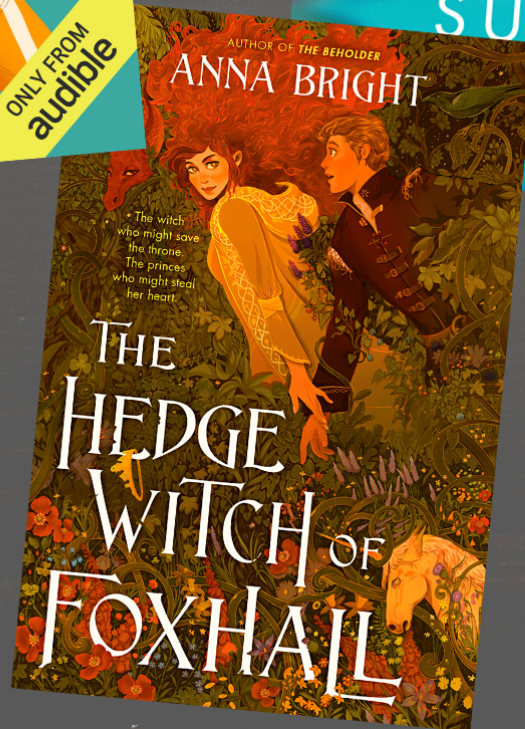
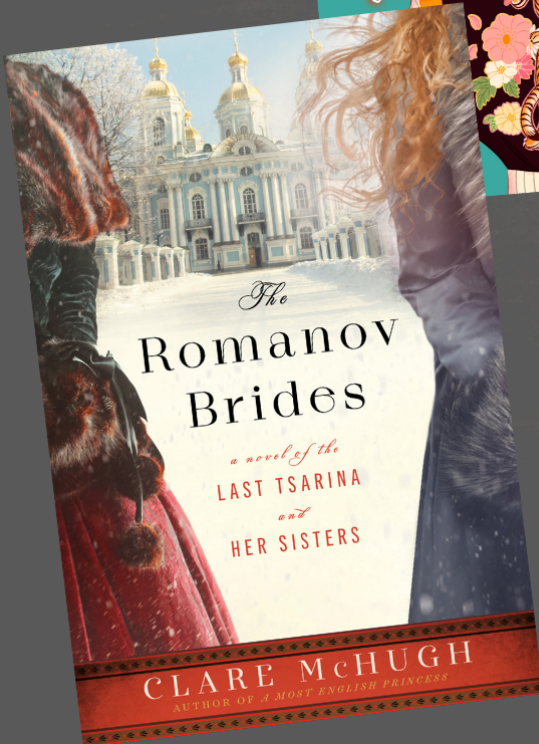


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MARIE BENEDICT

THE MITFORD AFFAIR

- *Landmark (Sourcebooks), January 2023*
- ★ *An instant Indie and Publishers Weekly bestseller*

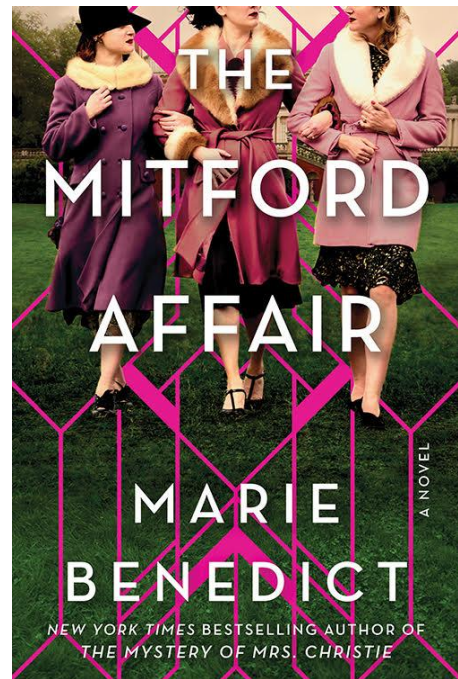
An explosive novel of history's most notorious sisters, one of whom will have to choose: Her country or her family?

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 also the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of 7 novels including *HER HIDDEN GENIUS* and *THE MYSTERY OF MRS. CHRISTIE*, and with Victoria Christopher Murray, *THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN* and *THE FIRST LADIES*. 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.



Translation: Laura Dail Literary Agency

UK: Sourcebooks

Germany: Kiepenheuer
Russia: MTS Library

Hungary: Libri
Spanish Language: Planeta

France: Presses de la Cité



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LILY CHU



THE TAKEDOWN

- *Audio: Audible Originals, November 2023*
- *Print: Casablanca (Sourcebooks), May 2024*

A rivals to lovers rom-com about a down-on-her-luck consultant who must team up with her nemesis (who also happens to be a super hot CEO) to expose the corruption at a luxury fashion house.

DEE KWAN'S SECRETS FOR A HAPPY LIFE:

- Always remain positive, no matter the cost
- Realize that every setback is a hidden opportunity
- Never, ever question whether any of these mantras actually work

For Dee Kwan, every day is the perfect day. No, really. She has a house she loves, a job she adores, and a ridiculously attractive “nemesis” who never seems to mind when she wins their favorite online game. How can life possibly get better? (It can’t, obviously. It can only get much, much worse.)

Soon, Dee is forced to share her adorably cozy home with her parents and prickly estranged grandmother. Then she's tossed into the deep end, tasked with cleaning up a scandal for intimidatingly chic luxury fashion firm Celeste. If that weren't enough, she discovers her hot-nemesis works there, too...and Teddy is nothing like the man she thought she knew.

Before she can cry foul, Teddy comes clean about his double life: he's the heir to the CEO and he needs her help to make Celeste a better place—for everyone. But that means taking down the old guard—including his father—intent on standing in their way. Now in the center of a dizzying corporate coup, Dee is forced to decide whether she's ready to stop watching the world through rose-colored glasses and instead face the truth: about herself, about her feelings for Teddy, and about what she's willing to do to truly make a difference.

LILY CHU writes romantic comedies set in Toronto with strong Asian characters. She is also the author of *THE STAND-IN*, a Target Book Club pick, and *THE COMEBACK*.

Translation: Laura Dail Literary Agency

UK: Audible & Sourcebooks



CLARE MCHUGH

THE ROMANOV BRIDES

• *William Morrow (HarperCollins), March 2024*

From the author of *A MOST ENGLISH PRINCESS* comes a rich novel about young Princess Alix of Hesse—the future last Empress of Imperial Russia—and her sister, whose decisions to marry into the Romanov royal family changed history.

“I truly could not put this book down. Clare McHugh is a genius... Utterly addictive!”

—**Mariah Fredericks**, author of *THE LINDBERGH NANNY*

The granddaughters of Queen Victoria and two of the most beautiful princesses in Europe, Princesses Alix and Ella were destined to marry well. But while their grandmother wants to join them to the English and German royal families, the sisters fall in love with Russia—and the Romanovs.

Defying the Queen’s dire warnings, Ella weds the tsar’s brother, Grand Duke Serge. Cultivated, aloof, and proud, Serge places his young wife on a pedestal for all to admire. But behind palace gates, Ella struggles to secure private happiness.

Visiting Russia for Ella’s wedding, Alix meets and captivates Nicky—heir apparent to the Russian throne. While loving him deeply, Alix hears a call of conscience, urging her to walk away. Their fateful decisions to marry lead to tragic consequences for not only themselves and their families, but for millions in Russia and around the globe.

THE ROMANOV BRIDES is a moving and fascinating portrait of two bold and spirited royal sisters, and brings to vivid life imperial Russia—a dazzling, decadent world on the brink of destruction.

Born in London, **CLARE MCHUGH** grew up in the United States and graduated from Harvard University with a degree in European history. She worked for many years as a newspaper reporter and magazine editor. She has also taught high school history and reviewed books for the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Baltimore Sun*.



Translation: Laura Dail Literary Agency

UK: Laura Dail Literary Agency



SUSAN WALTER



LIE BY THE POOL

• *Lake Union* (Amazon Publishing), September 2023

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

“The most fun I’ve had reading a thriller in a long time! **LIE BY THE POOL** is a delicious page-turner you will finish in one sitting. Full of juicy twists, a wildly original plot, and nerve-shredding tension, **LIE BY THE POOL** catapults Susan Walter into the top echelon of thriller writers.”

— David Ellis, *New York Times* bestselling author of **LOOK CLOSER**

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 climbs the fence and crashes in the pool house of an 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 a 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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UK: Lake Union



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DEBORAH BONELLO

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

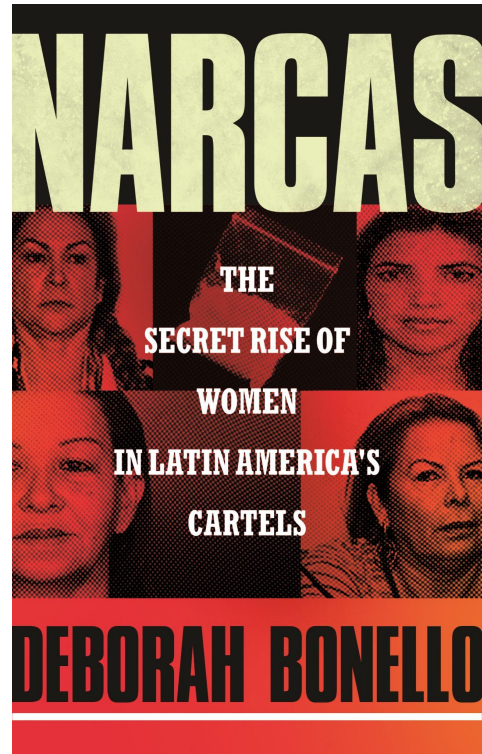
• *Beacon Press, July 2023*

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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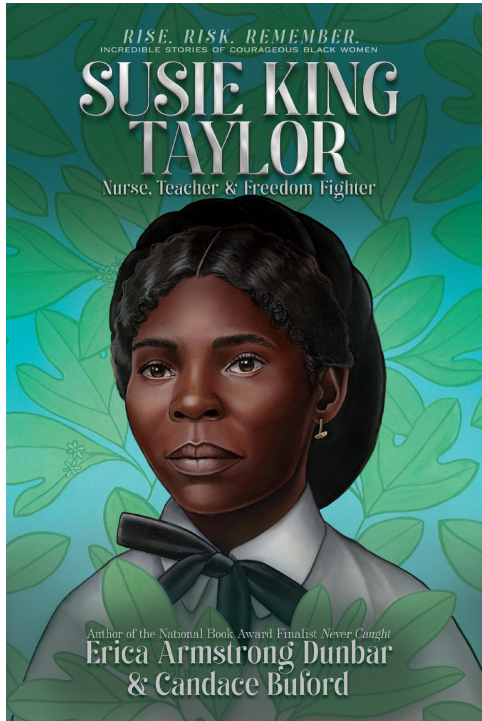
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CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT
Non-Fiction

**ERICA ARMSTRONG DUNBAR &
CANDACE BUFORD**



SUSIE KING TAYLOR

- *Aladdin* (Simon & Schuster), September 2023
- ★ A Junior Library Guild Selection!

From the acclaimed and National Book Award finalist author of NEVER CAUGHT and SHE CAME TO SLAY comes a vibrant middle grade biography of Susie King Taylor, a new hero that kids everywhere will want to know.

Susie King Taylor was born enslaved. Her journey toward freedom was difficult and violent, forcing the 14-year-old Susie to leave her family and travel through the woods, racing to the relative safety of the Union army on St. Catherines Island in Georgia.

When she arrived at the army camp, Susie started to teach reading and writing as she nursed injured soldiers, stepping in to heal and nurture people who rose to fight slavery. Through her own words, we learn how her passion and bravery were tested. She would become the

first Black woman to write about and publish her story of life in a Union camp during the Civil War.

In this first person narrative, we see the seed of freedom take root and grow as a newly married Susie King emerged from the war a fiercely changed, free woman.

The first in a new series of biographies celebrating amazing stories of Black women who rose up and risked everything—and whose lives need to be remembered—this is a story of a teenager whose steadfast dream of freedom took root and blossomed. It's the story of a hero.

Translation: Laura Dail Literary Agency

UK: Simon & Schuster



CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT
Fiction

ANNA BRIGHT

THE HEDGEWITCH OF FOXHALL

• *HarperTeen (HarperCollins), March 2024*

In this gorgeous stand-alone fantasy romance perfect for fans of Margaret Rogerson and Allison Saft, a rebellious witch undertakes a last-ditch quest to restore magic to medieval Wales—as two princes vie for her heart.

Magic is fading from Wales—choked off by King Offa's Dyke, the enemy earthworks that spans the entire border. Even the dragons have disappeared. And now an attack is imminent.

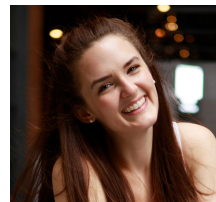
Prince Taliesin would love to watch magic die. Prince Dafydd fears it, and the throne. But when their father promises the crown to whichever son can destroy the dyke and restore magic to Wales, the brothers are forced into an uneasy rivalry.

Ffion works hedgewitch magic for poor folk, not princes.

Unlike the power-hungry Foxhall coven, she uses only what nature can spare. But when the coven's greed costs Ffion everything, she will need power beyond her wildest dreams to get back what she's lost.

So when Prince Taliesin arrives, begrudgingly seeking a witch's aid, Ffion agrees to help him—even if it means walking from one end of Wales to the other with the most use-less peacock she's ever clapped eyes on. Even if it means striking a bargain with Dafydd behind Tal's back. The fate of Wales depends on their quest...and so might the fate of Ffion's heart.

ANNA BRIGHT lives in Washington, D.C., where she's an indie bookseller by day and an author by night. She is also the author of *THE BEHOLDER* and *THE BOUNDLESS*, her debut novels, as well as *THE SONG THAT MOVES THE SUN*.



Translation: Laura Dail Literary Agency

UK: HarperTeen



KALYN JOSEPHSON



Ravenfall Series

• Delacorte (Penguin Random House), September 2022 & October 2023

★ *RAVENFALL*: Nominated as a Best MG Book of the Year in the 2022 Goodreads Choice Awards and a B&N October Young Reader monthly pick!

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

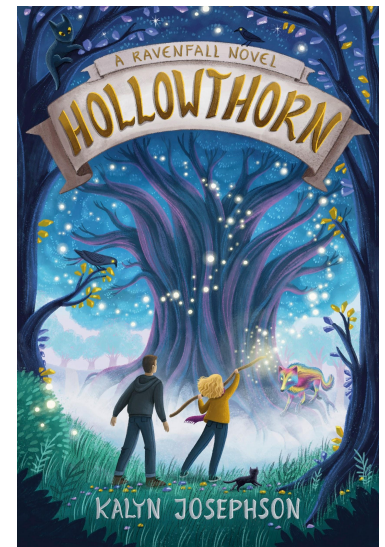
The adventures of Annabella Ballinkay and Colin Pearce are anything but normal. With Anna being the youngest in a magical family who run a haunted bed and breakfast, and Colin being the newest member of the Ravens (guardians of the supernatural world), these two friends have

their work cut out for them when it comes to solving the mysteries that keep falling at their feet.

In the first two books, Anna and Colin team up to find his missing older brother and discover who killed Colin's parents...a search that will lead them on a quest to stop the King of the Dead before he can rip the veil to the Otherworld and destroy their hometown and everything else.

Then, just when everything seems to be back to normal, the two must stop a demon from Jewish folklore that is hunting the Tree of Life, a

source of untold power and immortality, before they lose the magic of the Ravenfall Inn forever.



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*.

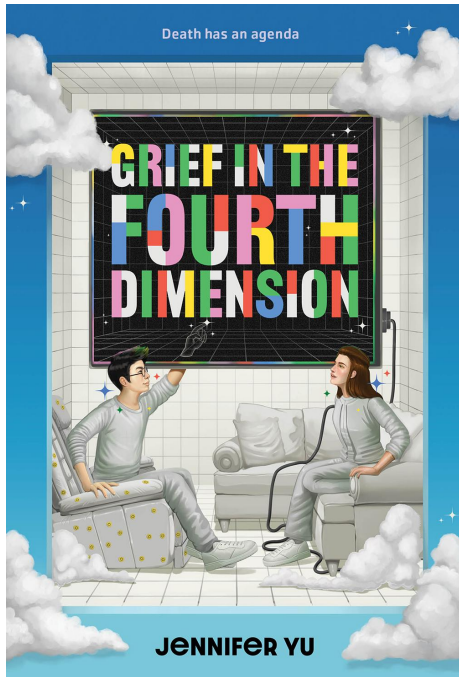
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UK: Random House

Russia: Eksmo



JENNIFER YU



GRIEF IN THE FOURTH DIMENSION

• Abrams BFYR (Abrams), July 2024

A heartwarming and touching novel perfect for fans of *The Good Place* and *YOU'VE REACHED SAM*.

In life, high school classmates Caroline Davison and Kenny Zhou existed in separate universes—Caroline in one of softball practices and family dinners; Kenny in one of NASA photo books and late-night shifts at his parents' Chinese restaurant. But after their deaths, they find themselves thrown together as roommates in a mysterious white room—one that seems to exist outside of time and space, shows them their loved ones' lives on a large hi-def TV, and grants their wishes with a sardonic sense of humor.

As Caroline and Kenny watch life continue to unfold back on Earth, they realize they can influence events through radio signals, psychic mediums, and electromagnetic interference. In their efforts to console their families, they also start to understand the tragic depth of how their lives and deaths were connected and how to help their families—and themselves—heal from the losses.

JENNIFER YU is the author of *FOUR WEEKS*, *FIVE PEOPLE* and *IMAGINE US HAPPY*. When not writing, you can find her weeping intermittently about the Boston Celtics, photos of the Earth from outer space, and the etymology of the word disaster. She has lived in Kansas, Boston, and Los Angeles, though these days she is mostly living out of her 2018 Toyota Corolla LE as she hikes her way across the Mountain West.

Translation: Laura Dail Literary Agency

UK: Random House



COMING SOON...



FARRAH NOORZAD AND THE RING OF FATE

by Deeba Zargapur

• *Labyrinth Road* (Penguin Random House), Summer 2024

A middle-grade novel about eleven-year-old Farrah, who discovers her estranged father is a jinn king after she accidentally traps him inside a magical ring with a birthday wish gone wrong. Her quest to free him may lead her to the most devious jinn king of all.



THE BITTER END

by Alexa Donne

• *Crown* (Penguin Random House), Summer 2024

In this YA thriller, eight teens from an exclusive prep school find themselves on a class trip of horrors, stranded in the mountains with a killer—who may be one of their own.



RUNNING COLD

by Susan Walter

• *Lake Union* (Amazon), Fall 2024

When Julie Adler's husband kills himself under mysterious circumstances and leaves her penniless, the former Olympic biathlete is forced to take a job as a chambermaid in Canada's famed Banff Springs Hotel. But when a rich socialite is found murdered in her suite, Julie becomes the prime suspect, and the race to prove her innocence uncovers the shocking truth about her own husband's death.



DROP DEAD

by Lily Chu

• *Audible Originals*, November 2024 & *Sourcebooks*, 2025

In this rom-com, an obituary writer's career and romantic life get turned upside down when she accidentally prints an obit for a famous author who, as it turns out, is still very much alive. Now she and her rival (and previous college crush) must sift through the author's eccentric house to find evidence of a long-buried scandal.