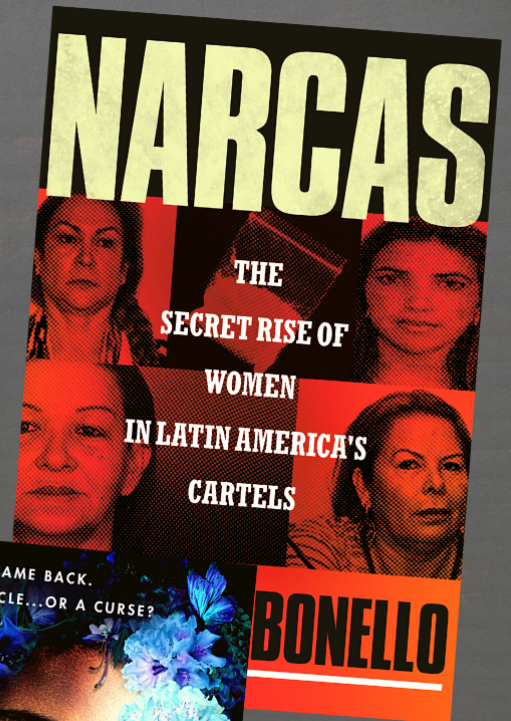




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ADULT FICTION

**MARIE BENEDICT
& VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRAY**



THE FIRST LADIES

• Berkley (PRH), June 27, 2023

A novel about an extraordinary friendship that changed the world — from the *New York Times* bestselling authors of *The Personal Librarian*.

The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, **Mary McLeod Bethune** refuses to back down as white supremacists attempt to thwart her work. She marches on as an activist and an educator, and as her reputation grows she becomes a celebrity, revered by titans of business and recognized by U.S. Presidents. **Eleanor Roosevelt** herself is awestruck and eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams.

When Franklin Roosevelt is elected president, the two women begin to collaborate more, particularly as Eleanor

moves toward her own agenda separate from FDR's, after her husband's secret love affair. Eleanor becomes a controversial First Lady for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights. And when she receives threats because of her strong ties to Mary, it only fuels their desire to fight together for justice and equality.

This is the story of two different, yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women. It's a story for all about the power of friendship.



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MARIE BENEDICT

THE MITFORD AFFAIR

- *Sourcebooks, January 2023*
- *An instant Indie and PW bestseller*

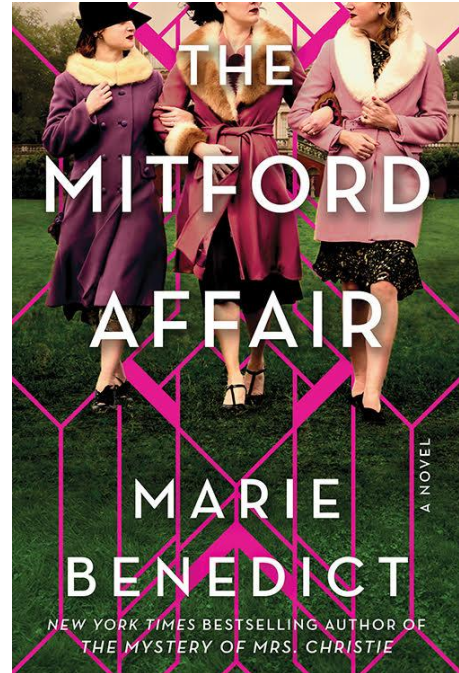
An explosive novel of history's most notorious sisters, one of whom will have to choose: Her country or her family?

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' frequent visits to Germany and the high-ranking fascist company they keep. When she overhears alarming conversations and uncovers disturbing 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 *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Mitford Affair*, *Her Hidden Genius*, *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, *The Only Woman in the Room*, *Lady Clementine*, *Carnegie's Maid*, *The Other Einstein*, and with Victoria Christopher Murray, the Good Morning America Book Club pick *The Personal Librarian*. All have been translated into multiple languages, and many have been selected for the Barnes & Noble Book Club, Target Book Club, Costco Book Club, Indie Next List, and LibraryReads List. She lives in Pittsburgh with her family.



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UK: Sourcebooks

Germany: Kiepenheuer
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Hungary: Libri

Spanish Language: Roca
France: Presses de la Cité



SUSAN WALTER



LIE BY THE POOL

• *A Pub/Lake Union, September 2023*

From the bestselling author of GOOD AS DEAD and OVER HER DEAD BODY comes this new gripping novel of suspense.

A desperate woman. An irresistible invitation. An escalating nightmare of secrets, lies, and murder.

Bree's new home is luxurious and private, with a fancy Beverly Hills address. Too bad it's not hers. Widowed, penniless, living in her car, and out of options, she's climbed the fence and crashed in the pool house of this empty home. All she wants is a good night's sleep. But when Sophie, the absentee owner, finds her, she gets a whole lot more than place to crash.

Sophie invites Bree back for a party. When it winds down, Bree can't resist sneaking upstairs to sleep in a real bed. But the next morning, she wakes to find Sophie's dead

body floating in the pool. As the resident vagabond, she's both the only witness and the prime murder suspect.

Bree knows she shouldn't run, but her husband's death was mysterious, too. If she's going to clear her name, she's going to have to work fast. Because the killer is still out there, and she's next.

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.

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LILY CHU

THE COMEBACK

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

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.

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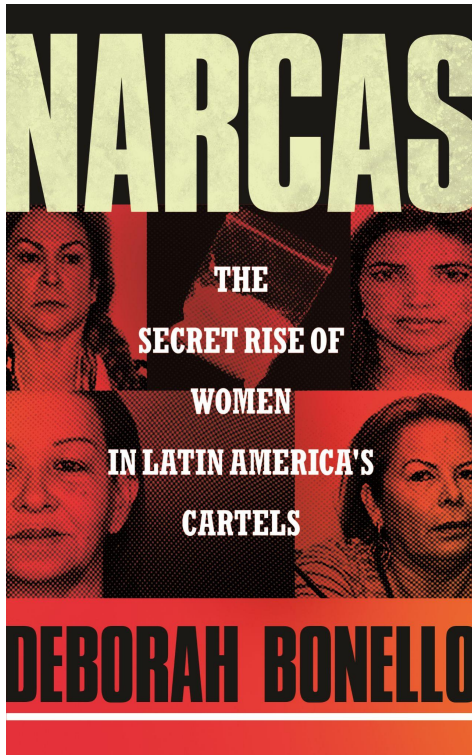
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NON-FICTION

DEBORAH BONELLO



NARCAS: The Secret Rise of Women in Latin America's Cartels

• Beacon Press, July 2023

Drug transporters. Money launderers. Killers. Street drug vendors. Weapons traffickers. Kidnappers. Extortionists.

The names Pablo Escobar and Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman conjure images of bloody streets, white powder, and a machismo unique to ruthless drug lords. But what of the drug *ladies*, *las narcas*? Investigative reporter Deborah Bonello takes you behind the curtain to introduce the women at the helm of organized crime south of the US-Mexico border. These women are the powerhouses behind violent cartels, masterminds of extortion rackets, right-hand ladies to El Chapo and his cocaine flow to the US, and matriarchs of major drug trafficking families.

Narcas gives voice to the women of notorious drug trafficking monarchies, meticulously documenting the variety of roles they play. Bonello chronicles the complexity of their actions and their desires, the gray chasm between victims and victimizers, and right and wrong. She also examines why women’s experiences are under-reported, emphasizing the importance of understanding women as fully capable beings who are often as ambitious, innovative, and ruthless as their male counterparts. With careful detail, comprehensive research, and groundbreaking storytelling, *Narcas* paints a vivid picture of the women behind some of the most notorious drug cartels.

Deborah Bonello is a journalist, writer, editor, and investigator based in Mexico City. Born in Malta and brought up in the UK, she moved to Latin America to work as a foreign correspondent in 2005. Deborah is senior editor for Latin America at VICE World News and has nearly two decades of experience covering organized crime and criminal syndicates, particularly the drug trade, as well as the violence and culture connected to the crime world. She’s contributed to several publications, including *The Guardian*, *The Los Angeles Times*, the *BBC*, and *The Telegraph*.



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UK: Beacon



CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT
LILY MEADE

THE SHADOW SISTER

• *Sourcebooks, June 2023*

Sometimes people are lost from you, no matter how much you wish they weren't and before you can even begin to know how big of a hole they'll leave behind.

Sutton's disappearance is the worst thing to happen to Casey, and to their family. She's trying to help find her sister, but Casey is also furious. She knows Sutton is manipulative, meanwhile everyone paints a picture of her perfection. People don't look for missing Black girls—or half-Black girls—without believing there is an angel to be saved.

When Sutton reappears, Casey knows she should be relieved. Except Sutton isn't the same. She remembers nothing about the time she was gone—or anything from her old life, including how she made Casey miserable. There's something unsettling about the way she wants to spend time with Casey and watch her goldfish swim for hours.

What happened to Sutton? The more Casey starts uncovering her sister's secrets, the more questions she has. Did she ever really know her? Why is no one talking about the other girls who have gone missing in their area? And what will it take to uncover the truth?



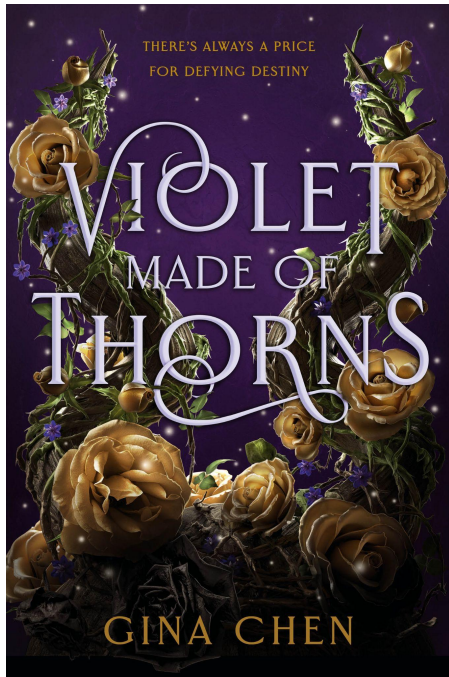
LILY MEADE is a biracial Black woman living outside of Seattle, Washington. Her work has been published in *Bustle* and *Teen Vogue*, and she has been featured in *Romper*, *Buzzfeed*, and *Rolling Stone*. This is her debut novel, which was a finalist for the Eleanor Taylor Bland award for emerging writers by *Sisters in Crime*.

Translation: **Laura Dail Literary Agency**

UK: **Hodder via PRH**



GINA CHEN



VIOLET MADE OF THORNS

• Delacorte (PRH), July 2022

★ *INSTANT* New York Times *bestseller*

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

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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Spain: Monogatari
World Spanish (ex. Spain): Planeta Mexico
Germany: CrossCult
France: Laffont
Italy: De Agostini
Czech Republic: Grada

Russia: Eksmo
The Netherlands: Van Goor/Uniboek
Brazil: Rocco
Poland: MAG
Turkey: Alfa



KALYN JOSEPHSON

RAVENFALL

• Delacorte (Random House), September 2022

This delightful MG contemporary fantasy is *Practical Magic* for the Scooby-Doo crowd, and full of quirky characters and a charming, immersive setting.

Thirteen-year-old Annabella Ballinkay has never been normal, even by her psychic family's standards. Unlike the rest of them, she's unable to use her magical abilities to help run Ravenfall, their sprawling B&B, which has developed a campy, occultist reputation amongst tourists (and also happens to be sentient). It's hard to contribute when your only power is seeing death—whenever Anna touches someone who's experienced loss, she relives it through them.

So when fourteen-year-old Colin Pierce arrives at the Ravenfall Inn in search of answers about the men who killed his brother, she jumps at the chance to help. But the murder of Colin's brother isn't the only mystery they have to solve. Colin is descended from a long line of Scáths—supernatural guardians of the veil to the Otherworld—and someone is hunting them down. The more Scáths that die, the thinner the veil becomes. The two of them must discover who's doing this and why before Samhain...otherwise, there will be nothing to stop millions of wraiths from entering the human world and wrecking havoc.



KALYN JOSEPHSON is also the author of *THE STORM CROW*, which was one of Indigo's best YA books of 2019, its sequel *THE CROW RIDER*, and the upcoming YA novel, *THIS DARK DESCENT*.

Translation: Laura Dail Literary Agency

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Russia: Eksmo



JOSHUA S. LEVY



THE JAKE SHOW

• HarperCollins, 2023

A hilarious and poignant story about finding your voice in a changing family, the power of friendship to carry us through, and the value of truth, even when it's hard.

For TV-obsessed Jake Lightman, his parents' divorce is like his favorite show getting canceled: The worst. Now torn between two very different homes, Jake must navigate a constant tug of war. His strictly Orthodox Jewish mother wants him to play the role of "Yaakov," a Torah-loving kid who never watches TV. His secular father wants "Jacob" to focus on science and math, and leave all that Jewish stuff behind. Depending on where Jake is on any given day, he changes his clothes, changes his language, changes himself.

On Jake's first day at a new school, Caleb and Tehilla barrel into Jake's life. Suddenly, Jake has two friends who seem to like the real Jake. And when they invite him to Camp Gershoni for the summer, Jake knows he has to go—even if his parents won't let him.

With help from Caleb and Tehilla, Jake concocts a web of lies to get to camp. But Jake struggles to keep up the ruse—and be a good friend at the same time. As the cost of lying grows, Jake must decide what's truly important, or risk losing the people he cares about the most.

JOSHUA S. LEVY was born and raised in Florida. He is the author of SEVENTH GRADE VS. THE GALAXY and EIGHTH GRADE VS. THE MACHINES. He lives with his wife and children in New Jersey, where he practices as a lawyer.

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CHRISTINA MATULA



THE NOT-SO-PERFECT PLAN (HOLLY-MEI #2)

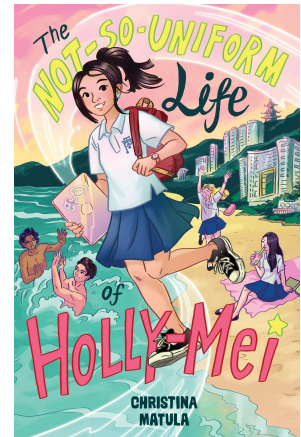
• Inkyard, April 4, 2023

Return to Hong Kong in the second book of this charming middle grade series starring Holly-Mei, a girl navigating her new city, new school, and new friendships.

It's the start of a new year, and Holly-Mei Jones is determined to make the most of it. She has amazing friends, a great field hockey team, and Hong Kong at her doorstep. This semester is going to be perfect . . . right?

Maybe not. Despite their closeness last year, Holly-Mei's friend group seems to be splintering. Desperate to bring everyone together, she ropes her friends into competing as a team in an inter-school tournament across the city.

But as Holly-Mei becomes obsessed with winning, her friends seem less interested in the tournament—and in her new attitude. Will she be able to pull off her perfect plan?



CHRISTINA MATULA grew up in Ottawa, Canada. Being a child of immigrant parents, she has always been curious about other cultures and far-off places. Dumplings are her favorite food, especially her mother's savory Taiwanese jiaozi and her father's sweet Hungarian gomboc. She has an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Hong Kong and now lives in Finland with her husband, two children, and puppy.

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COMING SOON...



GRIEF IN THE FOURTH DIMENSION

by Jennifer Yu
Abrams, 2023



VIOLET MADE OF THORNS #2

by Gina Chen
Delacorte (PRH), Spring 2024
*Manuscript available April 2023



FARRAH NOORZAD AND THE RING OF FATE

by Deeba Zargapur
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