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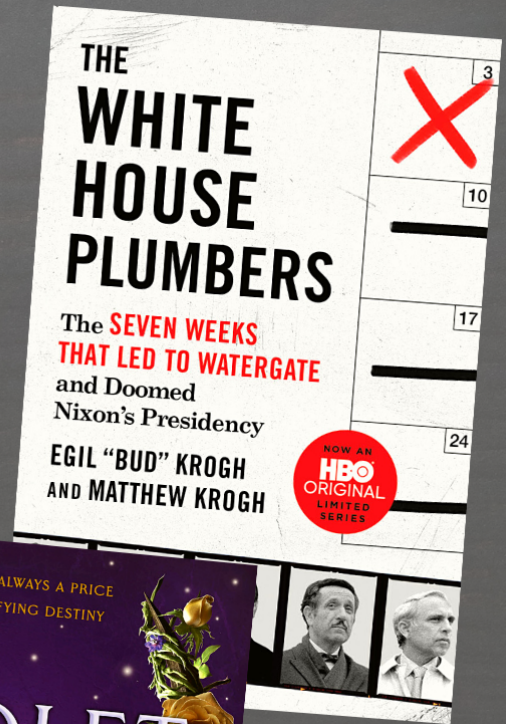
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ADULT FICTION

MARIE BENEDICT

THE MITFORD AFFAIR

• *Sourcebooks, January 2023*

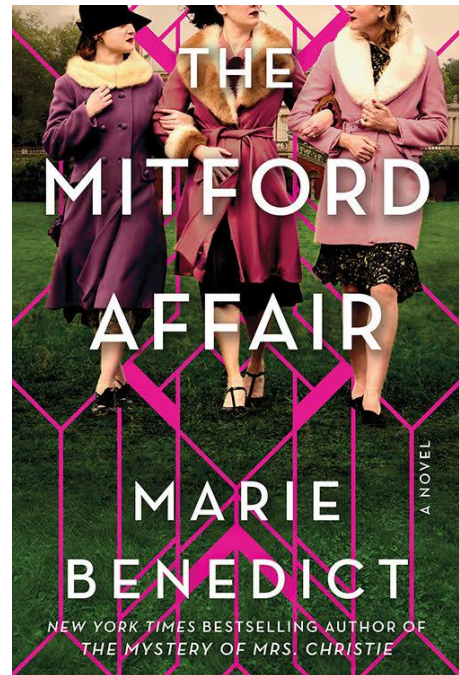
From *New York Times* bestselling author Marie Benedict—an explosive novel of history's most notorious sisters, one of whom will have to choose: Her country or her family?

Between the World Wars, the six Mitford sisters—each more beautiful, brilliant, and eccentric than the next—dominate the English political, literary, and social scenes. Though they've weathered scandals before, the family falls into disarray when Diana divorces her wealthy husband to marry a fascist leader and Unity follows her sister's lead all the way to Munich, inciting rumors that she's become Hitler's mistress.

As the Nazis rise in power, novelist Nancy Mitford grows suspicious of her sisters' constant visits to Germany and the high-ranking fascist company they keep. When she overhears alarming conversations and uncovers disquieting documents, Nancy must make excruciating choices as Great Britain goes to war with Germany.

Probing the torrid political climate in the lead-up to World War II and the ways that seemingly sensible people can be sucked into radical action, *THE MITFORD AFFAIR* follows Nancy's valiant efforts to stop the Nazis from taking over Great Britain in whatever way she can. As she makes the decision between loyalty to her country and allegiance to her family—questioning herself in the process—Nancy learns exactly how personal is the political.

MARIE BENEDICT is the author of the *USA Today* bestselling *THE OTHER EINSTEIN*, *CARNEGIE'S MAID*, *LADY CLEMENTINE*, and many more. Her novels have been translated into 29 languages.

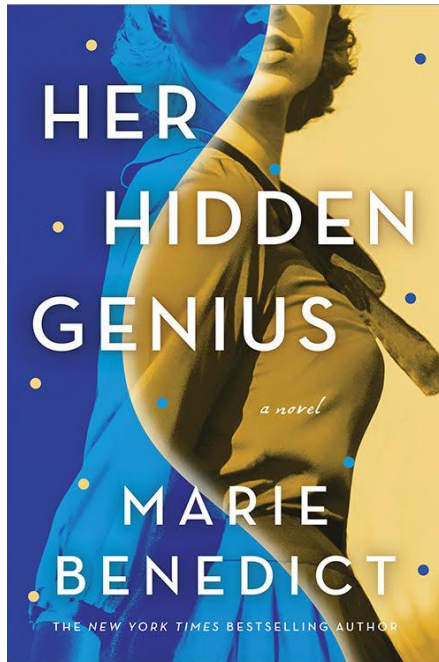


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MARIE BENEDICT



HER HIDDEN GENIUS

• Sourcebooks, January 2022

★ MS Available

Rosalind Franklin changed the world with her research and discovery. Three men took the credit. Discover the story of the woman who fought through a male-dominated field to unlock the secrets of DNA.

"Benedict... brings to life Franklin's grit and spirit as well as the sexual harassment she faced while carrying out her meticulous work." —*The Washington Post*

Rosalind Franklin knows if she just takes one more x-ray picture—one more after thousands—she can unlock the building blocks of life. Never again will she have to listen to her male colleagues complain about her, especially Maurice Wilkins who'd rather conspire about genetics with James Watson and Francis Crick than work alongside her. Then it finally happens—the double helix structure of DNA reveals

itself to her with perfect clarity. Photograph 51. But Rosalind never could have predicted how far her colleagues would go to erase her name from the history books.

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

MARIE BENEDICT is also the *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM*, *THE MYSTERY OF MRS. CHRISTIE*, and, with Victoria Christopher Murray, *THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN*.

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LILY CHU

THE COMEBACK

- US & UK Audio: Audible Originals July 2022
- US & UK Print: Sourcebooks, 2023

The new rom-com from the author of THE STAND-IN. Narrated by Phillipa Soo—Star of HAMILTON: The Musical.

Ariadne Hui thrives on routine. Everything in her life is planned down to the minute: that's the way she likes it. If she's going to make partner in Toronto's most prestigious law firm, she needs to stay focused at all times.

But when she comes home after yet another soul-sucking day to find an unfamiliar, *gorgeous* man camped out in her living room, *focus* is the last thing on her mind. Especially when her roommate explains this is Choi Jihoon, her cousin freshly arrived from Seoul to mend a broken heart. He just needs a few weeks to rest and heal; Ari will barely even know he's there. (Yeah, *right*.)

Jihoon is kindness and chaos personified, and it isn't long before Ari is falling hard. But when a shocking truth emerges, Ari finds herself thrust onto the world stage: not as the competent, steely lawyer she's fought so hard to become, but as the mystery woman on the arm of a man the entire world claims to know. Now with her heart, her future, and her sense of self on the line, Ari will have to cut through all the pretty lies to find the truth of her relationship...and discover the woman she's finally ready to be.

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



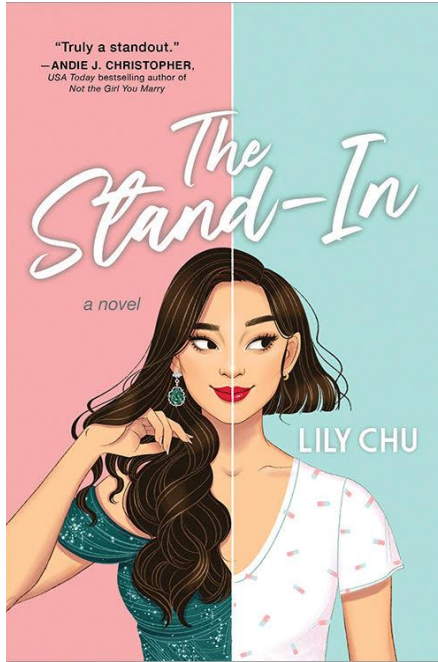
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THE STAND-IN

- *US & UK Audio: Audible Originals*
- *US & UK Print: Sourcebooks, May 2022*
- ★ *Sold in an eight-house auction*
- ★ *MS Available*

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

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

ever met.

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

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

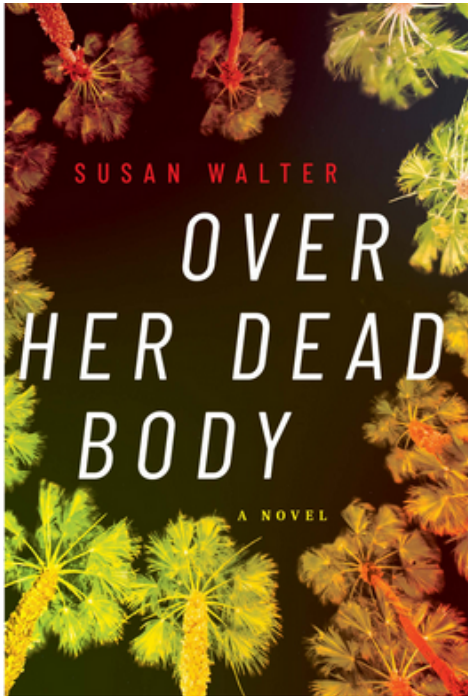
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SUSAN WALTER



OVER HER DEAD BODY

• *Lake Union (Amazon Publishing), September 2022*

A strange inheritance comes with a warning in this new thriller from the bestselling author of GOOD AS DEAD.

Ashley Brooks's life isn't working out as planned. After years of struggling to make it in Hollywood, she's still waiting for her big break. When fate leads her to the doorstep of legendary casting director Louisa Lake, Ashley thinks her luck is about to change. The prickly old pro knows about a role she's perfect for. The aspiring actress never gets to thank her, though, because the day after the audition, Louisa is dead. The bigger shock—she left all her money to Ashley.

Louisa's grown children are stunned and ready to fight.

Louisa's nephew tries to play peacemaker, while Ashley grapples with why Louisa would leave her fortune to a stranger – and if she should keep it. But Ashley quickly discovers everyone, including the dead woman, is hiding something, and it's a race to get to the truth before someone else winds up dead.

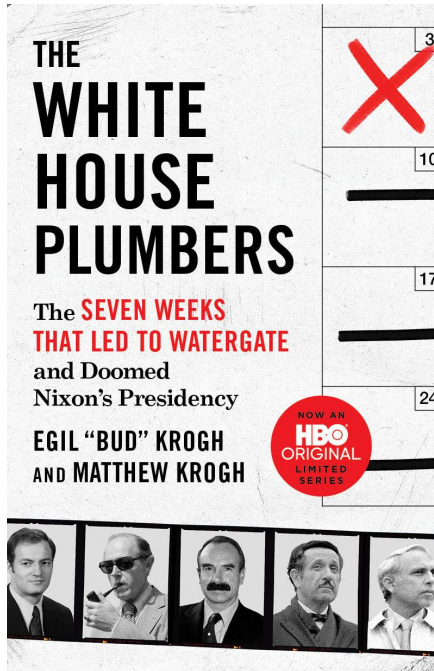
SUSAN WALTER has been a writer, producer and most recently a director working in film and television for over two decades. Her feature film, *ALL I WISH*, which she also wrote, stars Sharon Stone, Tony Goldwyn, Famke Janssen and Ellen Burstyn. Susan is a native of Boston and graduated cum laude from Harvard University. Her first novel *GOOD AS DEAD* has been translated into Czech and Italian.

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ADULT NON-FICTION

EGIL “BUD” KROGH & Matthew Krogh



THE WHITE HOUSE PLUMBERS: The Seven Weeks that Led to Watergate and Doomed Nixon's Presidency

• *St. Martin's Press, November 2022*

★ MS Available

Originally published 15 years ago under the title **INTEGRITY**, this jaw-dropping nonfiction has a new life thanks to Hollywood.

The basis of HBO's five-part series starring Woody Harrelson, Justin Theroux, Domhnall Gleason, Judy Greer, Lena Headey (and many more), this is the true story of the Plumbers, a secret investigative unit inside President Richard Nixon's White House, formed to plug the leaks of the Pentagon Papers (and other classified documents that were appearing in the *New York Times*.)

Bud Krogh, who co-directed the unit, along with David Young who worked for Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, hired G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt to break into the psychiatrist's office of Daniel Ellsberg, who they suspected was leaking the top secret documents. The plan was so ill-conceived as to be almost unbelievable. Almost darkly funny, if not also tragic. This bungled crime and cover-up foretold the Watergate scandal and was the beginning of the end for Richard Nixon.

EGIL “BUD” KROGH was an American lawyer in the Nixon administration who became well known for pleading guilty to his crimes in what led to the Watergate scandal. **MATTHEW KROGH** is his son, a writer who lives in Bellingham, Washington.

Translation: Laura Dail Literary Agency

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CHILDREN'S FICTION

GINA CHEN

VIOLET MADE OF THORNS

• Delacorte (PRH), July 2022

★ MS Available

A darkly romantic, fairytale-inspired YA fantasy for fans of *THE CRUEL PRINCE* and *SERPENT & DOVE*.

"Beautifully vicious. Filled with court machinations and cunning characters, *Violet Made of Thorns* is a fantasy you won't soon forget. Perfect for the fairytale reader who has always wanted the heroine to grow sharp teeth and bite Prince Charming—as a gesture of affection, of course."
—Chloe Gong, NYT bestselling author of *THESE VIOLET DELIGHTS*

Violet is a prophet and a liar, influencing the court as Seer with her cleverly phrased—and not always true—divinations. Honesty is for suckers like the oh-so-not-charming Prince Cyrus, who plans to strip her of her title once he's crowned.

After the king asks her to falsely prophesy Cyrus's love story for an upcoming ball, Violet awakens a dreaded curse about the prince's future bride. Her wits may protect her in the ruthless court, but they can't protect her against fate—nor the doomed attraction growing between her and the prince...

GINA CHEN spent most of her life thinking she hated writing, until she churned out a few hundred thousand words of fanfiction and decided that maybe she was a writer. Her stories lean toward the fantastic, featuring heroines, antiheroines, and the kind of cleverness that brings trouble in its wake. She has a particular fondness for fairytales, demon tales, romantic comedies, and quiz shows. Currently, she resides in Southern California, where the sun is as plentiful as its tea shops.



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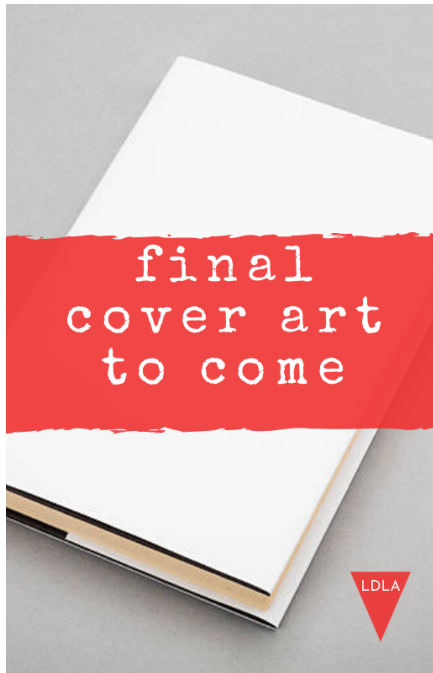
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KIERA CASS



A THOUSAND HEARTBEATS

• *HarperTeen, December 2022*

A standalone that combines all the elements of classic Kiera Cass YA romance: a forbidden love, a luxe royal setting, and a strong female protagonist.

“Love has a sound. It sounds like a thousand heartbeats happening at the same time.”

Annika has lived a life of comfort as the princess of Kadier—but no amount of luxuries can change the fact that her life isn't her own to control. The king, once her loving father, has gone cold, and Annika will soon be forced into a loveless marriage for political gain.

Miles away, small comforts are few and far between for Lennox. He has devoted his life to the Dahrainian army, hoping to one day help them reclaim the throne that was stolen from them. For Lennox, the idea of love is merely a distraction—nothing will stand in the way of fighting for his people.

But when love, against all odds, finds them both, they are bound by its call. They can't possibly be together—but the irresistible thrum of a thousand heartbeats won't let them stay apart.

KIERA CASS is also the international bestselling author of *The Selection* series, *The Siren*, and *The Betrothed* duology.

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Czech Republic: Albatros
Spanish Language: Roca
Brazil: Companhia das Letras



RACHEL GRIFFIN



WILD IS THE WITCH

• *Sourcebooks, August 2022*

★ MS Available

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Nature of Witches*, comes another high-stakes contemporary fantasy.

Iris Gray knows witches aren't welcome in most towns. When she was forced to leave her last home, she left behind a father who was no longer willing to start over. And while the Witches' Council was lenient in their punishment, Iris knows they're keeping tabs on her. Now settled in Washington, Iris never lets anyone see who she really is; instead, she vents her frustrations by writing curses she never intends to cast. Otherwise, she spends her days at the wildlife refuge which would be the perfect job if not for Pike Alder, the witch-hating aspiring ornithologist who interns with them.

Iris concocts the perfect curse for Pike: one that will turn him into a witch. But just as she's about to dispel it, a bird swoops down and steals the curse before flying away. If the bird dies, the curse will be unleashed—and the bird is a powerful amplifier, and unleashing the curse would turn not just Pike, but everyone in the region, into a witch.

New witches have no idea how to control their magic and the consequences would be dire. And the Witches' Council does not look kindly on multiple offenses; if they found out, Iris could be stripped of her magic for good. Iris begs Pike to help her track the bird, and they set out on a trek through the Pacific Northwest looking for a single bird that could destroy everything.

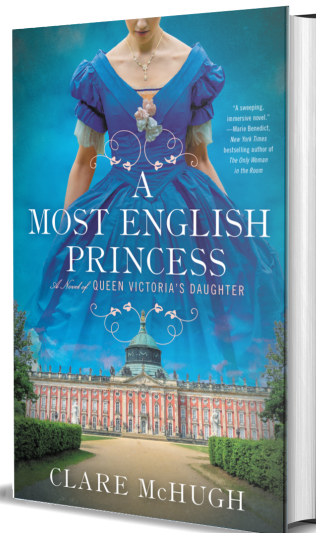
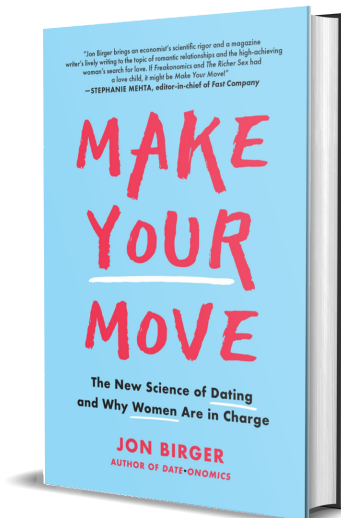
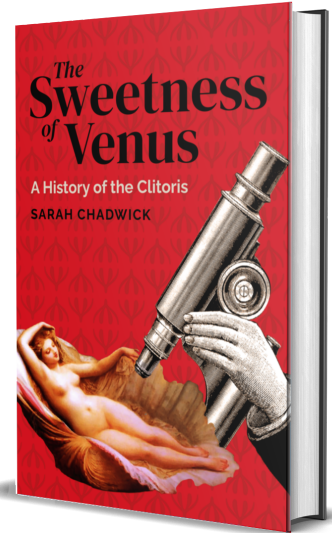
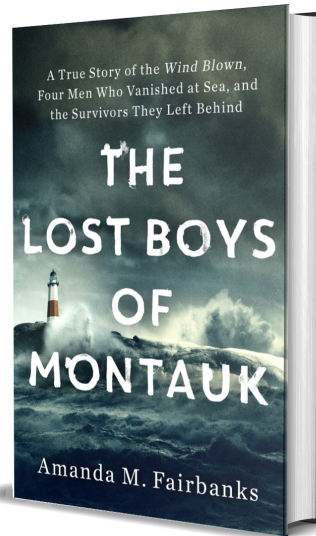
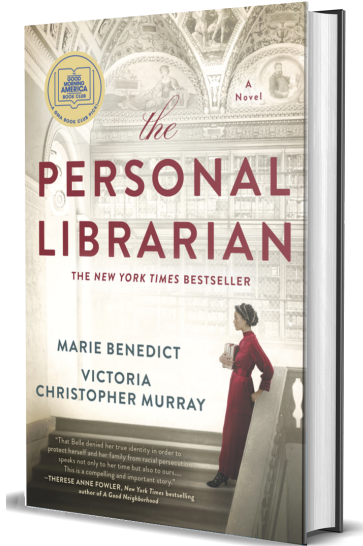
RACHEL GRIFFIN lives just outside of Seattle. She witnessed the 2017 total solar eclipse and became a certified weather spotter for the National Weather Service while doing research for her NYT bestselling debut, *THE NATURE OF WITCHES*.

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