depiction of international terrorism and the men and women who daily risk their lives to restore peace.

Tom Wither served for more than 25 years as a member of the Air Force's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency and its predecessor organizations. He has served as an intelligence analyst, and is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. During Operation Desert Shield, he was selected to brief HRH Prince Charles, the Commanders of British and French, and the U.S. Army's VII Corps Commander on the integration of Air Force intelligence capabilities within the Tactical Air Operations Center. During Operation Desert Storm, he provided critical information to the Joint Rescue Coordination Center resulting in the safe extraction of downed airborne personnel. He has received the Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Force Commendation Medals, and three Air Force Achievement Medals. Mr. Wither holds professional certifications from the National Security Agency as an Intelligence Analyst, and the Director of National Intelligence as an Intelligence Community Officer. He lives near Baltimore.

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-Max Byrd, author of The Paris Deadline

America's Most Deadly Enemy is still loose . . . and he's ready to move. Following his dead mentor's desire to re-establish the Islamic Caliphate, Aziz Abdul Muhammad, hand-picked by bin Laden himself, masterminds a series of attacks on the U.S. energy infrastructure that will reignite the war against the West. As his initial series of attacks creates mass panic, leaving the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states in terrified darkness, the manhunt is on.

In a unique special operations force, veteran intelligence officer David Cain, along with Air Force Sergeant Emily Thompson and rookie FBI Agent Dave Johnson, leads the U.S. effort to find Aziz and his operations expert. From Camp Delta in Guantanamo Bay to Chicago and the outskirts of Tehran, the force must halt Al Qaeda's attempt to rise from the ashes of its former self—and stop The Inheritor before the rest of his terrifying plan unfolds.

Tom Wither served for more than 25 years as a member of the Air Force's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency and its predecessor organizations, the Air Intelligence Agency, the Air Force Intelligence Command, and the Electronic Security Command. He has served as an intelligence analyst at various locations, and is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. During Operation Desert Shield, he was selected to brief HRH Prince Charles, the Commanders of British and French in theater forces, and the U.S. Army's VII Corps Commander on the integration of Air Force intelligence capabilities within the Tactical Air Operations Center. During Operation Desert Storm, he provided critical information to the Joint Rescue Coordination Center resulting in the safe extraction of downed airborne personnel and location data to the USCENTCOM targeting cell that resulted in the destruction of 25 strategic targets. He has received the Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Force Commendation Medals, and three Air Force Achievement Medals. Mr. Wither holds professional certifications from the National Security Agency as an Intelligence Analyst, and the Director of National Intelligence as an Intelligence Community Officer. He lives near Baltimore.

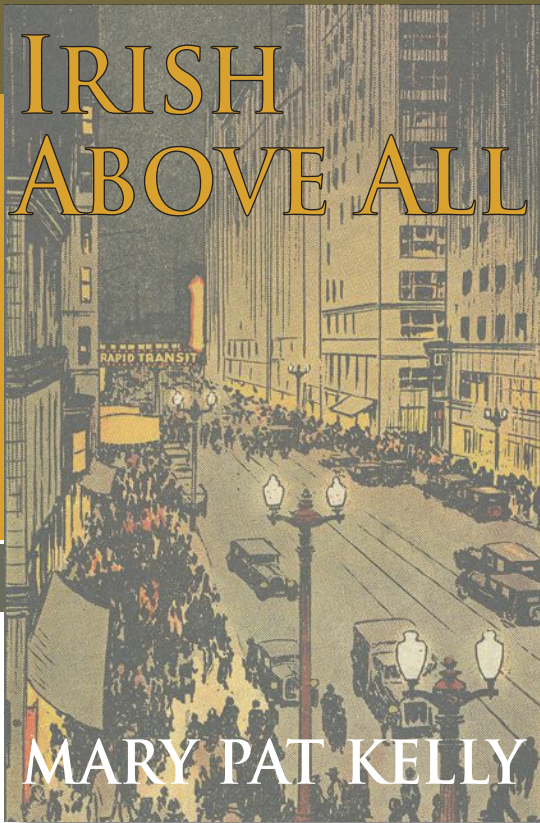
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The Kelly Family Saga in development for television mini-series, with Jean Doumanian and Jim Sheridan producing and directed by Jim Sheridan (*My Left Foot*)

IRISH ABOVE ALL



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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

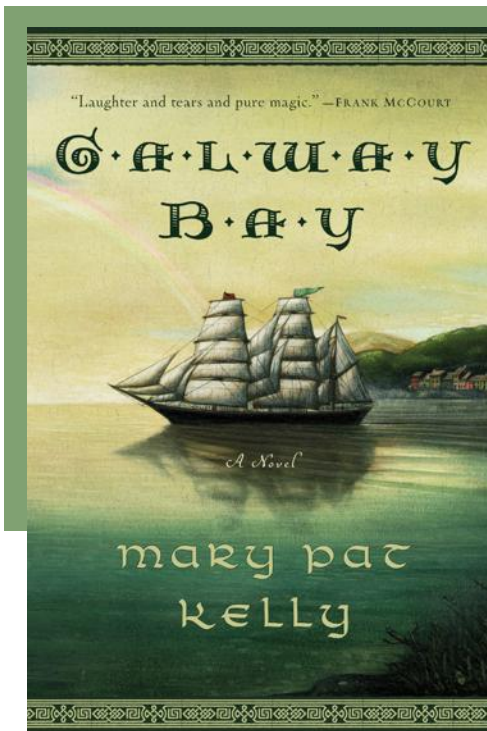
Book Two

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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GALWAY BAY

Book One

"...laughter and tears and pure magic." -Frank McCourt

In a hidden Ireland where fishermen and tenant farmers find solace in their ancient faith, songs, stories, and communal celebrations, young Honora Keeley and Michael Kelly wed and start a family. Because they and their countrymen must sell both their catch and their crops to pay exorbitant rents, potatoes have become their only staple food.

But when blight destroys the potatoes three times in four years, a callous government and uncaring landlords turn a natural disaster into The Great Starvation that will kill one million. Honora and Michael vow their children will live. The family joins two million other Irish refugees--victims saving themselves--in the emigration from Ireland.

Danger and hardship await them in America. Honora, her unconventional sister Máire, and their seven sons help transform Chicago from a frontier town to the "City of the Century." The boys go on to fight in the Civil War and enlist in the cause of Ireland's freedom.

Spanning six generations and filled with joy, sadness, and heroism, GALWAY BAY sheds brilliant light on the ancestors of today's forty-four million Irish Americans--and is a universal story you will never forget.

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Mary Pat Kelly is an author and filmmaker who focuses on stories connected to Ireland. Her award-winning PBS documentaries and accompanying books include *To Live for Ireland*, a portrait of Nobel Peace Prize winner John Hume; *Home Away from Home*, a history of U.S. forces in Northern Ireland during World War II; and *Proudly We Served: The Men of the USS Mason*, a portrayal of the only African-American sailors to take a World War II warship into combat, whose first foreign port was Belfast. She wrote and directed the dramatic feature film *Proud*, starring Ossie Davis and Stephen Rea, based on the USS Mason story.



She's written *Martin Scorsese: The First Decade* and *Martin Scorsese: A Journey*; *Good to Go: The Rescue of Scott O'Grady from Bosnia*; and the *Kelly Family Saga* which includes *Galway Bay*, *Of Irish Blood* and the third installment in progress, *Irish Above All*.

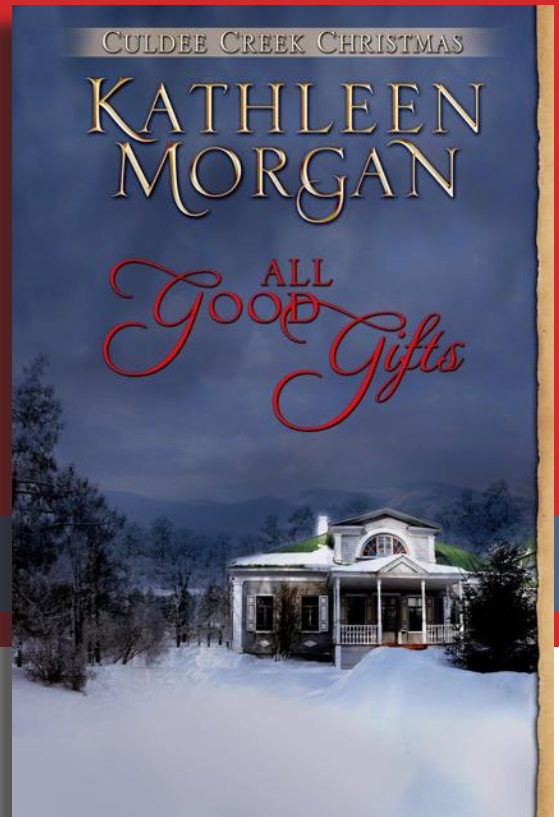
Mary Pat worked in Hollywood as a screenwriter for Paramount and Columbia Pictures and in New York City as an associate producer with *Good Morning America* and *Saturday Night Live*, and wrote the book and lyrics for the musical *Abby's Song*. She received her PhD from the City University of New York.

Born and raised in Chicago, she lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her husband, Web designer Martin Sheerin from County Tyrone.

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ALL GOOD Gifts

KATHLEEN MORGAN



"Morgan presents readers with a heart-stirring Christmas treasure." -Romantic Times

Upon the death of her father, successful but jaded plastic surgeon Devra MacKay is summoned home from New York City to Culdee Creek. As her father's only child, Devra is now heir to the prosperous cattle ranch—if she can meet the terms of the will: Agree never to sell the ranch and to make it her permanent home.

Devra is upset with the terms, but the alternative is even worse. If she doesn't meet her father's conditions, the ranch will be given to Logan's friend and foreman, Ross Blackstone, a Christian whom Devra abhors. Torn between her rapidly fading dreams and her determination not to let Ross "win", she takes a sabbatical to decide how to satisfy the terms of the will and still have the life she desires.

As winter settles on the Colorado plains, she and Ross come head to head for Culdee Creek—and Devra's very soul.

Also Available From Kathleen Morgan

As High as the Heavens
Embrace the Dawn

Consuming Fire
The Christkindl's Gift

One Perfect Gift
All Good Gifts



Kathleen Morgan is the author of numerous books, including the Brides of Culdee Creek series. She lives near Colorado Springs, Colorado.

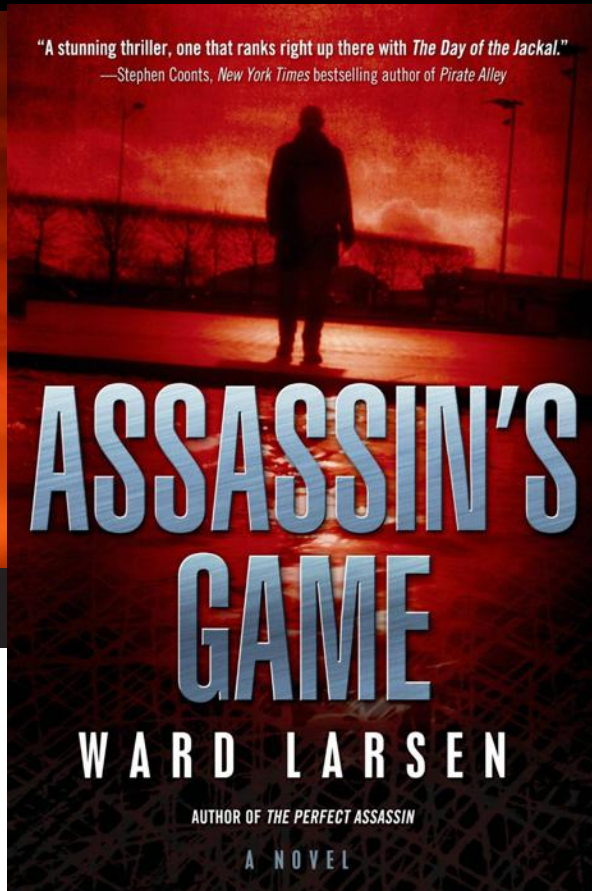


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The Highly Anticipated Sequel to *The Perfect Assassin*



ASSASSIN'S GAME

WARD LARSEN

"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

"Fans of Vince Flynn and Robert Ludlum will enjoy this take on a reluctant hero thrust back into a world he never wanted to see again." -Booklist

A high-octane thriller from Ward Larsen, the author of *The Perfect Assassin*.

David Slaton has a good life. He has a new wife and a house in the Virginia suburbs. But he also has a dark past. Slaton is a former kidon, the most lethal Israeli assassin ever created.

After decades of work, a brilliant scientist has taken Iran to the threshold of its dream—a nuclear-tipped ballistic missile. Mossad must eliminate the man, but with a spy lurking high in its ranks there is only one option: bring back Slaton. The kidon has vowed to never kill again, but when his wife is attacked and forced to flee across Europe, events force his hand.

Slaton plots to assassinate one of the most closely guarded men on earth. Success is improbable. Survival unlikely. Only when he learns the labyrinthine truth does Slaton see one high-stakes chance. A chance for an assassin's game

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.



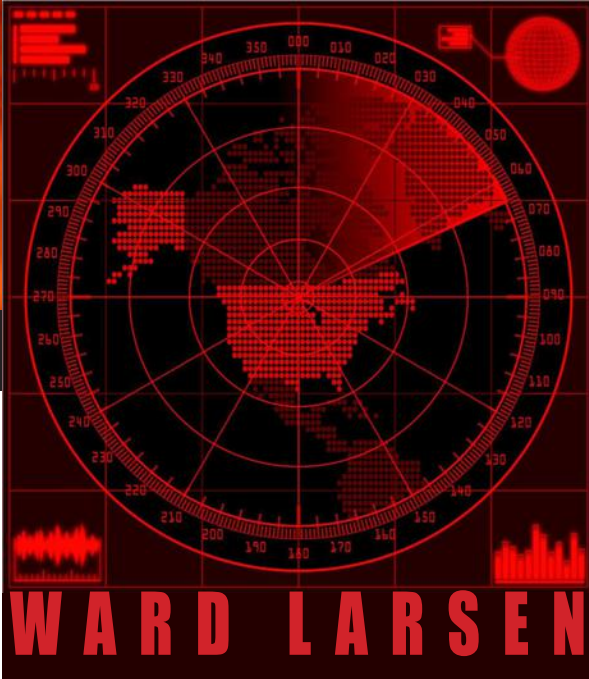
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Book Three in the Assassin Saga

ASSASSIN 3



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WARD LARSEN

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In the jungles of Brazil a derelict airliner is brought back to life, yet on its first foray into the skies in years the aircraft disappears over the Atlantic. There is scant evidence of a crash, and when the CIA investigates it reaches a shocking conclusion: a unique wide-body aircraft has gone missing without a trace.

Halfway across the world, on the island of Malta, David Slaton has gone off the grid. But assassins can never retire. Slaton is attacked and forced to play defense. But he quickly turns the tables, and begins removing his tormentors, one by one. Soon these disparate events become increasingly intertwined. A flying weapon of mass destruction is about to be unleashed, and only one man can stop it . . . the perfect assassin.

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An Exciting New Voice in Science Fiction...

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BOOK ONE

Lia Johansen is not human. She is a genetically engineered bomb in the shape of a sixteen-year-old girl. But there's just one problem: she's a dud.

Her mission was simple: Hide among a group of recently-released POWs, sneak onto New Sol Space Station, wait for her internal countdown clock to reach zero . . . and blow the place up. But her clock malfunctions. It just stops, for no apparent reason. Only two and a half minutes to go, and Lia's mission is dead in the water.

With no Plan B, no memories of her past, and no identity besides a name stolen from a dead POW, Lia doesn't know what to do with the life she was never meant to have. Then she meets Michael, the childhood best friend of the real Lia Johansen, and she begins to learn what it means to have friends and a family. To be human. To live.

But when her clock starts shedding seconds, Lia realizes the truth: Even duds can be dangerous. Even duds can still blow up.

Torn between her mission and her newfound affection for Michael and his family, all of whom are denizens of New Sol, Lia must find a way to unearth her past - and the truth behind her mission - before her time literally runs out.

BOOK TWO

Still grief-stricken over Lia's death one year ago, Michael joins the marines to get away from her memory. This book explores the organized military approach to the war, as Michael becomes part of a special unit tasked with testing new Spectre technology in the field. When a traitor from within his own team begins sabotaging everything they've worked for, Michael must root out the saboteur...even if it means losing yet another person he cares about.

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BOOK THREE

Though Lia has been gone for three years, Teal is still guilt-ridden over her death. So when a sudden Spectre raid forces her to flee her boarding school along with a group of students, she forms them into a resistance cell to fight back. Set on a rainforest planet known for its pharmaceuticals, her story focuses on the use of guerilla warfare and drugs against the Spectres.

BOOK FOUR

It's been five years since Nova, and the human race is falling fast. Three-quarters of the empire is infected, and Earth is now a ghost town. Storm doesn't know why he's immune to Spectres, only that he is. His story focuses on the biological angle of the war as he's picked up and experimented on by a group of scientists searching for a cure to the Spectre infection. But when he finds out how many lives this "cure" has cost, he must decide just how many more it's worth.

BOOK FIVE

Though still on the run from past demons, Shar becomes our reluctant heroine when necessity forces her to search for the true reason behind the Spectre invasion. Her story ties all the previous books together, as she joins forces with the other protagonists and uses Michael's technology, Teal's pharmaceuticals, and Storm's biological secrets to make a final stand. With the entire human race infected by Spectres, they must stand together or watch the entire human race fall.

Margaret Fortune is the author of several short fiction pieces which are forthcoming in multiple magazines, including Neo-opsis Science Fiction Magazine and Space and Time Magazine. NOVA is her first novel.

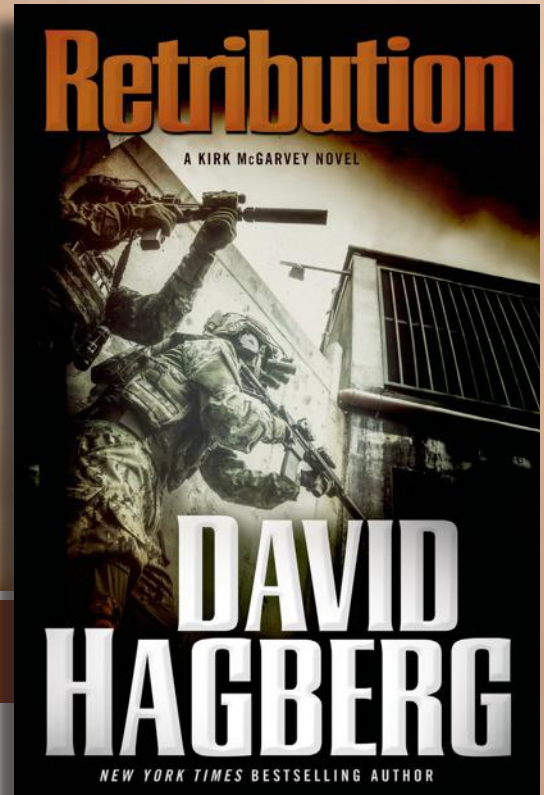
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Retribution

A Kirk McGarvey Novel

DAVID HAGBERG



Praise for David Hagberg:

"Hagberg once again displays his wide and deep inside knowledge of intelligence and military tradecraft." -Publishers Weekly

"David Hagberg writes the most realistic, prophetic thrillers I have ever read. His books should be required reading in Washington." -Stephen Coonts

"David Hagberg runs in the same fast, high-tech track as Clancy and his gung-ho colleagues, with lots of war games, fancy weapons, and much male bonding." -The New York Daily News

David Hagberg's New York Times bestselling Kirk McGarvey series continues in Retribution, with a deadly mission to take down a monstrous serial killer.

On May 1, 2011, a team of twenty-four members of US SEAL Team Six swooped down on the compound of Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Their mission, code-named Neptune Spear, was to find and kill the terrorist leader. The mission was a success.

Since that day, elements of the government of Pakistan have harbored a deep hatred for the SEALs who violated their sovereign territory. Now they've hired a team of German assassins to kill all twenty-four of the ST6 operators...and only one man stands a chance of stopping them: legendary former Director of the CIA Kirk McGarvey.

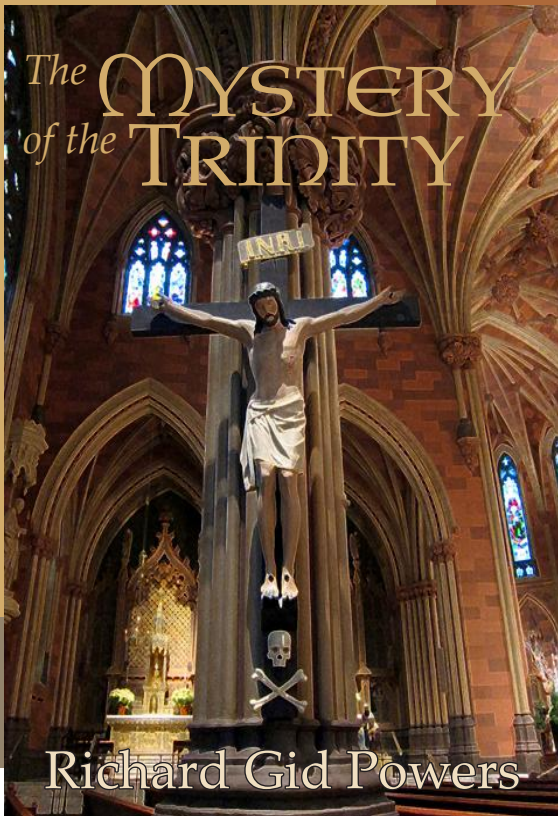


David Hagberg is a former Air Force cryptographer who has traveled extensively in Europe, the Arctic, and the Caribbean, and has spoken at CIA functions. He has published more than seventy novels of suspense, including the bestselling Allah's Scorpion, Dance with the Dragon, and The Expediter. He makes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

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The MYSTERY of the TRINITY

Richard Gid Powers

Praise for Richard Gid Powers:

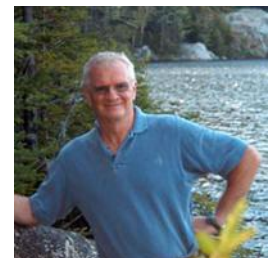
"...as a history of the nation's most powerful law enforcement agency, this work is informative and engrossing." -Booklist, starred review

"...painstakingly erudite detail and deep respect for his subject." -Publishers Weekly

Murder, money, and conspiracy in the Catholic Church.

In his new religious thriller, Richard Gid Powers weaves Church intrigue, corporate crime, religious symbols, mystical theology, ancient history and legend into a high stakes struggle for the soul of the Catholic Church. This fast paced adventure sends Ann Grayce, heir to America's greatest Catholic fortune, on a quest to reveal the chilling conspiracy behind the murder of the Church's most saintly bishop. Searching Mt. Athos in Greece, Paris, San Salvador, New York and New Orleans, she discovers crimes at the highest levels of the Catholic hierarchy, rocks the Church to its foundations, and leads a Pentecostal renewal of faith that heals the millennium-long schism between Roman and Greek Catholicism and gives birth to a new Catholic Church.

Richard Gid Powers has had a prolific career as an historian with such works as *Secrecy and Power: The Life of J. Edgar Hoover*; *Not Without Honor: The History of American Anticommunism*; *G-Men: Hoover's FBI in American Popular Culture*; and *Broken: The Troubled Past and Uncertain Future of the FBI*. *The Mystery of the Trinity*, his first novel, draws on his expertise on conspiracies and conspiracy hunting, Catholic doctrine, liturgy and Church politics, and a fascination with the crossroads of science and spirituality.



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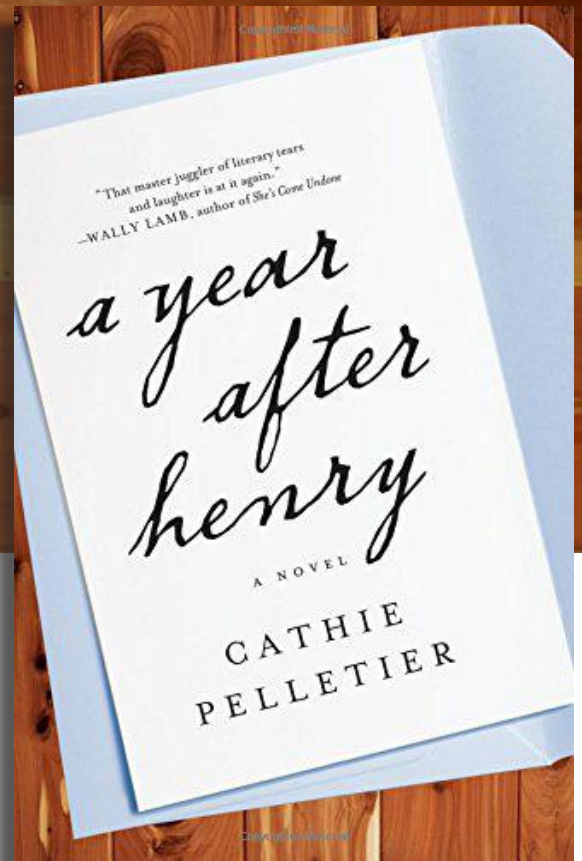
a year after henry

CATHIE PELLETIER

Praise for Cathie Pelletier:

"Nobody walks the knife-edge of hilarity and heartbreak more confidently than Pelletier." -Richard Russo

"Pelletier's writing bristles with sharp descriptions and her story hums along at a satisfying pace, drawing the reader in with sympathetic and utterly believable characters." -Publishers Weekly



In her exquisite new novel, acclaimed author Cathie Pelletier presents a witty and refreshingly candid portrait of grief, intergenerational conflict, and the impact one person can have on those he loved.

Bixley, Maine. One year after Henry Munroe's fatal heart attack at age forty-one, his dotting parents, prudish wife, rebellious son, and wayward brother are still reeling. So is Evie Cooper, a bartender, self-proclaimed "spiritual portraitist," and Henry's former mistress. While his widow, Jeanie, struggles with the betrayal, Henry's overbearing mother is making plans to hold a memorial service. As the date of the tribute draws closer and these worlds threaten to collide, the Munroes grapple with the frailty of their own lives and the knowledge that love is all that matters.

With her trademark wry wit and wisdom, Cathie Pelletier has crafted an elegant and surprisingly uplifting portrait of the many strange and inspiring forms that grief can take in its journey toward healing.



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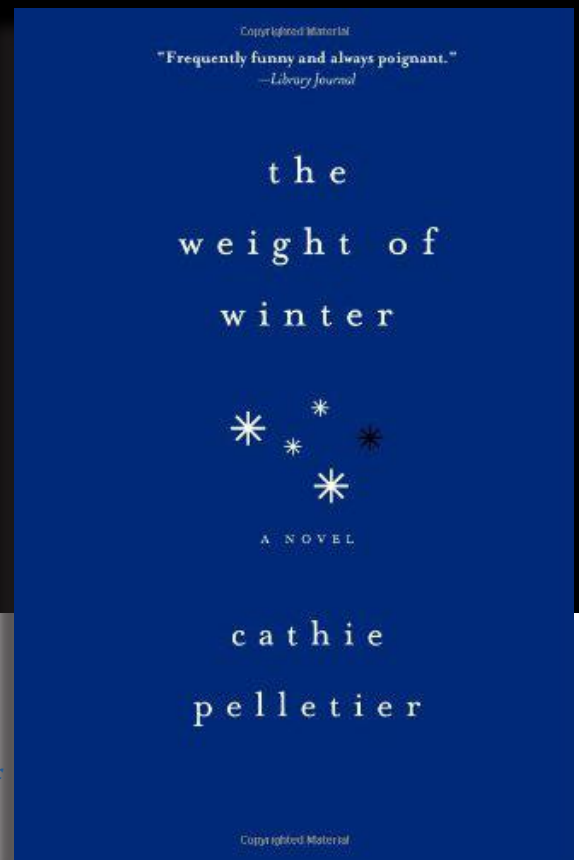
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the weight of winter

cathie pelletier



"Sharp stuff...Her sentences are powerful and unique as snowflakes." -New York Times

"Frequently funny and always poignant, it is a chronicle of past and present times, detailing lost dreams, found meaning, and echoing the sins of generations." -Library Journal

Welcome to Mattagash, Maine, a town where everyone's personal lives are as entwined as their family trees. On the day of the first snowfall, the residents brace themselves for the long winter ahead. Mere survival will be hard; dealing with each other is another story.

As winter settles in, various Mattagashians careen from conundrum to conundrum, trying to save dying small businesses, caring for crabby loved ones, and cruising through town, stirring up gossip any way they can get it. Through it all, 107-year old Mathilda Fennelson reflects on her life as the town's oldest resident, born the year Mattagash was founded. Through her dreams and memories, she reveals the scrappy, strange, and earnest pioneer history of these people weighed down by their own existence.

At once funny, insightful, and heartbreaking, *The Weight of Winter* weaves together the lives of Mattagash's residents as they struggle to survive another winter with their quirky neighbors and the endless pressure of their collective history.



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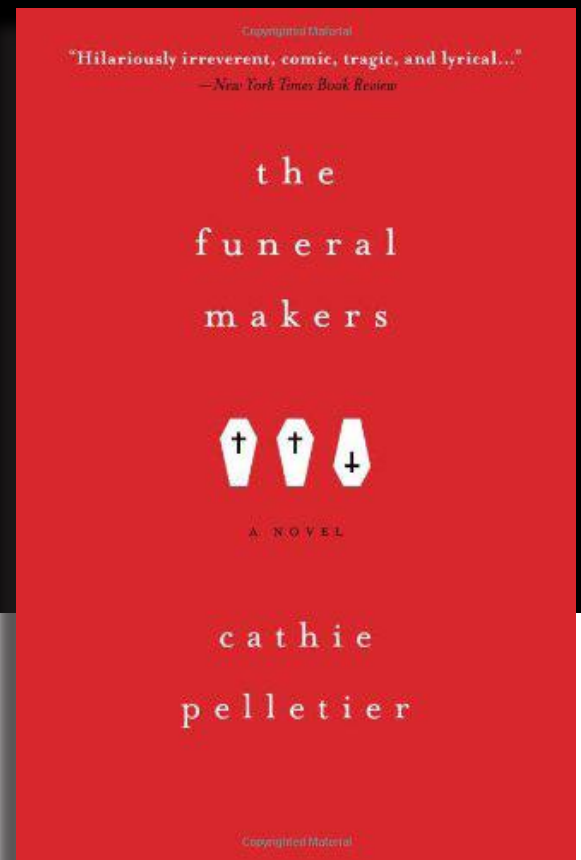
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the funeral makers

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"A generous and genuine entertainment...funny and wrenching." -The New Yorker

"A crazy, rollicking whoop of a book, written with a poet's sensibility and deeply wacky down-home wisdom."
-Lee Smith, author of *The Last Girls*

A century after the impulsive McKinnon brothers set out to tame the Canadian wilderness and instead landed in Mattagash, Maine, their madcap legacy reigns supreme. It's 1959, and Pearl and Sicily McKinnon have gathered to plan a funeral for Marge, their older sister dying from the rare disease beriberi, thanks to her eccentric diet.

Pearl, who skipped town with big-city dreams only to marry a funeral director, soon clashes with the long-suffering Sicily, who herself is coping with an unfaithful husband. To make matters worse, Sicily's teenage daughter is lusting after the town's blackest sheep, a ne'er-do-well twice her age.

Brimming with darkly quirky humor and irresistible spunk, *The Funeral Makers* explores the inescapable ironies of American life and family dynamics and captures the spirit of a world that is as once familiar and quickly fading from view.



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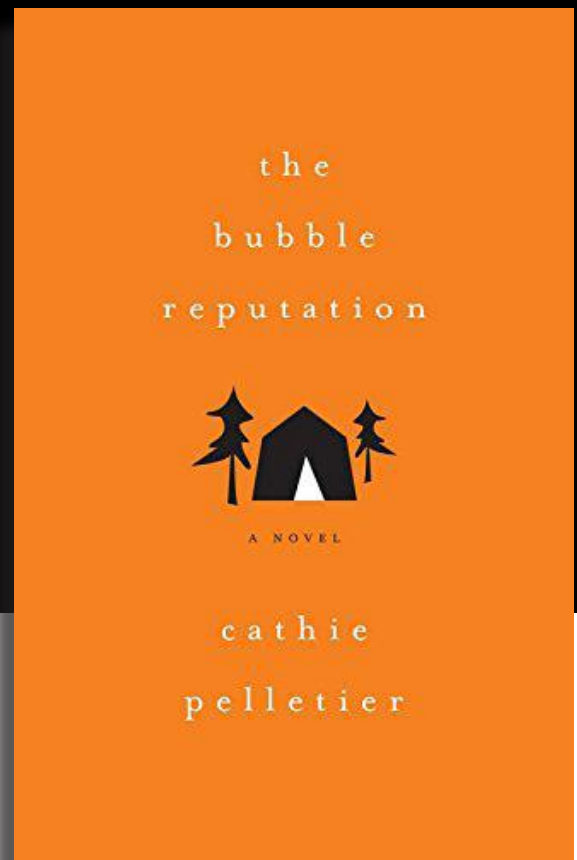
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the bubble reputation

cathie pelletier



"Pelletier's tale of separation and renewal is achingly poignant." –Publishers Weekly

"A congenially bittersweet story, with often hilarious witchy dialogue: Pelletier's best." –Kirkus Reviews

"The Bubble Reputation is funny, touching, thought-provoking, and very hard to put down. This is very good stuff, indeed." –Stephen King

Cathie Pelletier has been called a "bitingly funny, highly original novelist" and in *The Bubble Reputation* her strong clear voice as a writer truly comes to the forefront. Full of powerful scenes and down-home wisdom, this novel is the story of Rosemary O'Neal and her northern Maine family, including her slightly daft mother, garrulous sister Miriam who wears only green, and gay Uncle Bishop, a 300-pound know-it-all whose current boyfriend has a penchant for ladies' shoes. Add to this confusion a former college roommate, Lizzie, who uses Rosemary's house to hide from her husband and rendezvous with her lover. Rosemary had lived for eight years with William in a big, rambling house in rural Maine. Then William committed suicide on a trip to London, leaving Rosemary with a lot of questions, anger, and no way to say good-bye. Seeking solace from her cat - which seems to better understand human nature than the Homo sapiens - Rosemary retreats from the world, only to be shocked out of her cocoon by an unsettling turn of events. Yet, despite the chaos created by family and friends, Rosemary slowly comes to realize that the anchor that holds them all together is still firmly in place, and that life is but a fleeting, poignant experience to be savored.



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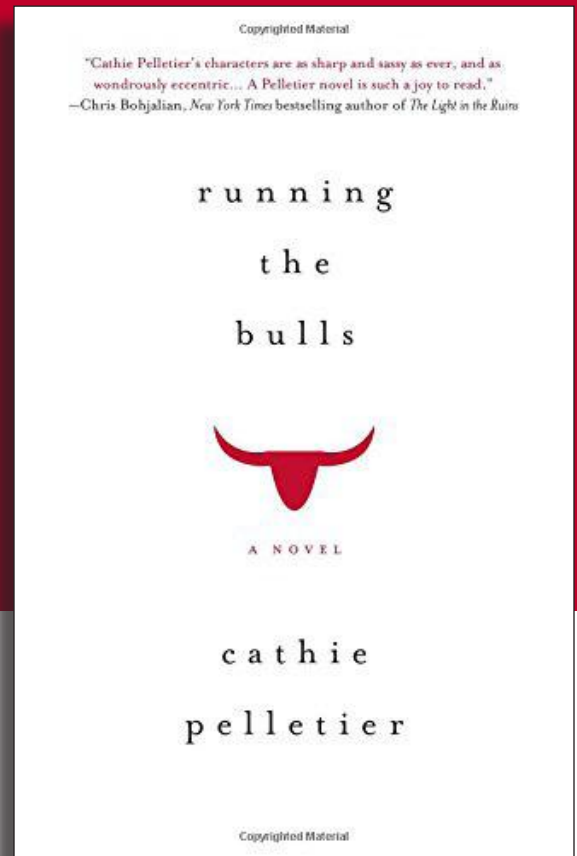
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running the bulls

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"Masterful work...subversive, humorous, and heartbreaking." -Publishers Weekly

"Cathie Pelletier's characters are as sharp and sassy as ever, and as wondrously eccentric....A Pelletier novel is such a joy to read." -Chris Bohjalian, New York Times bestselling author of The Light in the Ruins

"Nobody walks the knife-edge of hilarity and heartbreak more confidently than Cathie Pelletier. In Running the Bulls she's at her skillful, sure-footed best."

- Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Empire Falls

In small-town Maine, unhappily retired Howard Woods is shaken awake one morning by his wife, who confesses to a devastating affair. To the utter dismay of his family, Howard refuses to forgive her. Instead, he vows to travel to Pamplona, Spain, in the footsteps of Hemingway to join the annual running of the bulls. His life promptly descends into chaos. But how does a middle-aged homebody, who has never even done his own laundry, salvage his manhood and pride and learn how to rebuild his life on his own?

At once wickedly funny and achingly poignant, *Running the Bulls* is a testament to the fact that even when ordinary lives are thrown into chaos, love and common sense will eventually triumph.



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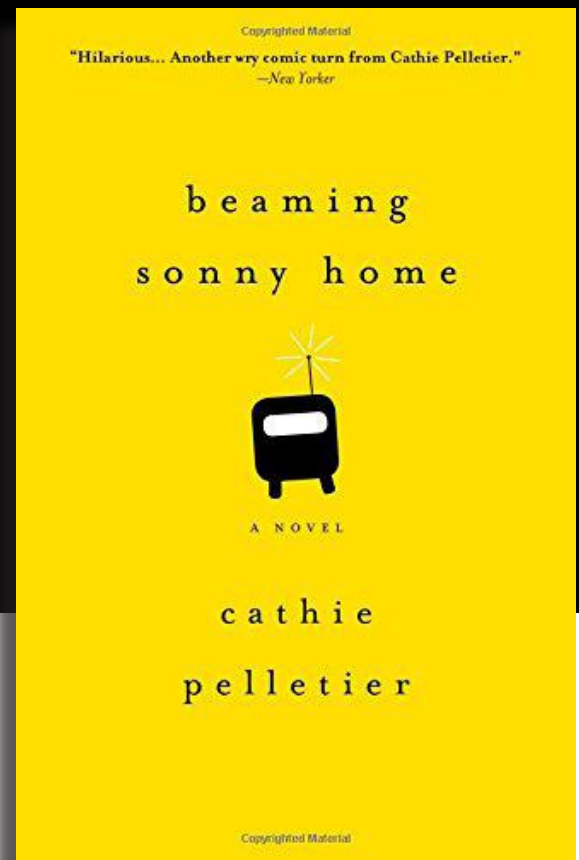
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beaming sonny home

cathie pelletier



"The sharp-tongued Mattie...is one of Pelletier's most sublime creations." -Booklist

"Pelletier again brings to life the lumpen proletariat of the economically depressed hamlet of Mattagash, Maine, depicting their limitations with candor and wit, and their hardscrabble lives with compassionate understanding." -Publishers Weekly

Fortune hasn't been kind to 66-year-old Mattie Gifford. Her mother committed suicide, her husband slept with her best friend, and she can't stand her three selfish daughters. But she does love her son, Sonny, who nevertheless plunges her into deep despair when he takes two women and a poodle hostage in his ex-wife's trailer. Sonny claims to have seen John Lennon's face in an apparition and gets his own mug on the television news. *Beaming Sonny Home* is a poignant tale of disappointment and a mother's love that stands as a testament to Pelletier's gift for storytelling.



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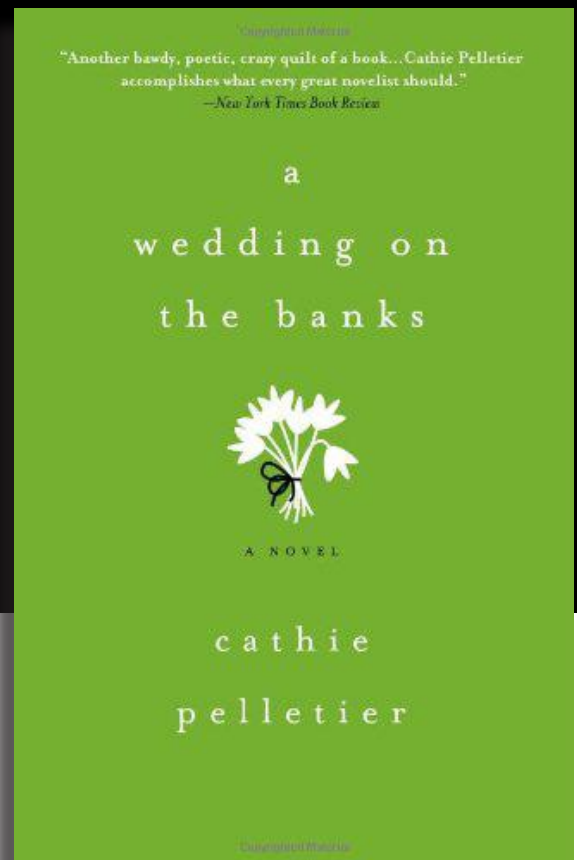
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a wedding on the banks

cathie pelletier



"A hilarious, high-spirited, it's-great-to-be-alive hoot of a novel." -Newsday

"Irreverent and bawdy..." -Publishers Weekly

"When these folks get together, the resulting mix of zany comedy, pathos, and sense of place makes worthwhile reading." -Library Journal

The typically tranquil backcountry town of Mattagash, Maine, is buzzing with news. Amy Joy Lawler, the last of Mattagash's founding clan, just announced her engagement to Jean Claude Cloutier-an outsider. Her scandalized mother takes to bed in protest while the rest of the town gleefully anticipates the social event of the year. As guests roll in, the no-good Giffords plot to steal wedding gifts and hubcaps, and motel owner Albert Pinkham devises new schemes to fill his cash register. Meanwhile, on hearing this news, Amy Joy's aunt downstate plots to return to Mattagash for good against her husband's wishes, while her son carries on an affair with an Elizabeth Taylor look-alike behind the back of his Valium-addicted wife.

When this volatile assortment gathers in church on the big day, hilarious and wacky results ensue. With wry humor and razor-sharp wit, Cathie Pelletier weaves a powerful story-at once outlandish and poignant-about family, heritage, and the often imperceptible ties that bind us together.

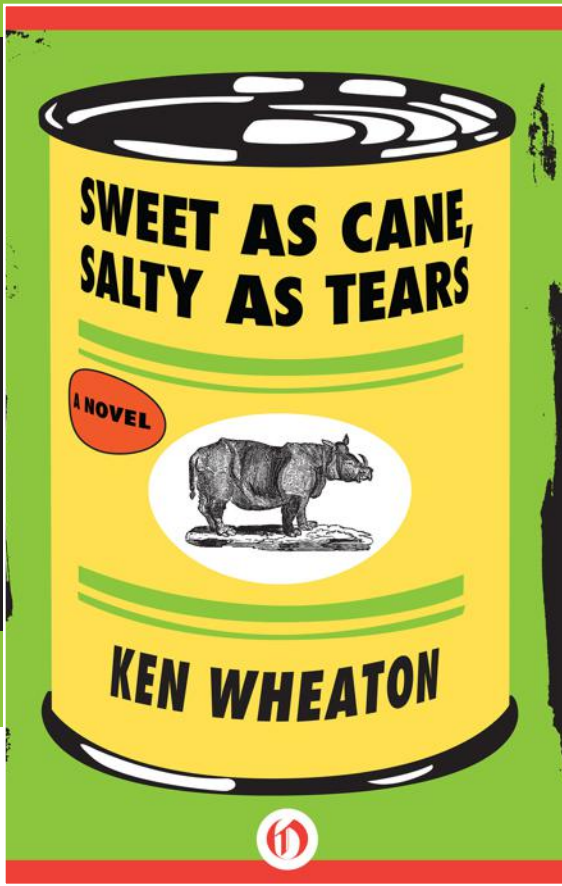


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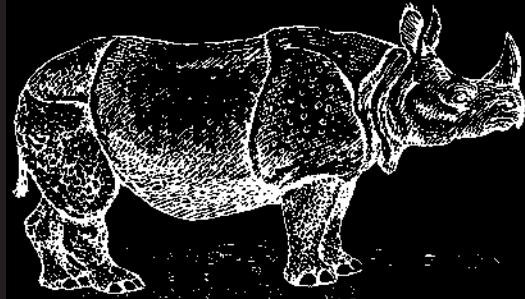
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SWEET AS CANE,



SALTY AS TEARS

KEN WHEATON

Fifty-year old Katherine Lafleur is woken from sleep one wintry morning in Brooklyn, New York, by a phone call telling her that her younger sister Karen-Anne has died after being trampled by a run-away rhinoceros. So after years of avoiding her home state of Louisiana, Katherine finds herself journeying back to a place where she's only known as Katie-Lee and she's constantly at odds with her older sister Kendra-Sue.

The physical distance may only be 1,500 miles, but the emotional and psychic distances is light years away from her life in New York, where she communicates more with text and social media than through actual conversation. In Louisiana, however, she finds a hurricane of family members. Sisters and brother, their kids and kids' kids. Not to mention the distant relations that threaten to turn the funeral services into a circus of epic hilarity rather than a somber affair. Tensions slowly build throughout the comedy, but only when Katie-Lee spots her high school sweetheart lurking around the outskirts of the graveyard do we finally learn what drove her away from home all those years ago--and just how tight the Lafleur family bond really is.

Ken Wheaton lives in Brooklyn, but isn't considered a Brooklyn writer—probably because the main characters in his books aren't writers who live in Brooklyn. Born in Louisiana, he was raised in the heart of Cajun country, which may explain his obsession with food. His first book, *The First Annual Grand Prairie Rabbit Festival*, was set there. *Bacon & Egg Man*, his second, isn't – much to the chagrin of agents and editors and family members who'd prefer he stick with one genre and build an audience already.

Wheaton also has a steady day job as the managing editor of *Advertising Age*, a magazine that covers marketing and advertising.



Open Road / July 2014

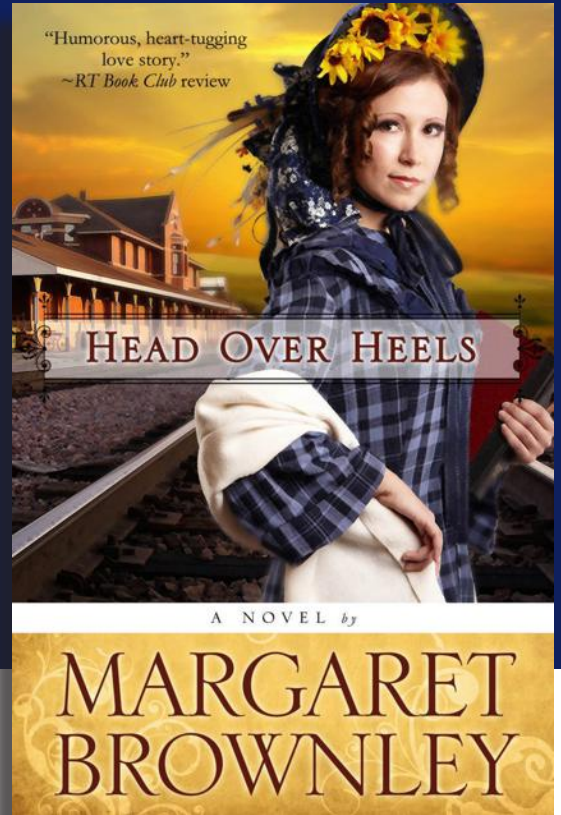
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HEAD OVER HEELS



MARGARET
BROWNLEY



"A parade of inventions appear in Ms Brownley's charming story, but none more interesting than the explosions these two characters create." -Romantic Times

"Once again Ms. Brownley succeeds in creating witty, touching characters! A clever, comical trip through the late 1800s. Charming and funny, touching in all the right places." -Literary Times

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.

Also Available From Margaret Brownley

High Button Shoes

A Long Way Home

Head Over Heels



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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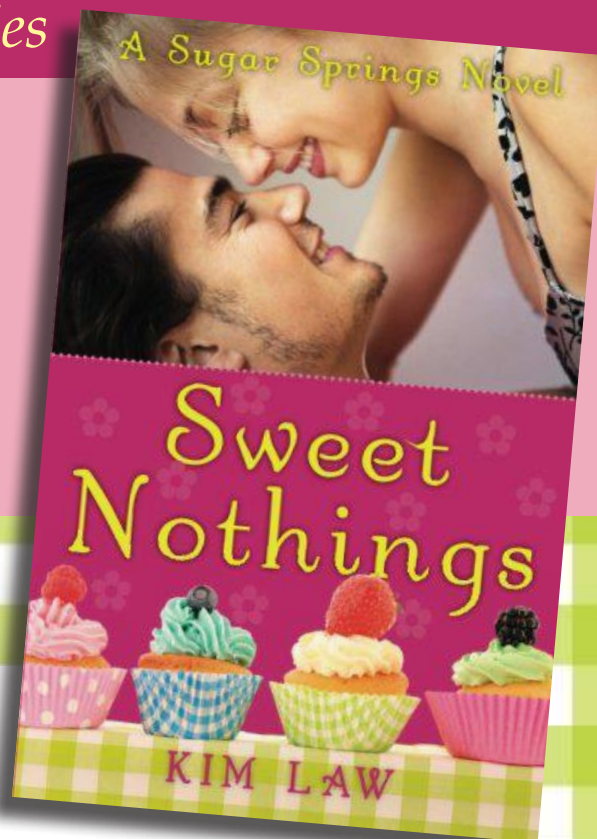
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Book 2 in the Sugar Springs Series

Sweet Nothings

KIM LAW



Free-spirited cupcake store owner Joanie Bigbee wants her relationships sweet and light, but a hunky home-body asks her for something much more substantial.

Joanie Bigbee, cupcake extraordinaire, likes to keep her options open—and she's good at it. She's started and sold some 30 businesses in her postage stamp-sized Tennessee town, and at the moment she can be found in a short skirt and go-go boots, selling cupcakes out of the back of a converted Volkswagen Van. What she moves on to next is anybody's guess. She knows better than to be tied down. In any way. She's watched every woman in her family fall head-over-heels only to find themselves wondering how to pick up the pieces when love is lost.

When Nick Dalton shows up at the groovy cupcakery, all Joanie wants is a taste; a fling with no strings suits her just fine. But for Nick, a bite is not enough; he wants the whole cake: a big house, a family, true love. But love only makes you stupid, right? Joanie has to decide whether to follow where her free-spirit leads...or if she can hold on to the sweetest thing she's ever known.



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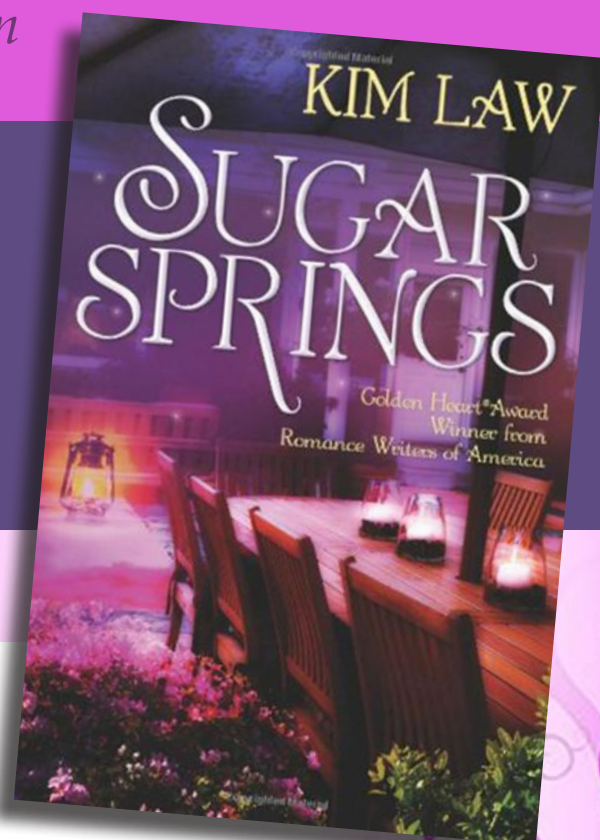
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*Golden Heart Award Winner From
Romance Writers of America*

SUGAR SPRINGS

KIM LAW



Lee Ann London thought she'd seen the last of Cody Dalton when he hit the road thirteen years ago. Now he's back. He's looking to make amends, while also discovering a family he never even knew he had.

Lee Ann London once had big plans...scholarship, college, love. Forever. Then she found herself raising her deceased sister's twin girls while their father, Cody Dalton, disappeared to do who only knew what. He'd been Lee Ann's boyfriend at the time he'd gotten her sister pregnant, only he never knew about the babies. Today...Lee Ann's life may not be exactly how she'd imagined it, but it's definitely where she wants it. Until Cody returns to Sugar Springs...

Cody's childhood put a chip on his shoulder and no trust in his heart. Bouncing around the system, he was always the one to leave before anyone did it for him. Then he found a place he wanted to stick. Lee Ann was the best thing that ever happened to him. Only, he hurt her. Bad. He's back now, and determined to prove how sorry he is for that long ago day.

Lee Ann must decide if the new Cody is too good to be true or if redemption and forgiveness can lead to the family she's always wanted...and a love to last a lifetime.



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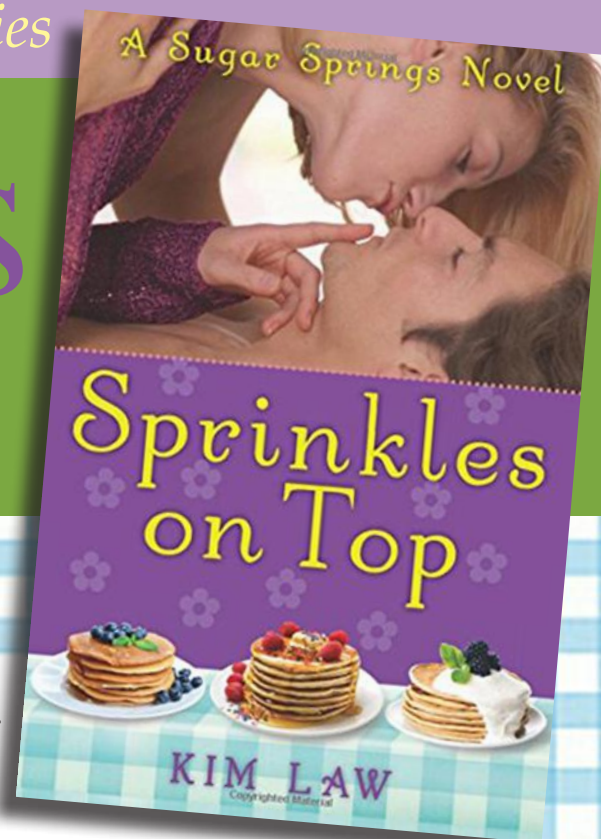
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Book 3 in the Sugar Springs Series

Sprinkles on Top

KIM LAW



Holly Marshall is looking for the man who'll complement her as well as her favorite pair of funky shoes—and with hunky, play-by-the-book lawyer Zack Winston, she may have just found her perfect mismatch.

For Holly Marshall, there's no such thing as a perfect match. That's reflected in the unpredictable, fun clothing combos the aspiring artist wears around her hometown of Sugar Springs—and in her inability to fit in anywhere else. But when she sets out to prove to her family that she's ready to grow up by settling down, could she have found her perfect mismatch in a play-by-the-book guy wearing a business suit?

High-powered attorney Zack Winston is a man who always gets what he wants. While Holly wouldn't mind sampling what Zack so deliciously has to offer, she needs someone who actually plans to stick around—and Zack's highbrow opinion of small towns suggests he's not the man for the job. But as the camaraderie of Sugar Springs begins to charm, and Zack's brothers show what family is all about, Zack and Holly may just get the chance to have it all...if only they're brave enough to reach out and take it.



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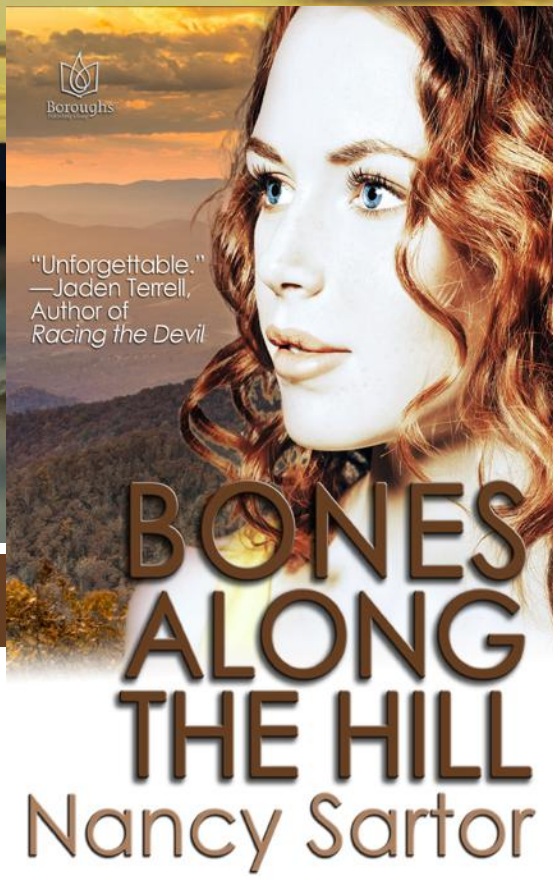
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BONES ALONG THE HILL

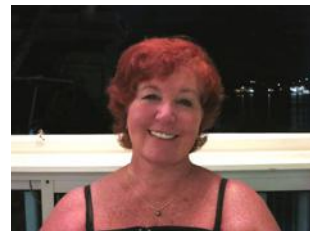
Nancy Sartor



Strange lights in her father's cemetery draw Geneva Oakley and her best friend, Moya Vargas, to the scene of a brutal murder and put them in the direct line of fire of a vicious ring of human traffickers.

Still recovering from the suicide of her teenage fiancé ten years ago, Neva does all she can to keep this new horror from invading her life. But when her cousin, renowned country songwriter, Rozanna Clark, is kidnapped, Neva and her new love interest, architect David Pratt, plunge into the search and find that the consequences of failure are not death, but something much worse.

Nancy W. Sartor is a Nashville-born writer with twenty years' experience. A charter member and current President of Word Spinners Ink, she also holds memberships in Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime and Nashville's prestigious Quill and Dagger writing group. She is an enthusiastic graduate of Donald Maass's Breakout Novel Intensive Workshop, Maass's Micro Tension Workshop, and the Writer's Police Academy.



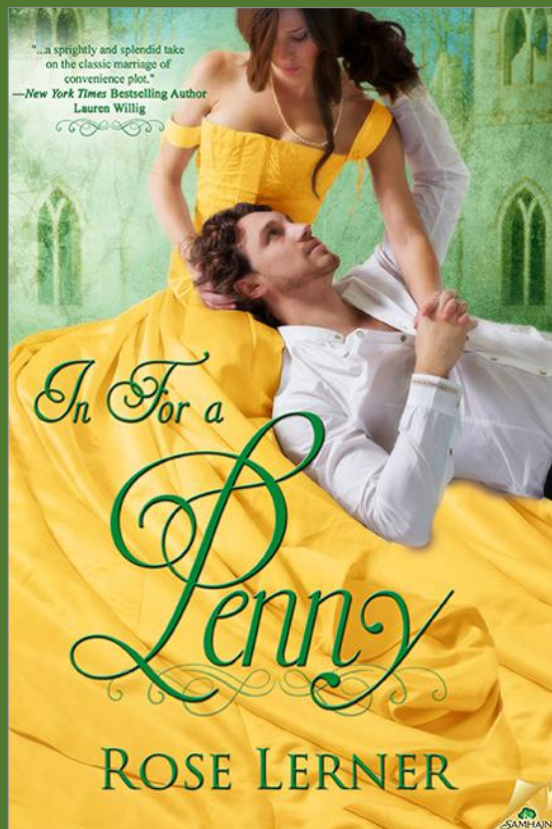
Because her favorite books always do, Nancy believes a novel should enlarge understanding, raise awareness, plead for the less fortunate, define a better way of life, and provide a personal story so poignant it brings tears to every eye, contributing something of substance to the reader.

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In For a Penny

ROSE LERNER

Grand Passion...or epic disaster?

Lord Nevinstoke revels in acting the young wastrel, until his father is killed in a drunken duel. Never one to do anything halfway, Nev throws off his wild ways to shoulder a mountain of responsibility—and debt—vowing to marry a rich girl and act the respectable lord of the manor.

Manufacturing heiress Penelope Brown seems the perfect choice for a wife. She's pretty, proper, and looking for a husband.

Determined to rise above her common birth, Penelope prides herself on her impeccable behavior and good sense. Grand Passion? Vulgar and melodramatic. Yes, agreeing to marry Nev was a rare moment of impulse, yet she's sure they can build a good marriage based on companionship and mutual esteem.

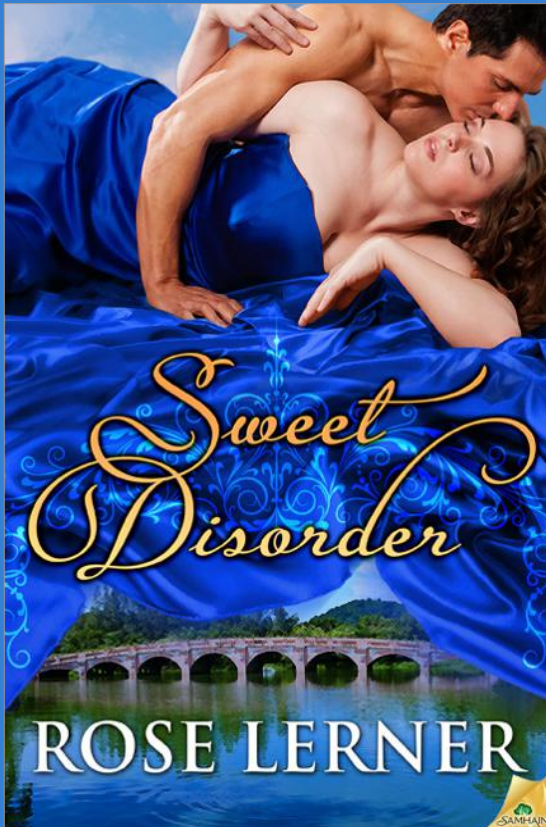
But when they arrive at the manor, they're overwhelmed with half-starved tenants, a menacing neighbor, and the family propensity for scandal. As the situation deteriorates, the newlyweds have nowhere to turn but to each other. To Penelope's surprise, she begins to fervently hope that her first taste of Grand Passion in her husband's arms won't be her last.

Rose Lerner discovered Georgette Heyer when she was thirteen, and wrote her first historical romance a few years later. Her writing has improved since then, but her fascination with all things Regency hasn't changed. When not reading, writing, or researching, she enjoys cooking and marathoning old TV shows. She lives in Seattle.



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Sweet Disorder

ROSE LERNER

*Political intrigue could leave his heart
the last one standing...alone.*

Lively St. Lemeston, Book 1

Nick Dymond enjoyed the rough-and-tumble military life until a bullet to the leg sent him home to his emotionally distant, politically obsessed family. For months, he's lived alone with his depression, blockaded in his lodgings.

But with his younger brother desperate to win the local election, Nick has a new set of marching orders: dust off the legendary family charm and maneuver the beautiful Phoebe Sparks into a politically advantageous marriage.

One marriage was enough for Phoebe. Under her town's by-laws, though, she owns a vote that only a husband can cast. Much as she would love to simply ignore the unappetizing matrimonial candidate pushed at her by the handsome earl's son, she can't. Her teenage sister is pregnant, and Phoebe's last-ditch defense against her sister's ruin is her vote—and her hand.

Nick and Phoebe soon realize the only match their hearts will accept is the one society will not allow. But as election intrigue turns dark, they'll have to cast the cruelest vote of all: loyalty...or love.

Rose Lerner discovered Georgette Heyer when she was thirteen, and wrote her first historical romance a few years later. Her writing has improved since then, but her fascination with all things Regency hasn't changed. When not reading, writing, or researching, she enjoys cooking and marathoning old TV shows. She lives in Seattle.

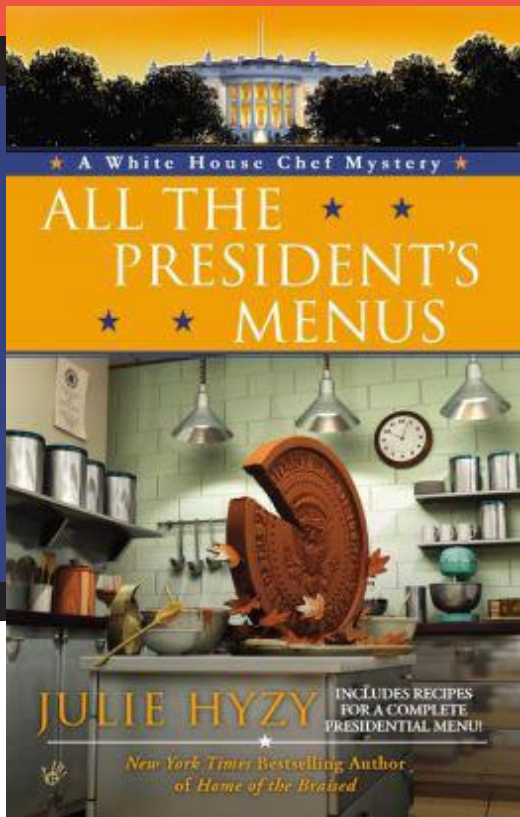


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The Latest From National Bestselling Author Julie Hyzy, Winner of the Anthony Award and Barry Award for Best Paperback Original

A White House Chef Mystery



ALL THE ★ ★ PRESIDENT'S ★ ★ MENUS

Praise for Julie Hyzy's White House Chef Series:

"...a compulsively readable whodunit full of juicy behind-the-Oval Office details, flavorful characters and a satisfying sidedish of red herrings..." -Publishers Weekly

"From terrorists to truffles, mystery writer Julie Hyzy concocts a sumptuous, breathtaking thriller." -Nancy Fairbanks, author of Turkey Flambé

"Exciting and delicious! ... Full of heart-racing thrills and mouth-watering food, this is a total sensual delight." -Linda Palmer, author of Kiss of Death

It's an old adage that too many cooks spoil the broth. But when a tour of the White House kitchen by a group of foreign chefs ends in murder, it's Olivia Paras who finds herself in the soup...

Due to a government sequester, entertaining at the White House has been severely curtailed. So executive chef Olivia Paras is delighted to hear that plans are still on to welcome a presidential candidate from the country of Saardisca—the first woman to run for office—and four of that nation's top chefs.

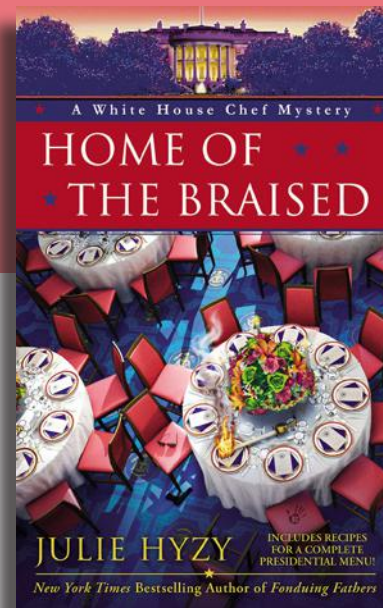
But while leading the chefs on a kitchen tour, pastry chef Marcel passes out suddenly—and later claims he was drugged. When one of the visiting chefs collapses and dies, it's clear someone has infiltrated the White House with ill intent. Could it be an anti-Saardiscan zealot? Is the candidate a target? Are the foreign chefs keeping more than their recipes a secret? Once again, Olivia must make sleuthing the special of the day...

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HOME OF THE BRAISED



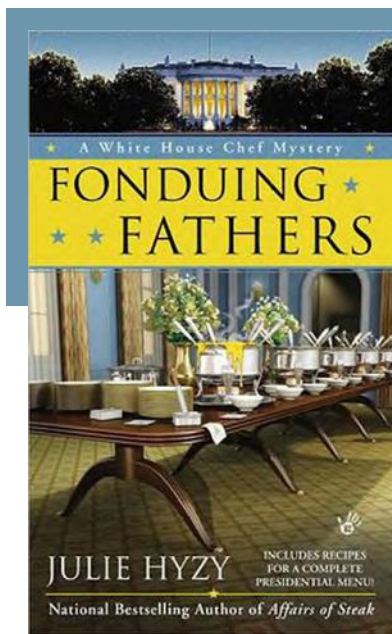
With the pressure of an upcoming state dinner that could make or break the president's foreign policy, White House executive chef Olivia Paras has precious little time to focus on her wedding plans—or to catch a murderer..

Tensions are running high as the White House staff adjusts to a new chief usher and prepares for a high-stakes state dinner, where everything must be perfect. But as the date for the event approaches, things go disastrously wrong when the secretary of defense is found dead in his home, seemingly killed during a break-in.

At the same time Olivia's fiancé, Gav, is looking into the mysterious murder of an old friend. Is there a connection? Despite an increase in security following the secretary's death, Ollie learns the president is in imminent danger at the dinner and must do everything in her power to get to him—before it's too late...

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FONDUIING FATHERS

White House executive chef Olivia Paras has enough on her plate. But after gaining new information about her father's death, the First Family isn't the only family Olivia is concerned about...

Olivia has always believed that her father was an honorable man—until a trip to visit her mother reveals that he was dishonorably discharged from the army. Olivia is even more shocked to learn that he was brutally murdered because someone at his company suspected him of selling corporate secrets. Refusing to believe that her father was a scoundrel, Olivia won't rest until she proves his innocence.

Enlisting the help of her boyfriend, Gav, Olivia must reach out to her father's colleagues to discover the truth behind his murder. What she's about to discover may not only put her at risk, but threaten national security as well...

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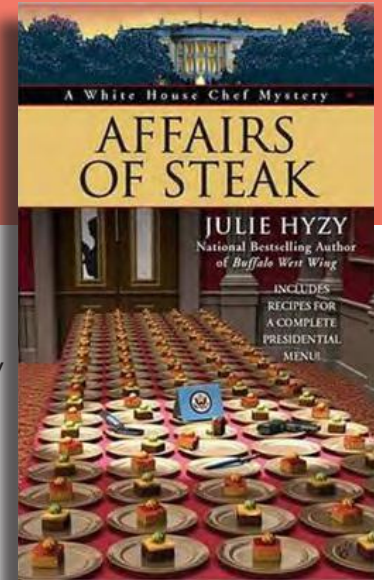
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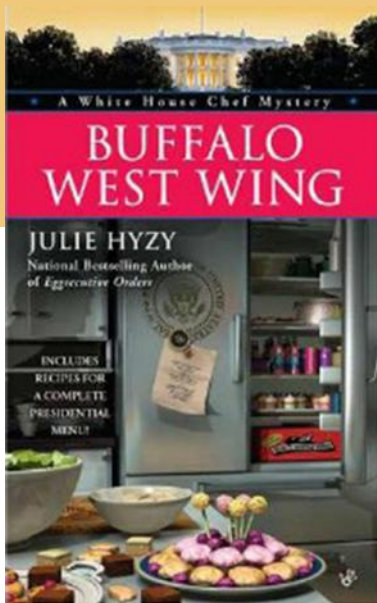
White House chef Olivia Paras and her arch nemesis, White House Sensitivity Director Peter Everett Sargeant, must work together to solve the double murder of one of the First Lady's assistants and the Chief of Staff-before they become the next victims of a merciless assassin with a secret agenda.

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BUFFALO WEST WING



With a new First Family, White House executive chef Olivia Paras can't afford to make any mistakes. But when a box of take-out chicken mysteriously shows up for the First Kids, she soon finds herself in a "no-wing" situation. After Olivia refuses to serve the chicken, the First Lady gives her the cold shoulder. But when it turns out to be poisoned poultry, Olivia realizes the kids are true targets.

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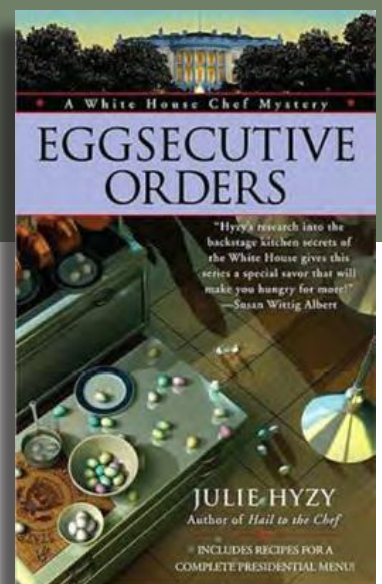
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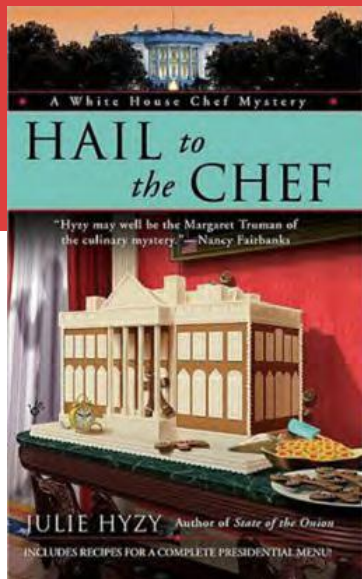
When NSA big shot Carl Minkus dies right after eating the dinner Olivia Paras's staff had prepared, all forks point to them. Now the Secret Service is picking apart the kitchen-and scrutinizing the staff's every move. The timing couldn't be worse with the White House Lawn Easter Egg Roll to prep for without access to a kitchen. Olivia must find the real culprit-before she cracks under pressure.

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HAIL to the CHEF

White House executive chef Ollie Paras has to put her own interests on the back burner when a kindly electrician is electrocuted to death, and the First Lady's nephew dies in an apparent suicide less than 24 hours after cleaning shrimp with Ollie. Ollie suspects something fishy is going on. She'll have to watch her back—and find a killer unlikely to be pardoned.

Berkley / December 2008

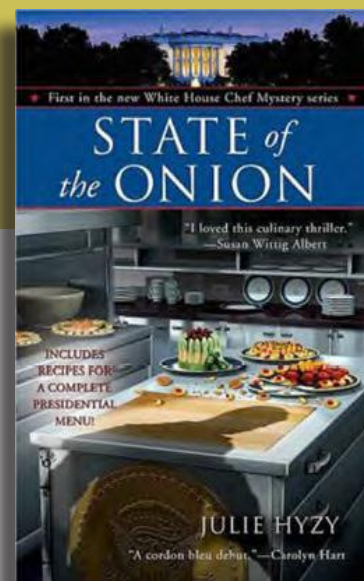
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STATE of the ONION

Never let them see you sweat—that's White House Assistant Chef Olivia Paras's motto, which is pretty hard to honor in the most important kitchen in the world. She's hell-bent on earning her dream job, Executive Chef. There's just one thing: her nemesis is vying for it, too. Well, that and the fact that an elusive assassin wants to see her fry. Includes recipes for a complete presidential menu!

Berkley / January 2008

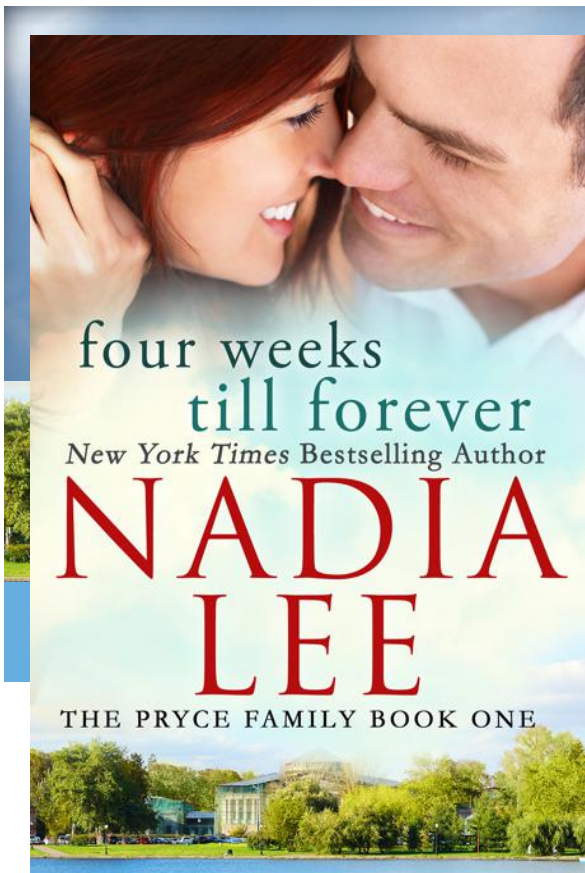
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Julie Hyzy's first job was chopping onions and flipping burgers at a neighborhood hot dog stand. She traded that experience for a job as a singing waitress at an ice cream parlour -- but gave that up when she discovered she couldn't carry a tune.

Over the years, she's acted in community theater productions, appeared in television commercials, and crashed a previously all-male fraternity to become one of the first female brothers in Loyola University's Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi. Julie had dreams of becoming a writer, but family and friends convinced her otherwise. Having held positions as a bank officer, an office manager and a financial advisor, she realizes that the business degree was probably a good choice -- but fiction is truly her passion. Now, with some well-earned life experience behind her, she's delighted to finally be able to make writing a priority in her life.

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four weeks till forever

NADIA LEE

*He's never met a woman
he wants to spend his life with...*

The man: Billionaire playboy Mark Pryce.

The problem: A "real" date for his family's Fourth of July party...or he'll have to attend with the heiress his mother's picked out for him to marry.

The woman: His best friend's executive assistant Hilary Rosenberg—the only one who can save him from this fate worse than death.

...she is convinced good men are a thing of the past.

Disillusioned by a series of painful relationships, Hilary has no interest in dating Mark—even as a pre-tense—for the next four weeks. He's too sexy, too smart, altogether too attractive—and a sure bet to break her heart. But she owes him a favor, and she always pays her debts.

When their charade threatens to turn into a happily ever after, can a reformed playboy convince his wary Cinderella that fairy tale endings really can come true?

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Nadia Lee writes sexy, emotional contemporary romance. Born with a love for excellent food, travel and adventure, she has lived in four different countries, kissed stingrays, been bitten by a shark, ridden an elephant and petted tigers.

Currently, she shares a condo overlooking a small river and sakura trees in Japan with her husband and son. When she's not writing, she can be found reading books by her favorite authors or planning another trip.



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Up By Five

ERIN NICHOLAS

*He's got the last thing he ever wanted...
and it's the best thing that ever happened.*

Counting on Love, Book 5

Ace paramedic Conner Dixon has sworn to never live with another woman after raising his four younger sisters. Now that they're all in love, Connor's ready to retire—from worrying, fixing problems, and cleaning up messes. Yet when fellow paramedic Gabrielle Evans' apartment burns down and she needs a place to stay, he can't say no.

Gabby's penchant for poker and her ability to overhaul a transmission definitely make her different from Conner's usual women—not to mention a total lack of interest in getting involved with him. With her sights set on medical school, Conner's crazy mix of family and friends is the last thing Gabby needs right now.

But within forty-eight hours of moving in, Gabby's up to her eyeballs in a family crisis and Conner's got the last thing he wanted—a girl and all her stuff, all over his stuff. Still, the more she makes herself at home, the more he thinks that maybe this is exactly where her stuff should be. For good.

Erin Nicholas has been reading and writing romantic fiction since her mother gave her a romance novel in high school and she discovered happily-ever-after suddenly went a little beyond glass slippers and fairy godmothers! She lives in the Midwest with her husband and kids.



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AN INDISCREET DEBUTANTE

LORELIE BROWN

Love is madness.

When Miss Charlotte Vale isn't running a school for impoverished factory women, she takes tea with an insane painter—the mother she adores. Determined to avoid her mother's legacy of madness, Lottie refuses to marry and nurtures the ton's bemused disregard for her reputation.

Through her door strides a man who threatens all she holds dear. Her cherished school, her careful control and her guarded heart.

Sir Ian Heald has tracked his sister's blackmailer to her last-known location—Lottie's school. Although he would burn the place to the ground if it would save his sister's reputation, Ian is drawn to Lottie's bold candor and indifference toward polite society.

To find his sister's blackmailer, Ian follows Lottie into a twisted world of illegal gambling clubs and eccentric parties. Even when their mutual passion ignites, Ian knows their affair cannot last. Lottie was never meant to be tucked away on his quiet pastoral estate, and she staunchly refuses his desire to wed. Yet fiery kisses and scandalous showdowns tempt this proper country gentleman to win the woman he loves and never let her go.

After a semi-nomadic childhood throughout California, Lorelie Brown spent high school in Orange County before joining the US Army. After traveling the world from South Korea to Italy, she's returned home to California. But not the cool area. She can't afford that yet. Lorelie has three active sons and a tiny shih-tzu who thinks he's son number three—not four, he's too important to be the baby. Writing romance helps her escape a house full of testosterone. In her immense free time (hah!) Lorelie co-writes contemporary erotic romance under the name Katie Porter.

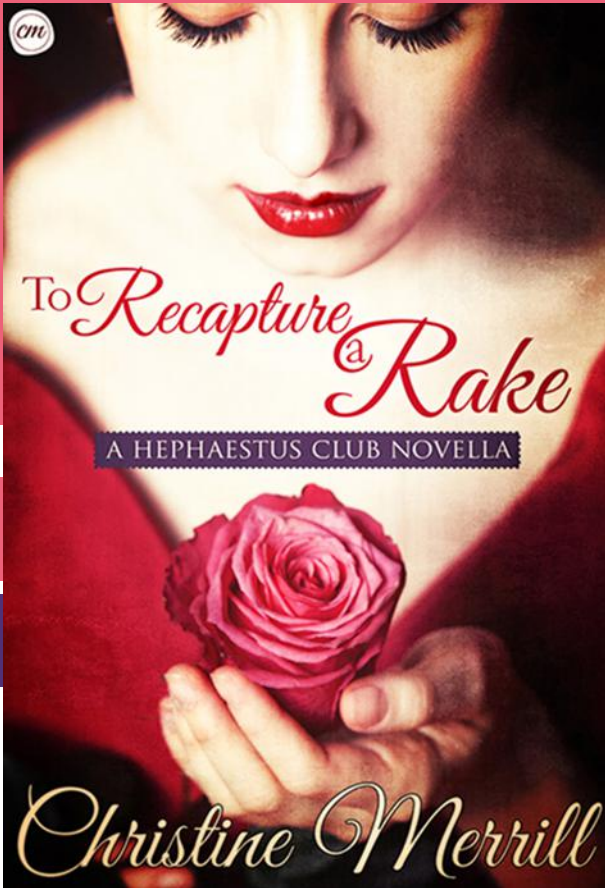


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To Recapture a Rake

A HEPHAESTUS CLUB NOVELLA

Christine Merrill

"A daring plot and delicious humor make To Recapture a Rake a Regency Original! Highly recommended."
-Maggie Robinson, *In the Heart of the Highlander*

A reluctant rake and a ruined woman with nothing to lose are a perfect match in this delightful comedy of manners from Christine Merrill...

Vincent Wilmont, the Earl of Blackthorne, makes a point of living up to his reputation as a rake, even though his heart isn't quite in it. Indeed, his heart rests with Caroline Sydney, the ruined woman who'd gone to his bed in passion after she'd rejected his cool-headed offer of respectable marriage. A year later, she's cast him off, humiliated him in front of all of London society, all because he made the damn-fool mistake of telling her he loved her.

Women...!

Blackthorne's public humiliation earns him admittance into the Hephaestus Club, a secret brotherhood of societal rejects, and there he swears never to marry, putting money down on the oath. When the wager provides a motivation for a smart, if skint, gentleman matchmaker to cash in, Blackthorne and the fiery Miss Sydney find themselves the starring players in a romantic farce filled with duels, declarations and passionate trysts as they rocket down a path toward a horrifyingly respectable future as man and wife.

Award winning author, Christine Merrill, has written over fifteen historical novels, an assortment of stories and novellas, and two contemporaries. She is probably the only author of Regency set historicals ever to fail a college English class covering Jane Austen. If pressed, she will insist that the F had more to do with her feelings on Tristram Shandy than Northanger Abbey. After she graduated with a degree in English and theater education, and could go back to reading for fun, she discovered *Pride and Prejudice* and learned the error of her ways.

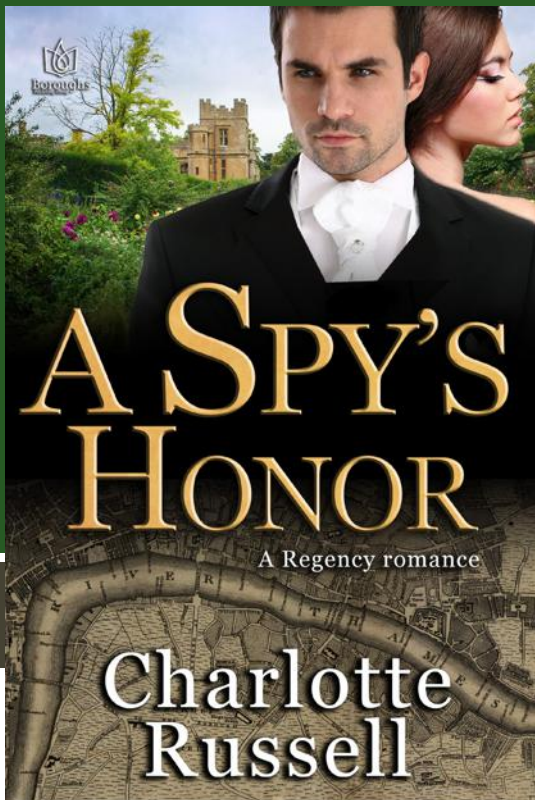


She lives in rural Wisconsin about ten minutes outside of pizza delivery range with her high school sweetheart. They have two sons, a labradoodle, and two cats with active social lives.

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A SPY'S HONOR

A Regency romance

Charlotte Russell

Embroiled in a scheme to catch an assassin, Lady Claire Talbot will soon learn all that His Majesty's spy Lord John Reyburn has to hide—and all that his heart is dying to reveal.

LOVE & LIES

At seventeen, Lady Claire Talbot thought she'd found her one true love. But, after rescuing her from a dangerous situation, in undue haste he fled to the Continent instead of marrying her. Now, after years of suppressing her romantic side and honing her practicality, Claire is on the verge of an altogether convenient match.

A man of few words but much passion, Lord John Reyburn always regretted his decision to turn back from Gretna Green. Now, wounded in more ways than one, he is in the place—but not the position—to correct his mistake. His mission in England is to capture an assassin. And, so, one of His Majesty's more unconventional spies, John must add yet a further deceit: cold indifference to Claire's impending marital bliss. For unless sweet loyalty and devotion couple with suspicion and betrayal, nothing can make things right.

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.

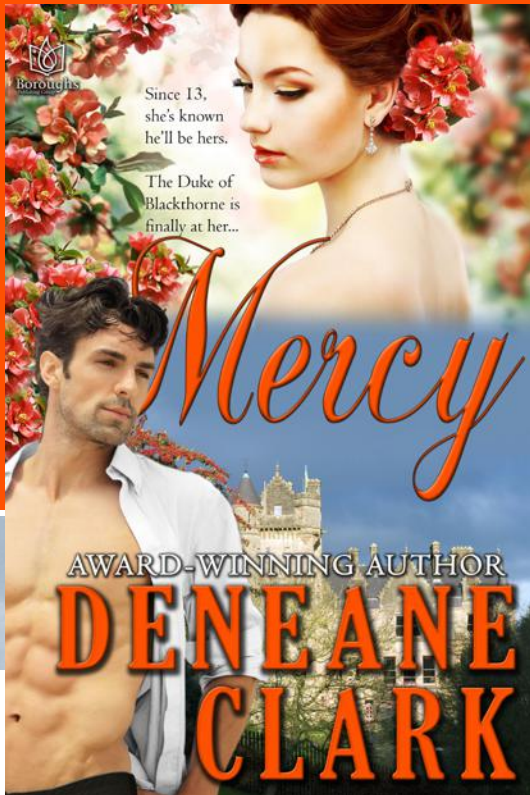


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Mercy

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.

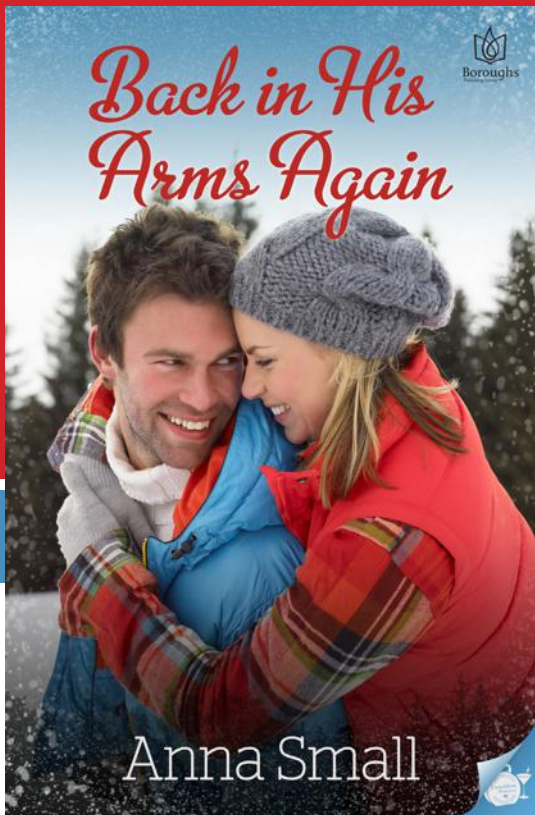
Sebastian will fight the inevitable for as long as he can. And then he'll fight for it. Some matches are schemed for, some are arranged, and some have just been coming for a long, long time.

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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Back in His Arms Again

Anna Small

Hollywood starlet Joely Burbank gets more than she bargains for when she takes her kids to their dad's Montana ranch for Christmas. It wouldn't be so bad if she and Ben were able to have a civilized conversation, but ...

In the beginning Joely and Ben had a fairytale relationship. He was a hotshot athlete in the NFL and she had a role on a

long-running TV show. Joely still doesn't know what happened to lead to divorce.

When a blizzard closes the airport, Joely accepts Ben's half-hearted invitation to stay at the ranch. Calling a truce, they go in search of the perfect Christmas tree and when Joely stumbles in the snow, Ben catches her and they kiss.

After arriving home, they stay up and talk about the past and where they went wrong and end up falling asleep in each other's arms. Maybe it's the snowstorm, maybe it's the mistletoe. Whatever it is, neither of them expected a Christmas like this.

Anna Small wrote her first Romance novel when she was 16. Her mother's only request was that it not contain any love scenes. Anna was sorry to disappoint her.

Several books and years later, Anna still enjoys writing steamy, emotionally charged Romances in both Contemporary and Historical settings. When not writing, she likes to travel and spend time with her family and friends.



Anna grew up in California and England and now resides on Florida's Gulf Coast with her husband and two children. Sharing the fun is a pair of fat cats who enjoy sleeping on her manuscripts, a sassy little Shih-tzu and two Labs who have literally eaten the house.

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"Gripping romantic suspense with exciting cast of characters and intense plot." -FreshFiction

"McKade's writing style invites readers into Shoni and John's world, and the couple's quick-witted dialogue will convince readers to stay.." -RT Reviews

Shattered by her mother's death – and the fact that the killer got off scot-free – Detective Shoni Alexander is prepared to take the law into her own hands And She's determined that nothing will get in her way. Not her badge, not the big arson case she's been assigned, and definitely not the mysterious witness who seems to see right through her ...

Amnesiac John McClane has been living in a deserted warehouse. When the building is torched, the gorgeous cop working the arson case stirs feelings he thought wre gone for good. But little does he know that he's about to piece together a past better left forgotten – or that Shoni's desire for retribution will jeopardize the future he's imagining.

Also Available From Maureen McKade

**A Reason to Live
A Reason to Believe**

**A Reason to Sin
To Find You Again**

**Winter Hearts
A Dime Novel Hero**

**Convictions
Arouse Suspicion**

Maureen McKade has been making up stories since the moment she learned to read, write and string sentences together. Her first book, "Winter Hearts", published in 1997 was a finalist in the Romance Writers of America's (RWA) Golden Heart contest, then a finalist in RWA's RITA for best first book. Since then, she's written thirteen more books and a short story for an anthology. Maureen and her husband now live on 40 nature-filled acres in southwestern North Dakota with their two French Brittany Spaniels and three cats.



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Catching Katie

Robin Lee
HATCHER



" a heartwarming story that ... captures the dilemma women of an earlier era faced as the world changed and they had to learn to change with it ... Robin Lee Hatcher has captured the sense of possibility that existed in the early [twentieth] century ..." -Romance Readers Connection

"This book is worth the read, not only for the romance, but for the insights into the history of women's rights... a joyful celebration of the efforts our great-grandmothers made to secure women's equality." -About.com Romance Fiction Book Reviews

Katie Jones is committed to fighting for the cause of woman's suffrage. She has no time for romance, especially not with her best friend Ben Rafferty. But when Katie's column in Ben's newspaper stirs things up, sparks begin to fly. Ben is set on winning Katie over, but Katie is just as determined to stay true to her 1916 feminist ideals. With such strong obstacles in the way, their relationship can't possibly progress. Unless somehow love finds a way...

"You can run all you want, Katie. You still can't run away from your feelings or from my love. Not today. Not ever." With determination in his voice, he added, "I will catch you, Katie."

Also Available From Robin Lee Hatcher

A Wish and a Prayer
The Victory Club
Speak to Me of Love

Diamond Place
Legacy Lane

Sweet Dreams
Veterans Way

Ribbon of Years
Beyond the Shadows
First Born



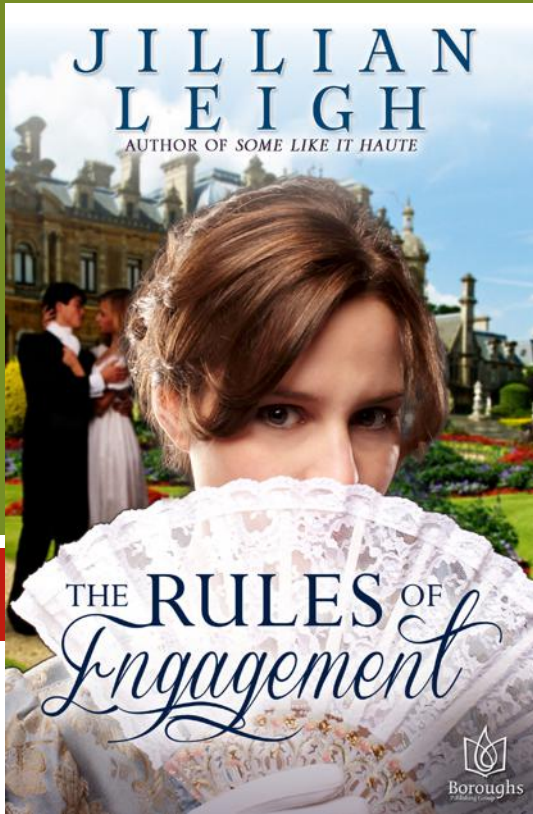
Best-selling novelist Robin Lee Hatcher is known for her heartwarming and emotionally charged stories of faith, courage, and love. Winner of the Christy, the RITA, the Carol, the Inspirational Reader's Choice, and many other industry awards, Robin is also a recipient of the prestigious RWA Lifetime Achievement Award. She is the author of 70+ novels and novellas with over five million copies in print. Robin and her husband make their home on the outskirts of Boise, Idaho.



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THE RULES OF *Engagement*

JILLIAN LEIGH

Long ago, Hugh Trevalyn invented a fiancée to fend off marriage-minded females. Now he must procure the perfect girl to play the part.

Who better than Amelia Grant, his oldest and dearest friend? She alone might understand—and forgive—his moment of madness upon beholding the beautiful Lucy Meriwether, a moment that resulted in Hugh's first real proposal of marriage and Lucy's vow to meet his ex-fiancée in the flesh. However, as one proposed conversation snowballs into an elaborate charade involving Hugh's rakish cousin, scandal, and inappropriate kisses, as Hugh risks Amelia's friendship to win Lucy's hand, a wise reader has to wonder: What exactly are the rules of engagement? And, after the battle, whose heart will be won?

Jillian Leigh is a writer of historical romance with a particular fondness for the stylishness, wit and elegance of the Regency period. She lives in Australia with her long-suffering husband, almost perfect son, and two cats with a terrible sense of entitlement. She enjoys Jane Austen, Georgette Heyer, chocolate, classic screwball comedies and TV shows that feature models or designers vying for domination.

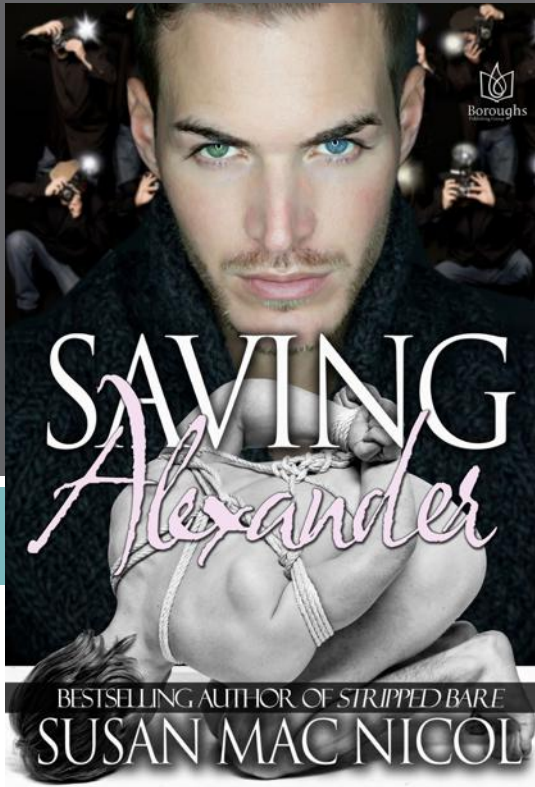


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SAVING *Alexander*

SUSAN MAC NICOL

Punishing himself for a horrific past that is not his fault, best-selling author Alexander Montgomery seeks redemption and love—and perhaps he will find it.

Famous author though he may be, Alexander Montgomery is not someone you take home to meet your mother. Seriously flawed, damaged by a horrific past, he's trying hard to claw his way back to normality. But how can anyone respect what he truly is? His therapy involves regular sessions at Study in Scarlet, an exclusive S&M club.

Then comes Sage. Tall, with black hair and blue eyes, an up-and-coming actor with impossible charm and boy-next-door good looks, he's the perfect choice to play the leading man in a TV adaptation of Alex's latest best-seller. Even more, he is a man you introduce to your family. Which Alex would do—if he weren't taken by another man who offers the punishments Alex prays will wipe away the past and make him the person he wants to be. Yet, perhaps there is another path to redemption. If only the solution would reach out and touch him.

Sue Mac Nicol was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, in the United Kingdom. At the age of eight, her family moved to Johannesburg, South Africa where she stayed for nearly thirty years before arriving back in the UK in December 2000. She has written nine novels, two novellas and a screenplay since February 2012 and clearly believes in keeping herself busy. Sue is a member of Romance Writers of America and Romantic Novelists Association in the UK. She lives in the rural village of Bocking, in Essex, with her family. Her dream is to one day make enough money to give up the day job and get that big old house in the English countryside overlooking a river, where she can write all day and continue to indulge her passion for telling stories.

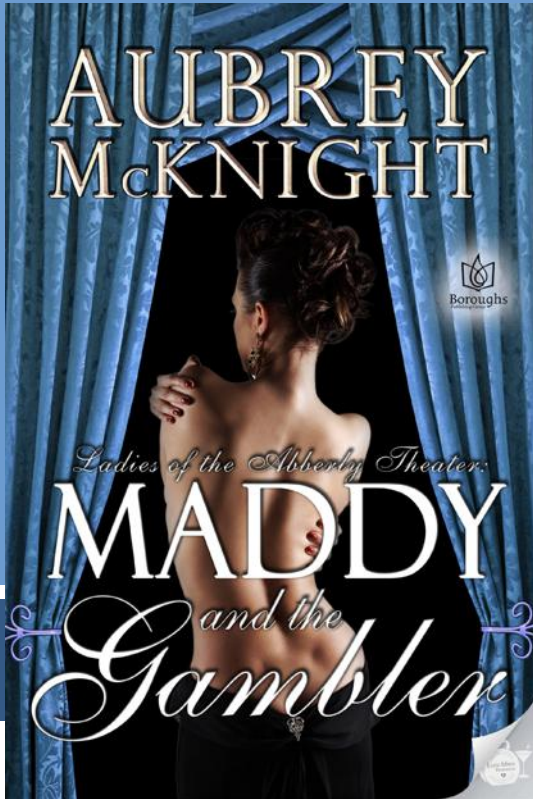


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MADDY *and the Gambler*

Ladies of the Abberly Theater Book Two

AUBREY McKNIGHT

Madelyn LeCavalier, the seamstress for the Abberly Theater, was horribly scarred in a vicious attack. Two years later, she still suffers the emotional scars as well as the physical ones. Having not appeared in public since shortly after the incident, she fears the reaction of the outside world to her appearance.

Having been cut off from his wealthy family's assets for his wastrel life, Will Renshaw, Matthias Abberly's best friend and Madelyn's former lover, takes over management of the theater while Matthias is touring Europe with Iphigenia. Will wants nothing more than to show Maddy the scars don't matter, it's what's inside that is important. He plans to use his time to prove himself to his father, and, if he's lucky, win Maddy's heart.

Aubrey McKnight gave up the glamorous life of a lab rat to do what she'd wanted to do almost since she learned to read: tell stories. By day, she's a mild mannered mom, but at night she wields a merciless pen, er, keyboard. She enjoys cooking, hockey and shoving people together only to tear them apart again. She's lived all over the U.S. and currently resides in Texas with her wonderful husband, their annoyingly smart daughter and a dog named Bongo.



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DREAM KNIGHT

DENISE LYNN

Dreams of a powerful, black-armored knight resolve into sweet salvation for the captive lady of Brezden Keep—and true love.

“I WILL NOT MAKE A GOOD HUSBAND FOR YOU.”

Such was the warning of Lady Catheryn’s husband-to-be, the powerful warrior who dispatched her dishonorable guardian, unknowingly answering both her prayers and nocturnal visions. And he seemed right. His past was too bleak, his nature too violent. But Baron Gerard also promised to never beat her, to be kind, to care for Brezden Keep and her people, and the spark in his eye was not kindled by bloodlust alone. His strong hands could be gentle and build fires in her. So perhaps the witch and her magic sachet had the right of it. Perhaps Gerard of Reveur was not only a protector but a better husband and a truer love than either of their tortured souls could ever imagine.

Denise lives in Ohio with her husband, son and a slew of 4-legged fur kids. She loves sharing her tales of brave men and strong women with others. When not tapping on the keyboard, she can be found doing one of her favorite hobbies – sleeping, crafting, researching, hiking and, did she mention, sleeping.

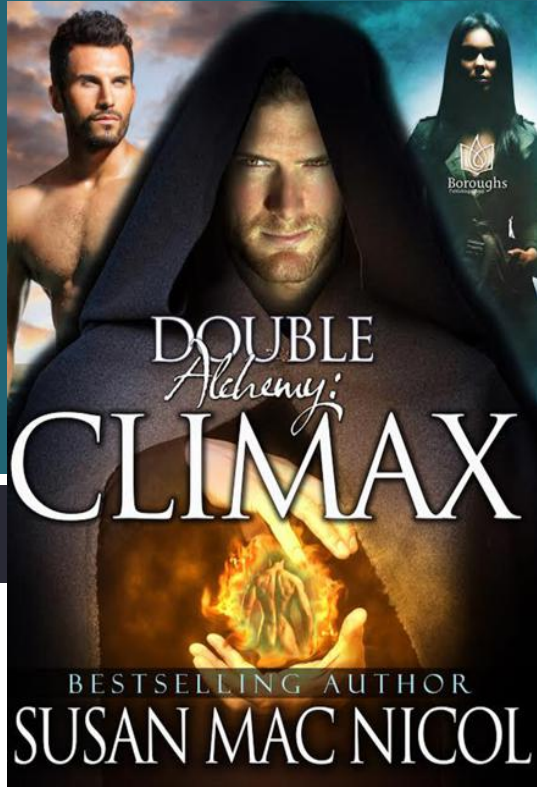


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DOUBLE *Alchemy:* CLIMAX

SUSAN MAC NICOL

Powerful modern warlock Quinn Fairmont found ecstasy with the silver-eyed and not-quite-human Cade Mairston, but to know true happiness the pair must best both the shadow of a long-ago lover and an ancient enemy who seeks to destroy love, light and all they hold dear.

A BLINDING LIGHT

It begins with a Book of Shadows discovered by a London coven. The grimoire is as dangerous as it is rare, which is why it evokes modern-day warlock Quinn Fairmont's desire. He collects objects of great power and beauty—like his lover, Cade Mairston.

Against all odds he and Cade found each other, but their perils have just begun. First is the ex-lover who once held Quinn in thrall. And, someone has been killing warlocks.

Could it be one of their own kind? There are those too who would challenge Quinn's power in their quest to overthrow him as Grand Master. Or is the danger something darker, something invoked inadvertently, rising from the shadows, building from the very inside of a man until it brings an end with a quick flash of light? Of the truth, the surface has only been scratched. Now Quinn and Cade must go deeper and find both answers and an end. They must learn what lurks in the hearts of men...and whether it seeks to love or destroy.

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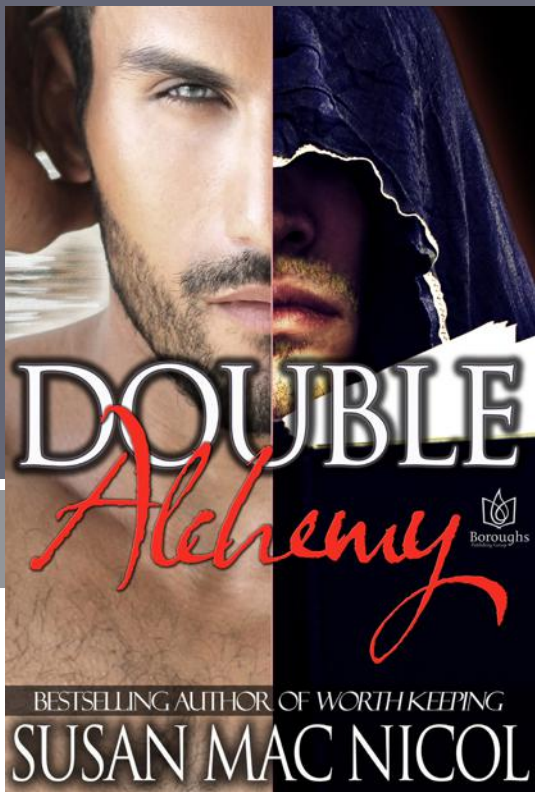


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DOUBLE *Alchemy*

SUSAN MAC NICOL

Powerful yet tormented modern warlock Quinn Fairmont must initiate the silver-eyed Cade Mairston into the world of witchfinders, Withinnerers, and what can happen when two men fall truly, madly, deeply in love.

THE WORLD IN SHADOW

In modern London there lurks a warlock, Quinn Fairmont. Dangerous, powerful, tortured, sharing his body with the soul of an ancient Welsh sorcerer, Quinn is never alone—and never wholly himself. He fights against all those who would exploit his kind. He takes pleasure where he can find it.

In the forest of Hampstead Heath, Quinn's hometown, Cade Mairston appears to him like a waking dream. Lithe, lean and silver-eyed, he evokes feelings in Quinn unlike any other: lust with true affection, immediate and shocking. Cade is clearly more than he seems. And yet, if a man of the world, Cade is innocent. He knows nothing of warlocks, witchfinders or Withinnerers. He knows nothing of what he is, what he might be, or what he might feel. For him, the story is just beginning. Magyck, peril and passion await.

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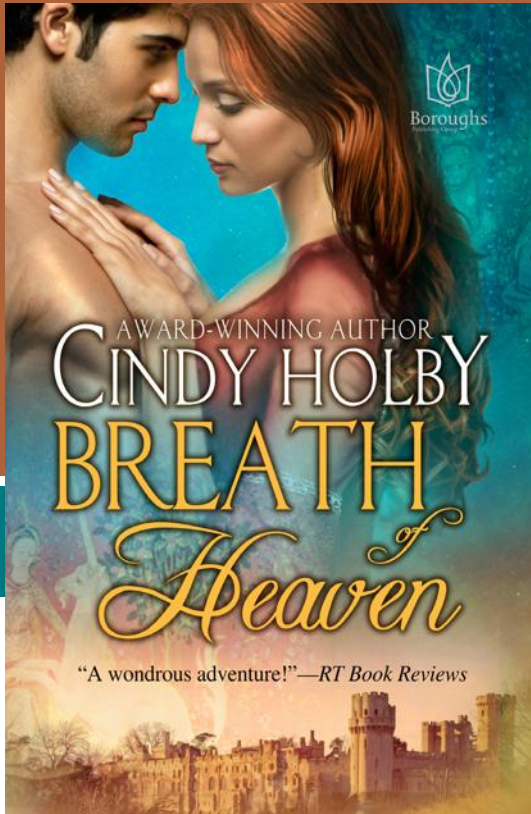


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BREATH *of* Heaven

CINDY HOLBY

A knight who has known honor but never love and a mysterious huntress with a closely guarded secret share an arranged marriage with a surprisingly sensual consummation—and a fantastic adventure beyond imagination.

THE HUNTRESS

She appeared from nowhere in form-fitting leather, enchanting as the mysterious woods around her. Those dazzling emerald eyes were a challenge, daring the intruder to enter her magic realm.

THE ARRANGEMENT

Tormented boy becomes a battle-hardened warrior, Rhys DeRemy owed unswerving obedience to his king—and now he owed another man his life. If he took the heiress of Aubregate to wife, he could ease the debts of past and present. And Eliane drew him as a candle draws a moth. Her fiery nature ensorcelled him, her silken bed promised...A BREATH OF HEAVEN.

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, one time-travel, 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*.

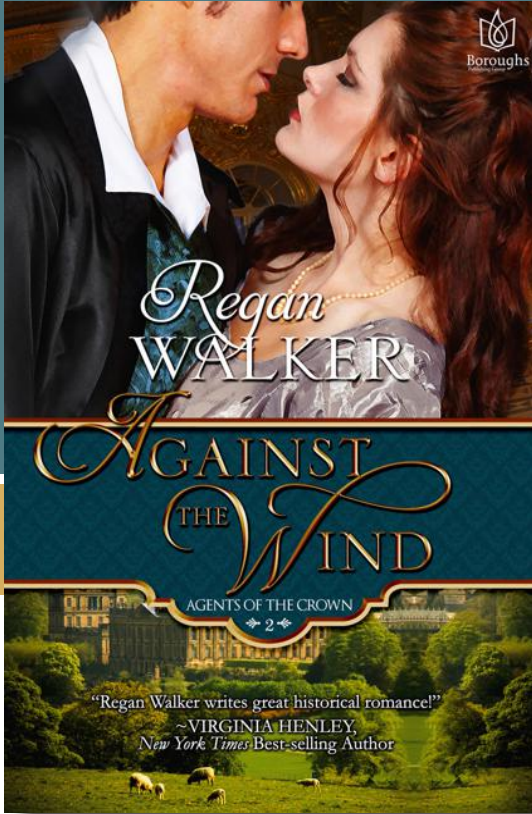


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AGAINST THE WIND

Regan WALKER

Amidst the rising winds of revolution, Agent of the Crown Sir Martin Powell alone can protect—and win the heart of—the elusive Lady Egerton.

A night in London's most exclusive bordello. Agent of the Crown Sir Martin Powell would not normally indulge, but the end of his time spying against Napoleon deserves a victory celebration. Yet, such pleasure will not come cheap. The auburn-haired courtesan he calls "Kitten" is in truth Katherine, Lady Egerton, a dowager baroness and the daughter of an earl as elusive as she is alluring. She flees a fate worse than death. But Martin has known darkness, too, and he alone can touch her heart—as she has touched his. To the English Midlands they will steal, into the rising winds of revolution.

As a child Regan Walker loved to write stories, particularly about adventure-loving girls, but by the time she got to college more serious pursuits took priority. One of her professors thought her suited to the profession of law, and Regan realized it would be better to be a hammer than a nail. Years of serving clients in private practice and several stints in high levels of government gave her a love of international travel and a feel for the demands of the "Crown" on its subjects. Hence her romance novels often involve a demanding Prince Regent who thinks of his subjects as his private talent pool.



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The Traitor's Daughter

Joan Overfield



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The mousy miss is not what she seems!

In the merry social whirl of Bath, Miss Elizabeth Compton was the perfect lady's companion: self-effacing and utterly forgettable. She'd simply perish if anyone uncovered her true identity as Lady Elizabeth Paxon, daughter of Britain's most notorious traitor! She knew her dear Papa was innocent, but the haut monde had condemned him. Now, she hid her dazzling beauty beneath a dowdy bonnet – which is what made James Lynchton's campaign to find her a husband so difficult!

... And neither is the gentleman!

The illegitimate son of an earl, Lynchton despised the ton which had once scorned him. Though sworn never to marry, he'd find a match for the one woman he admired: sweet, honest Miss Compton. But as his parlor filled with hopeful swains, Lynchton was filled with dismay. He was falling in love with her. As for Elizabeth, what choice had she? Must she lie once more, saying no to Lynchton's passion ...even as her heart whispered yes?

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A Christmas Affair
The Dutiful Duke
Belle of the Ball
The Viscount's Vixen

The Sinister Spinster
The Prodigal Spinster
The Scotsman and the Spinster
The Cabinetmaker's Daughter

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Lady Cat
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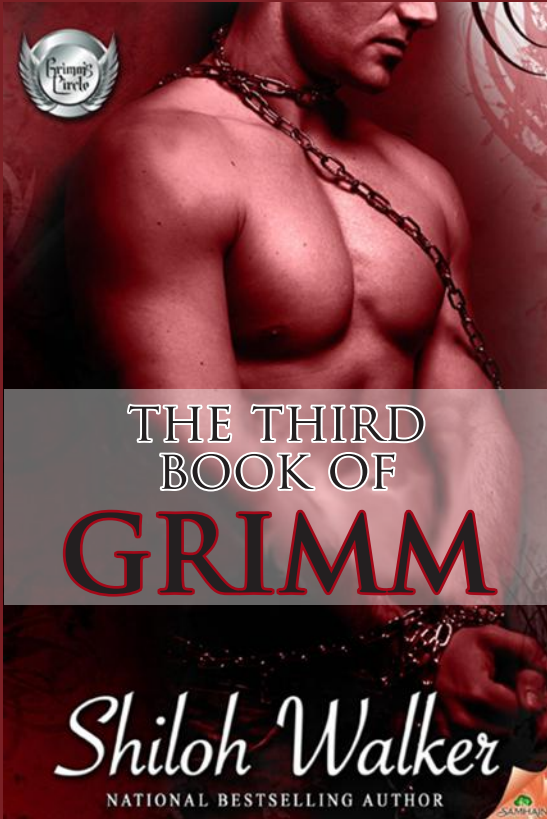
A winner of The Romance Writers of America's Golden Heart Award for Best Regency for her very first novel, Joan Overfield has written 23 Regency Historical Romances. In addition, she has also written two time travel romances: the ground-breaking THE DOOR AJAR and its sequel, TIME'S TAPESTRY. In 2000 Romantic Times Magazine voted THE DOOR AJAR one of the top 100 Romances of all time. Joan has made several bestsellers lists and won numerous awards for her work, including A Career Achievement Award in Regency Romance from Romantic Times magazine.



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THE THIRD BOOK OF GRIMM

Shiloh Walker

***A poisoned apple is nothing
compared to a poison pen.***

Grimm Tidings

A hundred years after punching his way to a new life as a Grimm, Jacob is called to protect someone too much like himself. A woman who fights like she doesn't want a tomorrow.

Celeste thought her second chance at life would let her set some things straight. She was wrong. She's trapped by the past, and no blade is sharp enough to cut her loose. Chains are Jacob's specialty, but his help comes with a price...

Blind Destiny

Only Myrsina knows that the story of the Seven Bloody Sisters springs from the place of her birth—and her death. A place she swore to never to return, until Luc shows up on her doorstep.

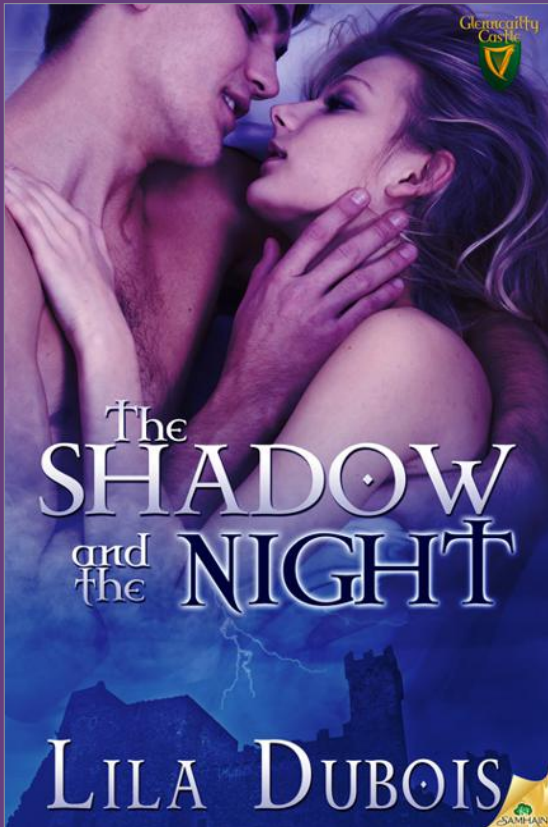
Luc may be blind, but through their unique, bittersweet connection, even he can see that the task laid before them is ripping Sina's soul apart. Sina must go back in time—to that cursed ground—to write a new ending to a story that may give them both a chance at happily ever after. Assuming they survive.

Shiloh Walker has been writing since she was a kid. She loves reading and writing anything paranormal, anything fantasy, and nearly every kind of romance. Once upon a time she worked as a nurse, but now she writes full time and lives with her family in the Midwest.

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The SHADOW and the NIGHT

LILA DUBOIS

*Sins and secrets
aren't the only skeletons in the closet...*

Glenncailty Castle, Book 3

London forensic anthropologist Melissa Heavey isn't anything like the characters in her grandmother's beloved television crime dramas. Especially since an accident left her crippled and weary. While in Dublin to rest and recuperate, she's asked to help the local Garda Síochána identify bones found in a rural luxury hotel.

Curiosity-seeking bone gawkers were not the clients Tristan Fontaine anticipated when he took over the Glenncailty Castle restaurant. And a scientist taking over part of his kitchen for her lab? He's having none of it. Yet she's not backing down...and his pulse won't stop speeding up when she's near.

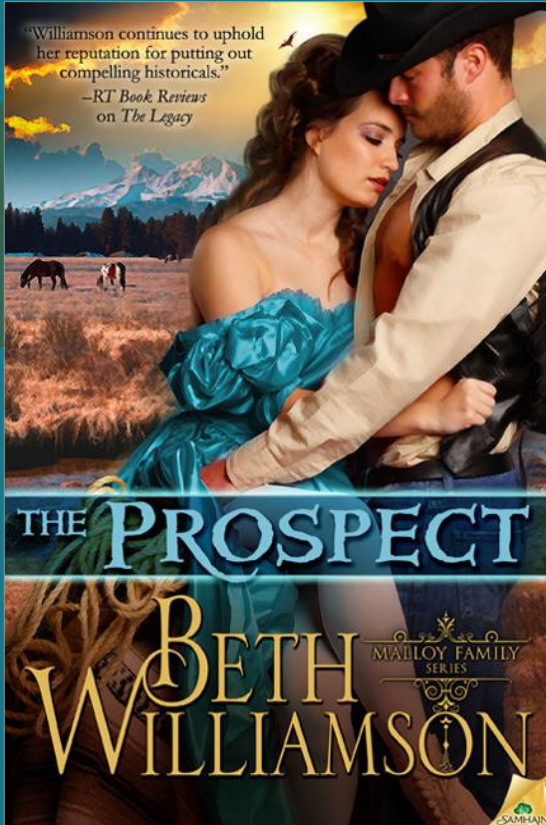
As their attraction flares, Melissa soon discovers why Tristan is so dismissive of the bones—he's been talking to the ghosts themselves. But the bones aren't Glenncailty's only secret, and Tristan is hiding a tragedy in his past more frightening than what's lurking inside the castle walls.

Lila Dubois is a tech writer by day and a romance writer by night. She's living her own version of a romance novel with her Irish Farm Boy, who she imported to Los Angeles. Having spent extensive time in France, Egypt, Turkey, Ireland and England, Lila speaks five languages, none of them—including English—fluently.



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THE PROSPECT

BETH WILLIAMSON

Running from the past...and running out of time.

The Mallory Family, Book 10

Josephine Chastain never thought a case of typhoid would force her Oregon-bound family to leave her behind in Fort John—in the care of the last man she trusts. Others in the wagon train may have accepted Declan Calhoun's motives for kidnapping her sister Frankie, but not Jo.

When she wakes up from the three-week fever, though, she finds some things have changed. Declan is her husband. And their cabin is too small to contain the growing desire between them.

While Jo fights for her life, Declan finds himself falling for the bookish Chastain sister. A woman with a spine of steel and a seemingly bottomless well of smarts. In other words, everything he can never be.

Yet now is not the time to confess the little white lie that has thus far kept her safe. Not when he must figure out how to escape a quarantine that's turned into extortion. And resist Jo's determination to seduce him before she learns the truth. Before the unforgiving wilderness between them and safety claims their lives.

Beth Williamson, who also writes as Emma Lang, is an award-winning, bestselling author of both historical and contemporary romances. Her books range from sensual to scorching hot. She is a Career Achievement Award Nominee in Erotic Romance by Romantic Times Magazine, in both 2009 and 2010. She lives in North Carolina.



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THE FIVE FACES

FRANK TUTTLE

*When Death writes your name,
there is no erasing it.*

The Markhat Files, Book 8

It starts as a typical day in the park, with Markhat tracking a bully the law won't touch, and promising a little girl he'll find her missing dog, name of Cornbread.

But as the sun sets over Rannit, a new menace creeps out with the dark. There's a killer on the loose, and Markhat the finder suspects magic behind the murders. Each victim receives a grisly drawing depicting the place, time, and manner of death. Not a single victim has escaped the brutal fate drawn for them—and now Markhat's own death-drawing has arrived.

The mighty Dark Houses are also falling, one by one, as terror grips Rannit's streets. Even sorcerers are dying, their magic failing, their blood spilled as easily as that of any other.

With time and hope running out, Markhat races to outwit a creature that can see outside Time itself. Before the picture of his own death becomes stained with real blood.

Frank Tuttle writes by flickering candlelight in a haunted belfry, or at least he did until a series of restraining orders was filed. Frank's short fiction has appeared in *Weird Tales* magazine and his popular Markhat series is now eight books strong, which causes Frank to break out in fits of maniacal laughter at inappropriate moments.



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THE DEEPEST OCEAN

MARIAN PERERA

*Love as strong as the tide.
Betrayal as cruel as an undertow.*

Eden Series, Book 2

Moments before he sets sail into pirate waters to rescue prisoners, Captain Darok Juell receives additional orders—to take a mysterious woman on board who will help him in his mission.

When she arrives, she is unlike any woman he has ever seen. A cold, controlled operative of Seawatch, Yerena Fin Caller wields an iron hand over her emotions, and an almost magical control over a great white shark.

On the surface, her orders are simple: use her shark to guide Darok through dangerous waters, attack any pirates who interfere. Her emotions must remain under lock and key, lest they travel along her delicate connection with the finned killing machine below.

As she and Darok navigate the Strait of Mists into the Iron Ocean—and evade a killer-whale-controlling traitor—Darok's generosity and warmth coax Yerena to give in to desire. But they have no future together. Especially if Darok's legendary recklessness forces her to obey a secret order to send his ship to the bottom of the sea...

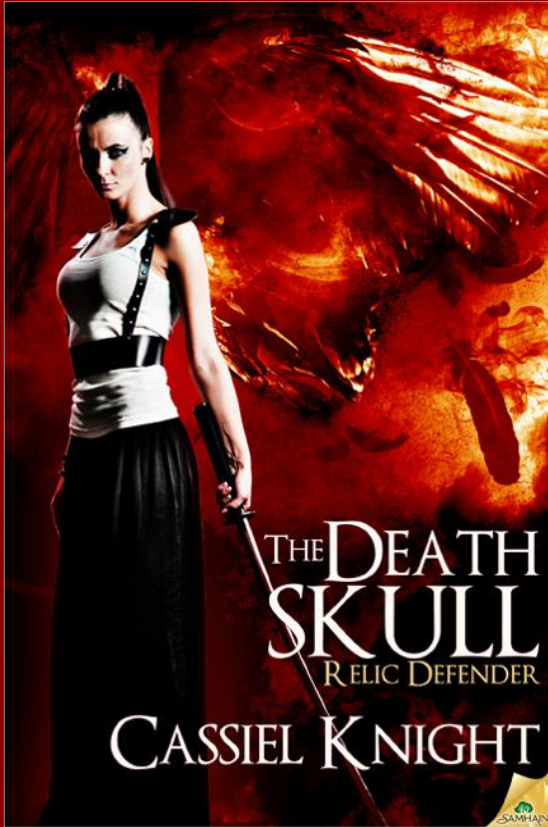
Marian Perera has a Portuguese last name, was born in Sri Lanka, grew up in Dubai, studied in Texas, worked in Iqaluit and lives in Toronto. For now. She studied microbiology and medical laboratory technology, but fell in love with fantasy along the way.



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THE DEATH SKULL

CASSIEL KNIGHT

Reluctant allies; dangerous lovers.

Relic Defender, Book 2

Fallen angel Marisol Asheni Fell when she unwisely chose to follow Lucifer. Unlike many of her fellow angels, she has no desire for redemption. Instead, she prefers fighting the followers of the Dark when they step over the line. Except, in the deepest part of her soul, she longs for a reason to stop fighting.

Jackson's only loyalty is to himself and his mother, but even he has boundaries he won't cross. When his last job threatened the life of a young woman, he tossed aside the lucrative pay, and finds himself fighting evil. He's attracted to Mari despite her hard, seemingly emotionless edge. And while Mari finds the tall human reluctantly appealing, she has no intention of finding herself in a relationship with a human.

Brought together by the Archangel Michael, they must find and destroy the crystal Mayan Death Skull before the son of Lucifer uses the skull to destroy the world's leaders and throw the world into chaos to begin Hell on Earth.

Their search for the Death Skull takes them from Chicago to Central America to the lost city of Lubaantun in Belize, the heart of the Mayan civilization, and into a battle for their souls.

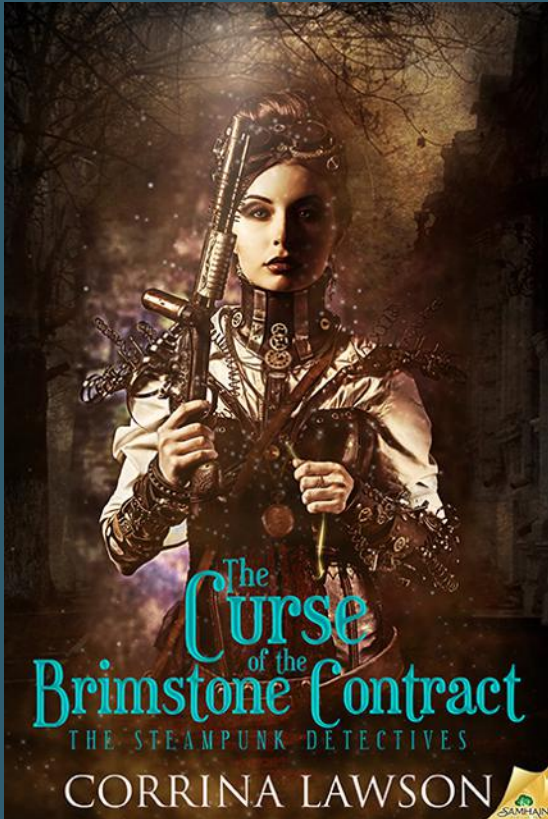
Cassiel Knight's current works combine her passion for romance with an equal passion for kick-assitude, archeology, magic and things that go bump in the night



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The Curse of the Brimstone Contract

CORRINA LAWSON

*Magic—and love—
balanced on the tip of a needle...*

The Steampunk Detectives, Book 1

Magic existed at the fringes until Prince Albert discovered he was a mage. Now he and others like him are leading a revolution in steam technology that's held tight in the grip of the upper classes.

A man of half-Indian heritage, rejected by his upper-crust, mage-gifted family, Gregor Sherringford lives in working-class London, investigating cases involving magic among the lower classes. But he's never met a client quite like spirited, stubborn Joan Krieger.

Joan's dream was to lead a fashion revolution designing women's clothing suited to the new technology. But when her richest client mysteriously dies outside her shop, it deals a mortal blow to her dreams.

She hopes the handsome, enigmatic detective can prove the death a magical murder. She never expected a dark plot would be woven right into the fabric of her family. Or that cracking the case will mean merging gifts, minds—and hearts—with the one man who could be her partner in every way. If they survive the release of a soul-binding curse.

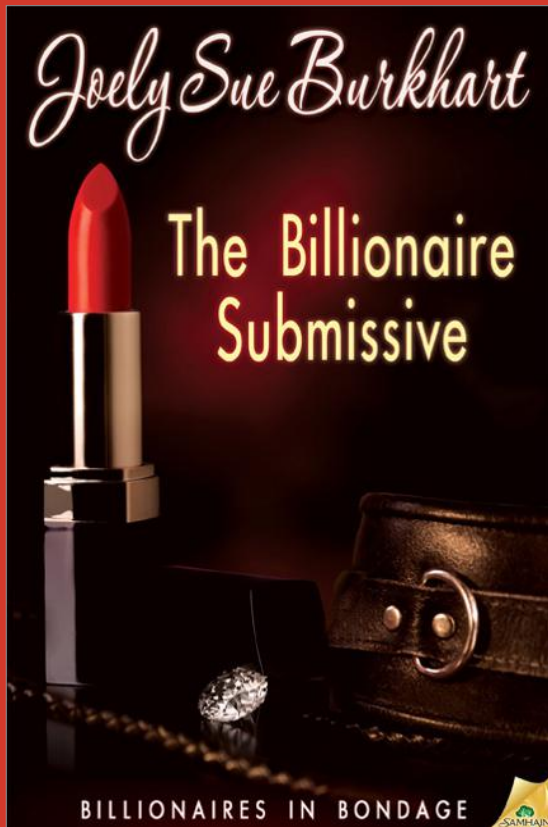
Corrina is a former newspaper reporter with a degree in journalism from Boston University. She's the author of the Phoenix Institute superhero romances, Phoenix Rising, Luminous and Phoenix Legacy. She's also the cowriter of The GeekMom Book.



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The Billionaire Submissive

Joely Sue Burkhart

***Lesson one: She makes the rules.
Lesson two: Refer to lesson one.***

Billionaires in Bondage, Book 1

The Billionaire

Donovan Morgan rules his billion-dollar international company with an iron fist. But in the privacy of his bedroom, he hungers for an iron lady to rule his body.

The Mistress

Lilly Harrison helps her clients tame their personal demons by taming them. Lots of men—blue collar to white collar—enjoy female domination. But the ultra-rich and powerful CEO is alpha to the core. In public, that is. The challenge will be to teach him that bossy isn't always better.

The Contract

Donovan selects his potential Mistress as carefully as a prime investment opportunity, and negotiates a contract as tight and binding as any corporate takeover. He must ensure his privacy at all cost—even if he has to resort to a little blackmail to ensure her full cooperation.

His First Lesson

When the indomitable Miss Harrison laughs in his face, tears his contract up, and walks out without a backward glance, it seals the deal. Donovan will have her. Even if she makes him crawl to her side.

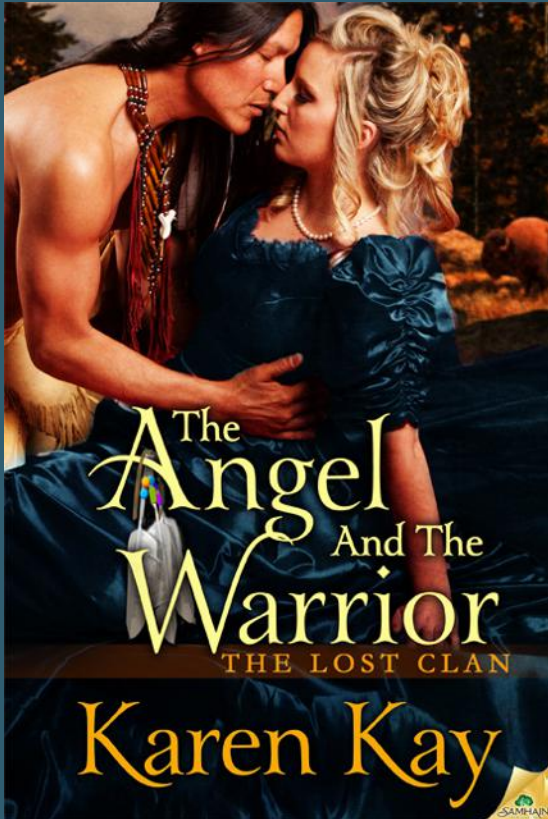
Joely Sue Burkhart always has her nose buried in a book, especially one with mythology, fairy tales and romance. She, her husband and their three monsters live in Missouri. By day, she's a computer programmer with a Masters of Science degree in Mathematics. When night falls, she bespells the monsters so she can write.



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The Angel And The Warrior

Karen Kay

*A hunted woman, a forbidden love...
and time ticking down on an ancient curse.*

The Lost Clan, Book 1

Eighteen years ago, Swift Hawk was sent to the earthly realm to try to break an enchantment that curses his clan to a half-life in the mists. As his allotted time runs short, a vision gives him a glimpse of his last chance to free his people. A delicate young woman with translucent white skin and star-like hair.

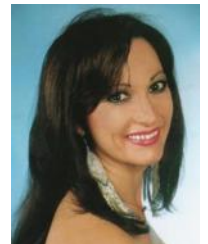
He never thought his sacred vision would possess the tongue of a shrew. Angelia Honeywell and her brother Julian fled Mississippi amid a hail of rotten tomatoes and flying bullets. She only fired back in self-defense, but now they are on the run as their father pleads their case to the governor.

With Julian trying to pass himself off as a wagon train scout, Angel knows they need help. When the handsome, black-eyed Swift Hawk agrees to save their skins, she can't help but be drawn to his compelling gaze. But as they come together in a blaze of desire, the dark shadows of the curse descend, threatening to divide them forever.

Author of seventeen American Indian Historical Romances, Karen Kay has been praised by reviewers and fans alike for bringing the Wild West alive for her readers.

Karen, whose great-great grandmother was a Choctaw Indian, is honored to be able to write about something so dear to her heart, the American Indian culture.

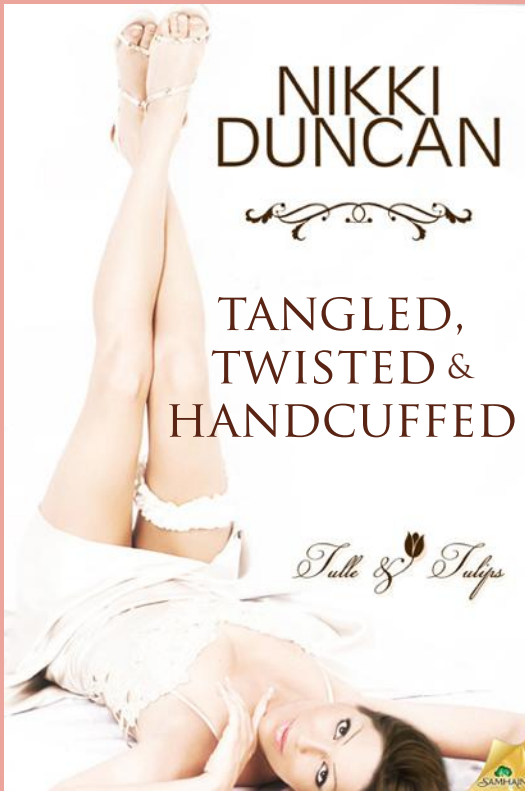
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TANGLED, TWISTED & HANDCUFFED

NIKKI DUNCAN

*Love can twist two hearts together...
or tangle them up in knots.*

Tangled in Tulle

Lori's only shot at launching her business is planning a wedding for a man she met during a lie. A man who almost died because of her.

Trevor is nearly out of his mind for the woman he dreamt of while comatose. The quest for her heart, however, is only beginning.

Twisted in Tulips

Jace misses a job interview to rescue a florist who seems most grateful he saved her sexy shoes. A woman who doesn't seem to care he's holding her with his one remaining arm while kissing her senseless.

Suddenly he's got more second chances than he can shake his steel hook at—if there's room in his wounded heart for love.

Handcuffed in Housewares

Burton is this close to making his construction business a success when a date gone awry leaves him handcuffed to a toilet in a housewares store. Naked.

When Leigh gets an eyeful of the daily special, her buttoned-down world teeters. And soon a little no-strings sex is tying her dream of Devoted Love into hopeless knots.

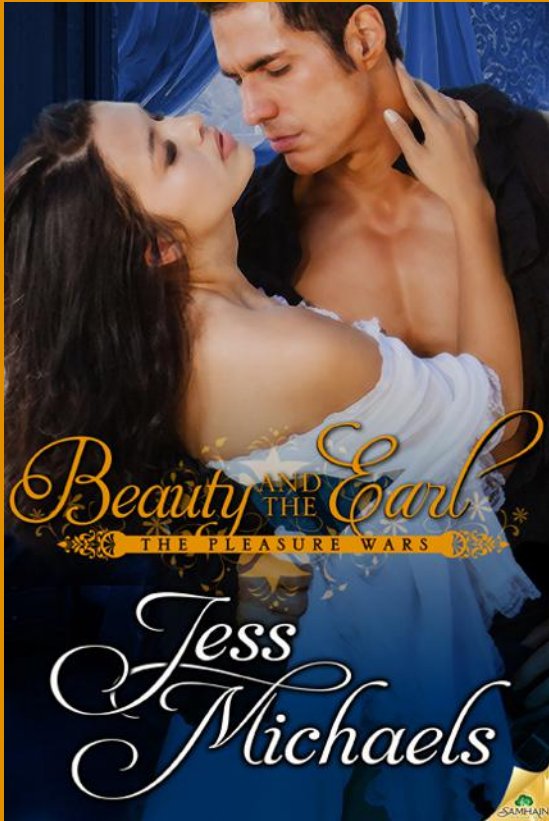
Heart stopping puppy chases, childhood melodrama and the aborted hangings of innocent toys are all in a day's work for Nikki Duncan. Nikki plots murder and mayhem over breakfast, scandalous exposes at lunch and the sensual turn of phrase after dinner. Nikki lives in Dallas/Fort Worth with her husband and two daughters.



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Beauty AND THE Earl

Jess Michaels

*Desire as essential as breath...
deception as fragile as sanity.*

The Pleasure Wars, Book 3

Liam, the Earl of Windbury, had everything when he held his secret lover in his arms. Until a feud between their families left her dead, his body broken, and his sister married to his bitterest enemy.

Wracked with guilt, simmering with rage, he's spent a year in seclusion, seeing no one except a few servants as he does his best to forget the past and patently refuses to think about any kind of future.

When courtesan Violet Milford enters Liam's lair, she's on a secret mission to gather information for Liam's desperate sister, who fears for his sanity, even his life. What she finds is a man scarred inside and out, whose dark, controlling sensuality hides the kind, wounded man within.

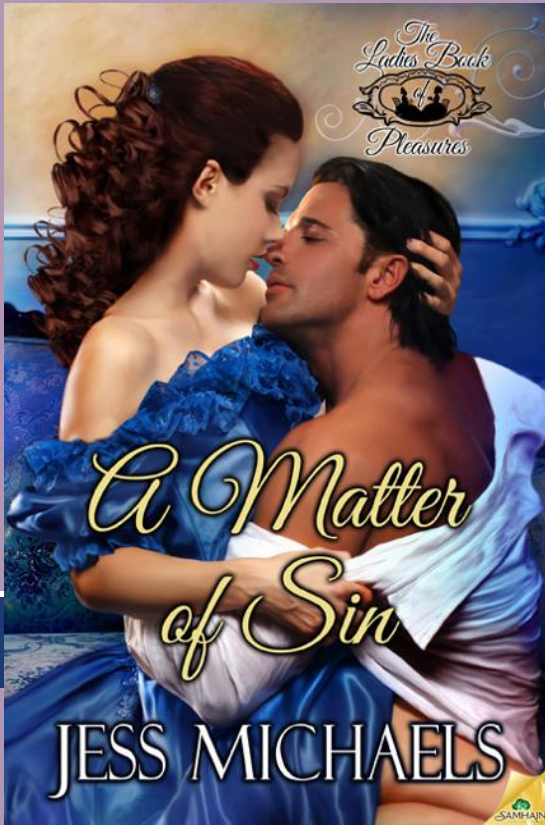
Violet awakens a sexual desire more powerful than Liam has ever known, and her stories weave a spell that begins to work its way past his defenses. But when the truth inevitably comes out, it could well destroy the love that is saving them both.

Jess Michaels is the award-winning author of over ten erotic romances. She lives in Arizona with her fantastic husband and two adorable cats. While not writing about sexy gentleman and wicked ladies, she can be found doing geeky things like playing video games and performing aunt duties to two nephews.



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A Matter of Sin

JESS MICHAELS

*Scandal between the pages...
surrender between the sheets.*

The Ladies Book of Pleasures, Book 1

The widowed Lady Isabel Avenbury has one remaining younger sister to shepherd into an advantageous marriage, and then she will be free. Free to take a lover to fill her lonely nights—the only option left for a woman on the delicate edge of a certain age.

Except when she chaperones her sister to a country house party, she is taken aback by her sudden, undeniable attraction to the host. And deliciously scandalized when she finds a copy of the notorious, much-gossiped-about Ladies Book of Pleasures in his library.

When Seth Rowland, Marquis Lyndham, notices his book is missing, his interest is piqued as to which of the potential young brides at his party has absconded with it—and he's shocked to discover it's Isabel. Though older than the women he'd planned to court, the powerful beauty exudes a sensuality he cannot ignore.

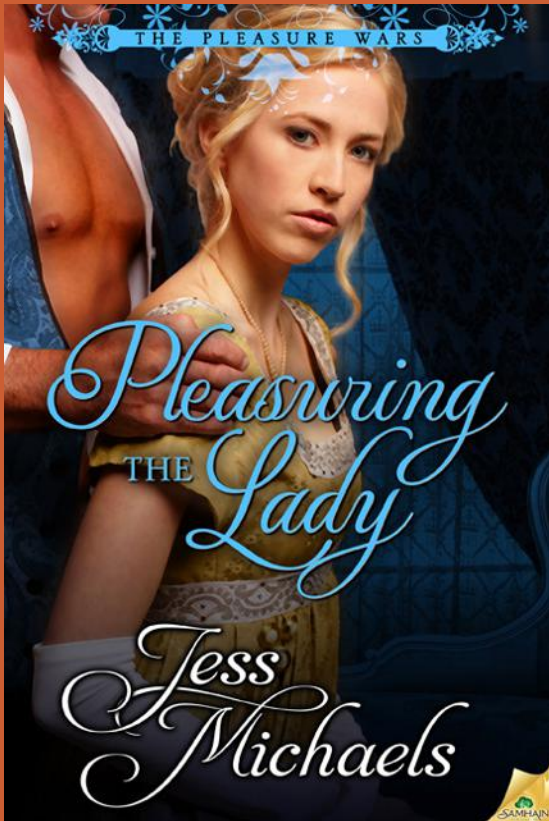
The book inspires them to begin a desperate, passionate affair. But their time together is running out and they must choose. Follow society's rules, or take a chance at love.

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Pleasuring THE Lady

Jess Michaels

***Once the game begins,
there is no tearing your gaze away.***

The Pleasure Wars, Book 2

Her mother's madness and her father's and brother's irresponsibility have relegated Lady Portia to the life of a wallflower. The only shining light in her life is her best friend, Ava, who is suffering a rift with her own brother.

Portia's quest to help takes her to the notorious Donville Masquerade in the hells, where—behind the safety of a mask—she witnesses shocking public acts of sin. And succumbs to the touch of Marquis Miles Weatherfield.

Unfortunately, they're discovered. And now, tainted by scandal, she and Miles are destined for a marriage neither of them want. But Portia makes a bargain that raises even Miles's eyebrows.

In return for saving her mother from the asylum, Portia will do anything Miles wants in bed. Shocked by his driving desire for Portia, Miles agrees. As they explore every wicked desire, every forbidden act that pleases them, they discover something that goes far deeper than flesh. But the lies that brought them together could be the very wedge that drives them apart.

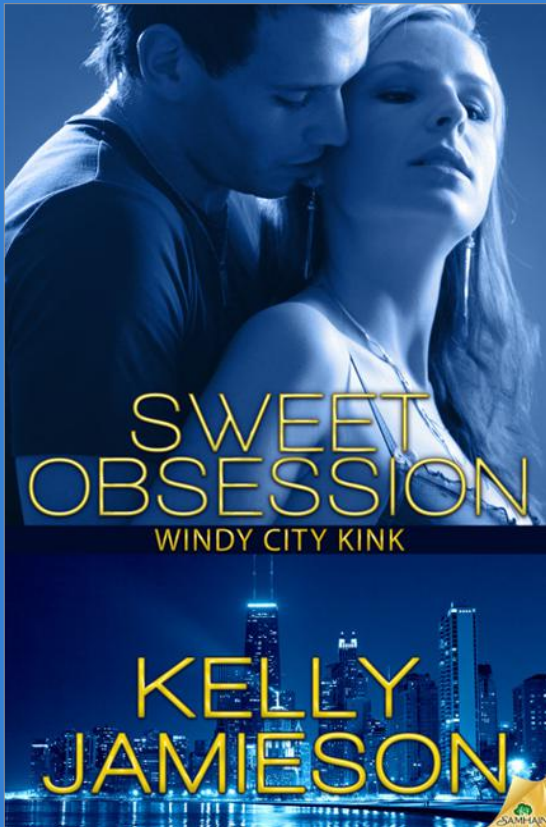
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SWEET OBSESSION

KELLY JAMIESON

Wine her, dine her...then untie her.

Windy City Kink, Book 1

Sasha Bendel is a bundle of nerves as she knocks on the door of a Gold Coast penthouse. Her landscape design business took a hard hit when one of her biggest clients defaulted on his payment, and she desperately needs this rooftop garden design project to get back in the black.

But when her potential client answers the door, she's stunned. It's her old high school boyfriend, the one her wealthy parents ran out of her life when they were discovered engaging in some youthful exploration of bondage and discipline.

Twelve years ago, Jack Grenville let Sasha's powerful father intimidate him into giving up the love of his life. With the help of a sensei, he's overcome his obstacles and accepted his sexual dominance. Now he's back in Chicago to claim what's his—Sasha.

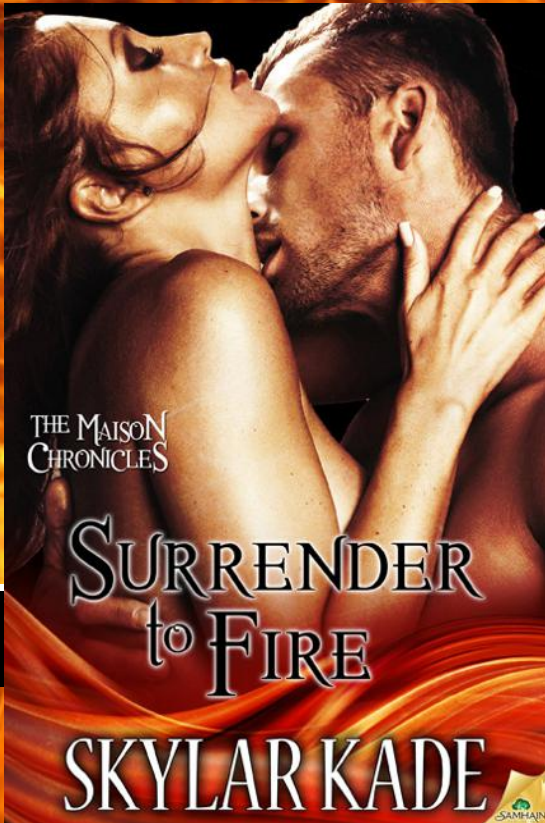
One look at Jack brings back all the forbidden desires Sasha's put on lock-down since that shameful night. No way can she turn down this money-is-no-object job...but can she resist Jack's no-knots-barred determination to recapture her heart?

Kelly Jamieson's writing has been described as "emotionally complex", "sweet and satisfying" and "blisteringly sexy". If she can stop herself from reading or writing, she loves to cook. She also loves shopping, especially for clothes and shoes.



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SURRENDER to FIRE

SKYLAR KADE

*One scorching-hot lesson
could leave her begging for more.*

The Maison Chronicles

Reeling from the double whammy of her Dom's abandonment, and accusations of colluding with a plagiarizing author, all literary agent Camille Winter wants is some low-profile, drama-free quality time.

Just as she's settling into a Maison Domine cabin with her to-be-read pile and a full slate of spa appointments, she finds herself sweet talked into playing topless assistant so some Dominant can run a BDSM educational demo.

Architect Damien Winter is on a relationship hiatus, so he focuses his dominant energies on teaching BDSM classes. A chance encounter in Maison's parking lot with a woman who angrily insists she's no sub—though every line of her body screams otherwise—turns shocking when she winds up as temporary replacement for his demonstration partner.

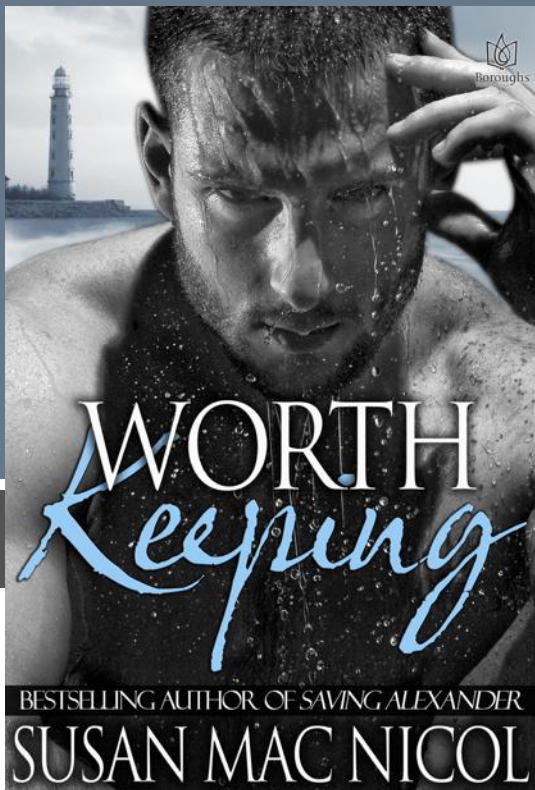
Damien is unprepared for the way her beautiful submission gets under his skin. And Camille never thought she'd fall, hard, for just the kind of man she's sworn off. But when her ex's vague threats turn serious, Damien fears he's already lost the chance to claim her for his own.

Skylar Kade started her writing career after throwing aside yet another romance she could bear to finish. The run-on sentences! The purple prose! The horror! So she sat down to write her own tale. Her favorite part about writing romance is the extensive research.

She resides in sunny southern California, spending her time asking the cabana boys to bring her more mimosas and feed her strawberries while she dreams up her next naughty adventure.

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WORTH *Keeping*

SUSAN MAC NICOL

Nick Mathers pulls Owen Butler from the freezing waters off the Norfolk coast, but Owen's love can carry Nick back from the edge of oblivion.

Abused horrifically as a boy, Nick Mathers has come to terms with his existence as a man. Mostly. Other days life seems a little much. Especially when Nick knows he'll always be alone.

On those days his thoughts turn black. He walks the Norfolk coast and considers the frigid embrace of the waves. And then, one stormy night, he finds someone who's tasted just that. The beautiful stranger on the beach is near death, and Nick rushes him home to slowly nurse back to health. As he does, he finds a love unlike any other. Owen Butler's body is as warm as the sea was cold, his heart as big as an ocean. And Owen is a man who swears to repay the favor. Nick can yet be saved from himself, and he will see that he is indeed a man...**WORTH KEEPING.**

Sue Mac Nicol was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, in the United Kingdom. At the age of eight, her family moved to Johannesburg, South Africa where she stayed for nearly thirty years before arriving back in the UK in December 2000. She has written nine novels, two novellas and a screenplay since February 2012 and clearly believes in keeping herself busy. Sue is a member of Romance Writers of America and Romantic Novelists Association in the UK. She lives in the rural village of Bocking, in Essex, with her family. Her dream is to one day make enough money to give up the day job and get that big old house in the English countryside overlooking a river, where she can write all day and continue to indulge her passion for telling stories.

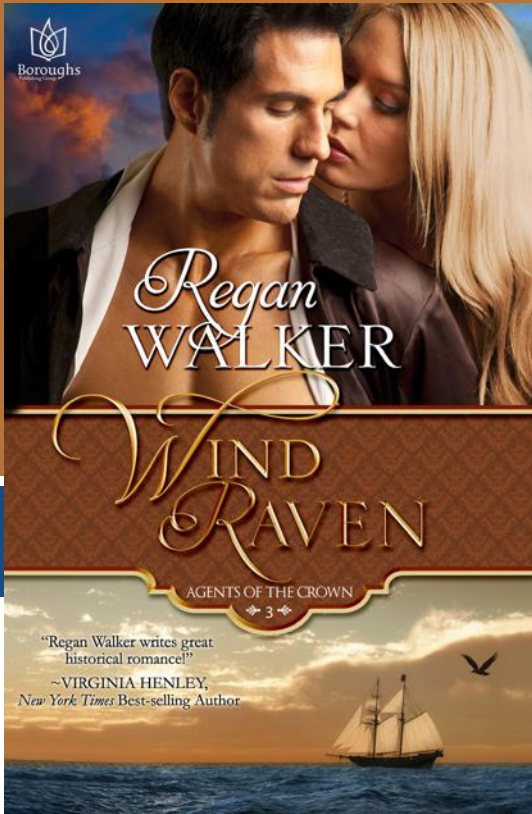


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WIND RAVEN

Regan WALKER

A British privateer and an American hoyden clash on the high seas as they tangle with a notorious pirate...and attempt to resist the rising tide of passion between them.

A PERILOUS PASSAGE

Ordered by the Prince Regent into the Caribbean, English sea captain and former privateer Jean Nicholas Powell has no time for women aboard the *Wind Raven*, especially not Tara McConnell. The impudent American demanded passage, and so she'll get more than she bargained for: Instead of a direct sail to Baltimore, she'll join his quest to investigate and neutralize the rampaging pirate Roberto Cofresi.

But the hoyden thinks she can crew with his men! And though Nick bans her from the rigging he is captivated watching her lithe, luscious movements on deck. Facing high seas, storms, cutthroats and the endless unknown, he must always protect his ship, his passengers, his crew. But on this voyage, with this woman, there is a greater danger: to his heart.

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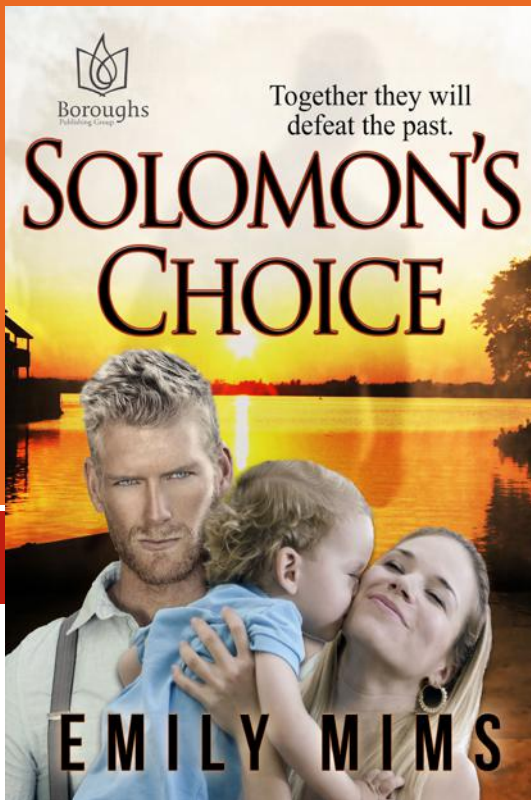


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SOLOMON'S CHOICE

EMILY MIMS

ON CHRISTMAS DAY... the life of Dr. Caroline Stern changed forever. Her husband was murdered, her baby son kidnapped. When she found the boy again, he was with his biological father - a man Caroline never intended to meet.

There seems no obvious tie between Jack Briscoe and the violence of sixteen months prior, but Caroline just wants her son back - something Jack seems unwilling to grant. He wants the boy, too, and when a wily old country judge demands the two of them work out a shared custody arrangement, Caroline finds herself in Texas Hill Country for longer than expected.

Then she learns Jack wants her, too. And she might want him.

In the beautiful town of Verde, on the shores of Lake Templeton, she begins to rebuild her life. But the dark clouds of the past have not vanished completely, and one last storm of deceit remains. A choice must be made, and only the deepest love will see them through.

Author of nineteen Romance novels, Emily Wright 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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Stripped Bare

SUSAN MAC NICOL

Now that Shane Templar has stripped the armour from Matt Langer's heart, will either of them ever be safe again?

Though two years past, Matthew Langer is still getting over the death of a loved one. He's steered clear of serious relationships, but when he meets the irascible, dirty mouthed and tempestuous Shane Templar that decision has never been harder. Shane is sexy, warm and funny, and Matthew finds himself trying like hell not to fall for him. Especially when Shane, with his quick wit and hacking skills, is quick to stand up for justice and avenge wrongs. Then Shane strikes at the wrong target, and Matthew realises just how far he's already fallen. At the threat of losing for good yet another man who has broken through his armour, Matthew finds his heart stripped bare. He must face the demons of his soul or a future without love.

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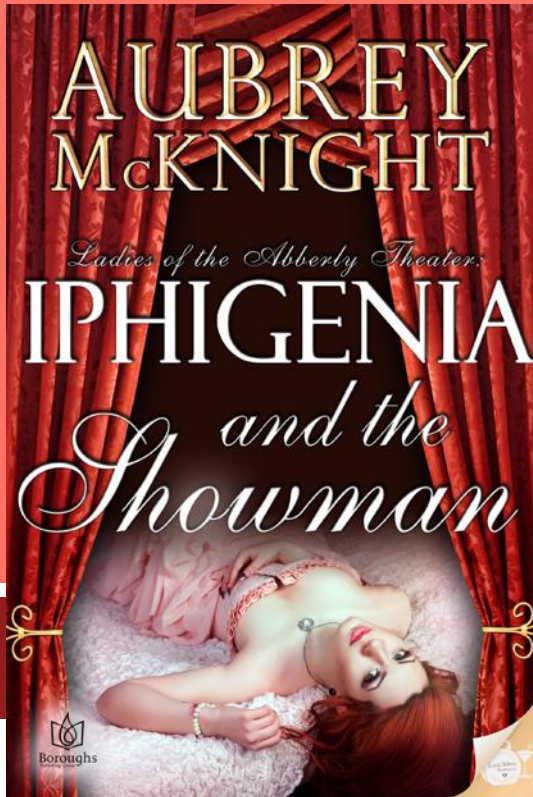


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IPHIGENIA

and the

Showman

Ladies of the Abberly Theater Book One

AUBREY McKNIGHT

When her father leaves her high and dry in the middle of a performance, penniless and in debt from his gambling, Iphigenia Martin must find a way to survive without ending up on the illicit streets of Victorian London. A talented illusionist in her own right, she persuades the theater owner to allow her to complete her father's contract and repay his debt, while at the same time living her dream of becoming the first female illusionist to headline her own show. But can she work with a man who both infuriates her and makes her insides melt at the same time?

Matthias Abberly knows a good act when he sees one, and Iphigenia is not a good act. However, he also recognizes raw talent, and she possesses that in spades. She also happens to be the one female he's found interesting enough to bed more than once. He sets out to make Iphigenia a sensation not only in London, but across the Continent. But can he bear to see her go when the success he's created for her threatens to take her away from him forever?

Aubrey McKnight gave up the glamorous life of a lab rat to do what she'd wanted to do almost since she learned to read: tell stories. By day, she's a mild mannered mom, but at night she wields a merciless pen, er, keyboard. She enjoys cooking, hockey and shoving people together only to tear them apart again. She's lived all over the U.S. and currently resides in Texas with her wonderful husband, their annoyingly smart daughter and a dog named Bongo.

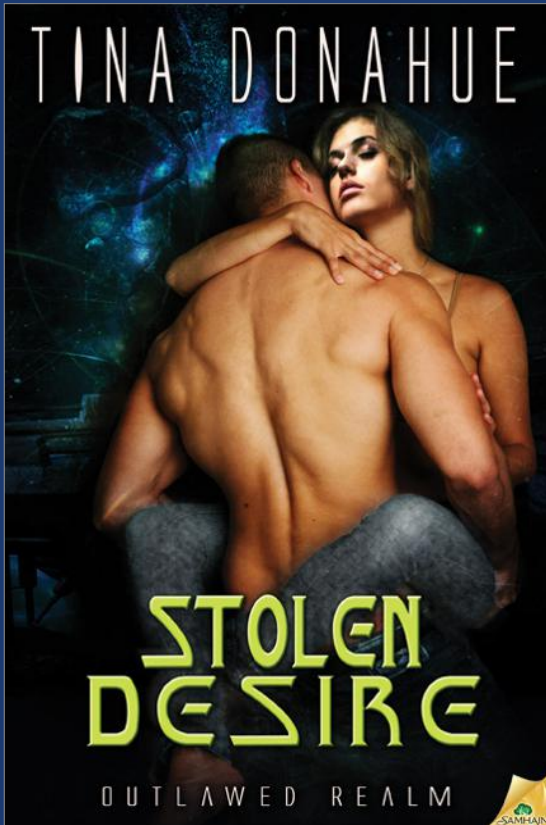


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STOLEN DESIRE

TINA DONAHUE

*Her freedom depends on one man.
A criminal to his realm...*

Outlawed Realm, Book 4

One minute, Paige Ross is outside a Seattle bar, grieving a failed engagement. The next, she jerks awake in a weird, candlelit room with velvet walls, black silk sheets, and a man who motions for silence.

Paige has little choice but to trust the powerful stranger who promises a way out of what looks like Satan's brothel. And pray his promise to keep her safe is as real as the heat burning in his eyes.

Banished from E2's ruling elite for supposed crimes against the realm, Zekin risks everything to rescue those brought to E5 for the guards' carnal pleasure. Paige will be leaving this inhospitable realm of fire and ice—if he can somehow forget the way her trembling body melts in his arms.

Safe—temporarily—in an underwater world populated by strange creatures, Paige's sexual awakening explodes into an unquenchable need that consumes them both. But the guards will be looking for her. And Zekin's plan to send her home is a dangerous journey she cannot—will not—take without him.

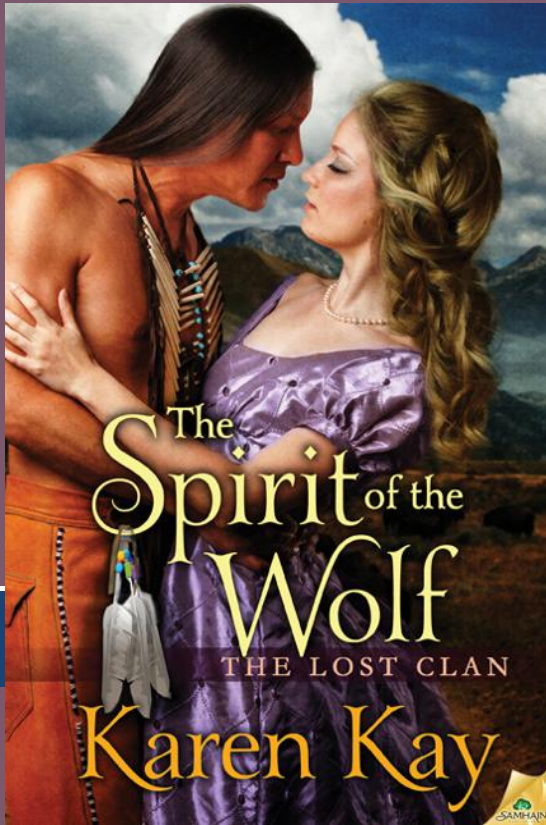
Tina Donahue is a multi-published novelist in erotic, paranormal, contemporary and historical romance. Booklist, Publisher's Weekly, RT Book Reviews and numerous online sites have praised her work; she has reached finals and/or placed in numerous RWA-sponsored contests. Three of her erotic novels were named finalists in the 2011 EPIC awards.



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The Spirit of the Wolf

Karen Kay

*The end of a curse hides behind a riddle...
and the final clue in the heart of a woman.*

The Lost Clan, Book 2

Grey Coyote stands on the knife edge of desperation. An ancient curse dooms his people to a half-life in the mists, neither living nor dead—unless he can solve a deceptively simple riddle. As time runs short, he's sure the answer lies in beating a white trapper in a game of chance.

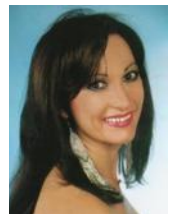
Among the trapper's possessions, though, is a prize he never expected. A golden-haired woman as beautiful, delicate and stubborn as a prairie rose.

One moment Marietta Welsford is wondering how long it will take her hired guide to finish his game so she can hurry home to Rosemead, the English estate to which she hopes to lay claim. The next, she is abandoned with a man whose magnetism tugs at her body and soul, and makes her heart out-thunder the storm.

With so little time to lift the enchantment, Grey Coyote at first views Marietta as a trickster-sent distraction. But as sure as the star that guides him, it soon becomes clear she is the clue that could ultimately free his people...and capture his heart.

Author of seventeen American Indian Historical Romances, Karen Kay has been praised by reviewers and fans alike for bringing the Wild West alive for her readers.

Karen, whose great-great grandmother was a Choctaw Indian, is honored to be able to write about something so dear to her heart, the American Indian culture



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She's All That

CATHRYN CADE

*To see clearly,
sometimes you have to put on a blindfold.*

Club 3, Book 3

Determined to overcome the lingering self doubts her cheating ex left behind, Sara James scrapes up the courage to join Club 3—where her instant, powerful attraction to Trace Bowen, the head Dom, sends her running in the wrong direction.

From the moment he rescues Sara from the clutches of a coked-up Dom, Trace is enthralled. She's beautiful, brave, and poised on the edge of blossoming into the sub of his dreams. In the initial rush of enchantment, though, he omits a minor detail that causes a major problem.

Back in college, Trace was Kai Kalo-Haimani's first love—until Kai's straight-laced family demanded he walk the line. Now Kai is back, heart in his hands, to ask for another chance. Even if it means accepting Sara as part of the package.

Despite her attraction to both men, Sara's old demons come roaring back, threatening to push her back inside her shell of insecurity. Unless Trace and Kai can convince her that not only is she enough for one man, she's more than enough for two.

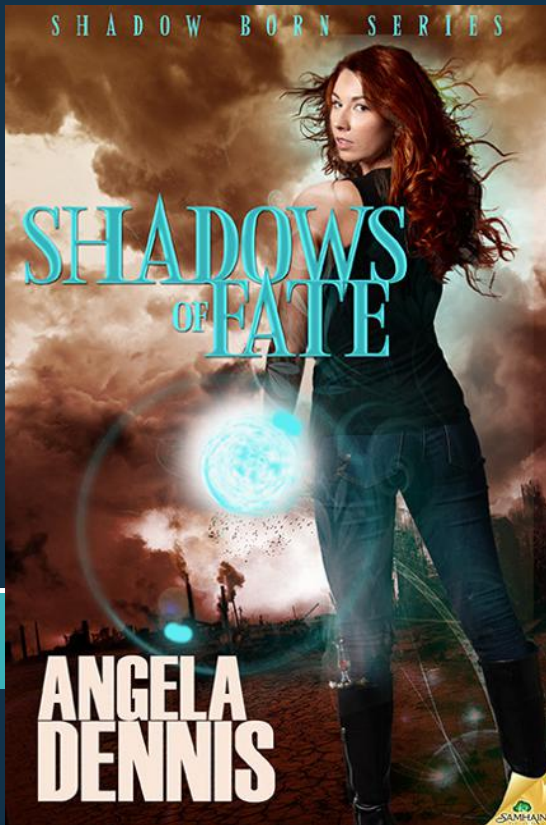
Cathryn Cade lives in the Pacific Northwest with her tall, handsome husband and a golden retriever named Buddy. She has been writing romance since she can remember, and is thrilled that she can now include her favorite islands in her stories.



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SHADOWS OF FATE

ANGELA DENNIS

*Redemption lies beyond the veil
between truth and lies.*

Shadow Born, Book 1

After witnessing her husband's brutal murder, Brenna Baudouin lost control of her Shadow Bearer powers and wreaked havoc on her home world. Her penance: one hundred years policing hordes of supernatural misfits that spilled onto the Earthly plane after a cataclysmic war.

She's on a routine exorcism run when she learns she's been assigned a new partner. But there's something about this Shadow Bearer that sparks her suspicions. Particularly when people closest to her start turning up as piles of ash.

Gray Warlow holds tight to the glamour that allows him to get close to the woman on whom he plans to wreak vengeance for betraying his people. Yet as he skillfully manipulates his way past her distrust, he begins to see her not as the heartless monster he was led to believe, but a strong, vulnerable woman.

As they work to put together the pieces of a killer's macabre puzzle, an attraction deeper than blood and bone flares between them. And they must reveal their deepest secrets to avoid becoming the final targets

A lifelong lover of books and fantastical stories, Angela Dennis's writing is inspired by the insanity of everyday life mixed with a dash of the incredible. This Kentucky native can be found romping around the great outdoors with her husband and son, or curled up with a good book and a hot cup of java.



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SECURE TARGET

REBECCA CROWLEY

*She's just an ordinary small-town girl...
until a killer makes her his next target.*

Elite Operators, Book 1

South African hostage rescue operative Bronnik Mason has been chasing a serial killer around the globe for over a year. Four women have already died, and he's sworn there won't be a fifth. Even if, this time, he has to offer up more than a few pints of his own blood.

But when it comes to safeguarding the killer's next target, Bronnik realizes this case could put his professional boundaries to the test.

Having grown up in the shadow of two delinquent brothers, dental receptionist Lacey Cross is impeccably well-behaved, dutiful, hard working—and bored. Until Bronnik storms into the office to sweep her into protective custody. Suddenly, her nondescript life just got a lot more interesting.

Racing against a blizzard, dodging uncannily accurate bullets, Bronnik finds his concentration getting blown all to hell. Before he realizes Lacey's slipped under his skin, she becomes more than just a body he's sworn to protect. She is the woman he will risk his own life to save—whether she likes it or not.

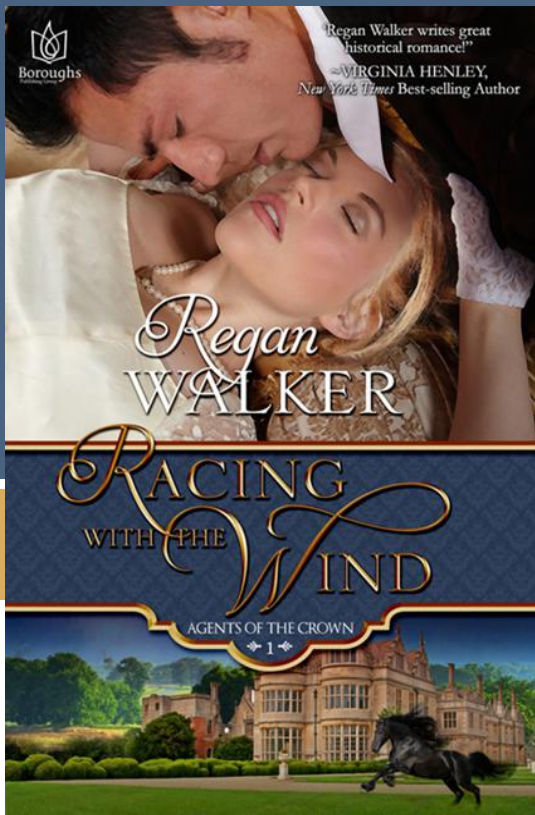
Rebecca Crowley inherited her love of romance from her mom, who taught her to at least partially judge a book by the steaminess of its cover. She writes romantic suspense and contemporary romance with smart heroines and swoon-worthy heroes, and never tires of the happily ever after.



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RACING WITH THE WIND

Regan WALKER

The intrepid daughter of an earl leaves Regency London for the Parisian court of Louis XVIII, where she finds adventure, mystery, and above all, love.

THE NIGHTHAWK

Hugh Redgrave, marquess of Ormond, was warned. Prinny had dubbed Lady Mary Campbell "the Swan," but no ordinary man could clip her wings. She was a bluestocking hellion, an ill-advised match by every account. Luckily, he sought no bride. His work lay on the continent, where he'd become legend by stealing war secrets from Boney. And yet, his memories of Lady Mary riding her stallion were a thorn in his mind. He was the son of a duke and in the service of the Prince Regent...and he would not be whole until he had won her hand.

THE SWAN

It was unheard of for a Regency debutante to postpone her first season, yet Lady Mary had done just that. Far more interested in politics than a husband, she had no time for foolishness or frippery. Already she had assisted her statesman uncle in Paris, and she swore to return to the court of Louis XVIII no matter the danger. Like her black stallion, Midnight, she would always run free. Only the truest heart would race beside her.

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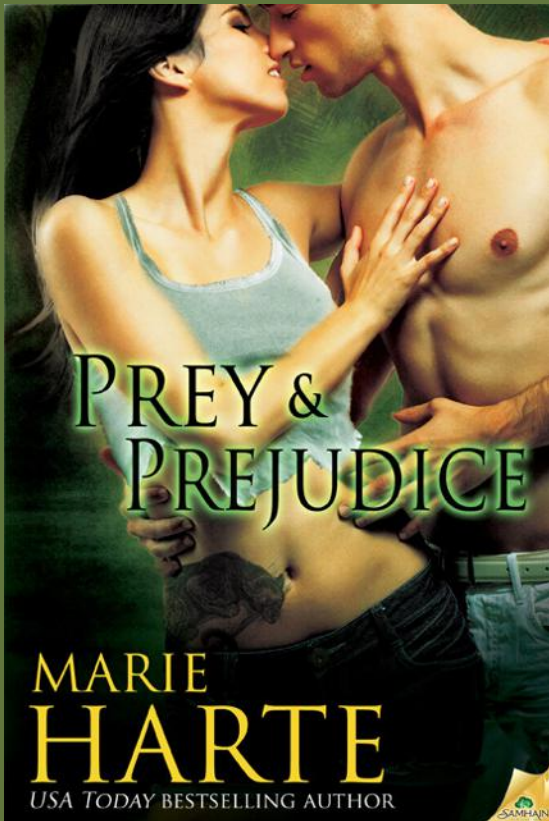


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PREY & PREJUDICE

MARIE HARTE

She'll take his heart—one bite at a time

Cougar Falls, Book 8

Now that the political nightmare over leadership is over, Miles Berman can't wait to settle back in Miami and focus on his million-dollar businesses. Problem is, everyone somehow thinks he's the new pride leader—a position he doesn't want. At. All.

Worse, Zoe Castille has roared into town, hell-bent on rattling more than a few cages. She wants control of the pride, which includes Miles at her beck and call. But Miles doesn't bow to anyone. Not even a woman whose painted-on denims turn his brain clear off.

No one plays Zoe, in or out of the bedroom, but she's confident she can show the arrogant playboy who's boss. He wears clothes with labels she can't pronounce, has women flaunting themselves at him, and grates on her last nerve. Yet she can't stop thinking about him.

She soon realizes that to get what she wants, she might have to give in a little. Then Miles shows her the pleasures of relinquishing control.

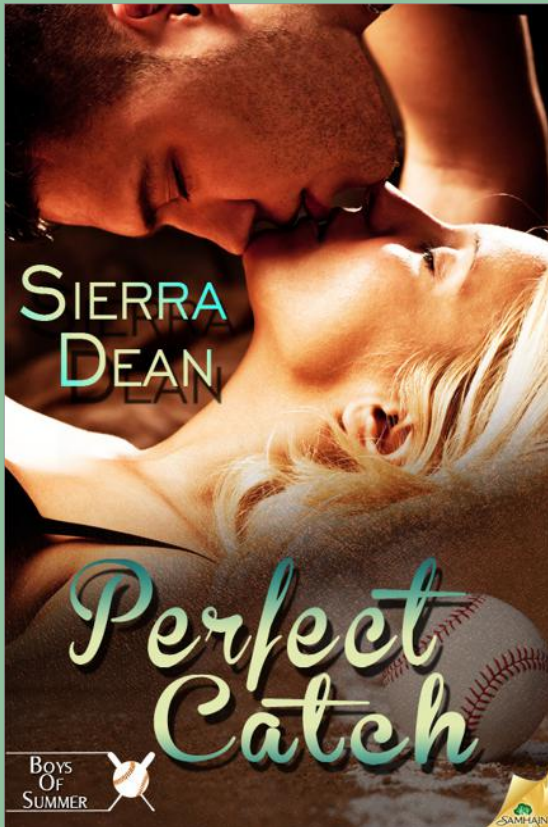
Marie Harte is an avid reader who loves all things scifi, fantasy and paranormal. Reading romances since she was twelve, she fell in love with books and knew writing was her calling. Marie lives in Oregon with her family.



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Perfect Catch

SIERRA DEAN

Is their love a home run, or merely a pop fly?

Boys of Summer, Book 2

Minor league umpire Alice Darling loves everything about baseball. That means hunky ball players are strictly off limits—dating one would be professional suicide. With a young daughter and a brother to care for, she can't afford to slip up.

Truth is, as a young, stupid, nineteen-year-old townie, she did once date a player. That's how she wound up with her precious, nine-year-old daughter..and a determination to never make that mistake again. Alex Ross's arrival in Florida for spring training, though, shakes her resolve in a big way.

Alex, a catcher for the Major League's San Francisco Felons, has never let much get in the way of his game. One look at Alice changes everything, and he finds himself pursuing her with a single-minded purpose that plays hell with his concentration.

Booted back to the minors, he returns to Florida with his tail between his legs to work on his swing... and heat things up with Alice. But when rumors of their affair hit the sports blogosphere, Alice's career is put in jeopardy, and their love starts to look more like a strikeout than a home run.

Sierra Dean is a reformed historian. She was born and raised in the Canadian prairies and is allowed annual exit visas in order to continue her quest of steadily conquering the world one city at a time. Making the best of the cold Canadian winters, Sierra indulges in her less global interests: drinking too much tea and writing plenty of books.

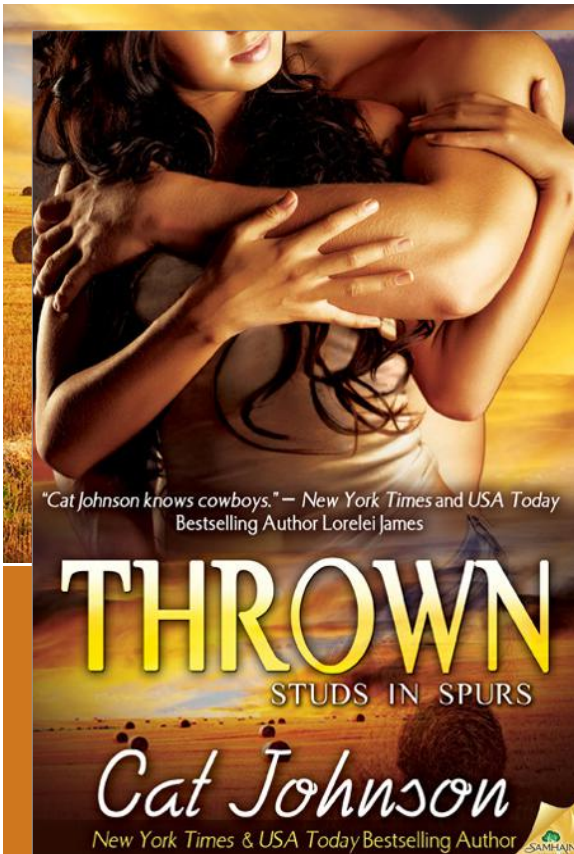


When she's not writing, she usually spends her time watching baseball, tweeting about baseball or going to baseball games. If not rooting for the Detroit Tigers, she'll be watching Netflix while working on one story or another.

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THROWN

Cat Johnson

This ain't their first rodeo...but there are a lot of other firsts they can experience together.

Studs in Spurs, Book 6

Skeeter Anderson was born to ride bulls. He bypassed college to shoot straight to the top of the elite pro tour, but lately all he can seem to do is hit the dirt.

Unwilling to admit his career might be over at twenty-one, Skeeter brainstorms a bull-riding boot camp with his buddies, which will put him closer to a girl who's caught his eye—a stock contractor's daughter called Riley.

Riley Davis lives and breathes bulls. Since her mother's death, she's been her father's business partner as well as the apple of his eye—until a coronary rips him out of her life. Now, at nineteen, she must find a way to hang onto the family business.

When Skeeter hears about Riley's dad, he drives straight to Mississippi to lend her a hand, his buddies hot on his heels. Suddenly Riley has more help than she can shake a stick at, and an attraction to Skeeter that's heating up by the minute...

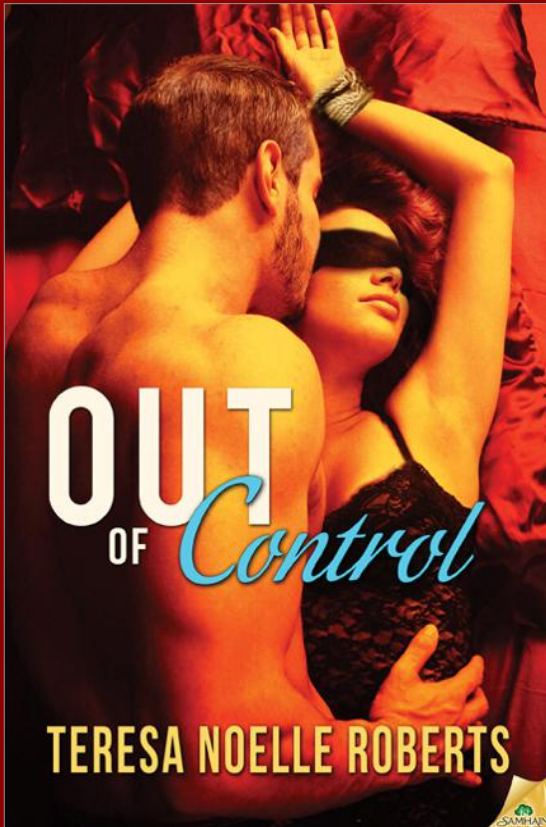
Cat Johnson is a NY Times and USA Today bestselling author of contemporary romance. She is known for her creative marketing and research practices. Consequently, Cat has sponsored bull riding rodeo cowboys, owns an entire collection of cowboy boots and camouflage shoes for book signings and a fair number of her consultants wear combat or cowboy boots for a living.



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OUT OF *Control*

TERESA NOELLE ROBERTS

*He's got her tied up,
but she's got him out of control.*

Glass artist Jen Kessler has hit the jackpot—a cheap apartment in a charming Victorian house, complete with a sexy, intense, buttoned-down landlord...who may or may not have a riding crop in his bedroom.

She's not looking for a lover, but when her innocent, impulsive hug sparks kisses as hot as molten glass, it leads to bondage, spankings, and more naughtiness that, up to now, she had only tasted.

His new tenant may have wild, dyed hair and an unconventional job, but Cornell math professor Drake Matthews admires the work ethic that got her out of debt. Then he's stunned at how quickly she destroys decades of his carefully cultivated self-control.

Soon their sexual and emotional passions push them to the edge—and beyond. But it's not all good, dirty fun. As Drake takes more and more control of Jen in the bedroom, her deeply ingrained independent streak pushes back. And it'll take more than a shared penchant for ropes, paddling, and coffee to overcome pasts that could unravel their relationship before it begins.

Teresa Noelle Roberts started writing stories in kindergarten and she hasn't stopped yet. A prolific author of short erotica, she's also a published poet and fantasy writer—but hot paranormals are her favorite.



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NOTHING BUT SMOKE



NOTHING BUT SMOKE

DAISY HARRIS

Sometimes good boys do bad things.

Fire and Rain, Book 3

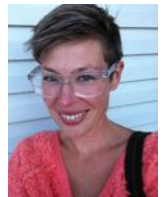
Michael Larson considers himself one of the good guys. He recycles, eats mostly vegan, and volunteers. But one night, while on a jog through a Seattle park, he encounters a sexy man on a motorcycle he wants to be bad with.

Firefighter Nicky O'Brian barely has time to even think about a sex life. Between his job and caring for his critically ill mother, his only pleasures involve a few racy videos and occasional nighttime forays to find men willing to help him forget his troubles.

It was supposed to be a one-time, anonymous hookup—until fate intervenes and their mutual attraction blossoms into a furtive affair. Michael doesn't date closeted guys, but for the haunted, lonely Nicky he makes an exception.

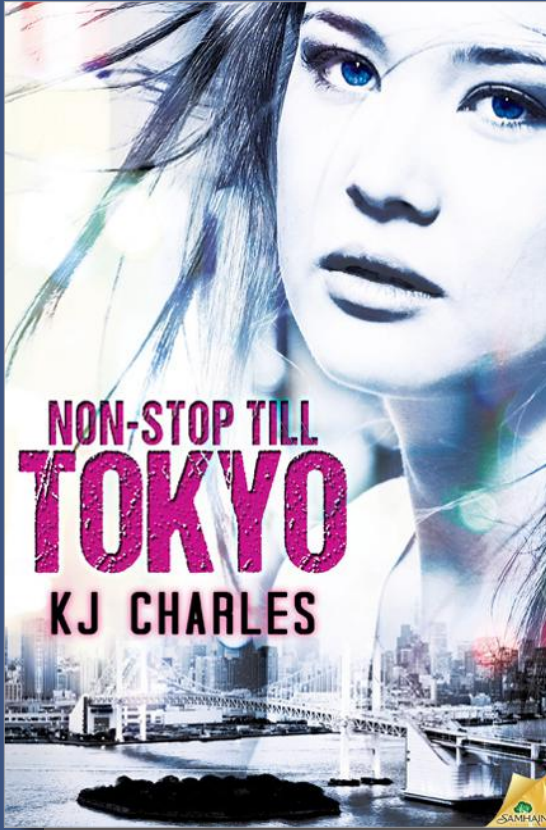
When Nicky's mother takes a turn for the worse, Michael is forced to make a choice between idealism and compassion. And as Nicky's needs spiral out of control, Michael realizes that a new set of ideals could be exactly what he needs to keep love in his life—for good.

Birkenstock-wearing glamour girl and mother of two by immaculate conception, Daisy Harris writes about young men getting their freak on, and she's never missed an episode of *The Walking Dead*.



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NON-STOP TILL TOKYO

K J CHARLES

*A man with a past
is her only hope for the future.*

Kerry Ekdahl's mixed heritage and linguistics skills could have made her a corporate star. Instead, she's a hostess in a high-end Tokyo bar, catering to businessmen who want conversation, translation and flirtation. Easy money, no stress. Life is good—until she's framed for the murder of a yakuza boss.

Trapped in rural Japan with the gangsters closing in, Kerry doesn't stand a chance. Then help arrives in the menacing form of Chanko, a Samoan-American ex-sumo wrestler with a bad attitude, a lot of secrets, and a mission she doesn't understand.

Kerry doesn't get involved with dangerous men. Then again, she's never had one on her side before. And the big, taciturn fighter seems determined to save her life, even if they rub each other the wrong way.

Then her friends are threatened, and Kerry has no choice but to return to Tokyo and face the yakuza. Where she learns, too late, that the muscle man who's got her back could be poised to stab it.

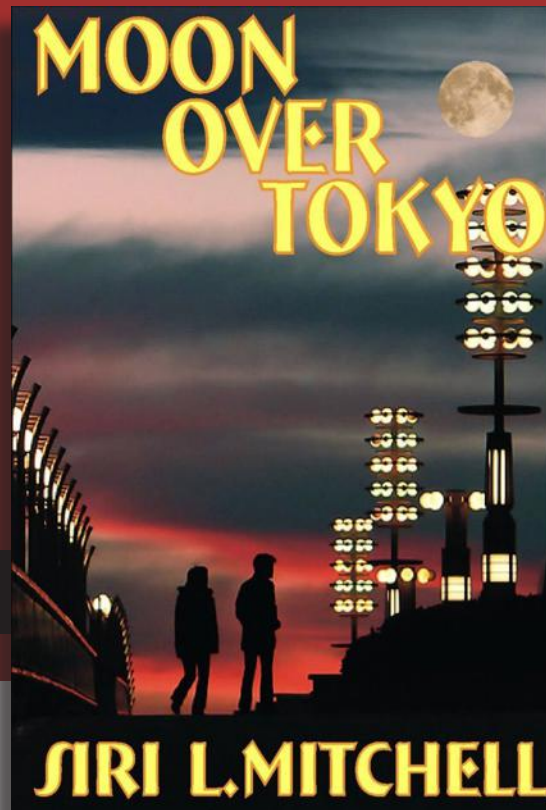
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MOON OVER TOKYO

SIRI L. MITCHELL



"A sheer delight! Smart, funny, romantic, and intelligent."
-Laura Jensen Walker, author of *Dreaming in Black & White*

"Mitchell pens a sparkling charmer. This delicious novel proves that she's a new author to watch."
-Romantic Times Magazine

Siri L. Mitchell invites readers to an exotic and mysterious land on a journey of self-discovery ...

Though "Stars and Stripes" reporter Allie O'Connor has lived in Japan for two years, she still feels like a foreigner. As her best friend prepares to move away, she prays for a new friend. Just a friend.

Soon after this prayer she runs into Eric Larsen at church, an old classmate from high school. Eric has recently been assigned to the U.S. embassy and lives in Allie's district in Tokyo. In school they had been polar opposites. He had been captain of the debate team; she had edited the literary magazine. He drank espresso, while she preferred green tea. He is definitely not the friend she was looking for. And yet...here he is. Here she is.

Will Allie accept this unexpected answer to her prayer? And will she be brave enough to really see the person she once chose to overlook?

Also Available From Siri L. Mitchell

Chateau of Echoes

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The Cubicle Next Door

Moon Over Tokyo



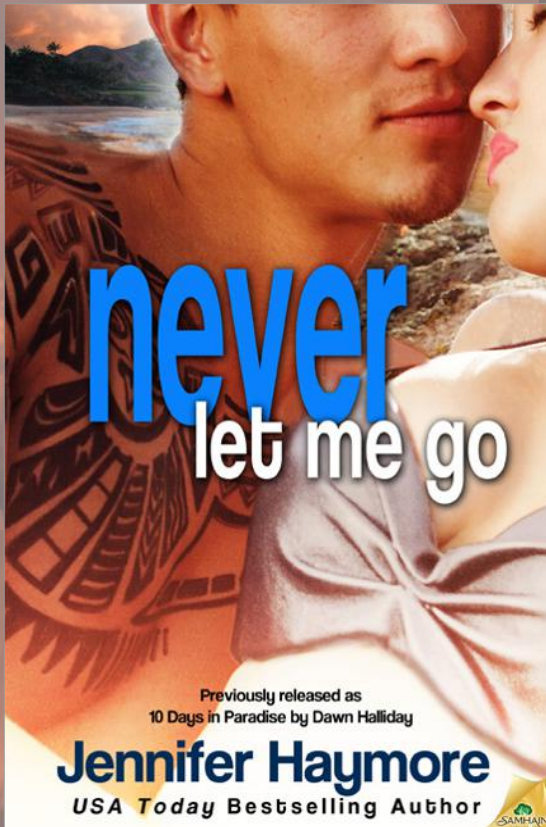
Siri Mitchell, author of *The Cubicle Next Door*, *Kissing Adrien*, and *Chateau of Echoes*, graduated from the University of Washington with a business degree and has worked in many levels of government. As a military spouse, she has lived all over the world, including Paris and Tokyo. She loves being a wife and mother, and every day is grateful to be a writer



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never let me go

Jennifer Haymore

*Sometimes following your ambitions
means losing your heart.*

When Celeste McMillan graduated from college, she hit the ground running, prepared to overcome every challenge and climb the corporate ladder at record-breaking speed. But then a client assaults her, and her boss forces her to take a ten-day "vacation" in Hawaii.

Kanoe Anakalea is intrigued when he meets the pale-skinned, redheaded haole on his favorite surfing beach. Celeste is intelligent and adventurous, sexy and sweet. Even though sun, sand and sexy surfers are as foreign to Celeste as the L.A. corporate world is to Kanoe, their sexual chemistry sizzles.

As they spend sun-warmed days and plumeria-scented nights in each other's arms, they find themselves falling hard. Yet love is out of the question. Kanoe is rooted in his island home, and Celeste's future beckons in L.A. As the clock ticks down, Celeste realizes that letting go might be the greatest challenge she's ever had to face.

USA Today Bestselling Author Jennifer Haymore writes historical and contemporary romance in Southern California, where she lives with her husband, three children, and an assortment of other creatures.



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MUST BE *Magic*

Sydney Somers

***Some hookups burn.
Some of them crash and burn.***

Spellbound, Book 4

Darby Calder has only one reason to agree to a forty-eight-hour truce with the guy who broke her heart: to keep the peace at her brother's wedding.

She's prepared to grit her teeth and play nice with the arrogant, infuriating Bryce Lancaster. Then a moment of weakness reawakens their scorching chemistry...and suddenly she can't decide if forty-eight hours is too much to ask, or not nearly enough.

Bryce was looking forward to a Caribbean getaway to get his life back on track, but his still-fierce attraction to Darby drags him headlong into the past. Family feud be damned, he can't stop craving the rival witch's touch, and soon he's breaking every no-Darby rule in his book.

When their too-hot-to-handle reunion blows up in their faces, a long, awkward flight home awaits them...until the plane goes down. Stranded with nothing between them but hurt and bitterness, their lives could depend on overcoming their complicated history—and rediscovering a love that's more than magic.

A born and raised Maritimer, Sydney Somers fell in love with writing at the age of eight. Since finishing her first book in 2002, Sydney has written over twenty-five romances—one of which will forever remain hidden under her bed.



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MOSTLY MAGIC

DONNA JUNE COOPER

***One terrifying premonition brings them together.
Another will threaten their future.***

Books of the Kindling, Book 2

Do dreams come true? Dr. Daniel Woodruff hopes they don't, because his dreams predict a devastating future for him, for those he loves—and for the planet.

His latest premonition, which blows a huge crater in his eroding sanity, holds a singular horror—the loss of a wife and unborn child. Yet another reason he can let no one into his chaotic life, least of all a perky, persistent investigative reporter he finds simultaneously frustrating and fascinating.

Mel Noblett leaves no stone unturned in her one-woman crusade to save the environment. When a whistleblower in Italy proves too frightened to talk, Mel turns to a fall-back lead, an extremely eccentric, beekeeping professor who might just make the trip worthwhile.

Despite their instant attraction, Mel is relieved when Daniel keeps her at arm's length. After all, she has a secret of her own—one that makes her preternaturally good at her job. And, when Daniel's terrifying visions prove cannily accurate and begin to revolve around Mel—it is a gift that could put her life in danger.

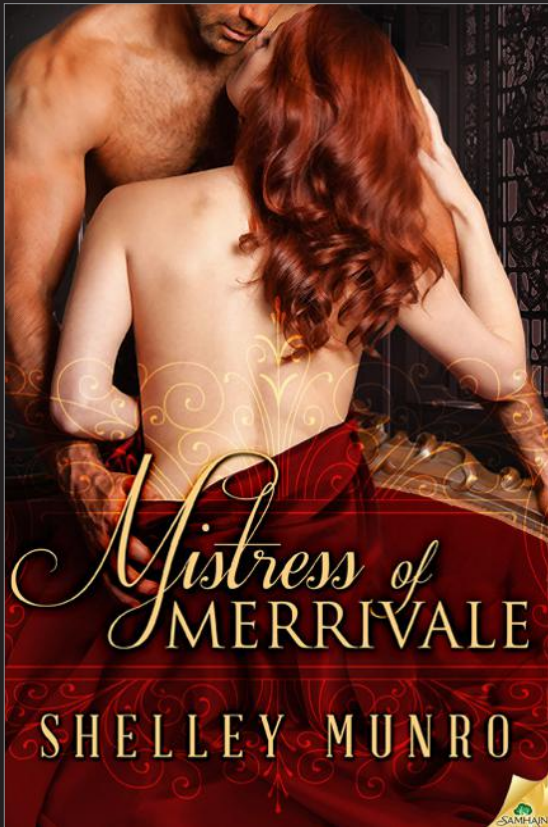
When she's not being dragged down the sidewalk by her Jack Russell (if you know Jacks, you understand), Donna June Cooper is belly dancing (shiny!), reading (three books at once), writing (of course!) or complaining about the heat (no matter the temperature). A child of the Appalachians who was transplanted to Texas by her Italian husband, Donna returns to her mountain roots as often as possible, and takes us with her in her Books of the Kindling.



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Mistress of MERRIVALE

SHELLEY MUNRO

*A marriage of convenience...
full of inconvenient secrets.*

Jocelyn Townsend's life as a courtesan bears no resemblance to the life she envisioned in girlish dreams. But it allows her and her eccentric mother to live in relative security—until her protector marries and no longer requires her services.

Desperate to find a new benefactor, one kind enough to accept her mother's increasingly mad flights of fancy, Jocelyn is nearly overwhelmed with uncertainty when a lifeline comes from an unexpected source.

Leo Sherbourne's requirements for a wife are few. She must mother his young daughter, run his household, and warm his bed. All in a calm, dignified manner with a full measure of common sense. After his late wife's histrionics and infidelity, he craves a simpler, quieter life.

As they embark on their arrangement, Leo and Jocelyn discover an attraction that heats their bedroom and a mutual admiration that warms their days. But it isn't long before gossip regarding the fate of Leo's first wife, and his frequent, unexplained absences, make Jocelyn wonder if the secrets of Merrivale Manor are rooted in murder...

Shelley is a writer blessed with a VERY vivid imagination and lives with her very own hero in New Zealand. She writes mainly erotic romance in the contemporary, paranormal and historical genres.



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Mark of Cain

KATE SHERWOOD

*When a man is consumed by hatred,
is there anything left to love?*

After a tough day of counseling sessions, Anglican priest Mark Webber is looking forward to a relaxing dinner at a local restaurant. When he sees who's bellied up to the bar, though, he reaches for his cell phone to call the police.

It's Lucas Cain, the man who killed Mark's brother three years ago. Apparently he's out of jail and hanging out with his old crowd, which has to be a breach of parole, right?

Pulled over upon leaving the bar, Lucas blows a clean breathalyzer and hopes this isn't a harbinger of things to come. He's ready to build a sober, peaceful life. His friends aren't ready to let him move on, though, and he ends up taking refuge in an Anglican half-way house.

Thrown together, Mark and Lucas find common ground in the struggle to help a young gay man come to terms with his sexuality—and the fight against homophobic townsfolk. As attraction grows, the past is the last stumbling block between them and a future filled with hope.

Kate started writing a few years ago, about the same time she got back on a horse after a twenty-year break.

Her writing focuses on characters and relationships, people trying to figure out how much of themselves they need to keep, and how much they can afford to give away.

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MAKE ME BURN

R.G. ALEXANDER

One wrong move and it all goes up in flames.

Fireborne, Book 2

A few perks usually come with being Fireborne, but not for Aziza. Her powers have only made her a pawn in the endless struggle between the Jinn, the Niyir, and another, more dangerous force that hides in the shadows. They all want to control her, but Aziza has a life to live—and a new determination that should terrify them all.

Ram, newly exiled from the Jinn, seeks to fill the emptiness inside him by indulging his darker urges—and tempting Aziza to join him. When he's implicated in a string of ritualistic murders, only she believes in his innocence.

Brandon has his own demands, and not just in the bedroom. His werewolf "family" wants her loyalty, but when all the evidence points to Ram's guilt, she can only hope that Brandon's feelings for her are stronger than his enforcer instincts.

Torn between what she's supposed to be and what she is, caught between two...or three...very different men who set her on fire, the time has come to make her own rules. And damn the consequences.

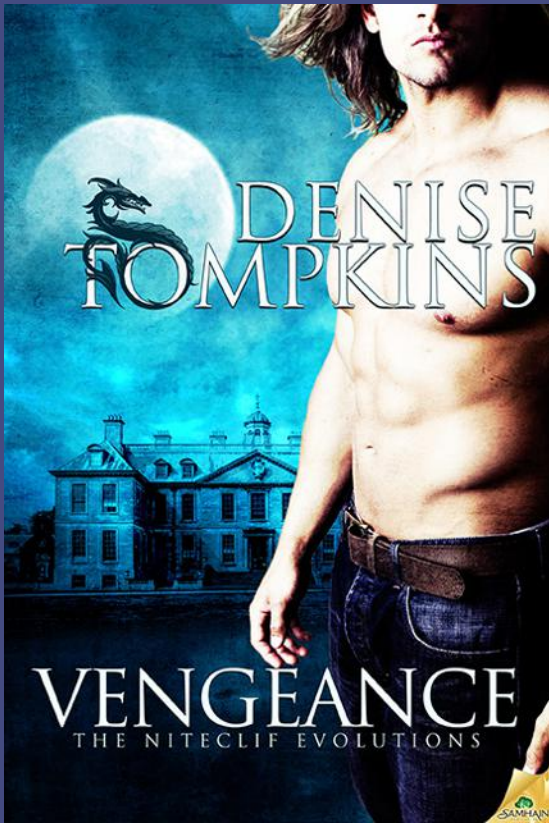
Best-selling, award-winning romance author R.G. Alexander has been called "a true storyteller" who creates "complex, humorous and heartbreaking characters" and vast and expansive worlds. She has written over 20 books in the paranormal, sci-fi, fantasy, and contemporary erotic romance genres.



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VENGEANCE

DENISE TOMPKINS

*The demons that haunt you
don't have to be your own.*

The Niteclif Evolutions, Book 3

Maddy Niteclif's world has changed so radically she's no longer sure she recognizes the face staring back at her in the mirror. Pale skin, wide eyes, new scars, and even newer wounds. They'll heal. It's the invisible wounds—the ones that disfigure the soul—that pose the most danger.

Hell's higher thinkers have organized. They're seeping into the paranormal world, bypassing easy targets as they run larger prey to ground. Maddy is caught in a mad scramble to identify the next target before the demons find the individual. But when the demons' mark is someone from under her roof, she finds just how far she'll go to protect those who belong to her.

Maddy is about to learn the most difficult lesson yet: loving someone, seeing his scars ripped open and watching as he's driven to his knees...it hurts. To save his life means she'll have to sacrifice the only other man she's ever loved. There's only one guaranteed way to ensure both men survive, but it will require the ultimate sacrifice.

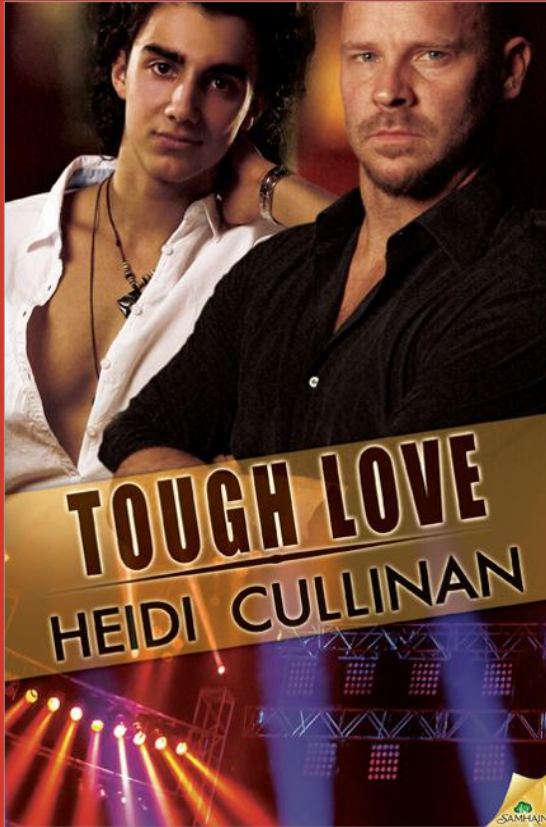
Denise Tompkins lives in the heart of the South where the neighbors still know your name, all food forms are considered fry-able and bugs die only to be reincarnated in aggressive, blood-craving triplicate.



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TOUGH LOVE

HEIDI CULLINAN

It takes a strong man to be this fabulous.

Special Delivery, Book 3

Crescencio “Chenco” Ortiz pulled himself up by his garter straps after his father’s will yanked the financial rug from under his spank-me pumps. He doesn’t need anyone, yet when Steve Vance steps into his life, the prospect of having a sexy leather daddy on tap begins to take on a certain appeal.

There’s a hitch when he learns Steve is friends with Mitch Tedsoe—the half-brother Chenco never knew except through his father’s twisted lies. Despite his reservations, soon Chenco is living his dreams, including a performing gig in Vegas. Now if only he could get Steve to see him as more than just a boy in need of saving.

Steve’s attraction to Chenco is overshadowed by too many demons, ones he knows his would-be lover is too young to slay. Yet as he gets to know the bright, determined young man whose drag act redefines fierce, Steve’s inner sadist trembles with need. He begins to realize Chenco’s relentless tough love might be the only thing that will finally set him free.

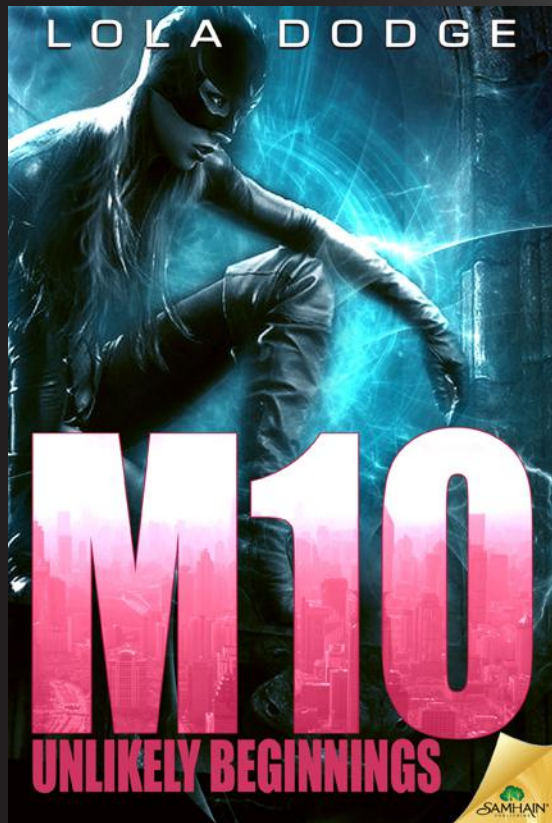
Heidi Cullinan has always loved a good love story, provided it has a happy ending. She enjoys writing across many genres but loves above all to write happy, romantic endings for LGBT characters because there just aren’t enough of those stories. When Heidi isn’t writing, she enjoys cooking, reading, knitting, listening to music, and watching television with her husband and ten-year-old daughter. Heidi also volunteers frequently for her state’s LGBT rights group, One Iowa, and is proud to be from the first Midwestern state to legalize same-sex marriage.



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M10

UNLIKELY BEGINNINGS

LOLA DODGE

Do you believe in love at first fight?

Manhattan Ten

Ivory

When Panther's trans-Atlantic catnap is interrupted by Ivory's ice spear through a crazed attacker's gut, he doesn't hesitate to claim her as one of the Manhattan Ten, America's elite superhero team. It's the only way to shield her from prosecution. It doesn't hurt that the Nordic beauty puts his inner cat on the prowl.

Temptress

With one kiss, any supe's powers belong to Temptress. Except this time she smooches the M-Ten's leader, Thinktank, who's not happy with how his Vegas vacation is turning out—Temptress can't figure out how to give his powers back. He's also helpless against the desire that rises in him every time he kisses her.

Belle Fury

Renowned ballerina Belle Fabian is finally starring in Giselle, the performance of her life—until she manifests super powers mid-dance. Luckily, Red Ruin of the M-Ten is there to help Belle control her newfound abilities. When they're together, though, Ruin's lightning isn't the only thing giving off sparks...

Lola Dodge was forged in the suburbs, tested in the retail wastelands and reborn as a romance writer after several strong cocktails. Armed with her M.F.A. in Writing Popular Fiction, she travels the world in search of story fodder and men with accents.



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Love's A Witch

ROXY MEWS

*You can't outrun love,
especially when it runs on four legs.*

Hart Clan Hybrids, Book 2

Since a very real set of vampire fangs sank into her arm, Mary Fields has accepted that she's part of a magical world where all her dreams and visions finally make sense.

As she journeys to find a Wiccan mentor who'll help her get a handle on her new powers, she clings to the one relic from her former life—a sketchpad. She also tries to ignore the red mating aura she's beginning to see around her only companion on the trip—the hottie she used to read to at the library.

Mary's readings were once a fun distraction from the cruel joke the supernatural world played on Craig Hart. He's supposed to protect her from vampires out to make her their personal blood supply, yet he can't bring himself to keep his paws off.

As Mary digs deep for the inner strength to protect herself, one stumble off her magical path sends her straight into Craig's arms. Where love burns...but so does a truth that could turn that red mating aura into a river of blood.

Roxy spends her days fighting the evil day job in hopes of conquering the stories that run rampant in her head. She resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.



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LONG SHADOWS

THE LYCANTHROPY FILES, BOOK 2

CECILIA DOMINIC

*Being unique isn't always
what it's cracked up to be.*

The Lycanthropy Files, Book 2

By day, Lonna Marconi's busy career keeps her mind off the fact she was turned werewolf against her will. By night, a dose of wolfsbane lets her inner wolf out to play while her physical body stays safe at home.

When an overheard phone call at work warns her a trap is about to be sprung, she turns from hunter to hunted in the blink of an eye.

She finds refuge with the Ozarks pack she never claimed as her own. Upon discovering a family secret that explains why she's unique among her own kind, Lonna finds heat in the arms of Max, who's the one thing she cannot trust—a wizard.

Another kidnapping attempt sends her navigating the treacherous metaphysical borders of a centuries-old war, pursued by rogue sorcerers, a band of ghostly wolves, and repressed memories that prevent her from reclaiming her heritage. All the while, trusting her back to a wizard who demands the price of her heart...who may not have the luxury of giving his in return.

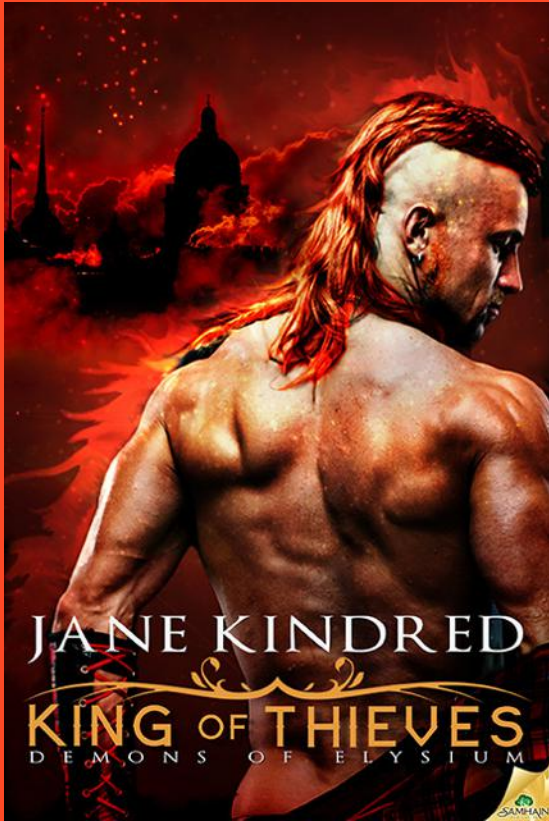
Cecilia Dominic wrote her first story when she was two years old and has always had a much more interesting life inside her head than outside of it. She became a clinical psychologist because she's fascinated by people and their stories, but she couldn't stop writing fiction. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia with one husband and two cats, which, she's been told, is a good number of each.



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KING OF THIEVES

JANE KINDRED

There are worse things to lose than one's good name.

Demons of Elysium, Book 2

Belphagor can seduce demons with a look and bring angels to their knees with a single motion, but when it comes to being in love, the Prince of Tricks is out of his element.

At every turn, Vasily rebels against the discipline he claims to want, even refusing to use his safe word. But when Belphagor uses a scheme to shut down an underage brothel to test Vasily's limits, he loses Vasily's trust along with the boys he intended to set free.

Uncovering a smuggling ring that spans two worlds, Belphagor calls on a team of Nephilim mercenaries to rescue the "Lost Boys" from earthly gangsters. But his relationship seems beyond repair—and a heartbroken Vasily beyond his reach in the arms of a sensual demon named Silk.

Belphagor has more than enough grand schemes up his sleeve to bring down the smuggling ring for good. But when it comes to putting things right with Vasily, his bag of tricks is empty. Except for trust...and a plan to teach his boy a lesson neither will soon forget.

Jane Kindred is the author of The House of Arkhangel'sk trilogy and The Devil's Garden. Born in Billings, Montana, she spent her formative years ruining her eyes reading romance novels in the Tucson sun and watching Star Trek marathons in the dark. She now writes to the sound of San Francisco foghorns while two cats slowly but surely edge her off the side of the bed.



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Kilty Pleasure

Shelli Stevens

The line between lust and hate is often blurred...

The McLaughlins, Book 2

After being ditched at the altar over a year ago, Deputy Colin McLaughlin is fine with being single. Despite the fact that nearly every eligible female on the island wants him, he isn't looking for love.

But something stirs his blood when Hailey starts showing up more on the island. And it's not just the conviction that the apple doesn't fall far from her troublemaking, drugged-out family tree. His frustration mounts that even after she ruined his twin brother's life, the desire he's felt for her since high school still simmers.

Hailey Alexander knows her past is littered with mistakes. She's done her best to make amends and move on, but a certain Scottish-born deputy doesn't seem in any hurry to forgive or forget.

More than just fighting the attraction that's compromising their hearts, they face a new threat from Hailey's past that may threaten her life.

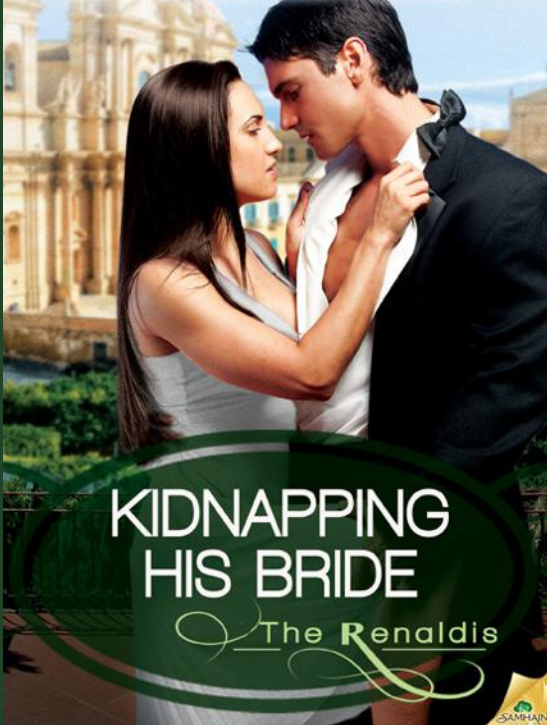
Shelli Stevens read her first romance novel when she snuck it off her mother's bookshelf at age eleven. One taste and she was forever hooked. It wasn't until many years later that she decided to pursue writing stories of her own. Shelli currently lives in the Pacific Northwest where she writes various genres of romance.



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KAREN ERICKSON
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR



KIDNAPPING HIS BRIDE

KAREN ERICKSON

Catch her if you can...

The Renaldi, Book 2

Rafael Renaldi is a modern man with an old-fashioned secret—an arranged marriage. Though it was an informal agreement, made when they were children, Rafe has always been a little in love with the beautiful, passionate Catalina Campioni. And assumed that the single, searing kiss they shared years ago sealed the deal.

Marriage? Babies? Not now—not yet. After growing up witnessing her mother’s devastation over her father’s cheating, Cat has no intention of settling down anytime soon. She plans to live life to the fullest before marching down the aisle—and it definitely won’t be with womanizing, lethally charming Rafe.

When Rafe realizes his bride-to-be wants nothing to do with him, he does what a crazed man might do—he kidnaps her. But not to force her to the altar. She wants adventure? He’ll show her adventure, and show her life with him will never be dull.

But even as they fall in love, someone close is desperate to keep them apart and will do whatever it takes to ensure they won’t marry. Anyone. Ever...

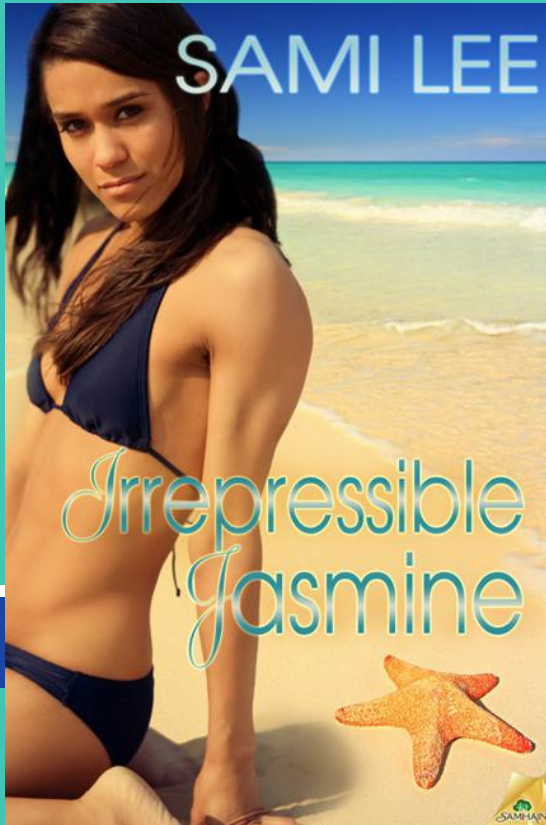
After leaving the working world to become a stay at home mom, Karen Erickson realized she needed to get busy and pursue her lifelong dream of being a published writer. A mother of three, she fits her precious writing time in between chasing her children, hanging out with her husband and pretending she has a maid. She lives in California.



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Irrepressible Jasmine

SAMI LEE

***You can't keep a bad girl down...
at least not without restraints.***

Wild Crush, Book 2

After an affair with a Dom turns sour, Jasmine Campbell returns to Leyton's Headland to build up some good karma by keeping her sister's business afloat. For that, she needs help from real estate developer Aaron Sanderson—an old school mate who's grown up movie-star handsome.

When Jasmine knocks on his office door, Aaron can barely contain his triumph. In high school he had an unrequited crush on Jasmine, but ten years on he's better at close encounters with the opposite sex. He thinks he knows just how to handle Jasmine—with an aloof demeanor and a firm hand.

Little does he know just how firm a hand Jasmine needs.

Jasmine figures a fun vanilla fling will cleanse her sexual palate. Yet her lover proves himself surprisingly adept at satisfying her submissive desires. And soon she's in serious danger of doing the one thing she swore never to do: fall in love.

Sami Lee's been a secretary, sales assistant, bartender, waitress, student, tutor, human resource manager and administration officer; but at heart she's always been a writer. She enjoys creating emotional, sexy stories about the gorgeous, aggravating men who live in her head and the women who were made to steal them away from her. Sami lives in Queensland, Australia with her husband and two sassy, stupendous, sensational daughters.



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IN PURSUIT OF LOVE



JIM HAMILTON



Badly injured from his car accident and stranded on the side of a hill, hi-tech executive Tom Daniels is faced with even greater challenges than those presented by his dark and damp circumstances: himself. But through the guidance of three mysterious women, Tom is given the opportunity to experience his past, present, and future, enabling him to make some very important

decisions that will impact not only his life, but also those of his wife and family. In this 21st century parable, Jim Hamilton, author of *It's All About Her*, allows readers to join Tom Daniels' journey from his childhood's idyllic start through his challenges in facing the death of a close family member, the premature end to a promising athletic career, and addiction and recovery. This reliving of his past sets the stage for Tom profoundly and sometimes painfully evaluating his current life and his possibilities for the future, ultimately allowing Tom to answer the question, "Where's Love?" Respectfully adapting the time travel form of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," with *In Pursuit of Love* Hamilton has created a vehicle for us to examine our own lives and priorities in an insightful, entertaining, and often humorous way. The semi-autobiographical story of the main character's past also provides a universal message of hope for all willing to brave self-awareness and act on their desire to overcome life's challenges.



Jim Hamilton is a 50-something business consultant with over 30 years of experience in the hi-tech industry. More importantly, he is a father of three, grandfather of three, and husband to one remarkable woman. As Jim recently stated, "I am not a psychologist, psychiatrist, or marital /family therapist. I am just a regular guy whose inspiration for sharing these thoughts is the love of my wife -- and more than a few comments from her friends that I should provide lessons to their husbands on how to do a few nice things for them

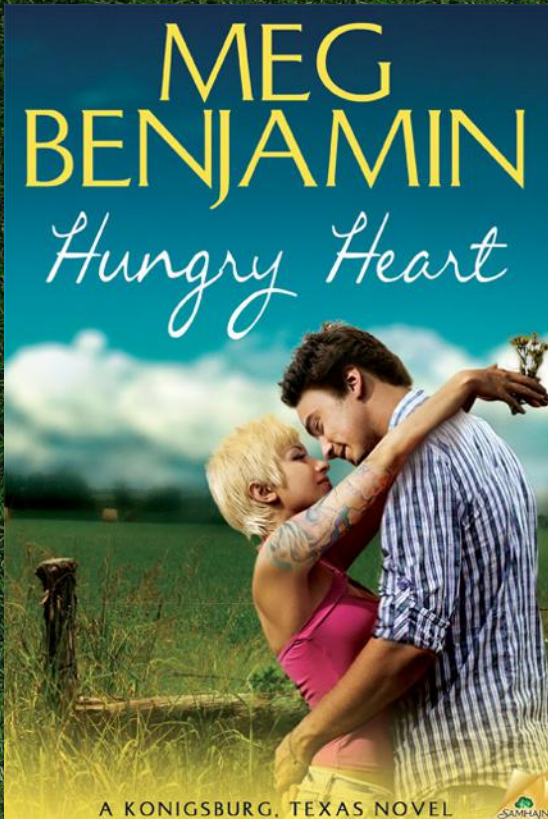
once in a while. While I am by no means perfect, I can tell you that not a day goes by that I do not thank God that I am married to my wife and take a few minutes to reflect on what we have and what I can do to make it better."

A graduate of UCLA, Jim was brought up in Palo Alto, CA, and currently resides in Pleasanton, CA with his extraordinary wife, Dora.

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Hungry Heart

MEG BENJAMIN

*Peace, love, and barbecue—
with a big order of sexy on the side.*

Konigsburg, Texas, Book 8

Sous chef Darcy Cunningham is less than entranced with small-town Konigsburg's obsession with barbecue. But her future career as a chef de cuisine requires expanding her culinary horizons, so she talks the Barbecue King, a.k.a. Harris Temple, into taking her on as his apprentice.

However, learning Harris's professional secrets wasn't supposed to include falling for his spicy blend of smoky sexiness and laid-back charm.

Chico Burnside specializes in flying under Konigsburg's small-town radar, but lately life has been going a little too smoothly, even for him. Hoping to shake things up a bit, he talks Harris into teaming up for Konigsburg's first barbecue cook-off. But once shy scientist Andy Wells catches his eye, Chico's got more on his mind than brisket. Like enticing her out of her shell to show her just how tenderly a big guy can love.

As the competition ignites, so does the romance. Until a natural disaster threatens to derail Konigsburg's dream team before the grills even get good and warmed up.

Meg Benjamin spent twenty-plus years teaching writing and Web design in South Texas before pulling up roots and starting all over again on the Colorado Front Range. Her comic romances are set in the Texas Hill Country in the mythical town of Konigsburg, which gave her a chance to sample some great Texas wine and some wonderful Texas food (research—it's all research!).



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Here Comes the Vampire

KIMBERLY RAYE



"Vamps, weres, demons and more make this a full paranormal house and a super read."

-Paranormal Romance Group on Sucker for Love

"Raye does it again!. With plenty of humor and adventure, this is an engrossing novel. Raye's characters are fun, unusual and intriguing." **-RT BOOKreviews on Dead and Dateless**

Top matchmaker and owner of Manhattan's primo hook-up service, Dead End Dating—and one scorching hot vampire herself—Lil Marchette knows a little something about happily ever afterlife. But the bat hits the fan when she wakes up in the Las Vegas Mayan Resort and Casino hung-over and hitched to an old friend (and fellow night-lifer) who is NOT her bounty-hunting steady Ty Bonner.

Lil swipes some of the casino's security tapes to shed light on the evening's hazy events, but what she finds can make a vamp's blood run even colder. Instead of her trip to the altar, the tapes reveal explosive footage of a poker game gone horribly wrong—a game which could launch an all-out war between the bloodsuckers and their werewolf brethren. Suddenly Lil finds herself catapulted into the middle of a hit man's twisted scheme. But can this diva of the undead avert an epic battle, outrun a killer, and undo her "I do" before all hell breaks loose?

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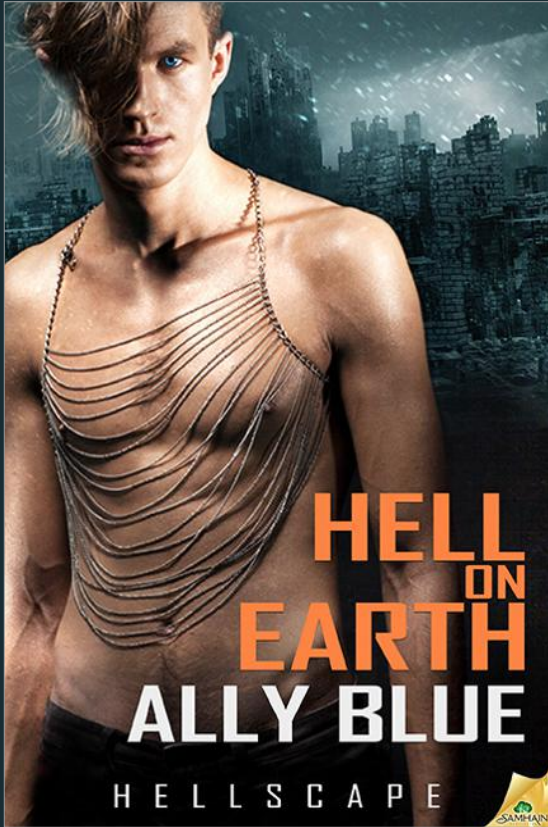
Kimberly Raye is the bestselling author of more than thirty novels, including Dead End Dating. She's been nominated for several Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Awards, as well as a RITA Award. Her books have been featured in several major magazines, including Better Homes & Gardens and Glamour, and her novel Sometimes Naughty, Sometimes Nice was a Cosmopolitan magazine book club pick. She lives deep in the heart of Texas Hill Country with her husband and their young children.



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HELL ON EARTH

ALLY BLUE

*Two prisoners. One forgotten planet.
A secret that twists justice beyond all recognition.*

Hellscape, Book 2

All Sandman wants is to get away from his violent past on Hell's End, but trouble follows him, leaving him with more blood on his hands and a one-way ticket aboard a crewless prison transport on a pre-set course for Deimos.

By the time he realizes the transport's actual destination is a mystery, there's only one other prisoner he can trust. He doesn't like it, or the things Vijay makes him feel. Caring makes you weak. Makes you easy to hurt. And Sandman's never been easy, or weak.

Vijay is focused on what he's always done best. Survival. But Sandman is an enigma, fearless in battle yet terrified of tight spaces. Vijay finds himself longing to break through the fierce young warrior's shell.

After crash landing on an uncharted planet, they stumble on the justice system's dirty little secret—the Farm, where prisoners go in but never come out. When the Farm's threat gets personal, Sandman and Vijay each test the limits of endurance to protect the man at his back—and in his heart.

Ally Blue is acknowledged by the world (or at least her heroes, who suffer a lot) as the Popess of Angst. She has a suggestively shaped hat and a man-harem for research purposes. Her favorite band is Radiohead, her favorite color is lime green and her favorite way to waste a Saturday is to watch all three LOTR movies in a row. Her ultimate dream is to ditch the evil day job and support the family on manlove alone. She is not a hippie or a brain surgeon, no matter what her kids' friends say.



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Hard to Handle

BLACKWATER, VOL. 1

ANNE RAINEY

*They say blood is thicker than water.
Stirring it up takes the right tools.*

Sam's Promise

When Sam Jennings sets out to put the Blackwater Diner back on its feet, waitress Julie Rose's kind heart and sweet curves drive him to distraction. Between business classes and her job, Julie has very little time for dating. But Sam's hard body makes her hunger to let him show her what she's been missing.

Vance's Rules

No way is Vance Jennings letting former high school sweetheart Shayla Riggs back into his life. But he'll be happy to sample her delectable body. Shayla is determined to make things right. Except Vance isn't the sweet boy she remembers. In fact, the grown-up version lights her up hotter than a firecracker.

Breaking Brodix

All reporter Sarah Greer wants is the Jennings brothers' rags-to-riches story. Except none of them are talking. And Brodix, who cuts a blazing path through her body with just a smile, is the most tight-lipped of the lot. A second look at the bar's books makes Brodix reconsider. But if he's going to open the floodgates, it'll be on his terms.

Anne Rainey grew up in a small town in Ohio with three rambunctious older brothers. She was often found curled up in her mother's book room reading the works of authors like Martha Grimes and Andrew Greeley. Today, she writes erotic fiction for several publishers. She lives with her wonderful husband, two daughters, two ornery dogs and three snotty cats.



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Hard to Handle 2

BLACKWATER, VOL. 2

ANNE RAINEY

The best gifts are the ones we least expect.

Reilly's Wildcard

Lucy Rice knew that a night with sex-on-a-stick Reilly Jennings would leave a lasting impression. But never in a million years did she expect to see a plus sign on that little white stick.

Reilly's sense of honor won't let him abandon his baby like his biological parents abandoned him. Yet it isn't long before he's captivated by the coming baby—and the mother carrying it.

River's Redemption

River Jennings has done everything in his power to keep his ugly past from touching his best friend Jeanette Munroe's sweet, innocent heart. Yet when he learns she's been mugged, nothing will keep him from her side. And soon all he can think about is stripping her bruised body naked.

Jeanette never thought River noticed she been crazy for him, until he comes to her rescue like the white knight she's always believed him to be. But as the heat between them rises to fever pitch, his secrets threaten to shatter any chance for a future.

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Guy's and Godmothers



CANDICE GILMER

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Even Fairy Godmothers can make the wrong call, and have to ask for backup.

JUST HIS TASTE

Fairy Godmother Christy is due for retirement, but agrees to take one last case, even if she must use as little magic as possible.

Roark's perfect match is his best friend Stephanie. Bringing these two together would have been simple if Cupid hadn't shot an arrow into Roark, forcing the mortal to fall in love. Now Christy must use every skill at her command to thwart Cupid's meddling and get Roark and Stephanie together without changing their free will, or she'll never get her own Happily Ever After.

BEFORE HIS EYES

When Fairy Godmother Lilly gets her latest assignment, the rules lend her pause. She must bring two people together—using as little magic as possible.

Bruce Matthews has finally found someone who really gets him. There's just one thing—he's never actually seen her.

Much as Greta Vandecall yearns to meet her online prince charming, secrets force her to hide. A steampunk convention seems to be the perfect way for the lovers to meet face-to-mask. But if Lilly fails, she'll lose her fairy godmother status. For good.

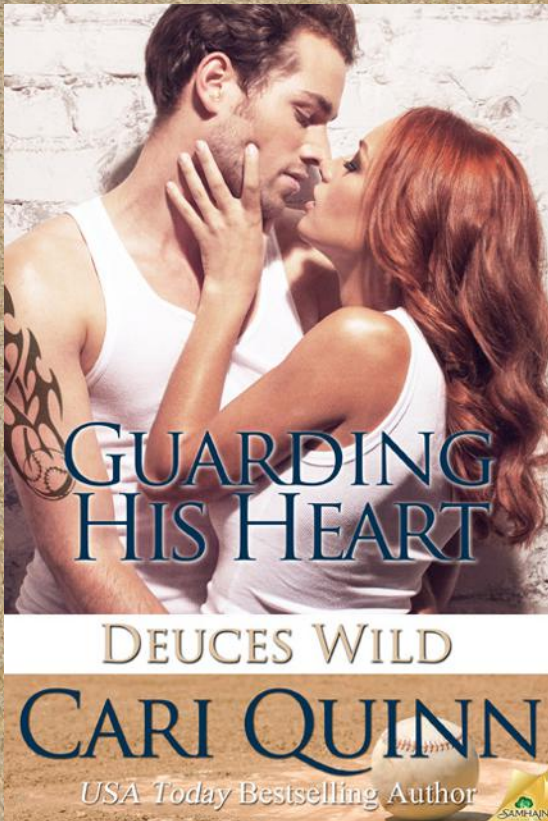
Candice Gilmer lives with her family in Kansas, admiring the beautiful skyline, watching out for tornadoes and occasionally writing.



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GUARDING HIS HEART

CARI QUINN

*To protect her, he'll have to cover the bases—
first, second, third, and all the way home.*

Deuces Wild, Book 2

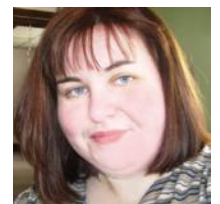
Cassidy Dixon isn't about to let her overprotective big brother know she has a stalker problem. But when she turns to his bodyguard agency partner, former MLB player Jax Wilder, she realizes she's made an even bigger mistake.

Jax is even more overbearing, and soon he's getting too close for comfort—as in panty-melting close. Heat is the last thing she needs in her under-siege ice cream shop—until hot tempers explode into the best angry sex of her life.

For once, the last thing on Jax's morning-after mind is escape. He's wanted Chase's little sister too long not to make a move when opportunity strikes. He knows the reasons why she lives a careful life, and he's ready to be the man she needs. If only she'd stop trying to get away...

Certain Jax feels guilty for sampling forbidden, way-too-sheltered fruit, Cassidy sets out to prove that she's not as innocent and inexperienced as he thinks. She never expected him to rise to the challenge...or to be ready to risk everything to keep her safe.

USA Today bestselling author Cari Quinn wrote her first story—a bible parable—in 2nd grade, much to the delight of the nuns at her Catholic school. Once she saw the warm reception that first tale garnered, she was hooked. Now she gets to pen sexy romances for a living and routinely counts her lucky stars. When she's not scribbling furiously, she can usually be found watching men's college basketball, playing her music way too loud or causing trouble.



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Going for Four



ERIN NICHOLAS

*It's either true love...
or the biggest mistake they've ever made.*

Counting on Love, Book 4

Hot firefighter Cody Madsen has stayed away from Olivia Dixon for almost two years—technically. Even though he talks to her every day and sees her every weekend. But there's no kissing, touching, or telling her how he really feels. Because they're just friends. Anything more than that would mean crossing the line that Olivia's older brother has firmly drawn between them.

Olivia wants what her three sisters have—true love. She could almost believe she's found it with Cody, if it weren't for the fact that he's her older brother's best friend and her brother won't have it. And he's never steered her wrong before. Her head is telling her to trust her brother, but her heart won't let go of Cody.

Her solution? A dating site where she and Cody can each find their "Perfect Pick" once and for all.

But when the site yields some unexpected results, their real feelings come front and center. And they have to decide if it's worth the risk to cross the line from friendship to love after all.

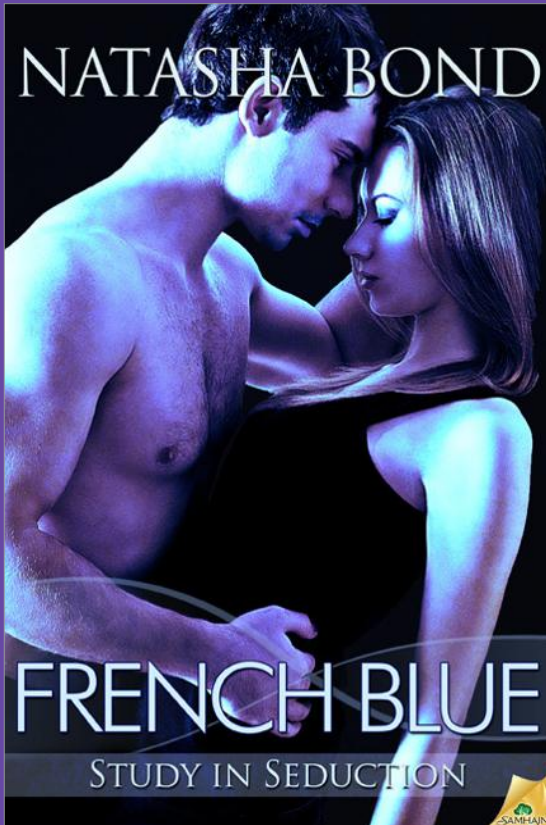
Erin Nicholas has been reading and writing romantic fiction since her mother gave her a romance novel in high school and she discovered happily-ever-after suddenly went a little beyond glass slippers and fairy godmothers! She lives in the Midwest with her husband and kids.



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FRENCH BLUE

NATASHA BOND

*The past can color the future...
or wipe the canvas clean.*

Study in Seduction, Book 2

In public, hotshot communications specialist Lisa Archer presents a perfectly polished image. Privately, she harbors a secret desire to shed her restrained exterior—and her business suit—to explore the world of discipline and domination.

She can't risk being seen in a BDSM club, but when she's introduced to the most sought-after Dom in Paris, his powerful presence makes her feel like she's treading on safe ground. Even better, he has no interest in falling in love, which fits right in with her three-month break between contracts.

Bored with the club scene, Olivier favors private arrangements with one sub at a time. This keeps anyone from getting too close to emotional scars that run so deep he's lost the will to paint—or to love. A temporary liaison, staying well within his boundaries while pushing hers, suits him perfectly.

Lisa's first visit to Olivier's apartment is deliciously shocking. Yet as they begin to strip away the layers guarding their souls, the pain and the pleasure could be too much to keep things strictly business...

Natasha Bond is a best-selling and multi-award winning author of hot and erotic romance. A member of the Romantic Novelists Association, her debut novel was made into a US TV movie. She lives in an English village with Mr. Bond.

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FORBIDDEN PASSIONS

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Romance among weres is never simple.

Forbidden Passions, Vol. 2

Secret Passions by Loribelle Hunt

When the discovery of human/animal DNA makes werefox Sara Beth Reynard a tabloid's lead story, she laughs the whole thing off...until some goon attempts to kidnap her. As a result, she is sent to the wereeagles for her own protection, but she's not happy about it.

Wereeagle Patrick Aquila takes one look at Sara Beth and wants to peel away her layers. Yet one night of exploding passion pits him in a race against time. Time to convince Sara Beth they belong together, and to find the snitch who is feeding information to her stalkers.

Illicit Passions by Crystal Jordan

As a pretty swan-shifter, Tori Haida was born a stereotype, and has spent a lifetime living it down. Wolf-shifter Bastian Lykaios is just the kind of dominant male who drives her the wrong kind of crazy. And yet, Tori can't help wanting him.

Unfortunately, there's no time to indulge an affair—not while a werekind traitor is leaking information to the human press. But when Tori is kidnapped, Bastian's is willing to go to all lengths—including betraying his own kind—to get her back.

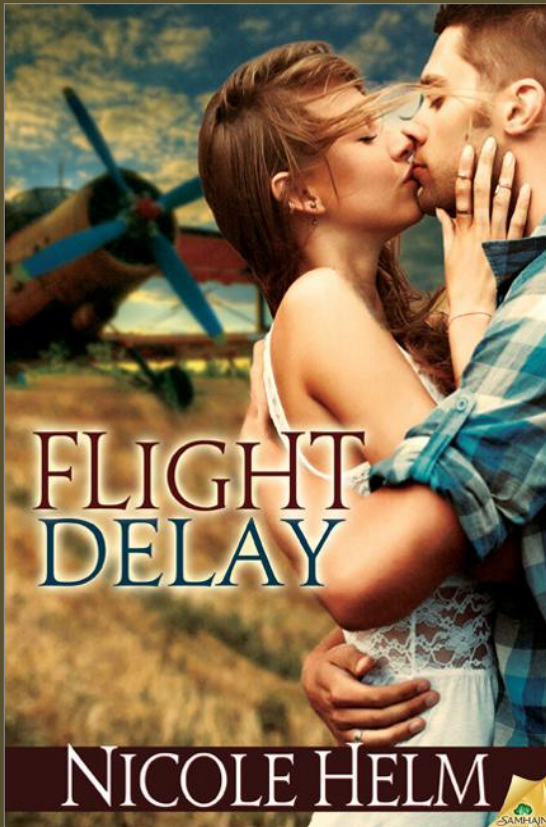
Crystal Jordan has lived and worked all over the United States and currently serves as a librarian at a university in California.

Loribelle Hunt is a former Army MP who traded in her combat boots for motherhood, flip flops, and all the Diet Coke she can drink. She's the author of more than 20 books, none of which her children are allowed to read. Ever.

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FLIGHT DELAY

NICOLE HELM

Some second chances are hard to swallow.

Antiques in Flight, Book 2

Lawson Baker hoped moving back home would give his kids some semblance of normal after a spectacular divorce from his very-famous wife. The kids are settled in and, finally, his life is his own.

Then Katie Potter walks through the door of Antiques in Flight. She was his closest friend until her husband cheated on her with Lawson's wife. And Katie's revenge—going to the tabloids—gave Lawson's kids front row seats to a host of dirty little secrets.

When Katie is offered a temporary job as AIF's secretary, she jumps at it. She returned to Pilot's Point hoping to come clean about the things that accelerated her slide into self-destruction. She's not about to pass up this chance to make things right.

As they work side by side, day by day, the attraction Lawson never let himself feel for a then-married woman is pushed to the surface by the growing heat between them. But their pasts filled with pain and betrayal—and a recalcitrant teenager—could make charting a course to love impossible.

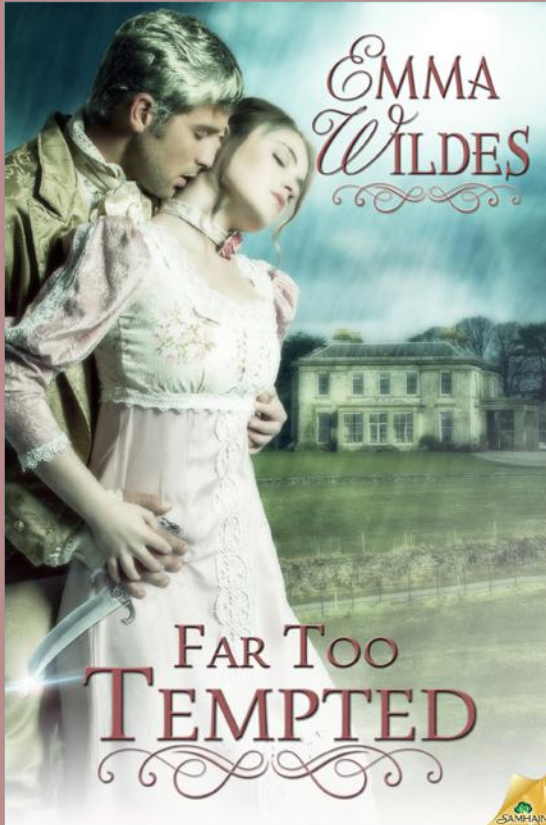
Nicole Helm grew up with her nose in a book and a dream of becoming a writer. Luckily, after a few failed career choices, a husband, and two kids, she gets to pursue that dream. Nicole lives in Missouri with her husband and two sons, and writes her novels one baby's nap at a time.



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FAR TOO TEMPTED

EMMA WILDES

*Once he broke her heart,
but now he's wickedly tempted....*

Alexander Ramsey, the youngest son of a duke, has returned to England with a barely healed wound and a war-torn heart. He hopes retiring to a life raising horses near his family's estate will bring him some peace.

If only it was that easy. The girl he's done his best to forget has grown into an enticing woman. A woman who despises him, if their accidental encounter in his new house is any indication.

Jessica Roweland has no family, certainly no fortune, and to make matters worse—which hardly seems possible—the only home she has ever known has been sold to her despicable arch enemy. The man she once thought she loved.

Caught alone in his presence, Jessica faces utter ruin as society begins to whisper over the incident. Unless she can restrain the urge to strangle him and marry him instead, she will be the subject of endless scorn and scandal.

Forced into marriage and called upon by the Crown to solve a series of murders, Alex accepts both tasks—the first, his very distinct pleasure. The second, a very difficult mission that will threaten both their lives.

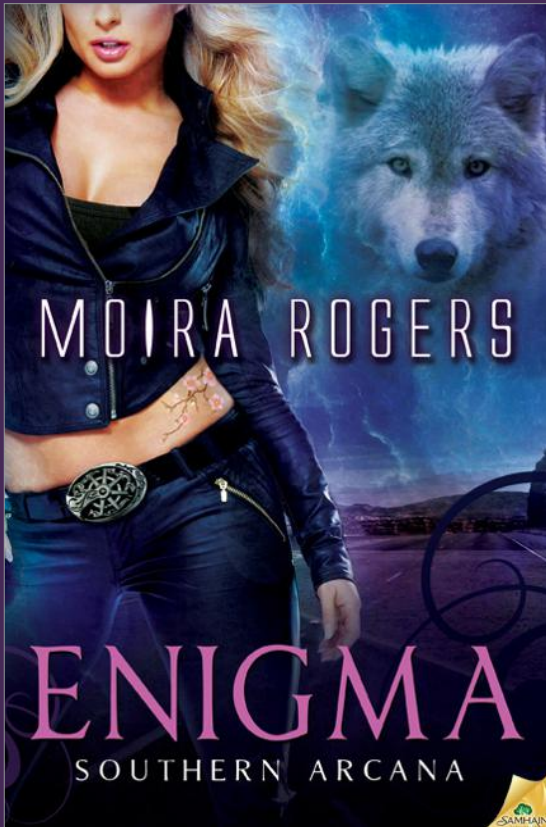
Award-winning, national bestselling author Emma Wildes has always immersed herself in books, so turning to writing seemed a natural course. She lives in beautiful Brown County, Indiana, on a picturesque lake with her husband, her three children that come and go constantly, and her loyal companion, a very handsome cat named Poot.



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ENIGMA

MOIRA ROGERS

*Surviving will take a miracle.
Happily Ever After's going to take two.*

Southern Arcana, Book 6

Anna Lenoir has always fought. First to escape her broken childhood, then to prove a female shapeshifter can stand shoulder to shoulder with the men. Now she fights for money, and her reputation is as legendary as her stone-cold heart. She's never met a man she couldn't walk away from.

Until him.

Bounty hunter Patrick McNamara has a scary reputation of his own, along with mysterious powers linked to his many tattoos. On the clock, they're the perfect supernatural-crime-solving team. After hours, she's ready to rock his world. But Patrick won't settle for just her body, and Anna's better at breaking homes than making them.

When the heir to the Southwest council goes missing, their combined skills are the best chance of averting a territory war. But the hunt will drag them through the most vulnerable parts of their broken pasts. Daring to risk her heart might be the first fight she loses, and the stakes have never been higher.

Because Patrick will sacrifice anything for her. Even his life.

How do you make a Moira Rogers? Take a former forensic science and nursing student obsessed with paranormal romance and add a computer programmer with a passion for gritty urban fantasy.

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MARY HUGHES

*Striking the right note
could shatter more than their hearts.*

Biting Love, Book 7

After an attack that slaughtered his family, vampire Dragan Zajicek walled off his heart and went on a sixteen-hundred-year rampage with the bad boys of history.

Now a rock star of the concert podium and master freelance spy, he's taken the baton for a small orchestra near Chicago to investigate rumors of a monstrous, undefeatable vampire dubbed the Soul Stealer.

But it's the lovely, unassuming Raquel "Rocky" Hrbek who mesmerizes him from the first touch of her luscious lips on her flute.

Rocky, a shy shadow scarred by middle school cruelty, is mystified as to why core-meltingly gorgeous Dragan would notice a mouse like her. As his stolen kisses draw her dangerously close to the edge of her carefully constructed comfort zone, he exposes her secret—she's investigating the monster herself.

As their quest draws them closer together, the monster zeroes in on the woman Dragan's rebellious heart tells him is his mate. Now they must find a way to destroy the indestructible before Rocky is utterly consumed. And Chicago is bathed in the blood of innocents.

Mary Hughes is a computer consultant, professional musician and author. She has a wonderful husband (though happily-ever-after takes a lot of hard work) and two great kids. But she thinks that with all the advances in modern medicine, childbirth should be a lot less messy.



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DESTINATION DESIRE Volume 1



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What happens on vacation lingers in the heart.

VEGAS VACATION

A group of teachers are cutting loose over spring break. History teacher Meg hadn't planned on going, but she let her friend talk her into it.

It took some arm twisting for Finn to convince his fellow teacher to get Meg to Vegas. For over a year, he's wanted to know her outside of work.

When he gets the opportunity to peel away those layers, the result is explosive. Now to convince her this is the start of something amazing...

HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY

It's Julie's first Christmas without her great aunt, and grief drives her to take some much-needed time off. A week in Honolulu is exactly what she needs, and a gorgeous man who makes her forget everything except getting naked.

Stanford Professor Lukas Klein has been leery of getting too deeply involved in a relationship, yet Julie is a breath of fresh air he doesn't want to resist.

They don't live far apart, but the magic of paradise could be too far removed from reality to let an attraction this mind-blowing last forever.

Crystal Jordan began writing romance after she finished graduate school and needed something to fill the hours that used to be eaten away by homework. Currently, she serves as a librarian at a university in California, but has lived and worked all over the United States. She writes paranormal, contemporary, futuristic and erotic romance.



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CRASH



RUBY MCNALLY



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*Love until the wheels fall off...
or until they're past the point of rescue.*

Lights and Sirens, Book 1

A year ago, after a gut-wrenching shift at work, Taryn Falvey made a huge mistake: she fell into the arms of fellow paramedic Nick Kanelos—and into his bed. Since then they've kept their distance, knowing their lives are too messy to mesh.

Taryn's got her hands full keeping her many siblings and alcoholic mother from slipping into grinding poverty. A normal relationship—a normal life—isn't even on her radar.

After that desperate night of passion, Nick retreated to the big, empty house on the edge of town he used to share with his late wife. Now it's just him, his mutt, and his memories rattling around the empty rooms. He's taught himself not to need anything or anyone too much, but he hasn't been able to get Taryn off his mind.

As inevitable as gravity, life brings Taryn and Nick spiraling back into each other's orbit. As their attraction reignites, the only question remaining is whether two professional rescuers are capable of saving themselves—and each other—or if they're diving heart first into certain disaster.

Ruby McNally double-majored in psychology and cognitive linguistics before ultimately deciding her talents lay elsewhere. She grew up hiding her diary from her five brothers, who will never know she wrote this book. She lives in Boston and has no cats. Crash is her first novel.



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COLD HARD SECRET

SIERRA DEAN

The Secret's out, and heads will roll.

Secret McQueen, Book 7

Ever since her near-death experience at the hands of the villainous Dr. Kesteral, Secret McQueen hasn't been the same. As in damaged almost beyond repair. But as usual, Secret has no time to lick her wounds.

Armed to the fangs, she and Desmond embark on a whirlwind quest for revenge that takes them to the sewers of Paris to put an end to Alexandre Peyton. Instead, it's almost the end of them, and before she can stop him, Peyton rips the veil off her deepest secret.

The devil's not through muddling up the details, either. An eye-opening confab with Sig in the Big Apple leaves her wondering if she's ever been in control of her own life at all. Plus, a cryptic post-card sends her racing back to her Manitoba hometown, fearing for her grandmere.

With the Council holding the power of life and death over her head, Secret's circle of friends is shrinking, while the pool of enemies looking for payback is widening like a pool of her own blood.

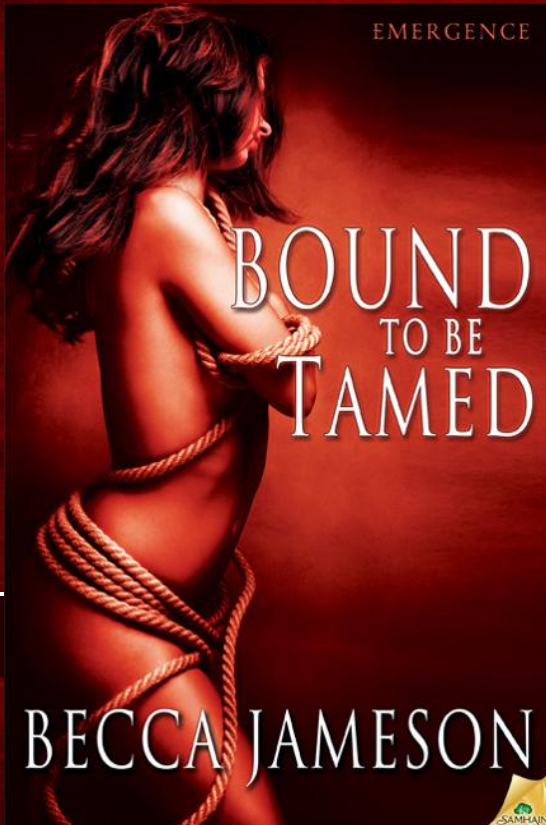
Ever since Sierra Dean was a young girl she has loved the idea of the supernatural coexisting with the mundane. As an adult, however, the idea evolved from the notion of fairies in flowerbeds, to imagining that the rugged-looking guy at the garage might secretly be a werewolf. She has used her overactive imagination to create her own version of the world, where vampires, werewolves, fairies, gods and monsters all walk among us, and she'll continue to travel as much as possible until she finds it for real.



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BOUND TO BE TAMED

BECCA JAMESON

*She's agreed to meet their demands...
but can they meet her halfway?*

Emergence, Book 2

Stephanie Parkins has decided to take a chance.

After a whirlwind week under the tutelage of two hot Doms who make her feel more than she's ever experienced, she's taking up the ultimate exercise in trust: quitting her job to put herself completely in their capable hands. Even when it pushes her way beyond her comfort zone.

Aiden Collins and Dane Whitman have fallen hard and fast.

Their unexpected submissive presents them with a challenge of their own: to train her to embrace her new lifestyle in an atmosphere of security and safety. Even when it means hiding a shocking secret until the right moment presents itself.

Her Doms push, and sometimes Stephanie pushes back, with deliciously wicked consequences. But just as her red-hot learning curve reaches its peak, secrets from her past come to searing light. Threatening to send her running back to familiar territory—alone.

Becca Jameson lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband and two kids. When she isn't writing, she can be found reading, editing, scrapbooking, running, swimming, biking or taxiing kids all over creation. Still experimenting with both contemporary and paranormal genres, there is no telling what she may come up with next.



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BLOOD ON THE ICE

KATRIENA KNIGHTS

The neutral zone is no place for a vampire

Blood on the Ice, Book 1

On the eve of the Stanley Cup finals, Chicago Blackhawks right wing Travis Payne is already envisioning his name on the most coveted trophy in hockey. His future takes a hard body-check to the boards, though, when he tries to save a woman under attack by vampires.

He wakes up in the Cook County Morgue's warm room to face the cold, blunt truth: he's no longer human.

Marcus Antonius is looking forward to having an NHL veteran with mad skills and a hunger for victory on his vampire hockey team. He feels up to the task of helping Travis with the transition—very up, in fact. After all, Travis is a hot piece of ass.

Travis proves to be a difficult student. Letting go of his old life means adjusting to a new normal, a new team, and the erosion of his formerly flaming heterosexuality. To his surprise, he finds Marcus gives him a serious case of happy pants.

Learning to be a good vampire, though, is turning out to be one bloody mess after another...

Katriena Knights is the author of several paranormal and contemporary romances. She grew up in a miniscule town in Illinois, and now lives in a miniscule town in Colorado with her two mostly adult children and far too many pets.



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BLAME IT ON THE BASS

LEXXIE COUPER

Can they mend his broken heart?

Heart of Fame, Book 6

After a horrific accident robs rock legend Levi Levistan and his long-time partner, Corbin, of their dream of becoming parents, Levi is lost in a sea of grief. Until he runs into an old high school flame and their chemistry reignites.

Corbin Smith is intent on bridging the chasm between their hearts. But witnessing his lover's steamy onstage kiss with another woman jolts him to the core with sexual arousal. And he realizes the key to their healing is standing in Levi's arms.

As an erotic romance editor, nothing much unsettles Sonja Stone. She's not even surprised at her body's powerful reaction to Levi's kiss. But when Corbin approaches them, eyes smoldering with hunger, his suggestion shakes her to the core.

Sensing their unspoken wounds, Sonja agrees to take a chance on a threesome. Their union is explosively perfect, but something is holding Levi back from sealing their searing emotional connection. Something that could destroy their love once and for all...

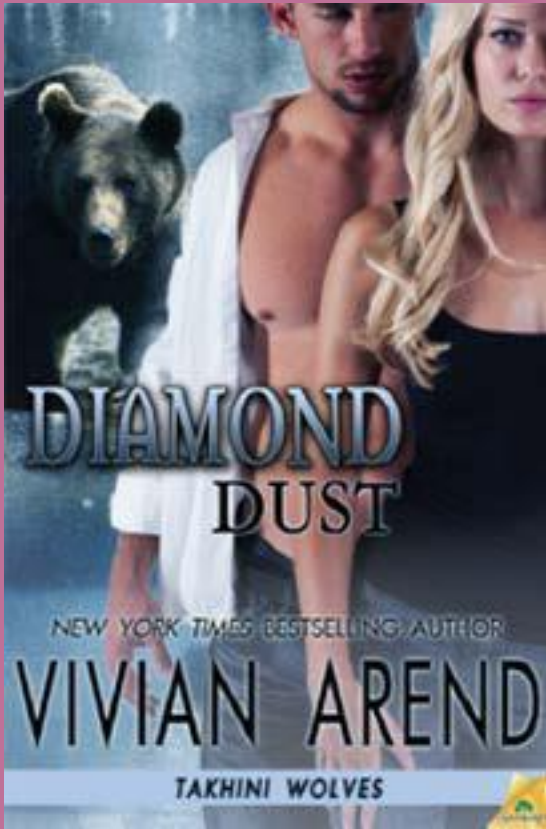
When she's not submerged in the worlds she creates, Lexxie Couper's life revolves around her family, a husband who thinks she's insane, an indoor cat who likes to stalk shadows, two yabbies hell-bent on destroying their tank, and her daughters, who both utterly captured her heart and changed her life forever.



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DIAMOND DUST

VIVIAN AREND

*She can't shift,
but she can shake their world.*

Takhini Wolves, Book 3

Caroline Bradley is having one hell of a week. Her wolf lover has sniffed out his mate, making her an instant free agent. Not only that, Takhini territory has been overrun with aggressive bear-shifters electing a clan leader, and the wolf pack is feeling the effects—pushing her diplomatic skills to the limit.

Tyler Harrison is a grizzly on a mission. If he's going to win the majority of the bears' votes, he needs one final thing: a female companion. The only woman in town with influence over wolves, humans, and more bears than he'd like to admit, is Caroline.

Despite the sexual pull between them, though, Tyler's not seeking a permanent relationship. And Caroline isn't looking to be anyone else's political pawn. But she should have remembered that when shifters are involved, changes happen in the blink of an eye.

Vivian Arend in one word: Adventurous. In a sentence: Willing to try just about anything once. That wide-eyed attitude has taken her around North America, through parts of Europe, and into Central and South America, often with no running water. Now a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of both contemporary and paranormal stories, Vivian continues to explore, write and otherwise keep herself well entertained.

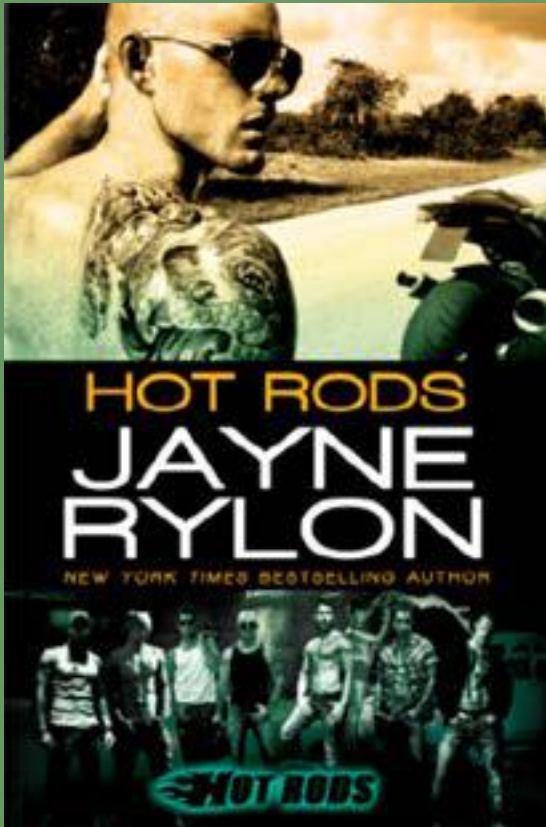


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HOT RODS

JAYNE RYLON

*Nothing's sexier
than seven men with hot rods.*

King Cobra

Since Eli's mother died, his father has taken in kids from the wrong side of the tracks. Those who stuck around became Eli's quasi family.

But things have gotten complicated since he and Alanso, his head mechanic, witnessed the allure of polyamory while visiting friends. Eli's not sure he wants to risk everything on a quick romp behind a stack of tires.

But when he catches Alanso exploring their mutual fantasy at a known hookup spot, Eli must decide if it's time to jump in full throttle—and trust his instincts to guide him through the night.

Mustang Sally

Sally Rider is desperate to outrun the memory of two of her fellow mechanics getting busy with some bar skank on the hood of a classic car. On her custom paint job.

Eli and the other Hot Rods are determined to prove to her—in the sexiest possible way—that she's not merely an interchangeable part in their well-oiled machine. Yet just as Eli gets the nerve to make a very indecent proposal, a ghost rises from Sally's painful past.

Threatening to slam the brakes on their future before they can get it in gear.

Jayne Rylon is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author. She received the 2011 Romantic Times Reviewer Choice Award for Best Indie Erotic Romance. She lives in Ohio with two cats and her husband, who both inspires her fantasies and supports her careers. To learn more about Jayne Rylon, please visit www.jaynerylon.com. She enjoys hearing from readers.



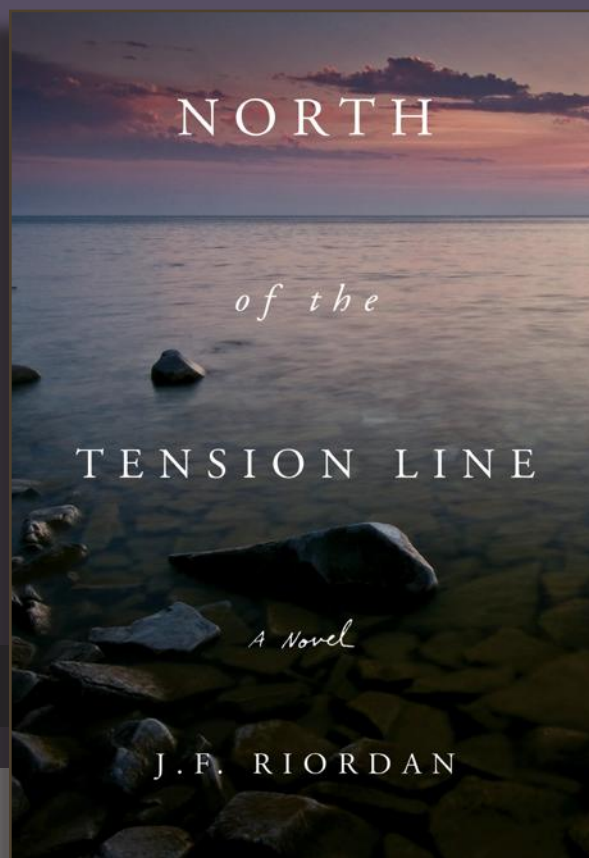
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NORTH *of the* TENSION LINE

J. F. RIORDAN



Fiona Campbell is a newcomer to tiny Ephraim, Wisconsin. Populated with artists and summer tourists, Ephraim has just enough going on to satisfy her city tastes. But she is fascinated and repelled by the furthest tip of Door County peninsula, Washington Island, utterly removed from the hubbub of modern life. Fiona's visits there leave her refreshed in spirit, but convinced that only lunatics and hermits could survive a winter in its frigid isolation.

In a moment of weakness, Fiona is goaded into accepting a dare that she cannot survive the winter on the island in a decrepit, old house. Armed with some very fine single malt scotch and a copy of *Meditations* by Marcus Aurelius, Fiona sets out to win the dare, and discovers that small town life is not nearly as dull as she had imagined. Abandoning the things she has always thought important, she encounters the vicious politics of small town life, a ruthless neighbor, persistent animals, a haunted ferry captain, and the peculiar spiritual renewal of life "*north of the tension line.*"



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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COUNTING ON LOVE



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ERIN NICHOLAS

*Sometimes it takes a couple of tries
before you get love right.*

Counting on Love, Book 3

Emma Dixon is known for getting in over her head—and having a great time doing it. She’s aware her shenanigans rub Nate Sullivan the wrong way, but getting a rise out of the cocky surgeon is one of her favorite pastimes. Truth be told, exasperated looks aren’t the only things she wants from the guy.

Nate has no intention of taking another trip down the falling-in-love road. Women are carefully compartmentalized—to his bedroom. Women who don’t mind his take-charge tendencies. Women very different from sassy, sexy, independent Emma.

But his usual strategy of arguing with Emma to keep from kissing her goes out the window when his son falls in love with her friend’s daughter. Emma sees a normal teenage romance. Nate sees his plans for the boy’s future ruined.

As Nate tries to derail the relationship, Emma runs interference, putting herself directly in the path of the chemistry that grows stronger every time they butt heads. And that could very well lead to the best surprise of all.

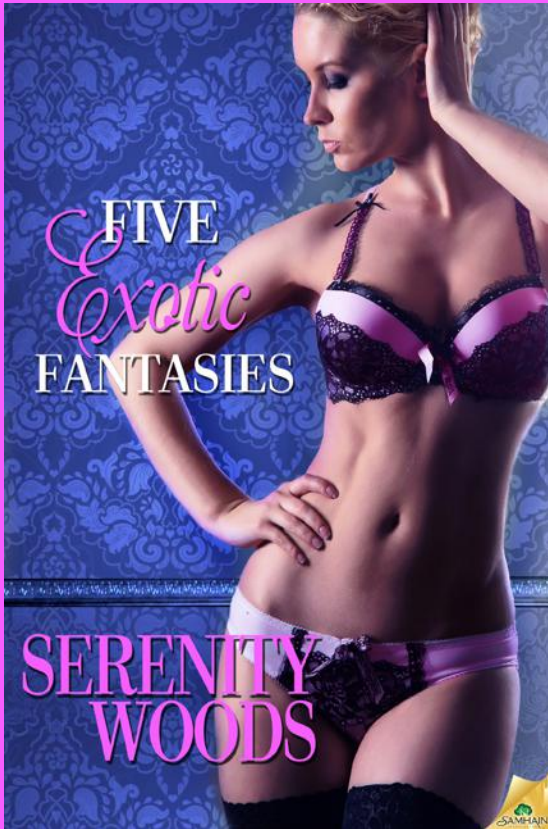
Erin Nicholas has been reading and writing romantic fiction since her mother gave her a romance novel in high school and she discovered happily-ever-after suddenly went a little beyond glass slippers and fairy godmothers! She lives in the Midwest with her husband and kids.



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Love in Reverse, Book 3

SERENITY WOODS

***Her head reminds her he's not for keeps.
Her heart isn't listening.***

Between caring for her disabled mother and taking over as McAllister Dell law firm's office manager, Coco Stark has zero room for one more thing on her precariously balanced plate.

Enter "one more thing", a hotshot lawyer who's defending one of the partners in a sexual harassment case. Coco has her own reasons to hope the partner is found guilty—reasons she doesn't want Mr. Hotshot Fancy Pants to find out.

The moment Felix Wilkinson sets foot in his client's office, the 1950s vibe grates on his idealistic, modern sensibilities. Only the strict, sexy Miss Stark captures his attention, and he's determined to free the wild woman trapped inside her buttoned-down persona.

In spite of herself, Coco is captivated by Felix's killer combination of sensual and smart, finally free to explore the exotic fantasies that freaked out her ex. But when Felix inevitably discovers the truth, she has trouble reminding herself that he was never for keeps. And Felix must choose to follow his head, or listen to his heart.

Serenity Woods lives in the sub-tropical Northland of New Zealand with her wonderful husband and gorgeous teenage son. She writes fun, flirty, and sexy contemporary romances for the modern woman who likes intelligent, spirited heroines and hunky but approachable heroes. She's won several romance writing competitions and is a member of the Romance Writers of New Zealand.



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SINGE



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*Their slow burn could build to a five-alarm...
or go up in smoke.*

Lights and Sirens, Book 2

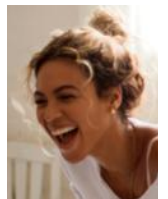
Addie Manzella does her best to keep her complicated personal life separate from work. But after the funeral of a colleague who died in an arson fire, things come to a head. She goes tequila shot for tequila shot with fellow firefighter Eli Grant—a contest that ends in the bedroom.

Sure, the sex is great—okay, it's the best of her life—but Eli clearly isn't a long-term kind of guy. Though his post-divorce antics read more goofball than player, he's a complication she doesn't need.

Bold, brassy Addie is a serious threat to Eli's determination to hide a dark history. Not even his ex-wife knows the whole story behind the burn scars on his body. Yet he can't resist the challenge of pursuing Addie—especially since she clearly likes being chased.

The fire that took their friend, though, isn't the last. As more buildings—and more lives—go up in flames, Eli's past comes roiling to the present. Threatening to send their fledgling romance up in smoke.

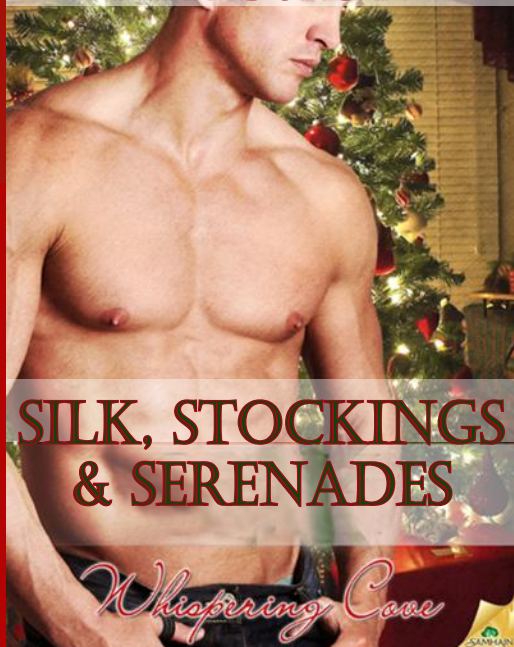
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SILK, STOCKINGS & SERENADES

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Steaming up the holidays.

Silk by Cathryn Fox

Dr. Jon Wilson is home for the holidays, but he's counting the hours until he can hop a Christmas Eve plane back to Miami.

When John shows up, Chef Lila Sheppard figures Santa delivered her Christmas present early. But soon after unwrapping him, she wonders if he can be convinced there's only one place he belongs.

Stockings by Mackenzie McKade

Officer Leo Caan can smell trouble, and it's rolling off Tempest Sky like the smoke from her RV's blown engine. The crowd gathering around her impromptu studio is a public nuisance. Privately, her sassy sexiness is an unexpected attraction.

Every time they meet, it's like water on hot glass. Pure steam...

Serenades by Nikki Duncan

Josh Bryan loved life on the road—until one waitress ruined it. Before Aimee Smith, there were willing women at every stop, but none left him wanting a second taste. Except her.

Fourteen months later, Aimee has never been happier—until Josh walks into the bar. And discovers the truth about what he left behind...

Cathryn Fox is a multipublished author who can never find balance in her life, loses hours on email, Facebook and Twitter, and always tries to write page-turning books her readers will love.



Bestselling, international, award-winning author Mackenzie McKade's novels sizzle the pages with scorching sex and deep emotion that will touch you and keep you immersed until the end.

Villain, Fed, wedding planner, OCD housewife, Tae Kwon Do student... Nikki Duncan tackles these roles daily in life or through her books.



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