

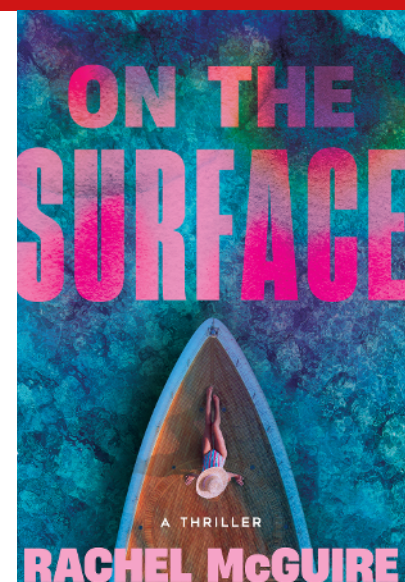
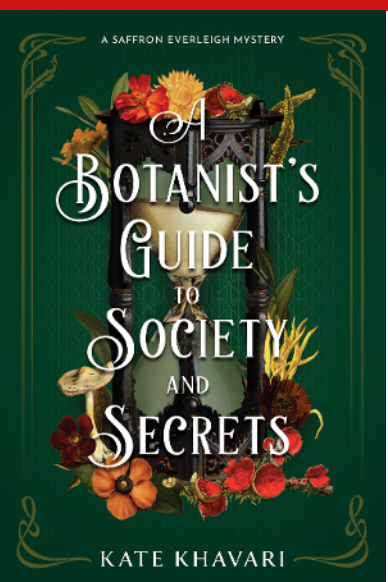
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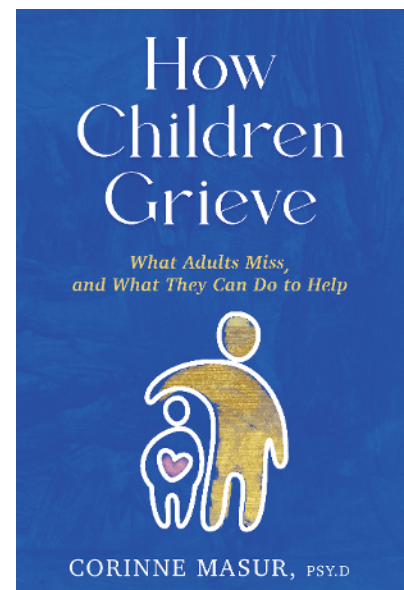
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DEBUT

SUMMER AFTER SUMMER by Lauren Bailey

May 7, 2024 | Fiction - Romance - Contemporary

A woman returns to her family's Hamptons beach house for a final time—and a final chance at the love she's lost before, in this contemporary retelling of *Persuasion*, perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Rebecca Serle.

Olivia Taylor's marriage is in a death spiral when she agrees to come home to the Hamptons to help her father and sisters pack up the family estate. If it looks like she's running away from her soon-to-be-ex Wes and New York City, well, she is. But someone has to take care of things and that's always been Olivia's role in the family. After years of financial trouble, someone's finally bailing them out with a huge offer to buy their beachfront property, which is a good thing, although it means losing the home she grew up in, where her mother died, and where she first met Fred, the love of her life.

It's been five years since the last time things blew up between Olivia and Fred, but much longer since the first time. At this point, Olivia fears it was never meant to be, so there's no reason to feel butterflies in her stomach at the idea of seeing him again. They've already tried, and tried again...and again...but she's newly single, and she isn't the same person she was the last time—and Fred has changed, too.

This time, things will be different. Maybe, just maybe, the fifth time's the charm.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Praise for *Summer After Summer*

"A romantic, delightful read." — Heather Webb, *USA Today* bestselling author

"Smart, wonderfully plotted, and entertaining from start to finish, you won't want to put it down." — Matthew Norman, bestselling author of *Charm City Rocks*

"Do yourself a favor and clear your calendar before you read it: you're not going to want to put it down. *Summer After Summer* is a real winner!" — Maddie Dawson, bestselling author



Lauren Bailey has been an avid reader since the age of three when her father taught her how to read. After twenty years in the corporate world, she told that job to shove it, and wrote *Summer After Summer*, a novel she'd been dreaming about for years. When she's not writing, you can find her on the tennis court.

BARELY EVEN FRIENDS by Mae Bennett

DEBUT

June 4, 2024

A grumpy, rich recluse meets his match in this steamy Beauty and the Beast retelling—with a *Succession* twist. Fans of fairy tale adaptations, and readers of Julie Murphy and Falon Ballard, will adore Mae Bennett’s debut romance.

Bellamy Price has just been offered the job of a lifetime: lead contractor on the restoration of the mysterious and sprawling Killington Estate. If she meets the owner’s ridiculous timeline, she’ll finally make a name for herself in this male-dominated industry. But when she rolls up her sleeves, slips on her suspenders, and shows up at the crumbling mansion, Bellamy finds the estate very much occupied.

After a traumatic car accident that left his parents dead and himself injured, Oliver Killington, heir to the Killington empire, took up residence as the grumpy caretaker of his grandfather’s mansion. None too pleased by the presence of the hammer-wielding woman who’s moved into his house, Oliver tries to block her at every turn.

But when Bellamy discovers Oliver’s facing his own ultimatum from his grandfather, the two form a cautious truce, which leads to flying sparks that are definitely not from faulty wiring. As Bellamy restores the gleam to the Killington Estate, she’ll have to decide if the walls she’s built around herself are worth knocking down to make space for someone else.

Perfect for fans of Tessa Bailey, this clever, steamy debut novel will have readers rooting for this Beauty and her Beast until the very last page.

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Territory: World All Languages

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Blurbs from Ali Hazelwood, Chloe Liese, Lana Ferguson, and other bestselling authors incoming soon!



Mae Bennett is a hopeless romantic who enjoys imagining and writing happily ever afters in her free time. A voracious reader and reviewer of romance books while her cat, King Louis, rules from his throne. She bookstagrams her love of romance novels as @twiceuponabook.

FACE THE MUSIC by Joy Callaway

DEBUT

September 9, 2025

Face the Music combines the southern charm of small-town politics with a compelling love triangle, an exciting contemporary debut from a popular author of historical fiction. Fans of *Virgin River*, *Firefly Lane*, *Nashville*, and *Hart of Dixie* will adore this novel.

City girl Hattie is back in Mountain View, and drama clings to her like a magnet from day one. As the only person openly in favor of the plans to build a giant stadium and sports team complex that will cut right through town and destroy some beloved farmland in the process, she's on the town's collective sh*t list—and things only get more complicated when she finds herself running an accidental music venue from her family's barn.

Readers will be rooting for either Team Huck (the old flame) or Team Fox (the mysterious new guy) as they vie for her heart. But who will walk away with the ultimate prize?

The small-town setting is filled to the brim with quirky Southern charm. An Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile, a hardware store that doubles as a bar after dark! Barn weddings, 5k races where you have to eat a whole coconut pie at the halfway mark, Nashville music execs making dreams come true!

Territory: World All Languages

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Foreign sales for previous titles: France (Hauteville) and AUS/NZ (Allen & Unwin)

Materials Available to Read: Winter 2023

Praise for Joe Callaway

'*All The Pretty Places* is a timeless and powerful novel of a daring woman who must decide if she will risk everything to follow her passion and find her voice.'

-- Patti Callahan Henry, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Surviving Savannah*

'Masterfully written with elegant prose and exquisite detail, Joy Callaway crafts a story as sumptuous and colorful as the Gilded Age gardens she transports readers to.'

-- Yvette Manassis Corporon, international bestselling author of *Where the Wandering Ends*



Joy Callaway is the internationally bestselling author of *What the Mountains Remember*, *All The Pretty Places*, *The Grand Design*, *Secret Sisters*, and *The Fifth Avenue Artists Society*. She lives in Charlotte, NC with her husband and two children.

WHAT WE SACRIFICE FOR MAGIC by Andrea Jo DeWerd

September 24, 2024

A coming-of-age novel featuring three generations of witches in the 1960s, this whimsical yet heartwarming debut explores the importance of family and the joys and heartbreak of discovering who you truly are.

It's 1968, and the Watry-Ridder family is feared and respected in equal measure. The local farmers seek out their water charms and the teenagers their love spells. The family's charms and spells have long served the town, passed down through generations of witches descending from the Black Forest.

Eldest daughter Elisabeth has just graduated high school—she is expected to hone her supernatural abilities so that she can help her grandmother, the indomitable Madga. She's also expected to marry her high school sweetheart, and live the rest of her life in the small town of Friedrich, Minnesota. But all she can ask is *why her?* Why is her path set in stone?

She soon discovers that magic isn't the only thing inherited in her family. That magic also comes with a great price—and a big family secret. The more she digs, the more questions she has and the less she trusts the grandmother she thought she knew. Who is Elisabeth without her family? She must ultimately decide what she's willing to sacrifice for her family, for their secrets and their magic, or risk it all to pave her own way.

A touching look at family and coming into one's own, *What We Sacrifice for Magic* is perfect for fans of Alice Hoffman and Louisa Morgan.

Materials Available to Read: December 2023

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HOW TO DANCE by Jason B. Dutton

February 6, 2024 | Fiction - Romance - Contemporary

Opposites attract and sparks fly as a passionate dancer and a ladies' man who's given up on love fall for each other—one tango at a time—in this charming debut romance perfect for fans of Talia Hibbert and Blair Fell.

Nick Freeman works hard as the star of the weekly karaoke night at his bar, hoping his singing talent, quick wit, and winning smile will distract from his cerebral palsy. But one night at the bar, watching a professional dancer light up the dance floor with her boyfriend, he realizes that entertaining strangers will never give him a fraction of the joy he sees in this woman's eyes.

When Hayley Burke notices Nick's reaction to her dancing, she urges him to acknowledge his passion and try a few moves himself—only to be mortified when she realizes Nick can only walk with the aid of a metal walker.

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As Nick and Hayley fumble through misunderstanding into friendship, Hayley begins to enjoy Nick's company more than that of her self-centered boyfriend. Nick tries to fight his attraction to Hayley, believing she deserves a dance partner who can move like her boyfriend does—but as Hayley and Nick continue to find their rhythm together, she shows him that “dancing” is about so much more than moving your feet.

In this fresh-voiced and utterly charming debut novel, Jason B. Dutton takes readers on a swoon-filled journey as two lost souls learn that neither physical disability nor emotional scars disqualify us from finding beauty, validation, and love amidst the chaos of being human.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Jason Dutton lives in Columbus, Ohio, where he does all he can to nurture his lifelong love of song, dance, and books. Jason received a BA in creative writing and political science and an MFA in creative nonfiction from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. His life experience has been at least as important as his education in preparing him to write this book, as he lives with cerebral palsy and he's also a lifelong fan of music, theater, and dance. Jason resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he has lived most of his life.

THE IRISH GOODBYE by Amy Ewing

June 4, 2024

It's hate-at-first-sight when a jilted Irish chef returns home to Inishmore and immediately clashes with a mouthy American tourist.

This steamy debut romance novel by *New York Times* bestselling author Amy Ewing is perfect for fans of Abby Jimenez and Beth O'Leary.

Cordelia James was once at the top of her game—a renowned street photographer with a massive social media following, gallery showings in Chelsea, and a lucrative book deal. But after the sudden death of her father, Cordelia can barely force herself to leave her apartment. That is, until she sees an ad for a summer gig at a cozy cottage on Ireland's picturesque Inishmore island. Cordelia is on a plane before she can talk herself out of it.

The moment she steps off the boat, she crashes—literally—into Niall O'Connor, a grumpy local who's just returned home to Inishmore from Dublin. Niall is nursing a broken heart and trying to patch up a broken life, and he has no time for posh American tourists. The more Cordelia's and Niall's paths cross, the more they make each other's lives hell. But as with all rivalries, their hatred is about to reach a tipping point—and it's going to heat up their cool coastal nights.

Featuring a lovable band of quirky supporting characters, *The Irish Goodbye* is an emotionally gripping tale of love, passion, art, food, and finding where you belong

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Territory: World All Languages

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****New York Times bestselling author!****



As the daughter of a librarian, books were a crucial part of **Amy Ewing's** childhood. She went to NYU and studied theater and later on to The New School's MFA program for Creative Writing, which changed her life forever. Her first book, THE JEWEL, was her thesis project.

THE GROUP TRIP by Audrey Ingram

September 10, 2024

***Firefly Lane* meets *Happy Place* in this touching southern-set novel about what it means to grow up together—hopefully without growing apart.**

Told over one week in the present and ten years in the past, Ingram paints a stunning portrait of friendship for fans of Kristy Woodson Harvey.

Sloane and Alden. Chloe and sometimes Luke. Steady Marianne. Distant Wyatt. The six friends met in their freshman year of college and quickly became inseparable as they navigated the bumpy road into adulthood. In the decades since, relationships have fractured and things are not quite as they once were.

Despite this, the group has gathered for a getaway at a luxury property on Florida's Gulf Coast. Between beach bonfires and seafood dinners, the friends struggle to imagine a future together when it seems like they've grown apart. The more time they spend swimming in the emerald waters, the more tenuous their bonds become.

For everyone who has felt both the joy and pain of changing friendships, *The Group Trip* offers a poignant exploration of matters of the heart.

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Praise for *The River Runs South*

"The River Runs South captivated me from page one. Layered and nuanced, this is a great Southern tale." — Tracey Garvis Graves, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Heard It in a Love Song*

"Lovers of luscious prose and fans of ecofiction will flock to Audrey Ingram's moving Alabama-set tale. An unforgettable debut by a standout new voice in southern fiction."

—Kristy Woodson Harvey, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Summer of Songbirds*



Audrey Ingram is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Middlebury College and Georgetown University Law Center. She practiced law in Washington, DC for fifteen years. When not writing, she can be found digging in her garden or hiking the Blue Ridge mountains. Audrey currently lives in Virginia with her husband and three children.



DEBUT

I'VE GOT MY MIND SET ON BREW by Stephanie Jayne

April 9, 2024 | Fiction - Romance - Contemporary

A down-on-her-luck craft beer brewer and her privileged new boss clash as they work together to save a quirky brewpub in this enemies-to-lovers workplace rom-com, perfect for fans of Rachel Lynn Solomon's *The Ex Talk*.

Kat Malone is left cash-strapped after a job loss and a bad breakup (pro tip: never offer to pay living expenses for a freeloading poetry major) when she discovers a surprising new career path: craft beer brewer.

When the brewpub is sold, the new owner places his light-on-experience son in charge of the pub. Ryan is as basic as a pale lager and aims to turn quirky Resistance into a run-of-the-mill sports bar. Worse, he won't consider Kat for the position of brewer's assistant—the job she'd been promised by the previous owners.

Despite clashes between Kat and Ryan, he confides that Resistance is in financial trouble and that drastic changes will be needed if the pub has any hope of survival. Forced to collaborate, Kat realizes Ryan isn't as bland as she assumed—he might even be exactly what she's been craving.

But just as Ryan promises Kat a true partnership in the face of his father's opposition, Kat is offered the opportunity of a lifetime. "Marrying the beer" used to be Kat's only goal, but can she craft a brew for her life that allows her to have it all?

Fans of Kate Clayborn and Mariana Zapata will be raising a pint to this crisp, satisfying, slow-burn romantic novel.

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Stephanie Jayne loves to write relatable characters striving to make their mark on the world as they fall in love in the process. When not crafting quirky love stories, she's often found playing video games or fangirling over romance books with a book club. She lives in the greater Chicago area with her multitalented creative husband and two persistent cats.

June 18, 2024

A pro hockey player falls for an interior designer in this charming debut sports romance.

For fans of *Icebreaker* and *Set On You*, this flirty workplace rom-com explores mental health, belonging, and finding your way in the world.

Nick Lehtinen had once been one of the fastest men in hockey—until the devastating plane crash that took the lives of his best friends, leaving him the only survivor. Now he’s physically ready to get back on the ice, but his coach is concerned Nick isn’t doing as well, mentally, as he says he is. Case in point: Nick’s apartment is completely empty, apart from a single chair and a mattress on the floor.

To prove he’s fine, really, Nick hires Alyssa Compton, an up-and-coming interior designer, to decorate his space. Alyssa’s thrilled at the chance to prove herself to her demanding boss—with job security at last, maybe she can finally put down roots and create a home for herself too. But Nick turns out to be infuriatingly stubborn and impossible to work with, and just when Alyssa decides to throw in the towel on the whole thing, Nick shows up for her in a way she never could have expected.

The icy path ahead of these two lost souls may be slippery and cracking, but when it comes to love, sometimes all you need is someone on your team.

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Katie Kennedy is the author of *The Constitution Decoded* and the forthcoming *The Presidents Decoded*. Her young adult novels include *Learning to Swear in America* and *What Goes Up*. She is a history professor in Iowa and a lifelong hockey fan. *Hearts on Thin Ice* is her debut novel for adults.

WE CARRY THE SEA IN OUR HANDS by Janie Soo-hyun Kim

July 9, 2024

Told with poetic prose and an imaginative voice, this “beautifully composed [and] original” (Joyce Carol Oates, New York Times bestselling author) debut novel explores family, trauma, and belonging through one woman’s journey to reconnect with her roots.

Abby Rodier was a “drop-box baby,” a Korean orphan whose mother could not take care of her and left her as an infant. Abby’s tumultuous experience in the American foster care system has led her to live a solitary and guarded life, closed off to almost everyone except her best friend Iseul, whose parents took Abby into their home as a child.

Abby’s work studying the origins of life in sea slugs and bacteria leads her to wonder about her birth parents and question her place in this world. It’s not long before Abby stumbles upon a biological discovery that will change the course of her life. Meanwhile, Iseul’s devotion to their ill brother leads to an entanglement between her work as an investigative journalist and the murky world of black market medicine.

After a tragic event, Abby’s life is thrown into a tailspin. With the rug pulled out from under her feet, she spirals into a disorientation of grief, apparitions, and compulsions. With the help of those around her, Abby must embark on a journey to understand her true roots and make peace with her present.

From an exciting new voice in literary fiction, *We Carry the Sea in Our Hands* is a complex and layered ode to found family, perfect for fans of *The Last Story of Mina Lee* and *Goodbye, Vitamin*

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Early praise for *We Carry the Sea in Our Hands*:

“*We Carry the Sea in Our Hands* is a brilliant, poetic dance between the worlds of art and science that explores a young woman’s coming of age/coming to consciousness. In this deftly articulate first novel, Kim explores intimate and essential questions about family, identity, biological imperative, and the mythology of the self. A braided narrative that brings together science, nature, and grief, *We Carry the Sea in Our Hands* is a haunting celebration of the preciousness of life and our relationships to both what is known and what remains mysterious within us and within the world around us.” — A.M. Homes

“*We Carry the Sea in Our Hands* is a brilliant accomplishment, beautifully composed, stylistically inventive, conceptually imaginative and original. . . . it is a complex, layered text in which present action is braided together with a poignant backstory of quarrelsome adoptive parents, loving surrogate parents, and an intense friendship.” —Joyce Carol Oates

Janie Kim is a 2021 summa cum laude graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Molecular Biology and certificates in Engineering Biology and Creative Writing. She has completed a number of scientific studies and been published in a myriad of professional journals. Janie completed her Fulbright Fellowship, and is going to Stanford in the Fall for her PhD in Molecular Biology. She is also working at the Lone Gram Lab at the Technical University of Denmark, researching RNA coding in bacteria and marine microalgae.

A WICKED TOUCH by Lindsey Lovise

September 17, 2024

What if...Wicked Witches are real, but everything we know about them is wrong?

Centuries ago two separate magical beings existed: Wickeds and Witches. Over time they were mistakenly combined, then persecuted, until Wickeds allowed themselves to be erased from history.

Holly Celeste and her sisters are Wickeds, each of them possessing a supposed-to- be-evil power: Holly controls the weather, Winter glimpses the future, and Missy creates disease. The Celeste sisters have remained in the shadows for most of their lives, quietly manipulating their powers for good. When a paranormal threat forces them to re-evaluate their choices, they realize they've been stuck in the past for too long: it's time the Wickeds returned to the light. The Celeste women envision a future with Wicked community, shared knowledge, and support groups (how does one deal with the persistent urge to start a tornado?). Unfortunately, not all Wickeds are ready for change, and some will do anything to keep the status quo—even if it means being truly wicked.

Holly Celeste and her sisters make the best cider in Maine - courtesy of a secret (shhh magical) ingredient. But even though their cider is the most delicious and delectable, they're losing out to the neighboring orchard and soon they'll be forced to sell. TV personality Connor Grimm knows there is something magical going on at Holly's orchard and is desperate to film his next ghost hunting series on their farm. The last thing Holly wants is a sexy gray-eyed star nosing about in her very real secrets, but she has no choice if she wants to keep her family's legacy afloat.

When Connor finds out what she really is, he is forced to choose between revealing his best paranormal discovery yet and propelling his show to the top of the charts or betraying the strong, incredible woman he has come to love.

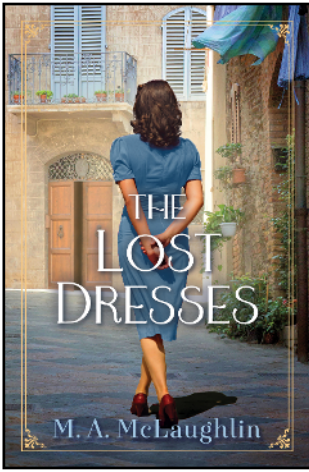
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Lindsay Lovise writes historical and contemporary romances with quirky heroines and happily ever afters. She is the author of *Never Blow a Kiss*, the first in the new *Secret Society of Governess Spies* series, and *A Wicked Touch*, a contemporary romance with a magical twist.



THE LOST DRESSES by M.A. McLaughlin

February 6, 2024 | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Historical

In this rich, atmospheric historical novel, perfect for fans of Brenda Janowitz and Adriana Trigiani, two stories of love and deceit intertwine nearly a hundred years apart in Verona, Italy.

Verona, 1947. Textile historian Marianne Baxter comes to post-war Italy with one thing on her mind: three pristine Victorian dresses, once owned by the famous poet Christina Rossetti. Hidden away in a trunk for nearly a century, they were recently discovered at the Fondazione Museo Menigatti and Marianne's expertise is needed before they go on exhibit. Still grieving the loss of her husband, the trip is also a reason for Marianne to start over.

But when she arrives, she discovers an unsupportive but handsome museum owner, a superstitious local community, and a mysterious letter with a scribbled warning hidden among the dresses.

Verona, 1864. Christina Rossetti returns to her family's homeland in hopes of leaving her unfulfilled personal life and poetry career in England and beginning a new chapter. After a chance encounter with an old family friend, she finds a gift her father once gave her: a small ornate box with the three Muses carved into the lid. When she stumbles across a secret compartment, Christina finds a letter from her father with an urgent and personal request.

The letter, speaking of a pendant and stolen book that must be returned, connects Marianne and Christina—and leaves them both with more questions than answers. Inspired by the real-life mysteries surrounding poet Christina Rossetti, *The Lost Dresses* transports readers to Verona with the enchantment and intrigue of Italian art and fashion.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club,

Foreign sales for previous titles: German (dp Verlag) , Claire Clairmont Mysteries 1 & 2

Praise for the Claire Clairmont Historical Mystery Trilogy:

"Ambrose provides a fresh perspective on Byron and his literary circle. Agent."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Ambrose seduces readers with writing as smooth as a lady's silk gown and a plot as suspenseful as the appearance of an unexpected visitor, drawing readers into a realm of creative brilliance, tragedy, and secrets." —*Booklist*

"Ambrose, author of the Mango Bay mysteries (*Coastal Corpse*, 2016, etc.), writes in a . . . style that suggests romantic thrillers of bygone days." —*Kirkus Review*



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DEBUT

HERE FOR THE WRONG REASONS by Annabel Paulsen & Lydia Wang

May 21, 2024 | FICTION / Romance / LGBTQ+ / Lesbian

In this swoon-filled lesbian romcom, two dating show contestants vying for the affection of the leading man fall head over heels—for each other.

Fans of Ashley Herring Blake and Alexandria Bellefleur, and readers who love *The Bachelor*, will adore this steamy, laugh-out-loud debut romance.

Krystin knows exactly what she wants: a husband, a horse, and a place to hang all her competitive rodeo blue ribbons. But when none of the eligible bachelors in Montana end up being right for her, she turns to reality TV. On *Hopelessly Devoted*, Krystin will compete against dozens of other women for the heart of this season's Hopeless Romantic, Josh Rosen. She's determined to win the perfect life she came here for—if she can just ignore the glossy brunette whose crimson smile gives her goosebumps.

Lauren has never done anything for the right reasons—and she's definitely not on *Hopelessly Devoted* to win Josh's heart. Lauren's plan is simple: stay on the show long enough to build her social media following, and then gracefully leave when it's her turn to be eliminated. With enough followers, she'll finally have enough influencer clout to do whatever she wants—including come out of the proverbial walk-in closet. But the longer she stays on the show, the more she finds herself tangled up in a certain blonde's lasso.

But neither contestant expects a heteronormative dating show to challenge their own deeply-ingrained ideas of who they are—and what they want. Fans of *The Charm Offensive* and *Love Island* will swoon for this sparkling debut rom-com.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English (excl. UK/Comm), Translation, Large Print, Club,

Foreign Sales: UK/Comm. (Headline)



Lydia Wang is a New York-based writer, editor, and NYU graduate with a degree in Gender & Sexuality Studies and Creative Writing. She is the Love & Life editor at *Women's Health* magazine, and she's previously covered sex, dating, and pop culture (including reality TV) for *Refinery29*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Vulture*, and more.

Annabel Paulsen holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the New School, and her essays and criticism have appeared in *NeoText*, *Electric Literature*, *Riot Fest Magazine*, and *Document Journal*.

Together, Annabel and Lydia share a love for queer romance novels and dating shows (and each other). They live together in Brooklyn, and hope to one day co-parent a black pug named Elise.

FIRST LOOK AT FOREVER by Ingrid Pierce - Contemporary Romance

DEBUT

July 9, 2024

This heartfelt second-chance romance combines the drama of *Married at First Sight* and the conflicted reality TV focus of *The Charm Offensive*.

Wedding gown designer Andie Dresser is hanging on by a thread. Gaining a following on TikTok for her one-of-a-kind fairytale gowns has earned her a spot at Atlanta's Fashion Week, but the time and upfront costs to design a full bridal line have stretched her to her limit. When her best friend suggests she sign up for a reality show with a potential \$100,000 prize, she realizes the money could allow her to hire some desperately needed help. All she needs to do is marry a stranger—sight unseen—and opt for divorce at the end of filming. No big deal, right?

Architect Kit Watson just returned to Atlanta to help his loving but stubborn mother through a health crisis. However, she'll only accept his help if he agrees to settle down, insisting he sign up for the matchmaking reality show that's filming in the area. Willing to do anything for his mom, he finds himself at the altar—on camera—staring at Andie, the woman he abruptly left without explanation seven years ago.

In the blink of an eye, Kit and Andie tie the knot on TV for the world to see. Now, they must live together for eight weeks with cameras following their every move. But as the newlyweds reconnect and sift through their past, old feelings flare...and old grudges cast a shadow over their "marriage". With decision day looming, Andie must decide if forgiving Kit for his mistakes—past and present—is worth more than her dreams of success.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: English language, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club



Ingrid Pierce lives a large amount of her life in hospital scrubs. By night, she writes what her friends dub "emo romance novels" and reads anything she can get her hands on. She lives in the Arizona mountains with her husband, son, and menagerie of fur babies. When she's not writing, she's helping other writers reach their full potential as a book coach and attempting to finish a single knitting project.

October 8, 2024

Two Jewish physicists fall in love while working on the mysterious Manhattan Project in this sweeping historical debut perfect for readers of Kate Quinn and Bonnie Garmus.

Alice Kahn is a young Jewish physicist, one of the only female doctoral students in her class, studying with the famed Dr. Oppenheimer. An heiress, her family wants her to marry a man of her class and settle down; instead, Alice answers her country's call to come to an unnamed city in the desert to work on a government project shrouded in secrecy.

At Los Alamos, Alice meets Caleb Fisher, a poor Orthodox Jew who has been assigned to the explosives division. Around them are other young scientists and engineers who have quietly left their university posts to come live in the desert.

No one seems to know exactly what they are working on; what they do know is that it is a race, and that they must beat the Nazis in developing an unspeakable weapon. In this atmosphere of fear and uncertainty, and despite their many differences, Alice and Caleb find themselves drawn to one another.

Inspired by the author's grandparents, and sure to appeal to fans of *Good Night, Irene*, *Enola Spelled Backwards* is a propulsive novel about love in desperate times, the consequences of our decisions, and the roles we play in history.

Materials available to read: December 2023

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: English language, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club



Rachel Robbins received her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2010. She is a tenured assistant professor at Malcolm X College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago. Most recently, her work has appeared in *Rattle* and *The Kenyon Review*. Rachel won Rhino Poetry's Founder's Prize and was nominated by Rhino Poetry for the Pushcart Prize in 2015. She was nominated by *Make Literary Magazine* for the Pushcart Prize in 2018. Rachel won the Illinois Arts Council Agency Literary Award in 2018.

SPIRITS AND SLEIGH BELLS by Amber Roberts

November 5, 2024

Homebody Lex McCall loves her sleepy Vermont town and quiet bookstore job. After her family, friends, and exes all moved away to seek futures elsewhere, Lex set one rule: no dating tourists, newcomers, or anyone else who is bound to leave her. She doesn't need anyone to shake up her well-honed routine of work, collect books, stage fake ghost hauntings for the local tourists, repeat.

When handsome stranger James stops at the bookstore for a coffee, Lex assumes he's just another tourist. Turns out, he's part of a snowy ghost-hunting documentary crew that's investigating a long list of "verified" ghost stories for a film competition. Lex can't resist getting involved when James asks for her help determining which spooky local legends to highlight—especially because they're investigating (made up) stories from *Haunted Happenings*, Lex's hobby vlog from a decade prior. Worried that the secret will get out and ruin the town's boom of hobby ghost-seekers, Lex tampers with the ghosthunters' research and skews the ghost-spotting results. After all, James's stay is only temporary and her town comes first.

But as they flip through newspaper clippings and scan spaces using ghost-detectors, Lex realizes she's falling for James. Worse, there's more at stake than simply being found out: his mission isn't as frivolous as it seems and her interference may cost him much more than a spooky story. As filming inches closer to "that's a wrap," and the crew prepares for their next adventure, Lex must choose between the community she adores and a man she could love.

Materials available to read: December 2023

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: English language, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club

Foreign sales for previous work: UK (Dialogue); Kobeice (Poland)

Praise for *Text Appeal*:

"An enormously satisfying friends-to-lovers tale with a *You've Got Mail* twist."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Amber Roberts' debut romance *Text Appeal* is friends-to-lovers gloriousness as you wait to see if Lark and Toby can figure out how to take their relationship to the next level. The sexting aspect of the story is sex positive and leads to some truly hilarious encounters . . . as well as a few surprising ones. I really enjoyed this read!"

—Alicia Thompson, bestselling author of *Love in the Time of Serial Killers*



Amber Roberts writes contemporary romance about unabashedly nerdy characters in ridiculous situations. She lives with her husband, two children, and formerly feral cats in the Vermont woods, where eating maple creemees is a year-round activity. She spends her time copywriting, forgetting to water her plants, and awkwardly replying "you too" at inappropriate moments. Visit her at amberrobertswrites.com.



DEBUT

IT'S A PRIVILEGE JUST TO BE HERE by Emma Sasaki

June 4, 2024

This debut novel pulls at the threads in the (cashmere) sweater of academia in a witty take-down of racial inequality at prep schools, perfect for fans of *Such a Fun Age* and *Little Fires Everywhere*.

Wesley Friends School is Washington, DC's most prestigious prep school, so of course Aki Hiyashi-Brown is proud to teach at it and send her daughter Meg there. Why wouldn't she be proud? Parents kill to have their kid enrolled at Wesley. Not only is Wesley the premier academic destination for the children of the capital elite, but it's all about "Diversity, Achievement, Collegiality," as all of their every glossy brochures will tell you. Aki should know. As one of the few teachers of color on staff, her face is plastered on every piece of marketing material the school puts out.

But when someone graffiti's "Make Wesley White Again" on campus, it exposes dangerous fault lines in the school community—ones Aki may have spent a lifetime learning to ignore. But her headstrong daughter Meg, and Meg's similarly impassioned classmates, aren't willing to let slide.

Before Aki can sort out her own feelings about the hate crime, the school's administration jumps into crisis management mode and assigns Aki as head of the Racial Equity Task Force—a cobbled-together initiative that has a big name and no little actual power. Between hasty changes to the curriculum and an anonymous Instagram account documenting a history of racism on campus, Aki finds herself caught in the crossfire.

Written with the keen eye of a prep school insider, *It's a Privilege Just to Be Here* is a piercing take-down of the American institution of prep schools and a searing perspective on the growing tensions between generations with different ideas of how to fight for what you believe

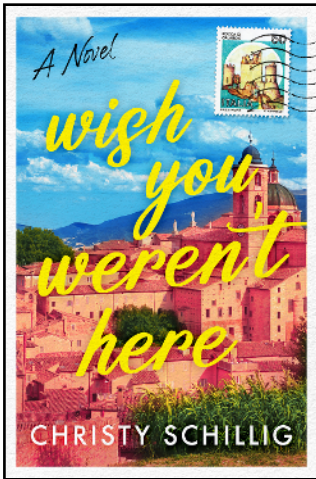
Materials available to read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: English language, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club



Emma Sasaki is a professorial lecturer at American University, and received her BA from Sophia University in Tokyo, a Masters in public policy from Harvard and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. But before all that, she attended Sidwell Friends, a prestigious DC-area Quaker School that has educated the likes of Chelsea Clinton and Malia and Sasha Obama. She lives in the suburbs of Washington, DC with her husband and two teenage daughters.



DEBUT

WISH YOU WEREN'T HERE by Christy Schillig

May 7, 2024 | Fiction - Romance - Contemporary

In this transportive debut, a woman spending a summer in Italy finds her world completely upended—but it may be the kick she's needed to figure out who she truly wants to be. Perfect for fans of Rebecca Serle and Tessa Bailey.

Ava Graham's ducks are in a row as she heads off to Italy to complete her final law school credits and fulfill a promise she made to her late mother five years ago. Ava expects her long-term boyfriend to propose before her trip, but instead of giving her a ring, he suggests they use her time abroad as a “break” before settling down.

When James Massini arrives—late—to the airport to pick up Ava as a favor to his aunt and uncle, he's surprised to find that she's not a young co-ed, but a fascinating woman approaching thirty with a serious superiority complex and a habit of underestimating him. When she's assigned to his class as a TA, he becomes determined to prove to her that there is more to life than plans and lists, no matter how hard she fights with him—or how annoyingly charming he finds their banter.

Despite the sudden disaster of her life, type A Ava might actually enjoy Italy—if only annoyingly carefree James wasn't there, too. As Ava reluctantly lets James try to show her a different way of life in Italy, she begins to find beauty in the chaos. Of course, it's when things begin to make sense again that her past comes storming back.

With a humorously relatable protagonist and a rich Italian setting, this debut novel is an escapist treat and a necessary reminder that life doesn't always care about the plans we've made for ourselves.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Praise for *Wish You Weren't Here*:

“What do you get when you mix Italy, a tantalizing American/Italian dude, a heroine who's been dumped right before her Italian vacation, some hot, hot nights, and some beautiful architecture? The perfect combination for a rom-com that you won't want to put down!”

—Catherine McKenzie, USA Today bestselling author of *Spin* and *Arranged*



Christy Schillig graduated from Villanova University with a degree in Italian Literature and Language (yes, that's a real degree) and uses that degree to commentate classroom science games in Italian and plan off the grid trips to the Italian Rivas. On any given day, you can find her reading young adult paranormal romance beneath her desk at school.

MY KIND OF TROUBLE by L. A. Schwartz

October 8, 2024

A slick conwoman meets her match in a small-town “hot nerd” librarian, in this debut romance perfect for fans of *Spoiler Alert* and *Act Your Age*, *Eve Brown*.

Conwoman Harmony Hale has sold lies up and down California for years, never looking back at the corrupt marks she scams or the one-night stands she sticks to. But now she's come to Brookville with her sights set on its mayor—the man who stole her father's work and ruined his life. After growing up with nothing, she finally has the resources to take him down, with her trusty con of selling a nonexistent music festival. All she needs is the cooperation of the man who owns the potential festival site, and Harmony's never had any trouble getting what she wants.

Autistic librarian and piano teacher Preston Jones is fighting book challengers trying to shut down his library programs, funding, and job—and he can't afford to get fired, when he's responsible for raising his selectively-nonspeaking little sister. He doesn't have time for a romance like the ones in his books, and certainly not for the loud, brassy festival promoter who claims the patch of useless land left to him is perfect for her “Coachella North.” Preston sees things in black and white, and he sees Harmony—amazing curves and flashy smile and all—as nothing but trouble.

But when Harmony promises to help him win the public over and save his youth programs, Preston finds himself wondering if this hustler with a heart of gold might be the someone he's been waiting for. Soon things are getting steamy in the stacks, and with her con coming to a crescendo, Harmony needs to choose: revenge and running again, or the happy ending she never saw coming.

Romance readers and musical theater fans alike will adore this steamy, gender-swapped homage to *The Music Man*.

Materials available to read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Large Print, Club, Translation



L.A. Schwartz teaches English, poetry, drama, and history in San Diego. She believes in hard work, actively dismantling systems of oppression, and the power of singing along to show tunes.

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October 8, 2024

Lawrence Higgins's bakery is busier than ever during the holiday season in his idyllic hometown of New Hope, PA. Despite steady business, Lawrence worries about his bakery's future thanks to a new competitor. The recent arrival of Sparkle Cookie—a soulless, mass-market chain bakery—threatens to raise local rents and steal his customers. Struggling with social anxiety, he resolves to protest Sparkle Cookie's opening at a big townhall meeting. He's ready with talking points, until the sight of a beautiful stranger throws him off. It's been a while—okay, embarrassingly long—since he's met anyone special. Small towns have a way of limiting romantic options. Before he has a chance to introduce himself, she announces her name is Elena Voss, and she's representing Sparkle Cookie as their Vice President of Marketing.

Elena Voss didn't expect to get in a heated argument with a sexy local baker in cozy New Hope. She imagined her assignment promoting the New Hope Sparkle Cookie location would be a much-needed break from her toxic boss and demanding, career-focused family. Elena secretly despises working for the cold corporation; she'd rather wander charming New Hope finding inspiration for her artwork. She wants to write Lawrence off as an opponent she can squash, but his sizzling good looks and gentle manner make it difficult to stay professional.

As Lawrence and Elena clash over cookies they begin to see how wrong their assumptions about each other are. But can their fledgling romantic connection survive the ensuing cookie war?

Materials available to read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: English language, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club

THE PARIS UNDERSTUDY by Aurélie Thiele

September 10, 2024

Aurélie Thiele's *The Paris Understudy*, is a vivid, accomplished debut that brings to life the hard choices Parisians made—or failed to make—under Nazi occupation.

Shortly before World War II, Paris Opera legend Madeleine Moreau schemes to keep newcomer Yvonne Chevalier, whose talent she fears, off stage. As the long-standing star, she is nowhere near ready to give up her spotlight. But when Madeleine learns that Adolf Hitler will attend Germany's pre-eminent opera festival where she is expected to sing, she makes a quick escape back to France, and Yvonne finds herself unexpectedly thrown into the limelight.

When a newspaper photograph shows Hitler seemingly enraptured by Yvonne, her life is upended. While trying desperately to repair her reputation at home, Yvonne's son is captured and held as a prisoner of war.

As the Nazis invade Paris, both women must decide what they are willing to do in pursuit of their art, including creating an unlikely alliance to use their fame to protect themselves and the people they love from the maelstrom of history.

Perfect for fans of Kate Quinn, readers will be enraptured by this meticulously researched novel.

Materials available to read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: English language, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club



Aurélie Thiele is French-American and lives in Dallas, TX. She has studied writing at the UCLA Extension School and Bennington Writing Seminars.



DEBUT

THE ONLY BLACK GIRL IN THE ROOM by Alex Travis

May 7, 2024

An ambitious reporter stuck doing diversity checks for her white colleagues gets her (complicated) big break in this compelling debut novel perfect for fans of Jayne Allen, Jasmine Guillory, and Zakiya Dalila Harris.

Genevieve Francis, a twenty-five-year-old Black reporter, assumed she'd go into her fourth year at her newspaper job with a bigger story than the latest seasonal ice cream flavor. Instead, she's relegated to doing copy edits and sensitivity reads on the articles her white colleagues, write. So when Gen finally gets the opportunity to cover a prominent CEO's gala, she leaps at the chance—this will be her biggest assignment to date. The only problem: The CEO is her ex, Jude, whose marriage proposal she publicly rejected four years prior.

Following their awkward run-in, Jude personally requests Gen to write the first ever authorized profile of him. The potential for scandal, if anyone digs into their past, is high, but Gen decides to risk it—if she proves herself with this profile, it could jumpstart her dream of writing articles centered on Black voices.

Between the racist backlash from her colleagues and her conflicting feelings toward her ex, Gen soon realizes she's in way over her head. And it may be more than just her career on the line.

Timely and thoughtful, this debut explores just what it means to believe in your future when the everyone and everything is working against you.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club,



Alex Travis was born in New York and made her way to Northern Virginia to begin her daytime career as a full-time school psychologist. She has a BA in psychology from University of Pennsylvania, and a Ph.D. in school psychology from the University of Maryland. Alex wrote her first book at the age of 11, and has been losing herself in fictional worlds of her own creation since then. Alex makes her home in Virginia with her husband, an outrageous collection of Funkos, and too many books to count.



DEBUT

LINH LY IS DOING JUST FINE by Thao Votang

July 23, 2024

Told with deadpan humor and brutal honesty, this debut novel follows Vietnamese-American Linh Ly's unraveling as she reckons with the traumas of both her past and present, perfect for fans of *Joan is Okay* and *Luster*.

When 27-year-old Linh Ly's recently-divorced mother begins dating a coworker, Linh is determined to make sure he is worthy of her mother. She's seen the kind of men her mother ends up with—she grew up watching her unreliable and volatile alcoholic father as her mother worked two jobs to make ends meet. Linh is certain that her mother can't do this on her own, but what begins as genuine worry quickly turns obsessive.

Following her mother and spying on her dates becomes part of Linh's routine, especially after a university shooting at Linh's work that leaves her feeling adrift—at least her mom's dating life gives her something to focus on. Linh doesn't exactly have a life of her own (dating or otherwise) and figures the best course of action is action—not how she handled the shooting: curl up in a ball and wait it out.

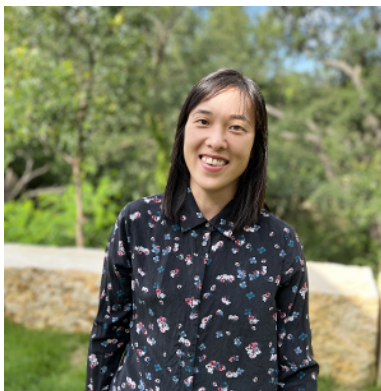
Linh is slowly forced to reconcile the image of her mother from her childhood with the woman she's getting to know as an adult. Growing up Vietnamese in the middle of Texas with a broken household taught Linh a certain guarded way of living—one she never quite left behind.

Moving, insightful, and caustically funny all at once, *Linh Ly is Doing Just Fine* depicts a quarter-life crisis in deeply relatable prose.

Materials available to read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: UK, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club



Thao Votang's work has been published in *Salon*, *Hyperallergic*, *Sightlines*, *Southwest Contemporary*, and *Lucky Jefferson*. She co-edited *Conflict of Interest*, an arts & lit publication, and co-founded the Tiny Park arts space. When she's not looking at art, she can be found reading one of the many books she has put in her bag or hidden under that couch cushion. Her fiction is informed by her experience as part of the Vietnamese diaspora deep in the lone star state, her interest in how we love our mothers, and the climate catastrophe.

EIGHT NIGHTS TO WIN HER HEART by Miri White

October 8, 2024

In the tradition of Stacey Agdern and Rachel Lynn Solomon, bask in the warm glow of the menorah in this debut Jewish rom-com.

Andie Williams was not looking forward to spending her first Chanukah alone after her father's death. With being laid off from her current job and an impending move on the horizon, she could use some chutzpah to make it through the eight nights alone.

Leo Dentz has had a crush on the girl across the hall from his apartment for months but never had the courage to say anything, until he helps her when she drops her grocery bags. Spying her hastily-made purchase of Chanukah candles, Leo joins Andie on the first night, sharing the dinner he made.

As Andie and Leo fall for each other and the clock ticks down on Andie's move, will this holiday of lights make their crushes grow into something brighter than the menorah?

Materials available to read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: English language, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club



Miri White and her quirky family lives in Massachusetts in a home filled with games, sarcasm, and a hefty amount of pets. When not writing she can be found trapped under a purring cat, drinking copious amounts of flavored coffee, and hoping her music making teenager will compose something to go along with her books—no such luck yet. Writing has always been a passion for her and bringing underrepresented characters into the spotlight is a thrill.



Nonfiction



OVER THE INFLUENCE by Kara Alaimo

March 5, 2024 | Social Science - Women's Studies

This essential book is a rallying cry for women to recognize and reject the ways social media is being weaponized against us — and instead wield it to empower ourselves.

Many women and girls are trying to unplug, from low-tech weekends to Instagram hiatuses and screen time alerts. But disconnecting from the influence of social media is way more complicated than deleting or restricting access to an app.

In *Over the Influence*, Kara Alaimo demonstrates how social media affects every aspect of women's lives — from our relationships and our parenting to our physical and mental wellbeing. *Over the Influence* is a

book about what it means to live in the world social media has wrought – whether you're constantly connected or have deleted your accounts forever. Alaimo shows why you're likely to get fewer followers if you're a woman. She explains how fake news is crafted to prey on women's vulnerabilities. And she reveals why so much of the content we find in our feeds is specifically designed to hold us back.

But we can change this. Alaimo offers up brilliant advice for how to get over the influence — how to handle our daughters' use of social media, use apps to find the romantic partners we're looking for and bolster our careers, and protect ourselves from sextortionists, catfishers and trolls. *Over the Influence* calls on women to recognize and call out the subtle (and not-so-subtle) sexism, misogyny and misinformation we find online and use our platforms to empower ourselves and other women.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World English

Rights Available: Audio (excl. NA), Foreign English, Large Print, Club

Praise for *Over the Influence*:

"A captivating must-read for anyone who cares about misogyny, the internet, and the confluence between them . . . indispensable, impeccably researched, and eye-opening."

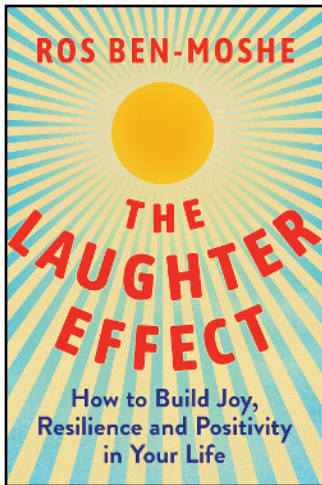
—Kate Manne, author of *Entitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women* and *Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny*

"[An] important book . . . everyone who has ever downloaded a social media app, or who cares about the future of society, should read [it]."

—Jill Filipovic, author of *The H-Spot: The Feminist Pursuit of Happiness*



Kara Alaimo, Ph.D. is a communication professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She writes frequently for *CNN Opinion* about the social impact of social media and issues affecting women. A former communicator at the United Nations and in the Obama administration, she lives in New Jersey with her family. For more information, visit www.karaalaimo.com and follow her @karaalaimo.



THE LAUGHTER EFFECT by Ros Ben-Moshe

March 19, 2024 | Self-Help - Personal Growth - Happiness

Laughter really can be the best medicine, and in this transformative body-mind guide, wellness expert Ros Ben-Moshe shares the prescription.

The powerful philosophy shared in *The Laughter Effect* provides you with a roadmap to tap into the lighter side of life and awaken your inner and outer smile. Ben-Moshe shares tips and tools to achieve an intentional state of being she calls the Laughter Effect—a way to elevate mindfulness, gratitude, and self-compassion. When used regularly, it enhances resilience to stress, enabling you to respond to adversity and bounce forward with humor, levity and grace.

Drawing on research from around the world, practice and wisdom from humor and laughter therapy, and positive psychology and neuroscience, Ben-Moshe shows you how to use the energy of laughter and joy to counter stress hormones and stimulate a daily dose of positive wellbeing: dopamine, our brain's reward center; oxytocin, endearingly known as the molecule of love; serotonin, our body's antidepressant; and endorphins, our happy hormones.

The techniques, strategies and practices you'll learn about can transform your physical, mental, social and emotional landscape. Viewing life through a laughter lens will awaken a positive change in yourself, how you respond to the world and, in turn, how the world responds to you.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World excl. Australia and New Zealand

Rights Available: English, Large Print, Club

Foreign sales: Australia/New Zealand (Black Inc. Books); Korea (SangSangSquare); Greece (Sofia Publications); Byblos (Russia); VR Editoras (Spanish language); China Science and Technology Press (China); Partvonal Kiadó (Hungary); ANZ Audio (Bolinda); Arabic (ICarisma Publishing)

Praise for *The Laughter Effect*

"A beautiful blend of science, wisdom, and good stories. If you need a good laugh, this is practical way to get there."

—Loretta Breuning, author of *Habits of a Happy Brain* and *Tame Your Anxiety*

"Inspiring guidance on the power of laughter as the foundation for optimal well-being...If you want to feel the laughter in your body and make the world a better place this is the book you have been waiting for! It has my highest recommendation."

—Mary Kay Morrison, MS Ed, CHP, author of *Legacy of Laughter: A Grandparent Guide and Playbook*



Ros Ben-Moshe is an internationally recognized laughter wellness and positivity expert. She is adjunct lecturer at La Trobe University, Australia, where she has taught positive psychology and health promotion. Her highly praised first book is *Laughing at cancer – How to Heal with Love, Laughter and Mindfulness*. A Global Laughter Ambassador, she has spent over twenty years empowering people to embrace intentional smiling and laughter practices to generate positive life transformation and turbocharge joy.

LIFE REFOCUSED by Katie Coleman

December 2024 (Tentative)

One stage IV kidney cancer survivor's inspiring journey through a complex and biased medical system to get a diagnosis and the treatment that would drastically change her prognosis

New Year's Eve 2020 was supposed to be a turning point to better days for 29-year-old Katie Coleman. Instead, she found herself in the ER processing the earth-shattering news of a stage IV cancer diagnosis, one that'd come after years of being assured she was "too young for cancer" and repeated misdiagnosis of anxiety.

Life, Refocused tells the story of Katie's journey from diagnosis to treatment to finding out that she had No Evidence of Disease. Katie starts her journey shy, timid, and frightened, but as she learns how to advocate for herself, she faces her own mortality with bravery and finds herself at top cancer institutions pleading her case for a radical and high-risk surgery that would change her life forever.

With support from her husband; innovative doctors; and a rich, diverse community of cancer survivors and fighters, Katie finds her life's purpose to advocate not only for herself but also for others who are fighting just as hard for their lives.

Life, Refocused highlights the absolute best and worst in healthcare and uncovers the silver linings and beauty of humanity filling the space in between.

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Katie Coleman is a software engineer at the Rare Cancer Research Foundation, the founder of the non-profit the Chromophobe and Oncocytic Tumor Alliance, and the host of the podcast Oncology Unscripted. Katie has built a robust social media presence by sharing her cancer story since she was diagnosed in January 2020. Her story has been shared by NBC, Today, CBS, Cure, and many others. Find out more about Katie at katiekickscancer.com.

THE PERFECTIONIST'S DILEMMA by Tara Cousineau

January 2025 (Tentative)

Break free of perfectionism by cultivating emotional courage and self-compassion to face life's challenges and lead with love.

In today's high-pressure society, we are constantly fed an American fable of individualism, exceptionalism, determination, power, and ingenuity, and taught a mythology of grin and bear it, no pain no gain, and hard work pays off, despite the fact that the conditions for success are unpredictable and ever changing. Meanwhile, as we work hard to achieve society's view of perfection, we are critical of ourselves and others, and we tell ourselves damaging stories about our worthiness that influence how we feel about ourselves, about others, and about our place in our community.

Perfectionism is a harmful solution to a universal need—the human desire for belonging. But perfectionism can be overcome, and psychologist Tara Cousineau has the solution: to cultivate kindness—learning to be present to your life with compassion—and having an attitude of kindness—an ability to view your life experiences with patience and understanding instead of beating yourself up.

In *The Perfectionist's Dilemma*, Cousineau introduces a proven six-step solution based on the acronym EVOLVE—Embody the present moment, Validate your experience, Open your heart, Love your inner critic, and Make a vow—to help readers overcome the negative effects of perfectionism and cultivate three essential resources—inner worth, inner humanity and inner leadership.

By reading this book, readers will learn how to raise their self-awareness and self-compassion, and set themselves on a new path to self-acceptance.

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Tara Cousineau, PhD, is a clinical psychologist, staff psychologist at Harvard University's Counseling and Mental Health Services, and author of *The Kindness Cure: How the Science of Compassion Can Heal Your Heart and Your World* (New Harbinger Publications 2018). She is professionally trained in mind-body medicine, mindfulness, mindful self-compassion, and innovative psychological methods, including energy psychology and Internal Family Systems. Learn more at www.taracousineau.com.

OKAY. NOW WHAT? by Kate Gladdin

November 5, 2024

From life coach Kate Gladdin, this easy-to-follow, 3-step plan for how to bravely face life's unexpected challenges is the foolproof solution to developing resilience.

When motivational speaker Kate Gladdin was 20 years old, she woke up in the middle of the night to find out her older sister had died in a tragic road accident. Suddenly, everything she knew about her life, her future, and her family shattered in a heartbeat.

Just like Gladdin, we all face loss in different ways every day, because adversity is a part of life. There's no getting around it—only through it—and the most vital tool we need to overcome the unexpected is resilience.

It was this realization that led Gladdin to become a resilience expert, life coach, and motivational speaker. Through her own proven three step strategy using the 3 Rs—to recognize, reflect, and redirect—she now has the skills to use anytime she feels helpless and wants to take back control over any circumstance she faces.

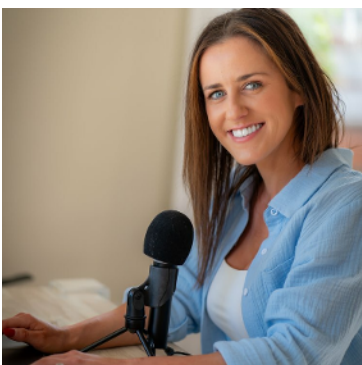
It's this incredible method that Gladdin teaches in *Okay. Now What?* She shows readers how to recognize the thoughts that cause how they feel, reflect upon whether those thoughts are helpful or harmful, and, finally—the most important step—redirect their mind to find empowering thoughts that fuel the resilience they need to rise above and create good from even the worst moments in life.

Resilience isn't a fixed trait that you are born with, like your eye color or the shape of your toes. Resilience is a skill that any of us can grow and develop with practice, and in *Okay. Now What?*, you will learn exactly how to do so.

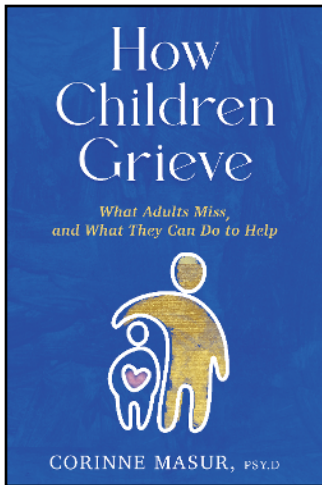
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Kate Gladdin is an author, international youth speaker, certified life coach, and one of Australia's "100 Women of Influence." Through her school talks, online coaching programs, and podcast, *Okay. Now What?*, Kate has shared her empowering message with more than 200,000 students to help them overcome adversity. Learn more at www.kategladdin.com.



HOW CHILDREN GRIEVE by Corinne Masur

July 9, 2024 | Psychology - Psychotherapy - Child & Adolescent

An informative and accessible guide to understanding childhood grief at every age, from renowned clinical psychologist Dr. Corinne Masur, *How Children Grieve* offers an empathetic and thoughtful guide for caretakers to support children experiencing loss.

Mourn, move forward, and make meaning of loss.

From Dr. Corinne Masur, an award-winning clinical psychologist specializing in grief counseling, comes a necessary and impactful guide to understanding childhood grief and guiding children through loss, from family deaths and lost pets to unexpected moves and personal disappointments. Dr. Masur uses her own childhood experience with loss to inform the empathetic yet clinically informed advice in this impactful guide.

When Dr. Masur was fourteen years old, her father died. Like most children facing loss, Masur didn't know how to handle her grief, and was never encouraged to acknowledge or share what she was feeling with her caregivers or family. Her experience and feeling of driftlessness is what led her to become an expert in childhood grief, help others support their children, and understand the common pitfalls and difficulties that grieving children experience.

As a clinician, Dr. Masur has helped many children recognize and express their feelings after loss. In *How Children Grieve*, Masur shares her expertise with caregivers of any kind, giving them the tools they need to help a child or teenager to mourn, to move forward, and to make meaning of terrible loss.

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Dr. Corinne Masur is a clinical psychologist and a child and adult supervising psychoanalyst at The Philadelphia Center for Psychoanalysis (PCOP). In her current practice she works with parents, teenagers and adults, supervises other clinicians and runs a parenting group for mental health practitioners. She is on the faculty of two psychoanalytic institutes in Philadelphia, PCOP (The Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia) and IRPP (The Institute for Relational Psychoanalysis of Philadelphia), where she teaches and supervises psychoanalytic trainees. Dr. Masur has published three academic books on the subject of grief. She is a sought after speaker and interviewee.

MOTHERS ARE MADE by Danielle Sherman-Lazar

May 2025 (Tentative)

A deeply personal essay collection that explores how mothers grow alongside their children into the strongest, most resilient people in the world.

Motherhood is full of ups and downs, with plenty of moments where a mom might look around and think, “How am I going to do this?” Danielle Sherman-Lazar has had this thought many times as she’s raised her four daughters. But she’s always found a way—because overcoming the trials of motherhood has given her tremendous inner strength, resilience, and confidence. In *Mothers are Made*, she reminds her readers that they have the knowledge and tenacity to persevere through any obstacle.

Through a series of deeply personal and inspirational essays on motherhood and mental health, *Mothers are Made* shows how moms aren’t instantly born along with their babies—mothers are made through time and experience. Danielle shares the challenges she faced that made her feel like a mom, from her struggles with breastfeeding to her two stays at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with her youngest daughter.

Mothers are Made will help moms realize that, when it comes to their kids, they can and will be able to handle the crises as they arise—large or small. As they bounce through each trying situation it will get easier to handle motherhood’s many ups and downs. By sharing her own imperfect and ongoing journey, other moms can take heart knowing they are not alone. Danielle’s vulnerability will help readers find the courage to keep going through the uncomfortable parts of motherhood, knowing they’ll get to the other side—a better, happier, and stronger mom.

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Danielle Sherman-Lazar is a social media entrepreneur and mental health advocate and author of Amazon number-one bestseller *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*. Her writing has appeared on *Scary Mommy*, *Bluntmoms*, *The Mighty*, *Eating Recovery Center*, *The National Eating Disorders Association*, *Kidspot*, *EllenNation*, and many others. Danielle lives with her husband Jonathan and four girls, in Northern New Jersey. You can follow her on Facebook at Living FULL or Instagram @livingfullaftered.

GETTING IT RIGHT THIS TIME by Orna and Matthew Walters

January 14, 2025

Learn how to date to find your perfect life partner—by first breaking free of self-limiting beliefs and harmful patterns.

At no time in history have people had as much freedom and choice about how to find their life partner. Dating apps, meet-up groups, and professional matchmakers provide unlimited options on how to meet the love of your life. And yet, it now seems more difficult to meet a desirable partner, build a life together, and make that special relationship last.

From birth, people are sold the myth that love will magically happen by accident, like winning the lottery. Or even worse, that it will happen when you least expect it. In *Getting It Right This Time*, soulmate coaches and founders of Love on Purpose Orna and Matthew Walters will bust the myth of accidental love and teach readers how to take a conscious approach to love.

In their groundbreaking method, readers will learn how to identify the relationship patterns that have held them back, build new habits and develop emotional mastery, and, finally, move forward toward intentional dating with integrity and a clear vision. *Getting it Right This Time* provides the tools the reader needs for identifying and transforming their love imprint—which unconsciously drives your choices in romantic relationships—learning the brain science of attraction and creating a new road map for love to override their GPS if it is leading them off course.

Using uplifting personal stories, client examples, guided exercises, and step-by-step advice, readers will finally get answers about how to find genuine long-lasting, soul-satisfying love.

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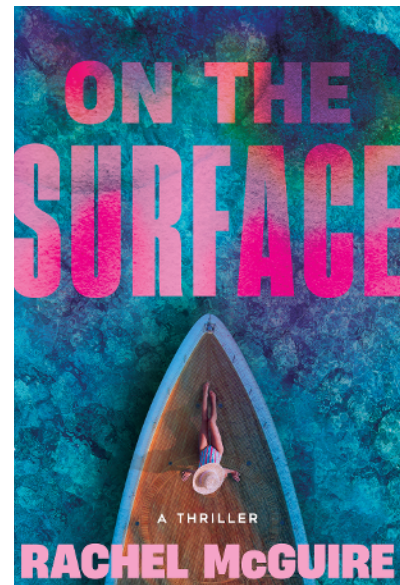
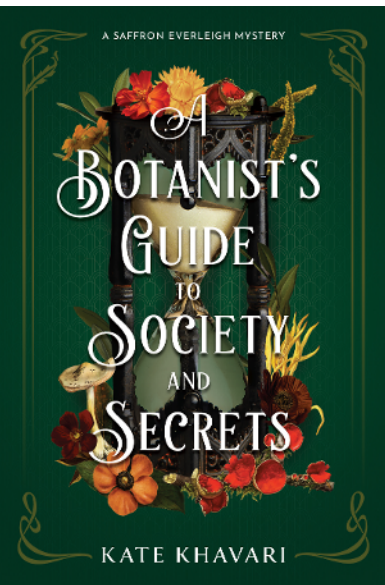


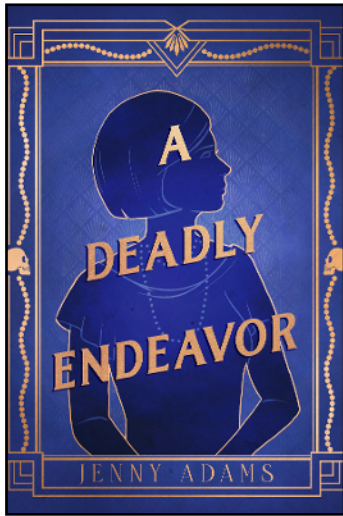
Orna and Matthew Walters are the founders of soulmate coaching business Creating Love on Purpose. Their award-winning blog and published articles garner millions of readers per year, and they are sought-after speakers and trainers for events around the globe. Their tried-and-true system provides a life makeover for a love makeover. Find out more at www.loveonpurpose.com.

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CRIME & SUSPENSE





A DEADLY ENDEAVOR by Jenny Adams

March 5, 2024

A serial killer is on the loose in 1920's Philadelphia in Jenny Adams' debut historical mystery, perfect for fans of Deanna Raybourn and Rhys Bowen.

With a lush Roaring Twenties setting and a wickedly smart sleuth to cheer for, *A Modern Girl's Guide to Murder* is the perfect puzzling romp for fans of *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*.

Philadelphia, 1921. Edie Shippen has returned home to Philadelphia after spending years in California recovering from a severe bout with Influenza. Upon her return she finds that her childhood sweetheart is now engaged to her twin sister. Heartbroken and adrift, Edie vows to begin living her life as a modern woman—and to hell with anyone who gets in her way. Trying to get her new life started, she accepts an invitation to join her cousin at a

meeting of artists, and her maid, Lizzie Lawless, accompanies her. But her newfound independence begins to feel dangerous when young women start being mutilated and killed in the city.

Lizzie's brother Gilbert, is the Philadelphia coroner, and based on the corpses he's seen, he's convinced a serial killer is on the loose. When Lizzie goes missing, Gilbert and Edie immediately fear the worst and team up to find her before she meets the same fate as the other missing women. Together, Edie and Gilbert criss-cross Philadelphia's neighborhoods, from illegal speakeasies and underground boxing matches to expensive boutiques, searching for clues as to Lizzie's whereabouts.

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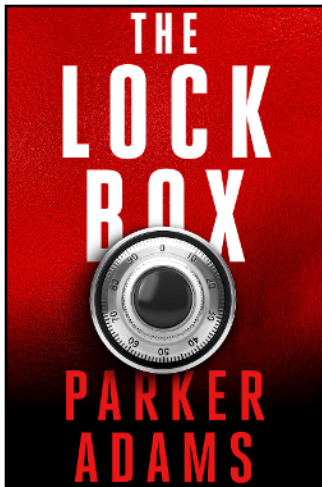
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DEBUT



Jenny Adams has always had an overactive imagination. She turned her love of books and stories into a career as a librarian and author of novels for adults and teens. She holds degrees in Medieval Studies and Library Science from The Ohio State University and Drexel University, and currently lives in Alexandria, Virginia with her family.



THE LOCK BOX by Parker Adams

March 5, 2024

When an army vet-turned safecracker is forcibly recruited to join a dangerous heist, only her skills can keep her alive in this fast-paced thriller perfect for fans of *Blacktop Wasteland* and *Portrait of a Thief*.

Nearly a decade after getting chased out of the Army, Monna Locke's skill and discretion have made her the go-to safecracker for Los Angeles clients who need vaults opened and no questions asked. When a lawyer hires her to retrieve a box from his client's mansion, it seems like an easy payday—but as soon as she opens the safe, she's attacked by heavily-armed men.

Locke barely escapes and returns to her isolated cabin only to find the client in her home, waiting to ambush her and knock her unconscious. She wakes up across the country, trapped in her own personal nightmare: she won't be allowed to leave until she helps a seedy crew pull off an impossible heist.

Forced to practice breaking into the most impenetrable safes and vaults imaginable, Locke bides her time and eyes her escape routes. She knows there's no way to finish the job she's been forced into, but it's either break the lock, or lose her life.

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Praise for the Parker Adams's Seth Walker series:

"Parker Adams is a blazing new talent in the action-thriller arena."

—Raymond Benson, bestselling author of the *007 James Bond* and *The Black Stiletto* series

"*Takeoff* is a blast. From the first explosive scene to the last page, this story pins you to your seat and never lets you go."

—James W. Hall, Shamus and Edgar Award-winning author

"Fast paced and adrenaline filled . . . [*Takeoff* is] a thrilling debut by a terrific new storyteller. Parker Adams is a name to know!"

—Chad Zunker, Kindle bestselling author of *The Tracker*



The son of a navy helicopter pilot, **Parker Adams** chased great white sharks as a marine biologist before becoming a patent lawyer who litigates multi-million-dollar cases for high-tech clients. In his spare time, he writes high-stakes thrillers that feature travel and technology, including the best-selling Seth Walker series. A graduate of Duke University and the University of Notre Dame, he lives in San Diego with his wife and children.



DEBUT

BURN IT ALL by Maggie Auffarth,

June 4, 2024

This propulsive debut psychological thriller set in small-town Georgia explores rage, redemption, and the many layers of toxic friendship, perfect for fans of Andrea Bartz and Rachel Hawkins.

Marley Henderson is having the worst year of her life. First, a drunken mistake costs her everything, including her engagement and her closest friend, Thea. Then, a series of cruel rumors make her an outcast in the small, Georgia community she calls home. Finally, a string of vicious arsons rip through town, leaving unchecked destruction—and Thea’s body—in their wake.

To the police, the case is cut-and-dry. Thea Wright was an unstable woman with a troubled history, and, with no evidence to suggest otherwise, it seems clear that she was responsible—not only for her own death but for dozens of arsons in the months preceding it. To Marley, though, the truth is less obvious.

Reeling from the loss, Marley teams up with her ex-fiancé to uncover the truth, but the deeper she digs into the night of Thea’s death, the murkier the truth becomes, not just about the fires that have been raging through town all summer, but about the woman she thought she knew. To get to the truth, Marley will have to face Thea’s lies, as well as the darkness she thought she put behind her long ago.

Told in alternating POVs and dual timelines, *Burn It All* will have suspense fans flying through each twist and turn to reach the stunning conclusion.

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Maggie Auffarth is a lifelong book obsessive and crime fiction enthusiast. She holds a degree in creative writing from Wheaton College and her writing has been featured on Sparknotes.com, HerCampus.com, and in *Time and Leisure* magazine. She was also a finalist for the Helen Sheehan Book Prize in 2018. When she isn't plotting fictional crimes, she enjoys baking, running, and binge-watching the latest season *You*. She works as a marketing director and copywriter in Atlanta. *Burn it All* is her debut novel.

LOWLANDS by Barbara Gayle Austin

August 6, 2024

An expectant mother gets more than she bargained for when she marries into a seemingly perfect family in this debut novel perfect for fans of A. J. Finn and B. A. Paris.

After surviving a nightmarish childhood, Annelise Bakker is on the mend and searching for her birth mother. But when she meets Willem, she falls madly in love and finally finds a safe place to land. Engaged and expecting her first child, she moves into the Veldkamp mansion. And yet, nothing about Willem's family is as it seems. Instead of the loving unit she has longed for her entire life, she's thrust into a cold and hostile environment.

As she acclimatizes to her new life, Annelise finds a creepy basement shrine to Louisa, Willem's mother. Louisa Veldkamp was a legendary Dutch pianist who tragically drowned while on a family vacation. Despite her successful career, uttering Louisa's name is forbidden in the family home. As the pieces slowly begin to reassemble, Annelise must dig into the family's past and untangle a dark web of secrets.

Things take a turn for the worse when there's an attempt on her life and not knowing who to trust, Annelise has to decide just how far she is willing to go to safeguard her loved ones.

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Barbara Gayle Austin writes crime fiction. She grew up in Houston, Texas, but has spent most of her adult life in the Netherlands and the UK. She now lives in Amsterdam with her two children and her dog. *LOWLANDS* is Austin's debut novel and was longlisted for the prestigious Crime Writers' Association Debut Dagger award. Her short stories have been longlisted in the Margery Allingham short mystery competition and in the Aestas competition.

THEY ALL FALL THE SAME by Wesley Browne

November 5, 2024

Wesley Browne's noir thriller, *THEY ALL FALL THE SAME*, follows an organized crime boss in Kentucky who believes his money and power can take care of everything, until his enterprise collides with a family tragedy.

Browne's novel explores Southern noir themes of vengeance, pride, violence and heartache familiar to readers of *Eli Cranor* and *S.A. Cosby*. Cannabis kingpin Burl Spoon has reigned over Jackson County for thirty years. With slicked-backed hair, tall heeled cowboy boots, and a pretty girl on his arm—not to mention the hulking bodyguard at his side—he strikes everyone as a man in control. But Burl's backwoods empire belies a crumbling personal life. His daughter can't stay clean. His son has hated him since coming out. And after enduring decades of infidelity, Burl's wife is straying too. The only person not on his payroll who still adores him is his six-year-old granddaughter, who knows him only as her Papaw.

When his daughter overdoses on heroin laced with fentanyl, Burl is desperate for retribution. He ignites a feud with Clovis Begley, the patriarch of a heroin-dealing sod-farming family he blames for her death. But as his plan spirals into a firestorm of vengeance between the two criminal organizations, and even threatens the safety of his young granddaughter, Burl's drive for revenge conflicts with his longing for redemption.

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Wesley Browne is the founder and host of Pages & Pints Reading Series at Apollo Pizza in Richmond, Kentucky. He lives with his wife and two sons in Madison County, Kentucky.

OVER THE EDGE by Kathleen Bryant

June 4, 2024

In Sedona's red rock canyons, a former reporter must piece together her shattered memories in time to stop a killer in this cat-and-mouse thriller perfect for fans of CJ Box and Anne Hillerman.

After a disastrous mistake ended her career as a crime reporter, Del Cooper returns to Sedona and takes a gig with a down-on-its-luck tour company while she rebuilds her life. Her peaceful small-town escape ends when, hiking in a remote red rock canyon, she finds the broken body of a murdered man.

At first, she believes the murder is connected to a proposed land trade that will pave the way for a luxury development on the edge of town, but it seems money isn't the killer's only motive. As she digs deeper, she uncovers the small town's darkest secrets, all leading her to Lee Ranch, a former filming location for Western movies. Two women disappear after Del interviews them, and rumors begin to spin faster than Sedona's famed energy vortexes. But she knows the truth: Someone is watching her from the shadows.

Desperate for answers, Del ventures into the wilderness to lure the killer into the open. But out here in the red rocks, bodies can be lost forever.

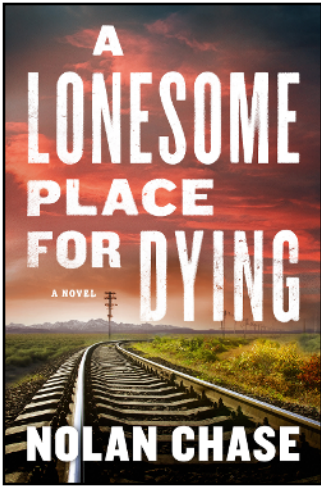
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Kathleen Bryant turned her boots-first exploration of the West's landscapes and cultures into a career as a travel writer and novelist. Her publishing credits include romance novels, travel guides, magazine articles, an award-winning children's picture book, and a cookbook highlighting National Parks. An avid hiker and history buff, she's led tours of ancient rock art sites, participated in field school digs, helped stabilize prehistoric ruins, and guided yoga experiences in the red rocks of Sedona. She currently lives in Northern California, where she continues to explore and learn.



A LONESOME PLACE FOR DYING by Nolan Chase

May 7, 2024

Perfect for fans of C. J. Box and William Kent Krueger, a sleepy town is rocked to its core when a dead body is found in this debut novel.

Blaine, Washington is a seaside town where on an average day, the most serious police work involves dealing with stray coyotes or ticketing speeders along the I-5. Ethan Brand is reporting for his first day on the job as Blaine, Washington's newest Chief of Police. Before Ethan can start his first shift, he finds a threat on his porch, along with a gruesome souvenir, a bloody heart.

There are plenty of people who are upset about Ethan stepping into the shoes of the last Chief, but when a body shows up on the railroad tracks, he's got to focus on the task at hand. With a population of only five thousand, Blaine sees eight million vehicles pass through its Peace Arch crossing every year. It's the perfect

site for drug smuggling, human trafficking, larceny, and murder.

Ethan begins to realize that the sleepy town has a lot more secrets than he originally thought. With no one to trust, his job already on the line, and the threats getting bolder and more reckless, Ethan Brand must find the killers and bring them to justice.

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Nolan Chase lives and works in the Pacific Northwest. *A Lonesome Place for Dying* is his first book featuring Ethan Brand. He is at work on a follow-up.



TWICE THE TROUBLE by Ash Clifton

March 5, 2024

A private investigator follows a trail of blood and bodies to find his latest target—or die trying—in this riveting thriller perfect for fans of Jeffery Deaver and Mick Herron.

Noland Twice, a star athlete turned private investigator, can find anyone, no matter how far they run or how well they hide. He works the Orlando-Tampa corridor, a bizarre land where theme parks and tourists coexist with drug deals and crooked businessmen. When a shady local executive, Valkenburg, goes missing, Noland is the only man for the job.

Within hours of taking the case, Noland realizes nothing about this case is going to be easy, and he recruits his friend Kiril to help him with the dirty work when he finds a dead body. But the corpse isn't the missing man—it's

the body of one of the partners of his construction firm. There's only one clue as to Valkenburg's whereabouts: a set of strange numbers hastily scrawled on the dead man's arm.

When Noland discovers that the numbers are a set of GPS coordinates, he follows the trail to a construction site. At the exact location inscribed on the body, there's a box buried in the dirt. Inside, he finds a handwritten journal—and a woman's severed head.

Propulsive and unpredictable, this gritty P.I. thrill ride races through a criminal world where nothing is ever as it seems.

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Ash Clifton grew up in Gainesville, Florida, home of the University of Florida, where his father was a deputy sheriff and, later, the Chief of Police. He graduated from U.F. with a degree in English, then got an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Arizona. He lives in Gainesville with his wife and son. He writes mystery, thriller, and science fiction novels.

September 4, 2024

Eunice's life is upended when she meets her new stepsister, Cinderella. Cinderella has dark, terrifying powers, and must be sequestered for her own well-being, and the safety of others.

Her sister, Hortense offers to care for Cinderella for a night, allowing Eunice the chance to attend the ball and reunite with Prince Credence. However, Hortense is not practiced in the art of Cinderella handling, and breaks the rules.

Cinderella strikes, killing Hortense and blossoming into her full power. Flush with the success of her kill, it is Cinderella, not Eunice, who attends the ball. She charms Prince Credence before vanishing at midnight, leaving behind a single green glass slipper.

When the prince mounts a search to find the slipper's owner, Eunice tries to stop Cinderella from getting her claws into the prince the only way she can think of—she mutilates her own foot to fit into Cinderella's slipper. Her deception is discovered, and Eunice is thrown into the dungeons, and Cinderella is set to marry the prince.

As Cinderella breaks free, unleashing chaos on the kingdom, it is up to Eunice to put an end to her stepsister's monstrosity.

We Kept Her in the Cellar is a fresh new look at the classic Cinderella story.

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July 23, 2024

Tasha Weaver has seen her fair share of divas come and go while working as the costume shop head at the Eastbrook Playhouse, but her beloved theater is put at risk when the star of the show is killed in this fun but deadly debut for fans of Ellery Adams and Kellye Garrett.

Tasha Weaver is most at home in the cozy backstage world of the Eastbrook Playhouse. As the costume shop head at the charming regional theater, she's used to watching dramatic acts of love and revenge from the shadows. But when Kurt Mozer—the insufferable Broadway reject who stars in their production of *Annie Get Your Gun*—is shot center stage, the spotlight turns to her.

Everyone knows Kurt was difficult to work with and after he got into a fight with both the director Marnie Mason and the artistic leader Arthur Winston, he promptly decided to quit the show. In deep financial trouble, the Eastbrook Playhouse depended on a big name like Kurt to keep afloat. With reporters coming in from the big apple to Tasha's little corner of Connecticut, she realizes it's up to her to save their local theater and keep her community safe. After all, the show must go on... But what do you do when the killer could very well be one of your loved ones?

With the help of her friends, her long-time crush Bruno Machado, and her feline colleague Hilly, Tasha must catch a murderer before the shining lights of the playhouse go out forever.

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M.S. Greene is a playwright, lyricist, screenwriter, novelist, and overall theatre nerd living the dream in New York City. Under his full name—Matthew Greene—his scripts have been produced on both coasts and several places in between. When he's not hunched over a keyboard, he can be found teaching, directing, and working to close the arts education gap with some of the city's most talented young people. He lives in Manhattan with his boyfriend and far too many books.

TEN SECONDS TO VANISH by Katherine Greene

November 5, 2024

A story of two sisters, Lindsey and Jessica Fadley, told in alternating timelines interspersed with social media posts and podcast episodes.

After the discovery of a body, believed to be Jessica Fadley, the cold case of Lindsey's sister Jessica and that of three other missing Southern State University coeds is reopened. This coincides with the release of a popular podcast that details the cold cases and increases interest. With the help of a journalist, Ryan McKay, who is in town to write a series of articles on the cases, Lindsey works to uncover what happened to her sister and the other women.

The late 1990's, Jessica is starting college the three other women disappear over the period of the school year. Their disappearances are all seemingly linked to their relationship with a married professor, Dr. Daniels.

In the present, two more bodies are recovered at Doll's Eye Pond, neither of which are Jessica, though there are items with these bodies that point to a connection to her. Lindsey discovers that Jessica was struggling academically, and her apparent relationship with Dr Daniels. All the while the fervor around the cold cases is reaching a fevered pitch as is seen through the social media posts and podcast episodes.

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Materials Available to Read: December 2023

Praise for *The Woods are Waiting*:

"The Woods Are Waiting is a mystery novel in which the most dangerous monsters are those that people create for themselves."

—Foreword Reviews

"Greene weaves together a creepy, atmospheric tale that dares to examine the underbelly of small-town life and expose its darkest secrets. Suspense readers will be glued to the page to discover how this eerie thriller ends."

—Karen Katchur, author of *The Greedy Three*

"In this enthralling debut, Katherine Greene delivers a richly layered rural gothic thriller about a small southern town paralyzed by unsolved murders and its own macabre myths. Like the wind blowing through the hickory trees, *The Woods Are Waiting* ripples with both tenderness and tension. A must-read for fans of Emily Carpenter and Cherie Priest."

—Amber Cowie, author of *Last One Alive*



Katherine Greene cut her teeth on spine tingling thrillers and true crime. Her love of dark, twisted tales with a strong female voice led her to create stories that leave you guessing. She currently lives in the United Kingdom with her family. *The Woods Are Waiting* is her debut thriller.

MISS DHINGRA'S VAMPIRE by Asha Greyling

September 10, 2024

It is the height of fashion to have a vampire of one's own. Vampires exude mystery, manners, and dignity after death. They are also charmingly dependent.

So it is no wonder that by the 1880s, all the upper-crust households in Winterside, New York have a vampire on staff. Vampires can be wonderfully economical—tutors for the children and fastidious housekeepers. And what do these ageless, mortality-free domestics require in return? Just a drop or two of blood, enough to keep them sane, and a box to be shut up in at dawn's early light.

Miss Radhika Dhingra, a newly licensed lawyer, has little to do with Winterside's elite. With eviction and bankruptcy looming, she never anticipates that her first client will be a vampire suspected of murder. And the last thing on her mind is that Mr. Evelyn More will not only plead his innocence, but that she will begin to believe it, with devastating (and possibly eternal) consequences for them both.

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Asha Greyling lives in Maryland with her furry four-footed muses, Gwin the terrier and a guinea pig who thinks she's a cat. They like nothing more than swinging in the playground (unless the local children scare them off), watching Tim Burton movies, or sitting down with a good book.

April 9, 2024

American Predator meets Harlan Coben in this taut, ticking clock thriller in which women are being kidnapped and murdered in a remote corner of Alaska.

When the body of a barista is found in the once-pristine Alaskan snow, Anchorage homicide detective DeHavilland Beans is gutted to recognize the young woman, Jolene. He'd bought coffee from her every morning, and knew her as a bright college student working her way through school. Devastated by the murder and by the life cut short, Beans vows to find the killer.

Since scavengers damaged the body, obtaining any usable evidence is impossible, even with the assistance of wildlife expert Raisa Ingalls, Beans' ex. When the body of another woman is found, a serial killer is suspected and the FBI joins the hunt.

After a third body turns up, Beans is desperate to find the killer—especially when another woman goes missing. With the murderer moving so quickly, Beans and Raisa are determined to stop the spree and catch the killer before it's too late.

Pulse-pounding and vividly depicted, this remote Alaskan thriller will electrify fans of Lisa Gardner and true crime junkies fascinated by the Israel Keyes case.

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Kerri Hakoda was born in Hawaii, but has spent almost all of her adult life in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. She lives in Anacortes, Washington with her husband and a dog to be rescued and named later.



LIKE A MOTHER by Mina Hardy

February 6, 2024 | Fiction - Thrillers - Psychological

Writing as Mina Hardy, *New York Times* bestselling author Megan Hart delivers a twisted tale of domestic suspense.

Sarah and Adam Granatt had the perfect suburban life: a beautiful house, an adorable daughter, a baby on the way, and a once-in-a-lifetime love. They were the couple everyone envied—until Adam died.

In the wake of his death, Adam's secrets begin to emerge. The first comes out when a woman named Candace introduces herself to Sarah as Adam's mother. Adam had always said his mother was dead, so either Adam was lying to her, or this woman is not who she says she is.

Candace proves that Adam was her son, but she admits that her relationship with her son was strained. But she's still Sarah's mother-in-law, and she's here to help. Struggling with finances after Adam's death, Sarah agrees to move in with Candace and to accept her help with her toddler and her pregnancy.

Living in Adam's childhood home, Sarah begins to understand the life he had before they met—the life he buried along with his relationship with his mother. When Sarah notices Candace's strange obsession with her pregnancy, and the house begins to feel less like salvation and more like a cage, she realizes that Candace might not be the caring mother-in-law she seems. Maybe Adam had good reason to pretend that his mother was dead.

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BITTER IS THE HEART by Mina Hardy

September 10, 2024

In the tradition of Nat Cassidy and Cassandra Khaw, comes an electrifying horror novel that explores the dark side of familial obligation and generational trauma.

When Tamar Glass wakes up in the middle of the night to find her elderly mother standing over her bed, she thinks her nightmares from the past have returned. Tamar ran away from home at age eighteen, and now decades later, she finds herself taking care of the woman whose abuse she ran from.

Tamar soon finds that her mother, Ruth, has been kicked out of her assisted living home, doing something bad enough that the director of the facility can't even bring herself to say out loud. Ruth's stay in Tamar's house seems to be a long term solution, as other facilities refuse to house Ruth. But just like all those years ago, Tamar relives disturbing events that mirror her childhood past. The house is too hot, all the time, lights flicker and cupboards open and shut on their own. Whispers filter beneath her bedroom door.

As Tamar unravels the disturbing past which her mother staunchly refutes and revises their toxic history, an even larger threat is looming in the shadows. Mina Hardy's horror debut explores the question: what do we owe a neglectful parent when they become the child?

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Praise for *We Knew All Along*:

"A fantastic story and interesting, detailed characters."

—*Manhattan Book Review*

"[It] draws readers in from the first page and doesn't let them go until the very last."

—*Mystery and Suspense Magazine*

"A solid thriller . . . with all the twists, turns into a good end of the year murder mystery."

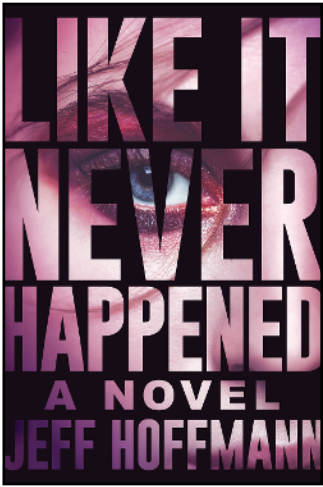
—*Red Carpet Crash*

"Intriguing characters pulled me in immediately, and the twists kept me reading!"

—M.M. Chouinard, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Vacation*



Mina Hardy writes books. Usually, they feature good people making bad choices, but sometimes they might be about bad people making good choices. Either way, everyone is basically a mess, and you shouldn't trust any of them. From twisted tales of domestic suspense to darker stories of bumping in the night, you can expect thrills and a few chills.



LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED by Jeff Hoffmann

March 5, 2023 | Fiction - Thrillers - Suspense

Decades ago, four friends concealed a deadly secret—but not all lies stay buried in this psychological suspense for fans of Ashley Winstead and Alison Gaylin.

Thirty years ago, Tommy, Malcolm, Henry, and Kevin were best friends graduating high school, brothers almost, until the night they did something terrible. The decision to keep hidden what they did in that parking lot shattered their friendship and warped their lives. But when Kevin, struggling with a heroin addiction, drives his motorcycle into the side of a truck, the other three find themselves together again—at Kevin's funeral.

When they meet Kevin's wife Naomi at the wake, they can tell that she knows everything, and when they learn that she's a reporter, they're terrified. When she sends them to visit one of their victims from that night—at the nursing home where he's been suffering for decades—they do as they're told, even though they know it won't stop there.

After watching her husband pay a steep price for keeping the friends' secret, Naomi has crafted a plan to make Tommy, Malcolm, and Henry pay their fair share. When the three men decide to fight back, they're forced to decide just how far they'll go this time.

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Praise for *Other People's Children*:

"This is an impressively well written, inherently entertaining, and thought provoking exploration of love and family." —*Midwest Book Review*

"A can't-put-it-down novel that will live in readers' thoughts long after they finish reading."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Hoffmann's debut is powerful.... The decisions [the characters] must make are gut-wrenching... The story takes turn after hairpin turn, moving into domestic suspense, that will have readers waiting with bated breath until the conclusion; even then, they'll be left to wonder if there is more." —*Library Journal*

". . . I loved these characters and was on the edge of my seat until the last page, hoping they'd find their happy endings." —Laura Dave, #1 *New York Times* Bestselling Author Of *Last Thing He Told Me*



Jeff Hoffmann was born and raised in St. Louis and received an MFA in fiction from Columbia College Chicago. Hoffmann's writing has appeared in *Barely South Review*, *The Sun*, *Harpur Palate*, *The Roanoke Review*, *Booth*, and *Lunch Ticket*. He is the winner of *The Madison Review's* 2018 Chris O'Malley Prize for Fiction and a finalist for *The Missouri Review's* 2019 Jeffrey E. Smith Editors Prize. He lives in Elmhurst, Illinois, with his wife and two children.



THE MAYFAIR DAGGER by Ava January

April 23, 2024

Albertine's father dies and leaves her in the clutches of a slimy cousin, whose sole purpose in life is to see her married off to the elderly neighbor and tend to his fifteen children, Albertine Honeycombe takes matters into her own hands. A wealthy, educated woman, she goes into hiding in plain sight in the upper echelons of London society as the Countess Von Dagga - a private detective aiding the women of society. Rather like Sherlock Holmes -- but with better fashion. And less success.

When Albertine finally gets her big break as a detective, she unexpectedly finds herself caught in the middle of a murder investigation. As the last person seen with Lord Leetch before he was found dead, not to mention the drug she gave him (which she absolutely is *not* mentioning) she is the number one suspect in

his murder. That's no problem for Albertine - she just needs to find out *whodid* murder the gluttonous Lord Leech and hand that person over to Scotland Yard.

But when the terribly attractive (but committed to his job in the most awful manner) Duke of Erleigh comes looking for her conveniently missing and utterly fictitious husband, she realizes she has landed herself in hot water, without a tea bag.

Unless Albertine can find out and prove who murdered Lord Leetch, and keep the whereabouts of her fictional husband and her real name under wraps, her choices are stepmothering enough small children to start a school or hanging from the end of Her Majesty's rope.

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Merging humor with romance and a sprinkle of mystery, **Ava January** writes stories about strong heroines and the men who love and accept them, the way they are. Her work was longlisted for 2019 Richell Prize for Emerging Writers. *The Lady Detective* (Escape Publishing, 2021) won 1st prize in Historical Fiction at the Orange County Rose Prize for Emerging Writers 2020 and was a 2nd round winner in LERA's The Writer competition. She lives in Brisbane, Australia.

KING'S NIGHTMARE by Robert Justice

July 23, 2024

With striking prose and inspired by real wrongful conviction cases, this layered takedown of the criminal justice system follows one woman's quest for answers as the fate of two innocent men hangs in the balance.

Denver, 1992. Claudette Cooper, Moses King, and Dexter Diaz have been failed by the justice system. Claudette was sexually assaulted. Blinded by her perpetrator, she's not able to identify him until she has a dream. As a result of that dream, Moses is wrongfully convicted. Dexter gave a false confession to murder after a grueling and unethical interrogation. Now, he faces a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

Musician turned lawyer Liza Brown has seen firsthand the failings and shortcomings of the justice system. Her father, Langston Brown, also suffered the injustice of a wrongful conviction. As she's working at a nonprofit to free those who have been wrongfully imprisoned and helping Dexter's case, Moses reaches out to her. Liza sees the cracks in the evidence against Moses, and when he confesses that he knew her father, she's determined to help even though his case doesn't qualify for the young innocence project. Recruiting her old friend Eli Stone to both men's causes, Liza sets out to prove their innocence. But Eli is dealing with demons of his own. Corrupt cops are targeting the black residents of Denver, and when his nephew is beaten by the cops, Eli doubles down on his efforts to expose them.

Frustrated, Liza turns to Moses's accuser, Claudette, for help. But Claudette is hiding a dark secret, and as political tensions in Five Points rise, the city of Denver erupts in protests and riots. In the aftermath of injustice, destruction, and desperation, will hope persevere?

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Praise for *They Can't Take Your Name*:

"Propulsive tension . . . A taut tale of perverted justice."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"A gripping, powerful, moving story . . . Not only will you be transfixed by this book, but reading it will change you."

—Samantha M. Bailey, *USA Today* bestselling author

"This unforgettable novel will stick with you and change the way you view the world . . . A fantastic debut."

—David Heska Wanbli Weiden, award-winning author



Robert Justice is a Denver native. His first novel, *They Can't Take Your Name*, was named a runner-up for the 2020 Sisters in Crime Eleanor Taylor Bland Award. He believes that together we can right wrongful convictions.



PERIL IN PINK by Sydney Leigh

March 5, 2024

Everything is coming up rosé for innkeeper Jess Byrne until a murder on opening weekend gives her B&B's killer vibe a whole new meaning.

***Schitt's Creek* meets *Only Murders in the Building* in this sparkling debut mystery.**

It's the grand opening of The Pearl B&B in Hudson Valley, and owner Jess Byrne has prepared the ultimate, Insta-worthy welcome, complete with her ex-boyfriend—reality singing sensation Lars Armstrong—performing live. As guests check in and mimosas are poured, Lars arrives with his stepdad-turned-manager Bob in tow. But things go south when Bob is found dead, and Lars is the prime suspect.

After a desperate plea from Lars, and knowing the reputation of her B&B is at stake, Jess agrees to help clear Lars' name, but the more she digs, the less sure she is that he's innocent. Especially when he's found at the scene of another murder.

With the guests under lockdown, the B&B in the press for all the wrong reasons, and a killer on the loose, Jess is in over her head. With the help of her best friend and business partner Kat, Jess is determined to uncover the truth before Lars is put behind bars and The Pearl is permanently canceled.

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Sydney Leigh has had a myriad of jobs, from running a small business to teaching English across the globe. She has travelled the world solo, where her daring spirit has led her to jump out of airplanes, dive with sharks, and learn she would never master a surfboard. Lynn served on the Board of Directors for Crime Writers of Canada from 2019-2021. She is a member of Sisters in Crime and International Thriller Writers.



THE LAST WORD by Gerri Lewis

February 6, 2024 | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General

Perfect for fans of Jenn Mckinlay and Eva Gates, Gerry Lewis pens a debut mystery with an obituary writer who finds one of her clients dead before her time.

Obituary writer Winter Snow is no stranger to grief, and writing obituaries for the citizens of Ridgefield, Connecticut, is her way of providing comfort to those who have been in her shoes. But funerals and eulogies are meant for the dead, so when the very much alive Leocadia Arlington requests her own obituary by the end of the week, Winter's curiosity is piqued. Even more so, when she finds Mrs. Arlington dead in Winter's home. Winter hasn't even put pen to paper, but officer Kip Michaels and his relentless partner Tom Bellini make it clear that Winter is under suspicion.

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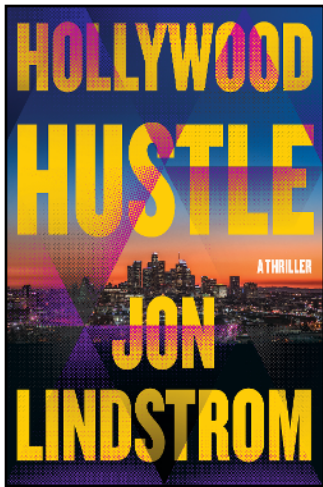
Winter knows that it wasn't her, but obsessed with trying to figure out the killer—She dives headfirst into the investigation to give Leocadia and herself some peace. When Winter realizes Mrs. Arlington was working on a revealing memoir that has now gone missing, Winter begins to wonder if there's more behind this apparent accident. With the help of her foodie Uncle Richard, her wise octogenarian neighbor Horace, her best friend Scopp, and Diva, the Great Pyrenees puppy she inherited from Mrs. Arlington, Winter must uncover the killer before they strike again. As secrets come to light and the body count increases, Winter must unravel this tangled web of complicated history in Mrs. Arlington's name and for her own sake.

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Gerri Lewis started her career as a freelance writer and has published over 1400 features, news stories, obituaries, and columns. Along with writing her novels, she continues to write magazine features for *O68 Magazine* - (formerly Morris Media Group, Inc., publisher of six Connecticut and New York based magazines.) Her accolades include feature-writing awards from the New England Press Association and the Society of Professional Journalists, among others. Beyond journalism, Gerri works as a public information officer for the Ridgefield Office of Emergency Management. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Gerri lives with her husband in Ridgefield, Connecticut and the setting for her obituary writer mystery, *Last Words*.



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HOLLYWOOD HUSTLE by Jon Lindstrom

February 6, 2024 | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - General

From 4-time Emmy-nominated actor Jon Lindstrom of General Hospital, Bosch, and True Detective fame, comes a gripping debut thriller.

Set in the dark underbelly of the LA film industry, *Hollywood Hustle* is the perfect read for fans of Alex Finlay and Jeffrey Deaver.

Winston Greene, a has-been film star, wakes one morning to find his six-year-old granddaughter at his bedside—traumatized, unattended, and gripping onto a thumb drive. She comes bearing video proof that her mother, Win’s troubled adult daughter, has been kidnapped by a murderous gang demanding all his “movie money” for her safe return. But what they don’t know is...his movie money is long gone.

Unable to go to the police for fear the kidnappers will make good on their promise to kill his daughter, Winston turns to two close friends—a legendary Hollywood stuntman and a disgraced former LAPD detective.

There’s no easy way out for Winston or his daughter—the gang is violent and willing to do anything to get the money they’re after, and Winston begins to realize that to get his daughter back, he’ll have to beat the kidnappers at their own game. This propulsive and tense thriller will transport readers to the seedier side of LA, depicted in bold prose by a Hollywood insider.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Rights Available: Audio (exl. NA), Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Praise for *Hollywood Hustle*

“Hollywood Hustle is a propulsive, unputdownable thriller... This is one of the best debut novels I’ve ever read.”—Alex Finlay, author of *The Night Shift* and *Every Last Fear*

“A high-stakes, high octane thrill ride. Lindstrom, a Hollywood insider, is the real deal.”
—Robert Dugoni, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Tracy Crosswhite Series*

“Humor, emotion, brilliant twists, and heart-thumping action . . . Jon Lindstrom has exploded onto the scene with a resounding bang.”
—Samantha M. Bailey, *USA Today* and #1 national bestselling author of *Woman on the Edge* and *Watch Out for Her*

“A pulse-pounding thriller that immerses you into the seamy underworld of Hollywood. Complex themes of duty, regret, loyalty, and second chances will have you rooting for Win, our down-on-his-luck hero. I raced through it!”
—Liv Constantine, bestselling author of *The Last Mrs. Parrish*



A 4-time Emmy© nominee, **Jon Lindstrom** can be found in studio movies, independent films and literally thousands of hours of TV, working with several A-list directors and alongside many of Hollywood’s biggest names. An award-winning filmmaker, Jon’s films have won multiple film festival accolades. His writing has twice won recognition at the Launchpad Prose Competition, and several top screenplay competitions. For several years he was the drummer for The High Lonesome, scoring two hits on the Billboard Hot 100. Jon divides his time between Los Angeles and New York City.

THE THINGS THAT MATTER by Scott Lyerly

July 23, 2024

Featuring a neurodiverse lead living with Tourette Syndrome, Ellie Marlowe is ready for a curtain call as her latest production sells out, but when the starring male lead drops dead, and everyone in the cast is a potential suspect or the next victim, she must catch a killer before they pull another show stopping murder.

The new production at Ellie Marlowe's community theater could save her from financial ruin, if only her overbearing lead, Reginald Thornton IV, wasn't determined to antagonize every cast member. Nervous and with her Tourette Syndrome flaring, Ellie is delighted when opening night goes off without a hitch. But when Reginald's death scene at the end of the play turns out to be all too real, she quickly comes crashing down.

What is assumed to be a heart attack is soon revealed to be an overdose from a combination of drugs. State police dismiss the death and decline to investigate, even though Reginald's widow insists he never used drugs. Unconvinced, Ellie and her childhood friend, the local chief of police, Bill Starlin, begin investigating. When Reginald's widow is attacked in her own home, they are sure that something sinister is waiting in the wings.

As Ellie and Bill reveal connections between cast members, they uncover dark secrets and must race to find the killer before it's curtains for someone else.

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Scott Lyerly was born in Washington DC, and grew up just over the line in Silver Spring, Maryland. He attended school at the University of Maryland, College Park, earning a Bachelor's degree in English Literature. He worked for nearly a decade as a bookseller but eventually made the job into corporate retail. He currently works as an IT Manager for a large retail company. He lives in central Massachusetts with his family.

SLEEP TIGHT by J. H. Markert

September 24, 2024

Nearly two decades ago, in the rural town of Twisted Tree, Jeff Pritchard, a parochial school janitor who disguised himself as a priest, gathered the poor, the addicted, and the lame—who he considered the outcasts of society—and lured them into his riverside home. When the police finally found his “House of Horrors”, they uncover nineteen bodies, and one sole survivor, a boy named Noah Nichols, who is forever traumatized by his captivity.

After 17 years on Death Row, Jeff Pritchard, who has earned the moniker Father Silence for his refusal to say a word about the case, sits in the electric chair awaiting his execution. There, he finally speaks, uttering a final warning: “Beware the one that got away.”

Hours after Jeff Pritchard dies, the murders begin, and someone who calls himself The Outcast takes responsibility. And Detective Tess Claibourne—who as a girl witnessed horrors of her own, too close to the Father Silence case for her mind to handle—is now at the center of it all. Her father, nearly two decades ago, made the arrest, and is now the first victim, his eyelids painted black alongside a message about “seeing the darkness”.

Next, Tess’s daughter Julia has been kidnapped from school by The Outcast. Tess must battle her worst fears and revisit memories she blocked long ago. Tess, along with her estranged husband Justin, a psychology professor and part-time a consultant to the homicide division, along with their friend and Tess’s partner, Detective Danny Gomes, follow the only lead they have, traveling back to Tess’s childhood home in Twisted Tree to visit the boy who survived. But Noah Nichols, now a grown man, is locked away inside a mental institution, lost in a tangle of multiple personalities, all eerily linked to the late Father Silence. But inside his mind also lies the key—to Tess’s past, to saving her daughter, and to finally putting the Father Silence legacy to rest, for good.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Foreign sales for previous titles: Czech (Dobrovsky)

Praise for *Mister Lullaby*:

“[A] high-octane supernatural thriller . . . Markert evokes the style and substance of works from horror’s golden years.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

Praise for *The Nightmare Man*:

“Markert maintains a tense pace throughout. Fans of dark murder mysteries with an edge will enjoy this one, as will those who like Cassandra Khaw and Stephen King’s short stories (like “1408”).”

—*Booklist*



J. H. Markert is a producer, screenwriter, husband, and father of two from Louisville, Kentucky, where he was also a tennis pro for 25 years, before hanging up the racquets for good in 2020. He graduated with a degree in History from the University of Louisville in 1997 and has been writing ever since.

THE JIG IS UP by Lisa Q. Matthews

August 6, 2024

Irish step dance takes a deadly spin in this series debut, perfect for fans of Carlene O'Connor and Paige Shelton.

Single-mom Kate Buckley is all about family. After she receives an urgent text from her little sister Colleen, she puts her life on hold and rushes to her Irish-themed hometown of Shamrock. With her two daughters in tow, she's ready to bring out the big guns if it means showing up for her unruly sibling.

When they arrive, Colleen claims it was all a misunderstanding. But everything changes in an Irish minute when Colleen's friend Deirdre is found murdered. With no witnesses, Colleen quickly becomes a person of interest in Deirdre's murder after it is revealed the friends had a fight and incriminating evidence is found. Convinced her sister isn't a killer, Kate is determined to clear Colleen's name.

As Kate investigates who had the motive to kill Deirdre, Colleen takes charge of the festivities Deirdre was spearheading, including the Celtic dance show. With St. Patrick's Week in full swing, Kate must catch the killer before the celebrations are ruined and her sister's life is reduced to shambles.

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Foreign sales for previous titles: Canada (Carina Press)



Lisa Q. Mathews began her publishing career as an editor of Nancy Drew books. She also wrote for other popular kids' series, including Mary-Kate and Ashley, Sweet Dreams, and the Lizzie McGuire Mysteries. After many years working in New York, she returned home to New England, where she now writes mysteries for adults, including the series *Shamrock Sisters* and *Ladies Smythe & Westin*. Her short story "Fly Me to the Morgue" was an Agatha Award finalist. Lisa lives in New Hampshire with her family, including a Golden Retriever named Farley and a rescue cat from Brooklyn.

AFTER THE STORM by Gordon McAlpine

June 18, 2024

Gripping and emotionally riveting, this whimsical tale is an empowering and timely retelling of The Wizard of Oz where one little girl is forced to face head on the prejudices of the Midwest in the late 19th century.

Kansas, 1896. After a tornado destroys the Gale family farm, 11-year-old Dorothy goes missing. As the days pass by, the Gales are increasingly terrified the worst has happened. But when the girl turns up unharmed four days later, the townsfolk breathe in a sigh of relief. That is, until Dorothy herself relates her account of the events that took place after her disappearance.

In vivid detail, Dorothy describes a fantastical land and its magical inhabitants, from the scarecrow, the tin man, and the cowardly lion to the wizard and the witch. Her recollections are not only regarded as delusional, but also as pagan and diabolical in nature, especially when the body of a local spinster is found. Making connections between the evil witch Dorothy claims to have defeated and the ill-tempered old crone, authorities find what they believe to be incriminating evidence, sentencing Dorothy to the Topeka Insane Asylum.

When 28-year-old psychologist Dr. Evelyn Grace Wilford arrives at the asylum to interview Dorothy, she begins to wonder if Dorothy truly committed the crime or if something unfathomable has really occurred.

In a small town full of insidious secrets, will Evelyn be able to save Dorothy from her terrible circumstances? Or is something menacing lurking just out of sight?

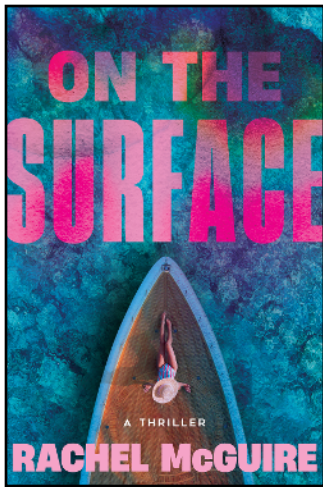
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Gordon McAlpine was the author of *Girl with a Blue Pencil* and *Holmes Entangled* and a contributor to *Orange County Noir*. An Edgar Award finalist, he taught creative writing and literature at U.C. Irvine, UCLA, and Chapman University.



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ON THE SURFACE by Rachel McGuire

July 9, 2024

A YouTubing cruiser couple sails the world living their best life—until one of them goes missing and their whole world capsizes, in this captivating psychological thriller perfect for fans of *Something in the Water* and *Saint X*.

Sawyer Stone III and Dani Fox, a young couple who spends their time circumnavigating the globe aboard their 42' sailboat and documenting it for their fledgling YouTube channel *Sailing with the Foxes*, have anchored in Exuma, in the Bahamas.

As they wait for the price of crypto to rebound so they can provision and continue their journey, they're partying and exploring with their fellow cruisers off shore. On the surface, everything looks perfect. But one night, Dani vanishes after a boat party, and Sawyer has no memory of her disappearance.

The search for Dani is initially fueled by concerns that she drowned during one of her daily ocean swims, but Dani's pre-scheduled video posts, recorded before she went missing, soon reveal a darker side to her relationship with Sawyer.

Meanwhile, Royal Bahamas Police Force Inspector Veronique Knowles has her hands full trying to keep the investigation on course as the story of the American woman missing in the Bahamas goes viral and the internet sleuths unearth secrets from Sawyer's past. Sawyer Stone is far from perfect, but is he a murderer?

This twisty, edge-of-your-seat thriller will keep readers gripped all the way through the final satisfying turn.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: English language, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club

Rachel McGuire is the pen name for the collaboration between Rachel Graham and Lee-Ann McGuire Whitlock.

Rachel Graham has worked as a firefighter, paramedic, clinical researcher, and health consultant. She lives in San Diego, California with her family.

Lee-Ann McGuire Whitlock is a former lawyer, serial entrepreneur, and national pub trivia champion several times over. She and her husband, two children, two Cavalier King Charles spaniels split their time between Arkansas and Vancouver, Canada.

THE GHOST OF WAIKIKI by Jennifer K. Morita

November 5, 2024

Out-of-work journalist Maya Wong leaves California for Hawaii to take a ghostwriting gig for a Kennedy-esque family—only to find herself in the middle of a murder investigation and face to face with the homicide detective and ex who broke her heart years before. Readers of mysteries featuring diverse and richly drawn characters from authors like Naomi Hirahara, Mia Manansala, and Jesse Q. Sutano will be drawn to the pages of *THE GHOST OF WAIKIKI*. And fans of *Always Be My Maybe* will thoroughly enjoy the tantalizing chemistry and wit between the protagonist and her ex.

The California newspaper Maya Wong worked for went belly up, so to make ends meet, she's had to settle for freelance assignments until her landlord raises the rent. She reluctantly returns to her native Hawaii to ghostwrite the memoirs of controversial land developer Parker Hamilton to get back on her feet financially and catch up with family and friends. But when the patriarch of the family dies under suspicious circumstances, Maya is unwittingly drawn into the investigation.

Soon, Maya is dodging assailants and digging for clues while juggling girls' nights out with her old bffs, weekly family dinners, and dates with an attorney who isn't as forthcoming as she'd like. Convinced police are after the wrong man, she trawls online databases, spies on her employers and clashes with the detective on the case, to stop a killer. The author explores themes of family, food, and culture as well as pressing issues in Hawaii like land development for the luxury market and locals getting priced out of paradise. In *THE GHOST OF WAIKIKI*, readers see a side of Hawaii that reveals its rich traditions and character.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Jennifer K. Morita started her writing career as a journalist, working her way up from a small weekly in Paradise, California to *The Sacramento Bee*. For the last several years, she has been juggling freelance writing with being a stay-at-home mom who pushes Girl Scout Cookies. She spent the first six months of the pandemic purging and baking until finally deciding to write the mystery she'd been thinking about for years. She lives in Sacramento, California with her husband and two daughters.



THE ASSASSIN OF VENICE by Alyssa Palombo

June 18, 2024

A Renaissance courtesan must choose between love and duty in this high stakes 16th-century mystery, perfect for fans of Madeline Hunter and Rhys Bowen.

Valentina Riccardi is many things: beautiful, cultured, deadly. As one of Venice's famous courtesans, she's perfectly positioned to seduce powerful men, get them alone, and assassinate them. Spies. Traitors. Who they are doesn't matter—only that they made an enemy of the Council of Ten, the shadowy and seemingly omniscient power from which Valentina takes her orders without question.

Venice is her home, and after losing everything once before to an invading army, there is nothing she won't do to protect her city, for there is nothing she loves more.

Almost nothing.

She vowed to never fall in love again, but Valentina can't help but give her heart to Bastiano Bragadin, a fellow assassin. But when Bastiano starts asking the wrong questions, Valentina receives a new assignment: kill him.

Yet the more Valentina learns about the Council of Ten, the more she wonders if they are truly acting in the interest of the Venetian state, or using her for their own dark ambitions. If Valentina is to save Bastiano, she must untangle their conspiracy—with the help of her fellow courtesans—before it's too late.

The Assassin of Venice is a captivating, sensual, high stakes read that brings 16th-century Venice to life, and draws on the fascinating real history of both Venetian cortigiane oneste—"honest courtesans"—and Renaissance Venice's sprawling intelligence service.

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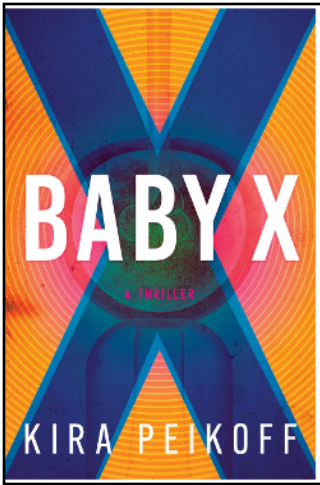
Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: UK, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club

Foreign sales for previous titles: Bulgaria (СофтПрес), Croatia (Znanje), Serbia (Laguna), Australia (Pan Macmillan), Slovenia (Učila International), Hungary (I.P.C.), Slovakia (Ikar), Italy (Piemme)



Alyssa Palombo is the author of five previous novels: *The Violinist of Venice*, *The Most Beautiful Woman in Florence*, *The Spellbook of Katrina Van Tassel*, and *The Borgia Confessions*, as well as the contemporary novel *Heavy Metal Symphony*, published as A.K. Palombo. Born and raised in Buffalo, NY, she graduated from Canisius College with degrees in English and creative writing, respectively, and now works as a marketing copywriter for a software company. When not writing, she enjoys reading, traveling, spending time with her dog, planning for next Halloween, listening to music and going to concerts, and adding to her record collection.



BABY X by Kira Peikoff

March 5, 2024 | Fiction - Thrillers - Psychological

When any scrap of biological matter can be used to create life, stolen celebrity DNA sells to the highest bidder—or craziest stalker—*GATTACA* meets *The Bodyguard* in this tense thriller.

In the near-future United States, where advanced tech can create a baby from almost any biological sample, celebrities face ransoms on their DNA—and biological children they never conceived. Famous singer Trace Thorne is tired of being targeted by the Vault, a black market site devoted to stealing DNA. Sick of paying ransom money for his own cell matter, he hires bio-security guard Ember Ryan to protect his biological safety.

Ember will do anything she can to protect her clients. She knows all the Vault's tricks—discarded tissues, used straws, lipstick tubes—and has prevented countless DNA thefts. Working for Thorne, her focus becomes split when she begins to fall for him, but she knows she hasn't let anything slip—love or not, his DNA is safe. But then she and Thorne are confronted by a pregnant woman who claims that Thorne is the father of her baby.

Brilliantly plotted and terrifyingly prescient, *Baby X* is an unpredictable and relentless speculative thriller perfect for fans of *The Rule of One* and *Dark Matter*.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World English

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Large Print, Club

Praise for *Baby X*:

"Baby X is great sci-fi and reads like a terrifying episode of Black Mirror." —*First Clue Reviews*

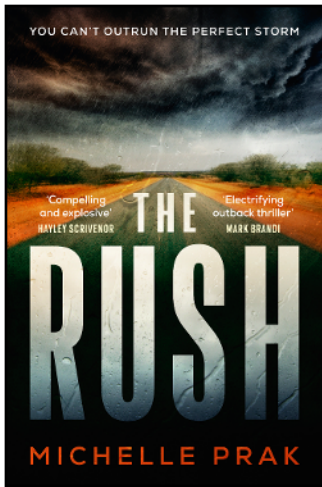
"Once again Peikoff gives us a breathless thriller—with an ending you totally won't see coming—that leaves us wondering if it could be real. Fantastic!" —Lee Child

"Timely, smart, and suspenseful, Baby X grabbed me on page one and gripped me tight. Kira Peikoff deftly weaves a story about the implications of stolen DNA into a twisty thriller with real emotional depth."
—Meg Gardiner, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"It's hard to find a thriller with a unique plot these days - but Kira Peikoff pulls it off spectacularly. Propulsive, innovative, and futuristic, Baby X unveils a chilling glimpse of the possibilities that lie in wait for us all."—Sarah Pekkanen, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Gone Tonight*



Kira Peikoff is a graduate of New York University with a degree in journalism. She also holds a Master of Science degree in Bioethics from Columbia University. She is the author of three previous thrillers: *LIVING PROOF* (Tor, 2012); *NO TIME TO DIE* (Kensington, 2014); and *DIE AGAIN TOMORROW* (Kensington, Sept. 2015). She has also contributed articles to *The New York Times*' Science section, *Newsweek*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Nautilus*, *Slate*, *Cosmopolitan.com*, and other mainstream media outlets. Peikoff is a proud member of The Authors Guild, International Thriller Writers, and Mystery Writers of America. She lives in New Jersey with her husband and young son.



THE RUSH by Michelle Prak

April 9, 2024

In this riveting psychological thriller—perfect for fans of Jane Harper’s *The Survivors* and Erica Ferencik’s *Into the Jungle*—a ferocious storm in the Australian Outback sets the stage for betrayal and murder.

With a massive downpour and flash floods predicted, Quinn Durand leaves work and races for the safety of home. The first drops start to fall as she spots something strange on the familiar bush route. With no reception and nothing but an empty road for miles in either direction, she investigates and discovers it’s a body, dumped by the side of the road. When she approaches to check for signs of life, an arm reaches out and grabs her.

Back at the country pub where Quinn lives, her boss Andrea has prepared for the torrential downpour. She’s bunkered down with her toddler son sleeping in the back room when she’s startled by a banging at the door. It’s a biker, seeking shelter from the punishing storm.

Meanwhile, out on the roads, two young couples on their way across the country struggle against the lashing rains. Tensions rise as they realize that they don’t really know each other, nor are they remotely prepared for the storm. Alone, angry, and afraid in unfamiliar surroundings, flooding isn’t the only threat bearing down on them.

Chilling, tense, and twisted, this multi-POV popcorn thriller is “compelling and explosive; you won’t be able to put this book down” (Hayley Scrivenor, author of *Dirt Town*).

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World (Except Australia and New Zealand)

Rights Available: UK, Audio, Large Print, Club

Foreign sales for previous titles: France (Harper Collins)

Praise for *The Rush*:

“Prepare to be terrified! A real roller coaster of a debut.”

—Nicci French, author of *The Favour*

“Compelling and explosive: you won’t be able to put this book down.”

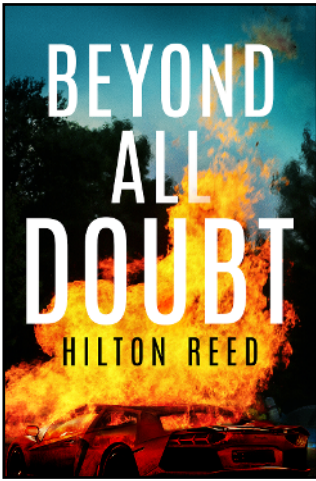
—Hayley Scrivenor, author of *Dirt Town*

“This has to be the most terrifying book I’ve read in years!”

—Shelley Burr, author of *Wake*



Michelle Prak is an Australian author with a thirty-year career in PR, social media, politics and journalism. Writing has been the backbone of much of her work, and she wrote several award-winning short stories before writing *The Rush*. She lectures at the University of South Australia. *The Rush* is her first thriller.



BEYOND ALL DOUBT by Hilton Reed

March 19, 2024

When a grieving widower finds out there are dark secrets surrounding his wife's death, he's set on a nail-biting chase for the truth in this tense, propulsive thriller, perfect for fans of Joseph Finder and Meg Gardiner.

It's been a year since Cameron Kane's wife Alison died in a fiery car crash. Aside from the grief that has shattered his life, Cameron struggles to reconcile the memory of his wife with the reality of how she died. The police couldn't explain what she was doing in a Lamborghini with Maxwell Harding, a wealthy white-collar criminal, but they were certain of one thing: both Alison and Maxwell died in the horrific accident.

Cameron is trying to start a new life with his daughter when he walks past a man who resembles Maxwell –the man who was pronounced dead beyond all doubt more than a year ago. The chance encounter quickly propels Cameron down a rabbit hole as he begins to question everything he knows about the circumstances surrounding his wife's death. Is he simply imagining things, hoping that the police made some mistake? Or are his suspicions all too real?

The further he digs, the more he becomes convinced that there's a deeper conspiracy at play. As he follows strings that lead to devious schemes and murder, Cameron knows that there's no price he won't pay for the truth. And as the deadly threats to Cameron mount, that price may be his very life.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club,

Praise for Hilton Reed:

"A winner! Bunzel sweeps you in with intrigue and authority and never lets you go." —Michael Connelly

"Bunzel peels away the layers of mystery like a master of the genre. Bravo to a fine writer and a splendid novel." —T. Jefferson Parker

"Taut and elegantly written, gritty in the land of genteel, nothing runs colder than Palmetto Blood." — *New York Newsday*



Hilton Reed is the author of seven crime novels, including the Jack Connor Mystery series (*Palmetto Blood*, *Carolina Heat*, *Hurricane Blues*, *Skeleton Key*, and the upcoming *Indigo Road*), as well as *Seven-Thirty Thursday*, *Pay For Play*, and his latest international thriller, *Greenwich Mean Time*. He also is the editor/publisher of BunzelGram, a weekly newsletter that focuses on the mystery and thriller world, both in print and on the screen. A former radio and music industry executive with an extensive background in publishing, he graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine. Reed currently lives with his wife Diana in Charleston, South Carolina.

CULT OF THE APPLE QUEEN by Kate Robards

August 6, 2024

Ten years ago, the mass suicide of a cult known as the Flock sent shockwaves through the small rural town of Iola. Led by the charismatic Dominic Bragg, the Flock camped at an abandoned bird sanctuary in the forest, where Dom's loyal followers suffered mysterious health problems that further isolated them from the outside world before their collective death.

The shocking demise of the cult came just weeks after the kidnapping and murder of cult member Laurel "Lollie" Tai, who gained the town's attention as the winner of the town's Apple Queen Pageant during the annual fall festival.

The town turns to Laurel's bunkmate and best friend Claire Kettler for answers. Claire, the only surviving member of the Flock, is haunted by guilt, grief, and unanswered questions: Who killed Laurel? Why did the cult die? Why did she live?

And where is Dominic?

But the people of Iola aren't the only ones searching for answers. A decade after the Flock's demise, podcaster Arlo Stone is determined to uncover what really happened to the cult and the Apple Queen.

Arlo's arrival propels Claire into action to finally find answers to her friends' deaths before Arlo can broadcast her secrets to thousands of listeners.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: UK, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club

Praise for *The Three Deaths of Willa Stannard*:

"A welcome debut that's both a fleet thriller and a pathology of sisterhood at its most harrowing."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Robards's gritty writing style enhances the chilling story of the Stannard sisters . . . [It] will appeal to listeners seeking fast-paced, frightening suspense about sisterhood, suspicion, and sinister secrets."

—*Library Journal*, audiobook review



Kate Robards holds a degree in journalism and works in communications at a nonprofit organization. She lives outside of Chicago with her husband and children.

July 9, 2024

A quaint Vermont inn offers idyllic peace—until a body is found on the property—in this charming series debut perfect for fans of Ellen Byron and Ellery Adams.

When 33-year-old Hannah Solace returns to her hometown to renovate and reopen the inn she co-owns with her sister Reggie, her mission is to give the old Victorian hotel an entirely new life. She's even planting pollinator gardens around the inn—native flowers and fruit trees to lure honeybees and house guests alike.

Hannah's fresh start is stymied by Reggie's continual interference, unreliable contractors, a check-the-couch-for-coins budget, and townspeople Hannah left behind fifteen years ago. Her main source of camaraderie is Ezra Grayson, an 80-year-old recluse who lives nearby. After an unsettling conversation with a disgruntled Ezra, Hannah is horrified to discover him dead on her property later that day.

Ezra had always had plenty of people to complain about, especially locals trying to force him out of his property for its prime real estate. As buzz around town grows after his death, Hannah finds herself on the short list of suspects. Hannah starts digging and quickly discovers that secrets lurk beneath the charming surface of the town she once again calls home.

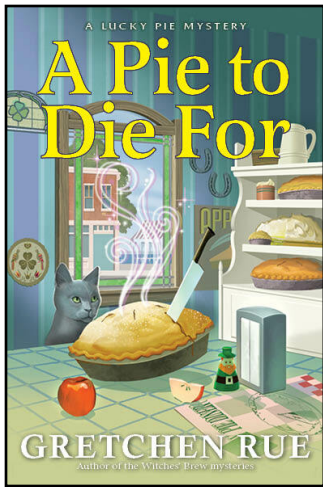
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Ayla Rose is an author and lawyer who lives in the Green Mountains of Vermont. When not writing, she enjoys kayaking, hiking, gardening, and spending time with her husband, sons, and the family's three dogs.



A PIE TO DIE FOR by Gretchen Rue

February 6, 2024 | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Culinary

For fans of Sofie Kelly and Joanne Fluke, it's the end of the tourist season in Split Pine—but a murder at the Lucky Pie Diner stirs up trouble for the sleepy town in this series debut.

Este March runs the family-owned Lucky Pie Diner on Split Pine Island in Northern Michigan. The pies at Lucky Pie aren't just good, they're magical, with a family recipe that grants certain customers their greatest hopes and dreams when they eat the pie. The remote island is closed to outsiders over the winter months, but on the last day of the season, the unpopular new produce vendor, Jeff, turns up dead on his boat, and Split Pine Island's peace goes up in smoke.

Tom Cunningham, the local sheriff, casts suspicion onto Este, who may have been the last person to see Jeff alive. Not to mention several people witnessed her getting into an argument with the rude vendor in some of his final hours. Este decides to clear her name and her diner's reputation by launching her own investigation, which means she must turn suspicion on her friends and neighbors, because only a local could have murdered the victim.

As Este investigates, she uncovers a deeper web of secrets, finding that many of the locals had reason to either frame her, or kill the victim. The clock is ticking to figure out the killer, and the clues in the case are flakier than an apple pie. Este will have to uncover the killer before her future crumbles.

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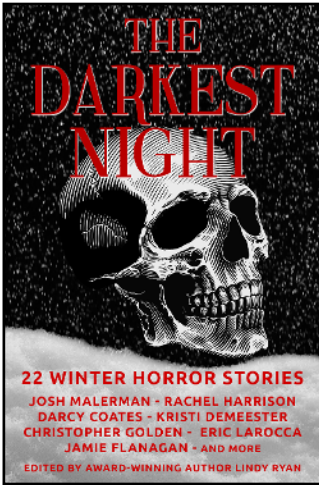
Territory: World All Languages

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Foreign sales for previous titles: UK (Headline / Aria) ; Russia (AST)



Gretchen Rue lives in the Canadian prairies, which affords her ample time to read during six months of winter. She plays cat mom to four mostly indifferent fur children, and plant mom to roughly 100 very demanding flora. When she isn't sipping tea and working on her next novel, she enjoys swimming, hiking, and watching baseball.



THE DARKEST NIGHT edited by Lindy Ryan

September 10, 2024

From the biggest names in the horror genre comes an Advent calendar of horror short stories perfect for the darkest nights of the year.

Edited by award-winning author **Lindy Ryan**, this horrific anthology will chill you to the bone.

From author of *Bird Box* **Josh Malerman**, a story of a dark Christmas past in “Children Aren’t The Only Ones Who Know Where the Presents Are Hidden.”

From national bestselling author **Rachel Harrison**, “Thaw,” in which a couple spends their first Christmas alone together in a cabin—but are they alone, or is there something else watching them from the tree line?

New York Times bestselling author of *Road of Bones*, **Christopher Golden** and **Tim Lebbon’s** “Wintry Blue” sets an innocent child on the road with a strange and monstrous creature.

Bram Stoker award-winning writer of Netflix’s *Haunting of Hill House* and *Midnight Mass*, in **Jamie Flanagan’s** “Bruiser,” something sinister stalks the chilling hallways of a nursing home at night.

Author of *Such a Pretty Smile*, **Kristi DeMeester**, tells a tale of a Christmas party, an over-friendly female coworker, and one angry wife in “Eggnog.”

Plus stories by **Nat Cassidy**, **Darcy Coates**, **Clay McLeod Chapman**, **Tim Waggoner**, and many more.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Lindy Ryan is a Bram Stoker Awards®-nominated and award-winning editor, author, director, and professor. Ryan is currently a full-time professor at Rutgers University in the Masters of Professional Sciences program, She is also guest faculty in Western State Connecticut’s MFA program. Ryan grew up cutting her teeth on *Goosebumps* and universal monsters. She has published numerous academic texts and also writes clean, seasonal romance under the name Lindy Miller, where her books have been adapted for screen.



DEBUT

SINCE SHE'S BEEN GONE by Sagit Schwartz

February 6, 2024 | Fiction - Thrillers - Suspense

An emotionally charged, dual-timeline suspense set between L.A. and NYC, this debut novel is perfect for fans of *The Last Thing He Told Me* and *Luckiest Girl Alive*.

A clinical psychologist is thrown into her dark past as she races to uncover the truth about her mother's death while struggling with her own mental health.

Can we ever truly know the people we love?

Losing her mother to a hit-and-run at age 15 threw Beatrice "Beans" Bennett's life into turmoil. Bereft, she developed a life-threatening eating disorder, and went through a challenging recovery process which paved the way for her work as a clinical psychologist decades later.

When a new patient arrives at her office and insists that Beans's mother is still alive—and in danger—Beans is forced to revisit her past in order to uncover the truth. She learns the "patient" is a member of a notorious family that owns a drug company largely responsible for the national opioid epidemic, and that her mother was once tangled in their web. In a race against time—and her mother's assailants—while once again facing the disorder she thought she'd put behind her, Beans discovers that, like herself, her mother had a devastating secret. With its fast-moving, edge-of-your-seat action and intimate look at mental health, *Since She's Been Gone* will keep readers in its grasp long after the last page.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio (excl. NA), Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Praise for *Since She's Been Gone*

"Electrifying suspense and pitch perfect prose . . . The type of novel you will immediately press into the hands of a friend just so you can talk about it."

—Lara Prescott, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Secrets We Kept*

"*Since She's Been Gone* is a fast-paced, timely thriller that sets itself apart."

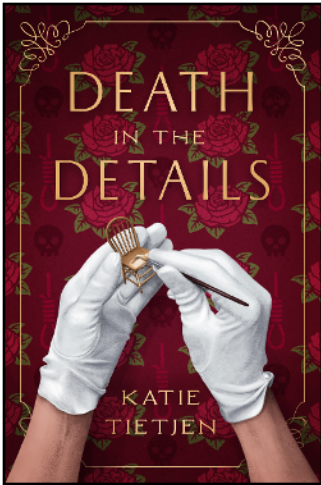
—Laura Lippman, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lady in the Lake*

"A pacy, emotionally resonant thriller that also explores the painful realities of eating disorders with empathy and authenticity. This is a terrific debut from an author to watch!"

—Marissa Stapley, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lucky*



Sagit Schwartz is a writer, producer, and licensed psychotherapist. Her work has been featured in *Medium*, *Slate*, *The Atlantic*, *Reddit NoSleep*, and *Lifetime Television*. She resides with her husband, daughter, and rescue dog in a Southern California beach town.



DEBUT

DEATH IN THE DETAILS by Katie Tietjen

April 9, 2024

Inspired by the real life mother of forensic science, Frances Glessner Lee, and featuring a whip-smart, intrepid sleuth in post-WWII Vermont, this debut historical mystery will appeal to fans of Victoria Thompson and Rhys Bowen.

Maple Bishop is ready to put WWII and the grief of losing her husband Bill behind her. But when she discovers that Bill left her penniless, Maple realizes she could lose her Vermont home next and sets out to make money the only way she knows how: by selling her intricately crafted dollhouses. Business is off to a good start—until Maple discovers her first customer dead, his body hanging precariously in his own barn.

Something about the supposed suicide rubs Maple the wrong way, but local authorities brush off her concerns. Determined to help them see “what’s big in what’s small,” Maple turns to what she knows best, painstakingly recreating the gruesome scene in miniature: death in a nutshell.

With the help of a rookie officer named Kenny, Maple uses her macabre miniature to dig into the dark undercurrents of her sleepy town, where everyone seems to have a secret—and a grudge. But when her nosy neighbor goes missing and she herself becomes a suspect, it’ll be up to Maple to find the devil in the details—and put him behind bars.

Drawing inspiration from true crime and offering readers a smartly plotted puzzle of a mystery, *Death in the Details* is a stunning series debut.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: UK, Translation, Audio, Large Print, Club



Katie Tietjen is an award-winning writer, teacher, and school librarian. A Frances Glessner Lee enthusiast, she’s traveled thousands of miles to visit her homes, see her nutshells, and even attend her birthday party. Katie lives in New England with her husband and two sons. This is her first novel.



DEBUT

THE LAST TIME WE MET by Anna E. Wahlgren

August 6, 2024 | Fiction - Thrillers - Psychological

Six former friends are forced to relive their deadly past in this psychologically charged and suspenseful locked-room mystery perfect for fans of Lucy Foley and Ruth Ware.

Old friends. Old grudges. One evening back together again. The last time they all had dinner, someone wound up dead. What could go wrong?

Sophie Lind hasn't seen her college friends in a decade when a dinner invitation from one of the friends, Ava, arrives on her doorstep. They used to all be inseparable, meeting for dinner every week even after graduation. But the last time they all had dinner, ten years ago, someone was dead by the end of the night.

It was Sophie's then-fiancé William who died that night in his apartment, just a room away from the friends he called family. Sophie isn't sure if it's curiosity—or guilt—that pushes her to accept Ava's dinner invitation and unbury those old wounds. When the six friends arrive for the dinner, there's a small box waiting for each of them by their plates. Each box uncovers secrets that the friends have kept hidden all these years, and with the door to the apartment locked from the outside, it's clear that Ava didn't plan this dinner just to reminisce about the past.

What happened to William is buried beneath someone's lies—and nobody's leaving this dinner table until the truth comes out.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World English

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Large Print, Club

Foreign sales: Sweden (Piratförlaget); Czech Republic (Argo); Norway (Bonnier Norsk)

Praise for *The Last Time We Met*

"Anna E. Wahlgren possesses the talent to breathe life into the group of friends, portraying both their sense of intimacy and conflicts, and in the process creating genuine magic."

— *Dagens Nyheter*, Sweden

"A murder mystery that is slowly unveiled in a nerve-wracking manner. . . A true page turner. The suspense is maintained all the way to the final page." — *BTJ*, Sweden

"[Even] without violent scenes the book is extremely thrilling and well-written. . . [*The Last Time We Met*] demonstrates how skilled Anna E Wahlgren is at creating atmospheres." — *DAST Magazine*, Sweden



Anna E. Wahlgren has a background as a pharmacist and chemical systems engineer. Her passionate interest in psychology is reflected in her cutting-edge psychological thrillers and locked-room mystery novels, which explore the darker shades of interpersonal relationships.

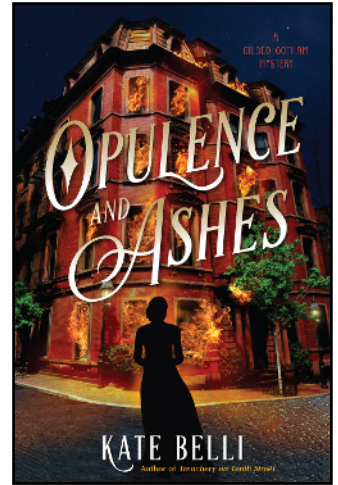
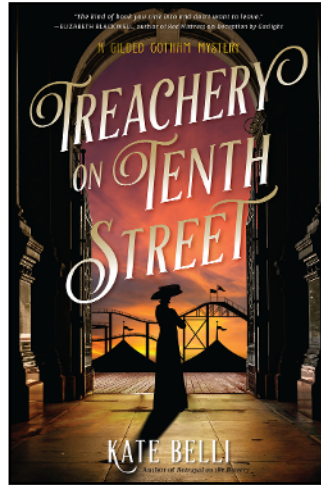
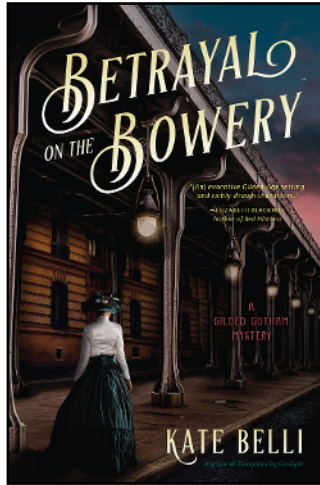
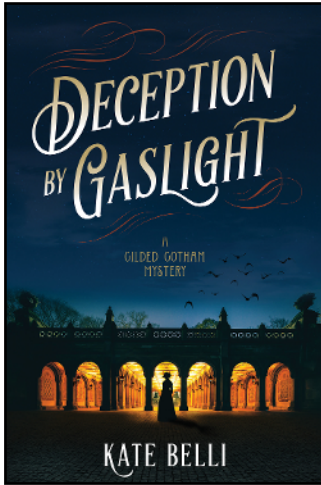
CONTINUING SERIES

GILDED GOTHAM MYSTERIES

by Kate Belli

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Historical

Glittering Gilded-Age New York holds its lavish charms—and a litany of deadly sins—as intrepid reporter Genevieve Stewart uncovers a trail of corruption and murder.



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Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Rights Sold: Audio Books 1-3

Praise for Gilded Gotham Mystery Series:

“Evocative . . . Anne Perry fans will be pleased.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Keeps you on the edge of your seat with a lush writing style that sends you back to the 1800s.”

—*San Francisco Book Review*, 5-star review

“[A] riveting, carefully researched, [and] well-plotted mystery.”

—*Library Journal*, starred review

“This first in a promising series drops readers right into the dirty, cutthroat streets of a bygone Gotham, introduces a couple whose fortunes they’ll wish to follow, and makes a great recommendation for fans of Mariah Fredericks.”

—*Booklist*, starred review



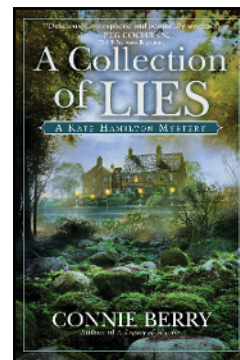
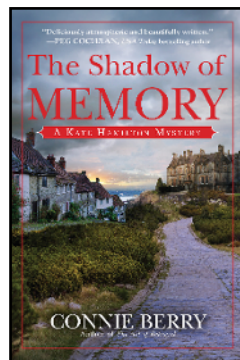
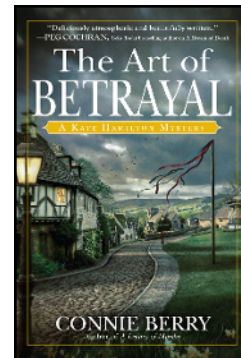
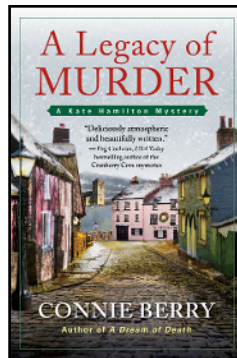
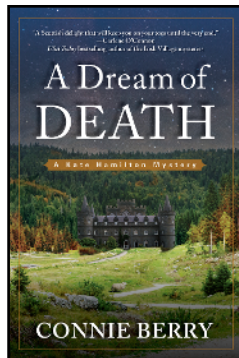
Kate Belli lives in the mid-Atlantic region with her husband and son. When not writing, she works as a professor or a yogi, depending on the day.

KATE HAMILTON MYSTERIES

by Connie Berry

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Women Sleuths

On a remote Scottish island, American antiques dealer Kate Hamilton wrestles with her own past while sleuthing brutal local killings.



June 2024

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Books 1-4

Praise for the Kate Hamilton Mystery series:

"[A] traditional mystery that combines British legend with a contemporary story of crime and betrayal."

—*Library Journal*, starred review

"A delight for lovers of antiques and complicated mysteries with a touch of romance."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

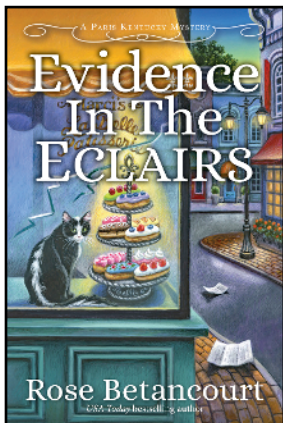


Connie Berry is the author of the Edgar Award-nominated Kate Hamilton Mysteries, set in the UK and featuring an American antiques dealer with a gift for solving crimes. Like her protagonist, Connie was raised by antiques dealers who instilled in her a passion for history, fine art, and travel. During college she studied at the University of Freiburg in Germany and St. Clare's College, Oxford, where she fell under the spell of the British Isles. In 2019 Connie won the IPPY Gold Medal for Mystery and was a finalist for the Agatha Award's Best Debut.

PARIS KENTUCKY BAKERY MYSTERIES

by Rose Betancourt

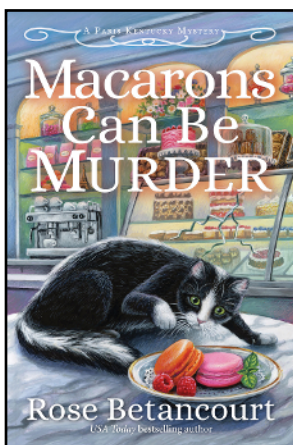
Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Culinary



EVIDENCE IN THE ECLAIRS

July 9, 2024 A delicious treat for fans of Ellie Alexander and Lucy Burdette, life at the bakery heats up when an éclair recipe falls into the wrong hands—and murder is the deadly frosting.

Marci Beaucoup is loving life as the owner of a French-style patisserie in the small town of Paris, Kentucky—but when newcomer Ellen Charles arrives, Marci's sweet surroundings suddenly turn darker than a mouthful of baker's chocolate. First, Ellen accuses Marci of stealing her éclair recipe. Then, Ellen is found dead in a dumpster behind the bakery, a box of éclairs clutched in her cold hands. Naturally, Marci becomes suspect number one. And when she starts receiving threatening messages written in French, it's clear that someone is out to put the final ganache on her business—and maybe, her life.



Detective Maverick Malone has loved Marci since grade school, and doesn't believe she's capable of murder. But he can't ignore that the evidence against her is mounting. Ellen and Marci had been seen in an argument the day before the murder. The body was found behind Marci's shop. And an anonymous source claims to have overheard Marci threaten Ellen. But there are other potential suspects as well. Ellen's best friend, Marianne Spencer, was secretly stewing over a cookbook that Ellen was working on, contending that the recipes were really hers. Steamy Beans Coffee Shop owner Leanne James had a confrontation with Ellen as well. And an enigmatic figure named Matthew Dean has followed Ellen to Paris from her former hometown of Louisville, claiming that she owes him money and determined to get it at any cost.

But who's sending Marci the threatening letters? Someone who speaks and writes French—but no one seems to have that particular *je ne sais quoi*. All fingers are pointing at Marci, and if she can't find the real killer, she could be on her way to prison—or iced for good.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1

Praise for *Macarons Can Be Murder*:

****USA Today Bestselling Author****

"Betancourt's debut has all the ingredients of a fun culinary cozy—a spunky heroine, quirky townspeople, and a dishy police detective to spice things up."

—Rosie Genova, national bestselling author of the Italian Kitchen Mysteries

"More fun than a magic macaron!"

—Gayle Leeson, author of the Down South Cafe series



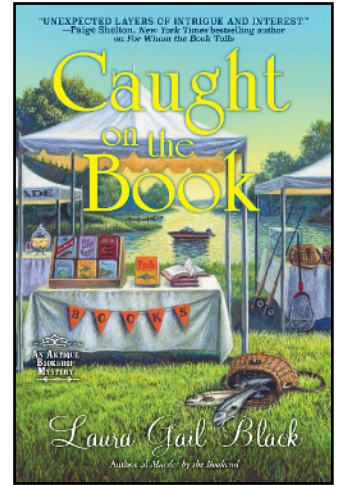
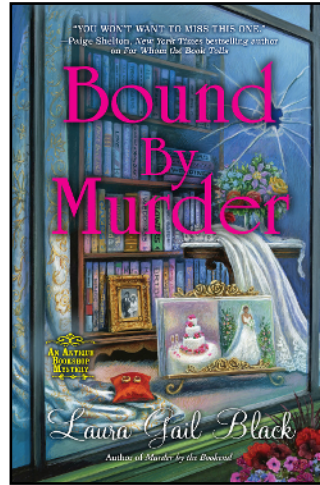
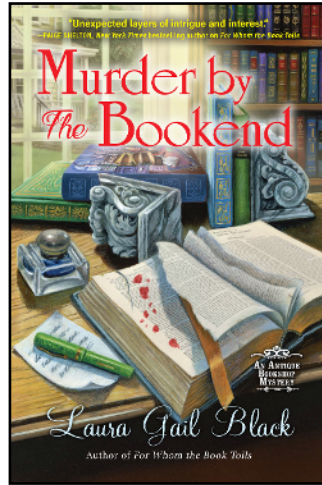
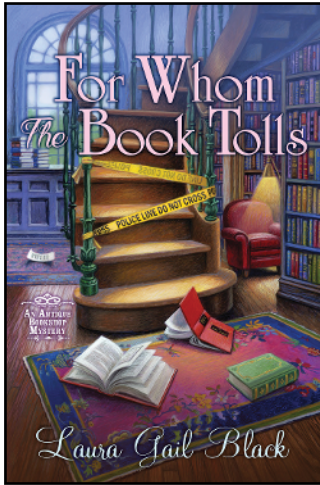
Rose Betancourt is a *USA Today* bestselling author. She enjoys writing quirky and fun novels with a paranormal twist. When she's not plotting her next mystery novel, she loves reading, painting, spending time with family, and listening to oldies. Her writing is fueled by Diet Coke and dark chocolate. Rose lives near Louisville, Kentucky.

ANTIQUA BOOKSHOP MYSTERY SERIES

by Laura Gail Black

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General

For fans of Ellery Adams and Paige Shelton, in Laura Gail Black's Antiqua Bookshop mysteries, Jenna Quinn is going to have to go all out—hook, line, and sinker—in order to catch a killer.



Oct. 2023

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Books 1-4

Praise for the Antiqua Bookshop Mystery series:

"[A] perfect escapist fare for cozy fans."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Real-seeming characters."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"You won't want to miss this one."

—Paige Shelton, *New York Times* bestselling author



Laura Gail Black writes cozy mysteries on the beautiful shores of Lake Marion in South Carolina, where she lives with her husband and four rescue dogs. She began collecting antique books when she worked in a used antique bookstore in college. Today, Laura's bookshelves contain many antique books, some of which are close to 200 years old. When not writing or playing with her dogs, Laura creates her own jewelry, crochets, cross-stitches, spends time on the water with her husband, and enjoys all things tea.

BEACH READS MYSTERIES

by Maggie Blackburn

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General

A KILLER ROMANCE

February 6, 2024

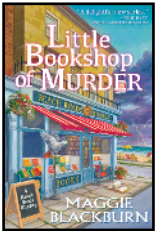
When Beach Reads hosts a Valentine's Day Romance event, "Romance by the Sea," Summer Merriweather has no idea that the guest author is under investigation for murder. When the author dies unexpectedly at the local B & B, it's discovered that she was poisoned. As Summer and crew put together the pieces of the author's life, including the alleged murder of her husband, she finds a stash of drugs in the authors belongings, leading her to believe the author was engaged in more shady dealings. But when Glads, one of Summer's friends, gets hauled in for the murder, Summer and her crew launch an investigation to help clear her name—and hold her up emotionally. Summer's old lawyer boyfriend Cash Singer represents Glads in the case, and in the meantime tries to make a case for him and Summer rekindling their romance. But first, Summer says yes to a date with an out-of-town detective, under the guise of liking him but really working against him to report back to Cash and Glads. As they pick apart the scant clues, Summer, Glads, and Cash find more treachery and heartbreak than they bargained for.

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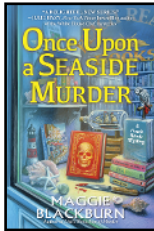
Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1 & 2



Sept. 2020



Oct. 2021

Praise for *Little Bookshop of Murder*

"[A] charming series launch...Plenty of booklore . . . enhances the sleuthing."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"[An] engaging cast."

—*Booklist*

"Blackburn has created a clever mystery . . . As cozy mysteries go, this is one of the best."

—*New York Journal of Books*



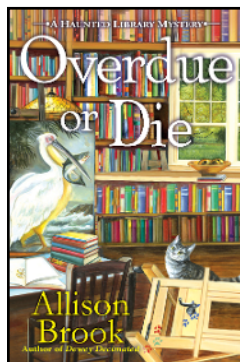
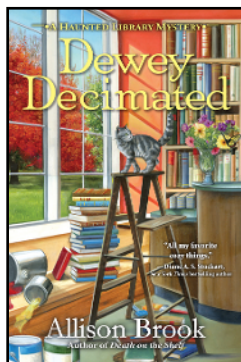
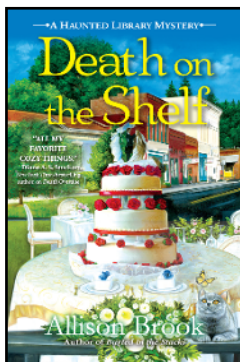
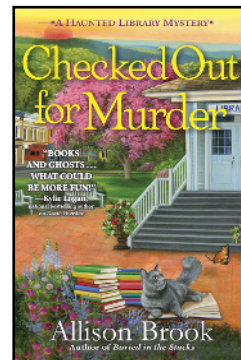
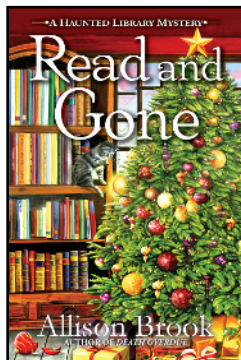
Maggie Blackburn is the author of the Cora Crafts mysteries and the Cumberland Creek mysteries under another pen name. Her books have been selected as finalists for an Agatha Award and a Daphne du Maurier Award and as Top 10 Beach Reads by *Woman's World*. The mother of two young women who are off following their dreams in the music business, she resides in Waynesboro, Virginia.

HAUNTED LIBRARY MYSTERY SERIES

by Allison Brook

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Paranormal

Librarian Carrie Singleton is on the case, alongside library ghost Evelyn, in Agatha Award nominee Allison Brook's Haunted Library mysteries.



Oct. 2023



Aug. 2024

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1-6; Club Book 1-4

Praise for the Haunted Library Mystery series:

"Readers of Miranda James, Jenn McKinlay, Carolyn Hart, Nancy Atherton, and Carolyn Haines will be delighted."

—*Library Journal*, starred review

"Captivating . . . Well-drawn characters match the lively plot."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Charming characters, an idealistic setting, and a killer reveal."

—*Manhattan Book Review*, 5-star review

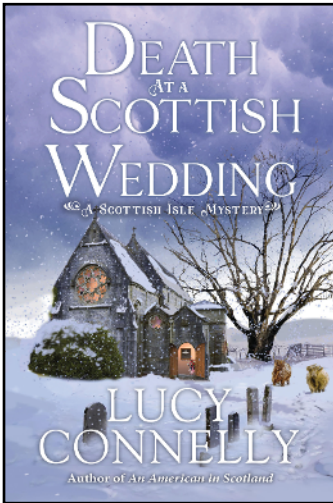


A former Spanish teacher, **Allison Brook** writes mysteries, romantic suspense, and novels for young readers. She loves traveling, reading, knitting, doing Sudoku, and visiting with her grandchildren, Olivia and Jack, on FaceTime. She lives on Long Island with Sammy, her feisty red cat.

SCOTTISH ISLE MYSTERIES

by Lucy Connelly

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General



DEATH AT A SCOTTISH WEDDING by Lucy Connelly

January 9, 2024

Dr. Emilia McRoy is back on the case in the second book in the Scottish Isle mystery series, perfect for fans of Sheila Connolly and Charlene O'Connor.

Something old, something new, something borrowed and someone's blue . . .

Finally feeling like Sea Isle, Scotland is becoming her new home, American doctor Emilia McRoy is delighted when she is invited to a wedding at Morrigan's Castle. Her friends have warned her that it's a three-day party and it's bound to get wild, not to mention the impending snowstorm. Constable Ewan Campbell, owner of the castle, ensures their safety with the blizzard.

What he didn't ensure, is that all of his guests would survive the night alive.

When Emilia explores the impressive castle, she finds a dead man in one of the turrets.

The snowstorm hits and the local police can't reach the castle until it lets up. With no one able to leave, the family insists they carry on with the wedding, which makes Emilia's job as the coroner a bit easier—the suspects are in one place—and complicated because the killer has Emilia in his sights. The fact no one claims to know the victim isn't helping. Why would someone no one knows be murdered at a castle in the middle of nowhere?

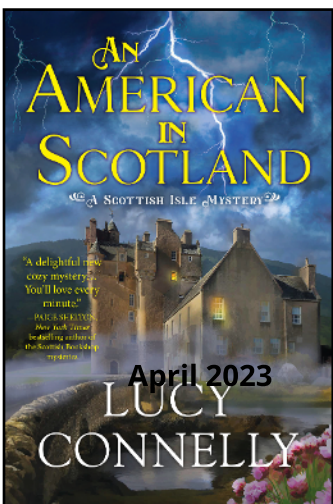
It's up to Emilia to uncover the mystery who the victim is, so the killer doesn't get away Scot free.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club,

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1



Praise for *An American in Scotland*:

"An atmospheric, character-driven debut . . . [For] fans of Carlene O'Connor's Irish mysteries."

—*Library Journal*, starred review

"[A] promising debut and series launch . . . Jane Austen fans will relate."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Stunning Scottish scenery provides the backdrop for an enjoyable mix of murder and romance."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

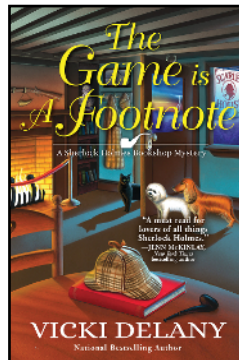
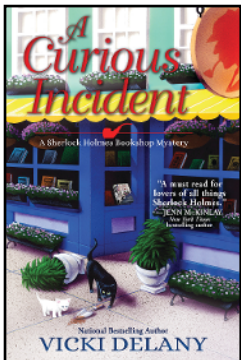
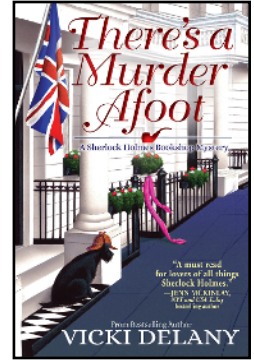
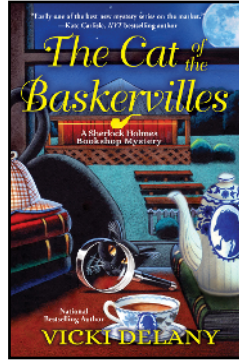
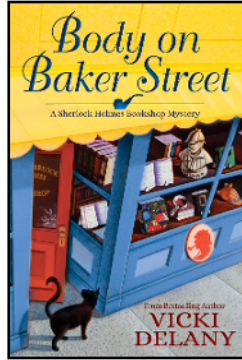
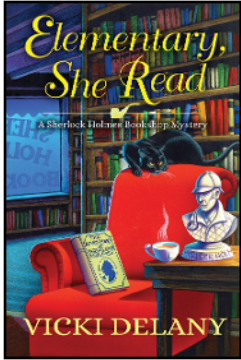
Lucy Connelly travels around the world, usually with her bossy dog in tow. Her favorite pastime is sipping tea in a quaint cafe as she turns each passerby into a murder victim, witness, or suspect. If she stares at you strangely, don't worry. She only murdered you in her book.

SHERLOCK HOLMES BOOKSHOP MYSTERIES

by Vicki Delany

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General

Murder pays a visit to Gemma Doyle's Sherlock Holmes-themed bookshop in this clever and captivating cozy mystery series from the bestselling author of the Year-Round Christmas Mysteries.



COVER NOT FINAL
Jan. 2024

Jan. 2025

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Books 1-8, Club Books 1-4, Large Print Books 1-4

Praise for the Sherlock Holmes Bookshop Mystery series:

"Will please Sherlockians."

—Publishers Weekly

"Sherlock Holmes' methods work once more in a charming combination of history and mystery."

—Kirkus Reviews

"Plot twists, Sherlock Holmes lore, historical facts woven through the story, engaging characters, and the details of running a small business in a coastal town enhance this satisfying cozy."

—Booklist

Vicki Delany is a bestselling author of more than thirty novels/novellas in several of mystery's subgenres. Born in Manitoba and raised in Ontario, she is the former president of the Crime Writers of Canada, a member of Capital Crime Writers, and a member of Sisters in Crime.

GIRL FRIDAY MYSTERIES

by Emily J. Edwards

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Historical



VIVIANA VALENTINE AND THE TICKING CLOCK

by Emily J. Edwards

November 17, 2023

For fans of Ashley Weaver and Rhys Bowen, when Viviana Valentine and Tommy Fortuna head to Times Square for New Year's Eve, they didn't expect their resolution to involve catching a killer.

New York City, 1950. Viviana Valentine and Tommy Fortuna have a lot of resolutions for the new year—whether it's continuing to build up their detective agency or planning their wedding, the two are looking forward to the future. On their way to Times Square to celebrate, the two witness a brutal stabbing. When Tommy tries to chase down the culprit, Viviana tries her best to save the man. She's unsuccessful, but Viviana hears his final words: a whispered apology to an unknown friend.

Clues are hard to come by, with the only leads being the fraught last words and a few nondescript matchbooks in the victim's overcoat. Their investigation is halted when Detective Jack Lawson of the New York Police Department arrives, immediately ruffling Viviana's feathers and bumping chests with Tommy, who he nearly arrested for murder just months earlier. The two know there's more to the story, but there are other pressing matters at hand.

Clients are clamoring to get the detectives to work on their cases: a man is being blackmailed by a criminal who only writes in code, Tommy's old friend needs his fiancée tailed, and an investment banker has mysteriously vanished. To add to their work load, Viviana knows something strange is happening at her boarding house. Will all of this—plus planning for a wedding—be too much for one Girl Friday?

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World English

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1 & 2

Praise for *Viviana Valentine Gets Her Man*:

"[A] sprightly debut . . . Edwards writes with flair."

—*The New York Times*

"A snappy valentine to a bygone era . . . [with] a raft of twists and complications."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A solid debut . . . For fans of hardboiled PIs with hearts of gold."

Emily J. Edwards earned her degree in Writing, Literature, and Publishing from Emerson College and took the long road to becoming an author, working for over a decade as a wine and spirits journalist, radio producer, and podcaster. She currently resides in Connecticut with her husband, and several quadrupeds.

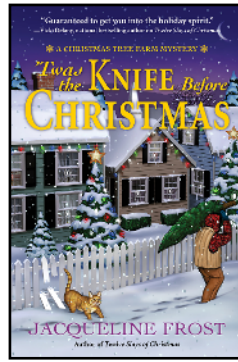
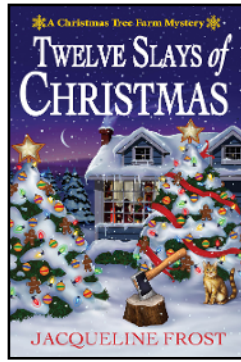
CHRISTMAS TREE FARM MYSTERY SERIES

by Jacqueline Frost

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Holidays & Vacation

STALKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE by Jacqueline Frost

Filled with holiday charm and perfect for fans of Leslie Meier, Jacqueline Frost's charming series is set at a Christmas tree farm when the jolliest time of the year turns deadly.



Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Books 1-3; Club Books 1-3

Praise for the Christmas Tree Farm Mysteries:

"A lively and festive cozy series, introducing an appealing protagonist and charming Maine setting."
—*Library Journal*

"Cozy fans with a sweet tooth will be in heaven."
—*Publishers Weekly*

"Full of Christmas cheer, punning names of places and characters, and several Santas who play a major role."
—*Kirkus Reviews*

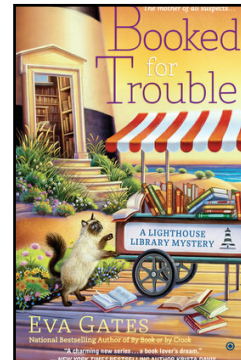
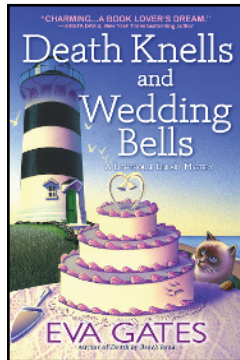
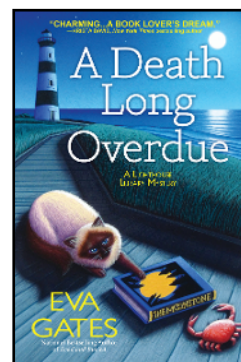
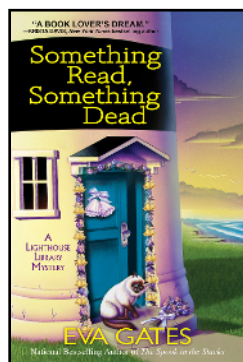
Jacqueline Frost is a mystery-loving pet enthusiast who hopes to make readers smile. She lives in rural Ohio with her husband and three spunky children. Jacqueline is a member of the International Thriller Writers (ITW) and Sisters in Crime (SinC).

LIGHTHOUSE LIBRARY MYSTERIES

by Eva Gates

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General

From national bestselling author, Eva Gates, the Lighthouse Library Mystery series features "a spunky librarian, a captivating book collection, an intriguing lighthouse, and plenty of twists and turns to keep you reading until dawn."—Daryl Wood Gerber



June 2024

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World English

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Books 4-10; Club Book 4, 7 & 8; Large Print Book 4, 7, 8

Praise for the Lighthouse Library mysteries:

"Exceptional...Cozy queen Gates is at the top of her game."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"An engaging mystery...Readers who enjoyed Miranda James's 'Cat in the Stacks' mysteries will discover this series similarly entertaining, complete with a library, a cat, and a captivating location and sleuth."

—*Library Journal*, starred review

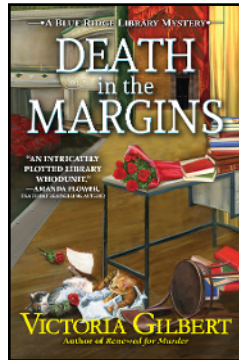
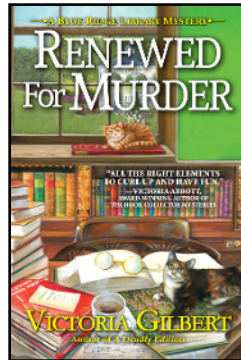
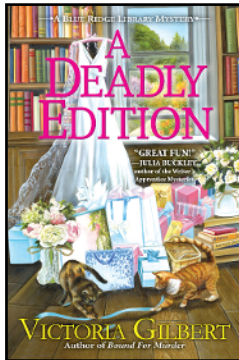
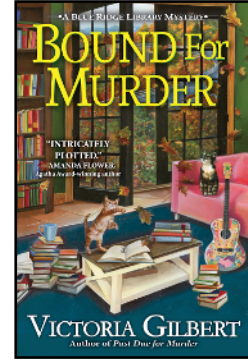
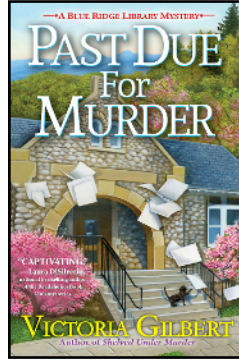
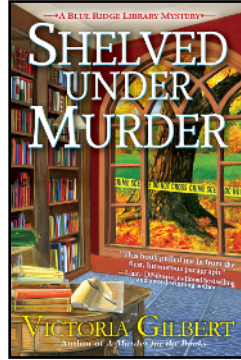
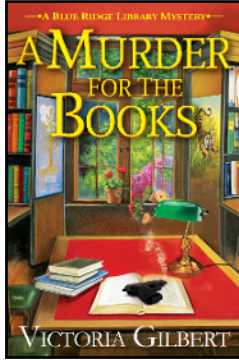
Eva Gates is a national bestselling author who began her writing career as a Sunday writer: a single mother of three high-spirited daughters, with a full-time job as a computer programmer. Now she has more than twenty novels under her belt in the mystery genre, published under the name Vicki Delany. She lives in Ontario. This is her eighth Lighthouse Library mystery.

BLUE RIDGE LIBRARY MYSTERIES

by Victoria Gilbert

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General

This cozy mystery series about a crime-solving librarian in small-town Virginia is “one of the best” (*New York Journal of Books*).



Nov. 2023

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club,

Rights Sold: Audio Books 1-7, Club 1-6

Praise for the Blue Ridge Library Mystery series:

“Lively small-town characters, a well-paced plot, and dollops of fascinating art history help make this a winner.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Gilbert weaves a well-paced, engaging story with strong characters... Blue Ridge Mystery fans will love reconnecting with Amy and her Taylorsford compatriots.”

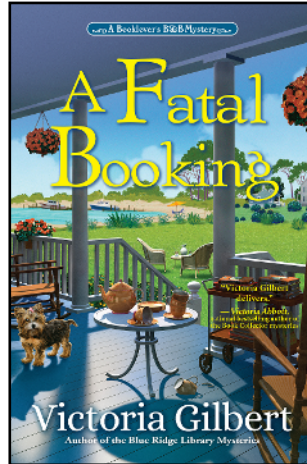
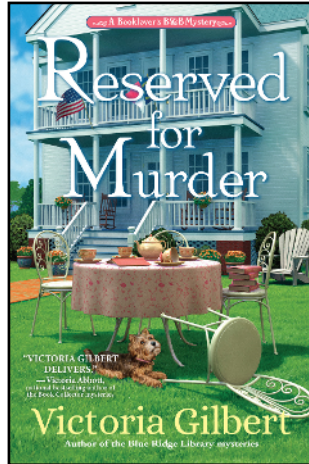
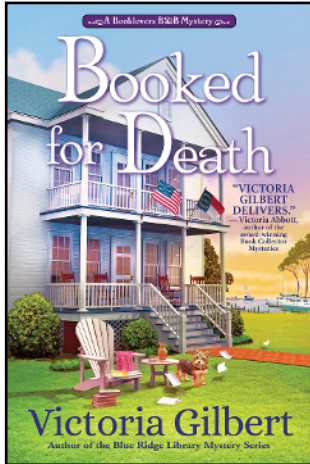
—*NY Journal of Books*

BOOKLOVER'S B&B MYSTERIES

by Victoria Gilbert

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General

A booklover's B&B in an idyllic waterfront village becomes the scene of a grisly murder—and a ruthless battle between treachery and the truth. From the critically acclaimed Victoria Gilbert, perfect for fans of Kate Carlisle and Juliet Blackwell.



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Rights Sold: Audio Books 1-3

Praise for B&B Mystery series:

"Captivating . . . Well-rounded characters match the finely crafted plot."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Plenty of mysterious circumstances and quirky characters are spiced with a romance that hints at future complications."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

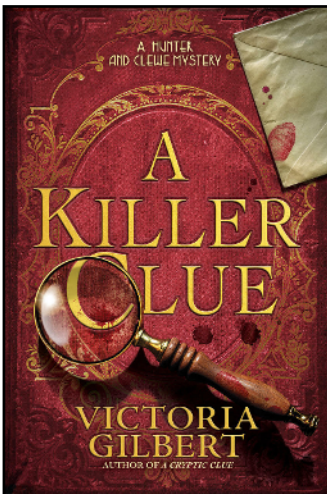
"Plenty of background on books and publishing combine with the agreeable small-town ambiance and the sultry southern setting to frame with satisfying cozy."

—*Booklist*

HUNTER & CLEWE MYSTERIES

by Victoria Gilbert

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Amateur Sleuth



A KILLER CLUE by Victoria Gilbert

April 9, 2024 | One of Cameron Clewe's favorite book dealers is a 30-something woman who runs an antiquarian bookshop that's been in her family for decades. She comes to Cam and Jane to ask for their help in clearing her mother's name. The bookstore owner's mother was convicted of killing her father (a stabbing) in the office of their bookshop and spent the rest of her life imprisoned. (The mother has just died in jail, still proclaiming her innocence).

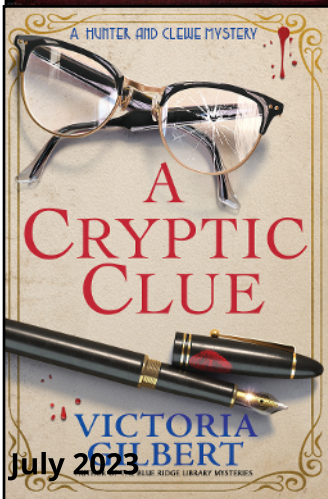
Cam and Jane agree to look into this "cold case," which becomes "hot" when, after their first meeting with the book dealer, Jane returns to find a retired detective – who had worked on the family murder case – lying on the floor, stabbed to death. Of course, the bookshop owner becomes a major suspect in this murder, and Cam and Jane vow to uncover evidence that will help prove her innocence.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Rights Sold: Audio Book 1



Praise for *A Cryptic Clue*:

"A charming new series from the always-entertaining Victoria Gilbert! Librarian Jane Hunter is a force to be reckoned with."

—Gigi Pandian, *USA Today* bestselling author of the Secret Staircase Mysteries

"A booklover's delight . . . Credible characters, an absorbing mystery and fine writing make this a novel to put straight on your wants list."

—Peter Lovesey, award winning author of the Peter Diamond series

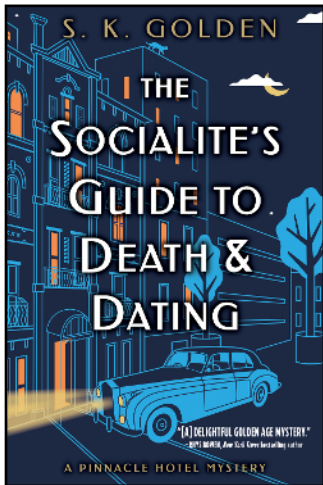


Victoria Gilbert, raised in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains, turned her early obsession with reading into a dual career as an author and librarian. Victoria has worked as a reference librarian, research librarian, and library director. When not writing or reading, she likes to spend her time watching films, gardening, or traveling. She is a member of Sisters in Crime and International Thriller Writers and lives in North Carolina.

PINNACLE HOTEL MYSTERIES

by S. K. Golden

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Historical



THE SOCIALITE'S GUIDE TO DEATH AND DATING

by S. K. Golden

October 10, 2023

Perfect for fans of Rhys Bowen and Ashley Weaver, the second Pinnacle Hotel mystery finds another murder that strikes too close to home, and hotel heiress Evelyn Murphy knows she's the only one who can save the hotel before it's lights out.

New York, 1958. Even though Evelyn Murphy has made progress conquering her agoraphobia by leaving the Pinnacle, she still feels most comfortable in her father's hotel. With Malcolm Cooper, her new boyfriend and fellow employee at the hotel, Evelyn feels prepared for whatever happens next. In this case, it's throwing a big fundraiser with the who's who of New York City.

The night is a success, and Evelyn finally takes up Malcolm's offer to finally visit his apartment in Yonkers. As the party ends, they sneak away to the garage to get Evelyn's car. But Evelyn's always been good at finding things, and she discovers the dead body of a guest, Judge Baker, in a car—with a needle in his arm.

Detective Hodgson and his new partner, Detective McJimsey, arrive on the scene, but before they can begin to question Evelyn, they are startled by another mysterious discovery: there's a woman in the trunk of the car, and she screams as soon as she sees Evelyn's face. Tangled up in the police investigation, Evelyn's got another problem, too—her father insists she break off her relationship with Mac. The next day, her father is found attacked just like the judge, only this time the detectives find a dead woman nearby.

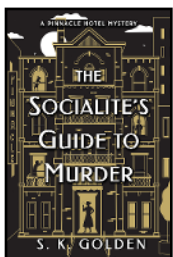
With Mac accused of the attacks and in police custody, Evelyn will have to find the killer on her own before she's checked out of the hotel—this time, for good.

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Rights Sold: Audio Book 1; Club Book 1



Praise for *The Socialite's Guide to Murder*:

"A sprightly series launch . . . Golden channels the spirit of the late Hugh Pentecost's Beaumont Hotel."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"[A] decorous whodunnit festooned with period trappings."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"[For] readers who enjoyed other hotel-set mysteries with young amateur sleuths, like Nita Prose's *The Maid*."

—*Library Journal*



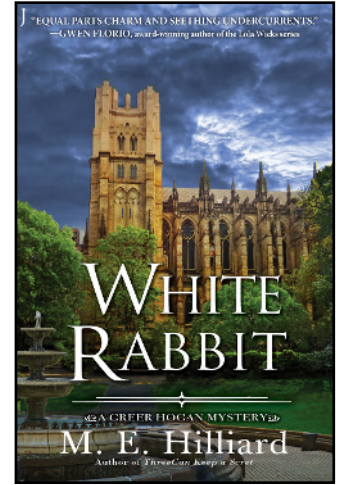
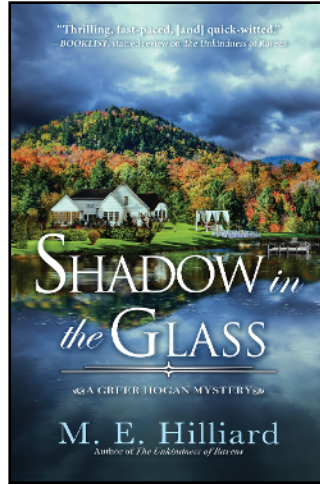
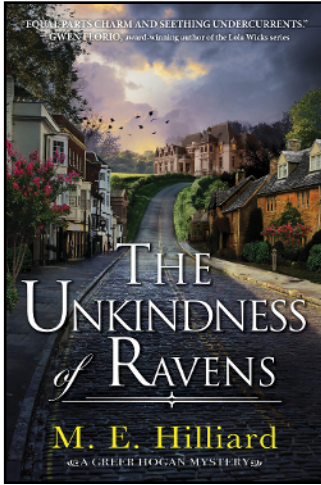
S.K. Golden is the author of the cozy mystery *The Socialite's Guide to Murder*. She graduated from Saint Leo University with a bachelor's degree in Human Services and Administration. Born and raised in the Florida Keys, she married a commercial fisherman, and the two of them still live on the islands with their five kids, two cats, and a corgi.

GREER HOGAN MYSTERIES

by M. E. Hilliard

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Women Sleuths

Librarian Greer Hogan matches wits with deviously clever killers in M.E. Hilliard's mystery series, ideal for fans of Louise Penny and Dorothy L. Sayers.



February 2024

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Praise for the Greer Hogan Mystery series:

"[A] first-rate debut and series launch."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Thrilling, fast-paced, quick-witted, and full of nostalgic references."

—*Booklist*, starred review

"Readers who enjoy Louise Penny's *Three Pines* will enjoy protagonist Greer Hogan's sly, witty observations."

—Gwen Florio, award-winning author of the Lola Wicks series

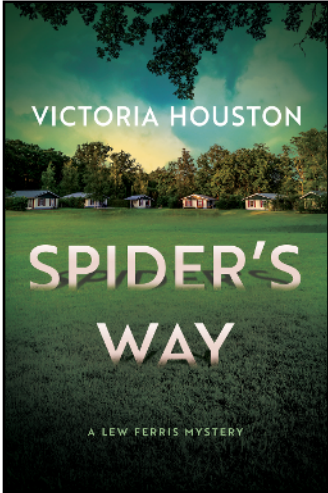


M. E. Hilliard is currently a full-time librarian who started out in retail merchandising. After twelve years of mergers, consolidations, and moves around the country, she went to graduate school and got a Master of Library Science degree. Originally from the Connecticut shoreline, she has never lost her love of quaint small towns, big cities, and fashion, so she indulges that in her writing. A life-long lover of mystery fiction, M. E. currently lives and works in Florida.

LEW FERRIS MYSTERIES

by Victoria Houston

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Police Procedural



SPIDER'S WAY

May 7, 2024 | Someone is murdering pickleball players in Loon Lake and Sheriff Ferris is on the hunt for their killer in Victoria Houston's third nail-biting Lew Ferris mystery, perfect for fans of Marc Cameron and Nevada Barr.

When a local pickleball player is shot in the head while practicing at an abandoned tennis court with his partner-slash-lover, Sheriff Lew Ferris suspects that the bullet was a stray shot from hunters in the area. It's not until a second player—the first victim's mistress and pickleball partner—is killed that Sheriff Ferris realizes this is no hunting accident: someone is hunting people.

With the first victim's crazed widow breathing down Lew's neck, there's no room to breathe, let alone to find time to appreciate the beautiful Loon Lake fall and go fishing. Adding to Sheriff Ferris' difficulties are four pickleball players convinced someone has targeted them, someone who will do anything, even murder, to frighten them away from the courts where they play—but why?

Who is really at risk? The pickleball players, or Lew and the people close to her?

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Rights Sold: Audio Book 1 & 2

Praise for Victoria Houston:

"Houston's loving portrayals of the continuing cast members and the wild Wisconsin settings add up to a charming read."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A master of juxtaposing nature's beauty with humanity's ugliness."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Victoria Houston is a master storyteller."

—Marc Cameron, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Arliss Cutter Mysteries



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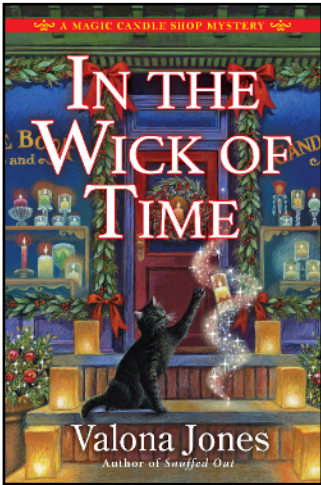


Victoria Houston is the author of 19 books in the Loon Lake mysteries as well as seven non-fiction books on family issues. She has been featured on the front page of *The Wall Street Journal* and on *National Public Radio*. Houston lives, writes and fishes in northern Wisconsin.

MAGIC CANDLE SHOP MYSTERIES

by Valona Jones

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Paranormal



IN THE WICK OF TIME by Valona Jones

October 17, 2023

Tabby Winslow will help her twin sister Sage with anything and everything—and that includes putting out the flames of suspicion when Sage’s boss is found murdered in this magical mystery, perfect for fans of Amanda Flower and Sofie Kelly.

December in Savannah, Georgia, is a sight to behold. With all the festivities—including the traditional riverfront luminary display during the boat parade—twin sisters Tabby and Sage Winslow are busier than ever setting up for the big celebration. But that isn’t the only thing on the sisters’ minds. Both Sage and her fellow employee Mary Nicole are vying for the sought-after assistant manager job at the plant nursery. But when Loren Lee, their boss, is found dead, and Sage becomes the police’s favorite suspect, both Winslow girls know that they’ll need more than a flicker of magic and their sisterhood to solve the murder and clear Sage’s name.

Soon, Tabby realizes that this is just one of the many problems they have. If being a suspect for murder wasn’t enough, there are more magical problems that they have to fix: Sage’s boyfriend is having a paranormal experience of his own he can’t control, there’s an energy vampire searching for his supposedly lost cousin, and oh—every time Tabby hiccups, she turns completely invisible. The suspect list grows with each day and it seems everyone has a reason or a connection to Loren Lee.

Tabby and Sage are burning the candle at both ends—but will it be enough to keep their friends safe and find this killer? Or will they be burned by their efforts?

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Rights Sold: Audio Book 1

Praise for *Snuffed Out*:

“[An] enjoyable series launch . . . Paranormal cozy fans will be well satisfied.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Mayhem arrives at the [candle] shop . . . Cozy meets Karma.”

—*Kirkus*

“*Snuffed Out* brings a sharp new twist to the paranormal cozy mystery genre . . . Readers who appreciate intricate plotting and an edgier vibe to their paranormal cozy mysteries will find much to enjoy about *Snuffed Out*.”

—Diane A.S. Stuckart, *NYT* bestselling author of cozy mysteries

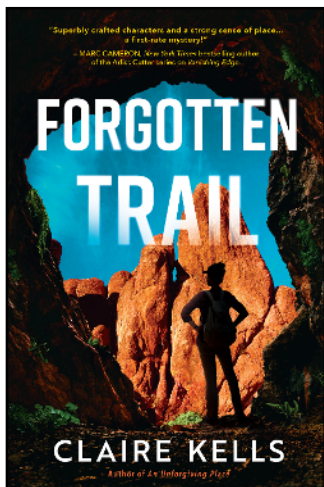
Valona Jones worked as a scientist for many years, and then she accidentally became a freelance reporter for a weekly paper, all while the stories in her head demanded to be written.



NATIONAL PARKS MYSTERY SERIES

by Claire Kells

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Police Procedural



FORGOTTEN TRAIL

November 17, 2023 | In this third installment of Claire Kells's thrilling National Park Mystery series, Investigative Services Branch agent Felicity Harland ventures through volcanic wilderness to investigate a murder at a new hike-in lodge at Pinnacles National Park.

When a guest turns up dead at the newly-opened Pinnacles Grand Hotel, ISB agent Felicity Harland finds herself summoned to a peculiar scene. A gentle breeze blows in from the balcony window, belying the violence of a man stabbed to death in his hotel room. It's clear to Harland that this murder was personal, especially when the victim's wife admits that she wanted him dead.

But Harland isn't so sure that this was a domestic dispute gone bad. When she hears about the Park Service searching for a missing person out on the trails, she sets out with her partner, Ferdinand "Hux" Huxley, to see if the two cases are connected.

As Harland and Hux take on the rocky, exposed terrain of California's ancient volcanic wonderland, they soon realize that the mystery at the Pinnacles Grand is not at all what it seems—and that a predator may be closing in.

Materials Available to Read: Available Now



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Praise for the National Parks Mystery series:

"[This] investigation threatens to cross the boundaries of safety as well as . . . personal and professional lines."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"An appealing crime fighting team . . . Fans of Scott Graham's National Parks mysteries will want to check this one out."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Superbly crafted characters and a strong sense of place."

—Marc Cameron, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Jericho Quinn series and Arliss Cutter series



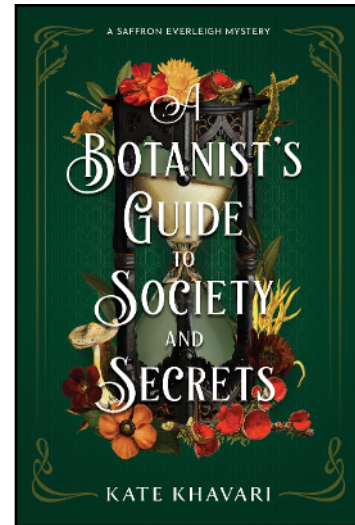
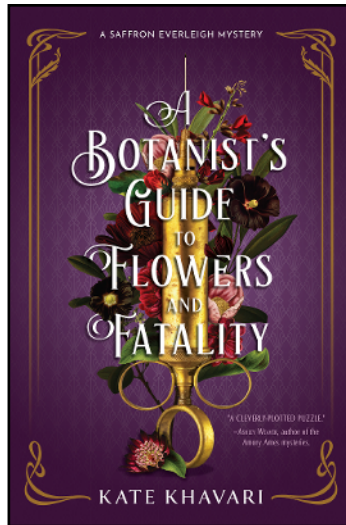
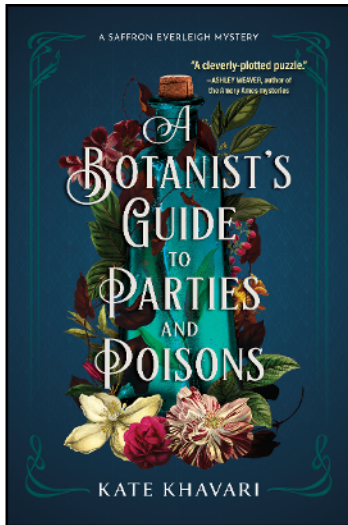
Claire Kells is the bestselling author of the adventure novel *Girl Underwater*. An avid open-water swimmer and outdoor enthusiast, she gravitates toward stories of survival, struggle, and redemption. Her experiences as a practicing physician also play an important role in her novels, and she's grateful for all the fascinating stories her patients have told her over the years. She received a degree in English from Princeton University and a medical degree from the University of California.

SAFFRON EVERLEIGH MYSTERIES

by Kate Khavari

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Historical

***The Lost Apothecary* meets *Dead Dead Girls* in this fast-paced, STEMInist adventure. Kate Khavari deftly entwines a pulse-pounding mystery with the struggles of a woman in a male-dominated field in 1923 London.**



June 2024

3.9 ★★★★★ 856 ratings

Editors' pick Best Mystery, Thriller & Suspense

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Praise for *A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poisons*:

"An exciting debut with a determined protagonist whose future is sure to contain romance and mystery."

—Kirkus

"Khavari is off to a promising start."

—Publishers Weekly

"Intelligent, witty, and brave . . . Khavari has created a fast-paced, interesting mystery."

—Bookpage



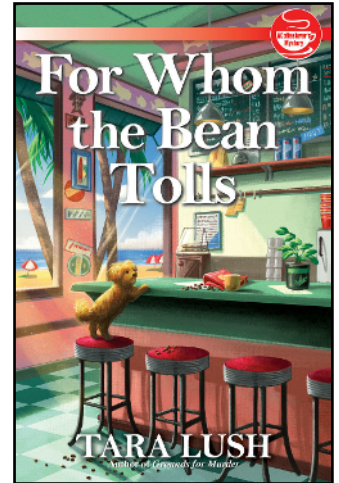
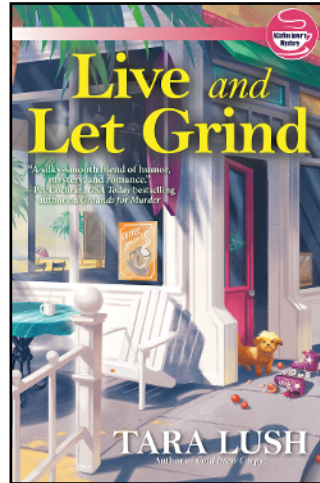
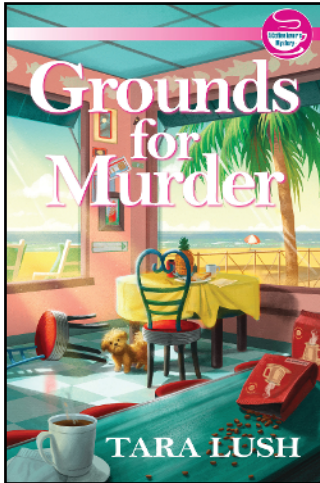
Kate Khavari is the author of fiction ranging from historical mysteries to high fantasy epics. She has her parents to thank for her fascination for historical mysteries, as she spent the majority of her childhood memorizing Sherlock Holmes's and Poirot's greatest quips. A former teacher, Kate has a deep appreciation for research and creativity, not to mention the multitasking ability she now relies on as an author and stay at home mother to her toddler son. She lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas with her husband, son, and a lovely garden that contains absolutely no poisonous plants.

COFFEE LOVER MYSTERIES

by Tara Lush

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Culinary

Barista Lana Lewis's sleuthing may land her in a latte trouble in Tara Lush's Coffee Shop mysteries.



COVER NOT FINAL
Jan. 2024

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

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Praise for the Coffee Lovers Mystery series:

“Behind-the-scenes sleuthing, sly confrontations with witnesses . . . [and] romance.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Vivid and delightful . . . A fun and entertaining read for lovers of coffee shop mysteries.”

—*San Francisco Book Review*

“Enjoyable . . . Distinctive characters complement the twisty plot.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

Tara Lush is a Rita Award finalist, an Amtrak writing fellow, and a George C. Polk Award winning journalist. For the past decade, she's been a reporter with the Associated Press, covering crime, alligators, natural disasters, and politics. She also writes contemporary romance set in tropical locations. A fan of vintage pulp-fiction book covers, Sinatra-era jazz, and 1980s fashion, she lives with her husband and two dogs on the Gulf coast.

HOLLYWOOD MYSTERIES

by Marjorie McCown

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Women Sleuths



STARSTRUCK

June 4, 2024

Perfect for fans of Elle Cosimano and Kellye Garrett, in this second Hollywood Mystery, film costumer Joey Jessop discovers that Hollywood buries its secrets deep when a superstar's assistant turns up dead.

Costumer Joey Jessop is working on a movie set in 1930s Hollywood and starring two of the world's biggest stars. The male lead moonlights as an activist, and the female lead, Gillian Best, is known for her lifestyle brand. After a hit-and-run near the set, Joey realizes that the car involved belongs to Gillian, and she begins to wonder if the actress has more to hide than her Botox appointments.

Her suspicions deepen when Gillian's personal assistant Rita vows to get revenge for Gillian replacing her and is found dead shortly after. Gillian quickly labels Rita's death a suicide, and the police seem to agree—but Joey isn't so sure.

With the police standing aside, it's up to Joey to dig up the truth—but Hollywood stars know how to keep their secrets close, and a woman like Gillian Best won't take kindly to someone sniffing around her affairs. But Joey is certain that Gillian has something to hide—and she's determined to find out what.



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Editors' pick Best Mystery, Thriller & Suspense

Praise for *Final Cut*:

"[A] keen sense of what it's like to work on a Hollywood production."

—Kirkus Reviews

"A must-read movie mystery packed with juicy details from a Hollywood insider, *Final Cut* gets my nomination for best debut."

—Ellen Byron, Agatha and Lefty Award Winner, *USA Today* bestselling author

"A sparkling debut. —Erica Ruth Neubauer, Agatha Award winning author of the Jane Wunderly Mystery series



Marjorie McCown has spent her entire professional life in the story-telling business, though she started out on the visual side of the craft. She spent more than twenty-five years in Hollywood working as a key member of the costume design teams for a string of successful movies that includes *Forrest Gump*, *Apollo 13*, *The Firm*, *A Bronx Tale*, *Wag the Dog*, *The Aviator*, *Hairspray*, *Angels and Demons*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, and *X-Men Days of Future Past*. McCown has a BA in Theater from the University of Virginia and an AAS in Fashion Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC. She is a member of Sisters in Crime and Mystery Writers of America. She lives in Southern California.

TIMBER CREEK K-9 SERIES

by Margaret Mizushima

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General



October 2024

****over 200,000 copies sold****

Praise for the Timber Creek K9 Mystery Series

"A chilling mystery . . . Tense and satisfying."—J.A. Jance, *New York Times* bestselling author of the J. P. Beaumont series

"I can't wait for the next adventure from these dynamic partnerships."—Anne Hillerman, *New York Times* best-selling author

"Memorable characters, rugged setting, and a page-turning mystery. Brilliant!"—Bruce Robert Coffin, award-winning author of the Detective Byron Mysteries

"Mizushima has a gift when it comes to crafting immersive settings."—*Associated Press*

"Sue Henry fans will love."—*Library Journal*, starred review

"Will tug the heartstrings of every dog lover."—*Booklist*, starred review

"A realistic view of how a K-9 team works . . . It's impossible not to fall in love with Robo."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

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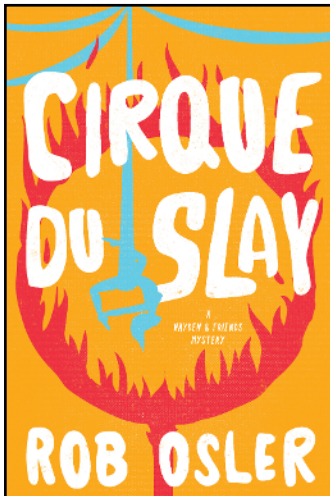


Margaret Mizushima is the author of the award-winning and internationally published Timber Creek K-9 Mysteries. She serves as president for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Mystery Writers of America, was elected the 2019 Writer of the Year by Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers, and is also a member of Northern Colorado Writers, Sisters in Crime, Pikes Peak Writers, and Women Writing the West. She lives in Colorado on a small ranch with her veterinarian husband where they raised two daughters and a multitude of animals. She can be found on Facebook/AuthorMargaretMizushima, Twitter @margmizu, Instagram at margmizu, and her website at www.margaretmizushima.com.

HAYDEN & FRIENDS MYSTERIES

by Rob Osler

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General



CIRQUE DU SLAY

April 9, 2024

In the rollicking mystery, perfect for fans of Steven Rowley and Elle Cosimano, the circus becomes the stage for a high-profile murder investigation.

With quirky LGBTQ+ amateur sleuths, *Cirque du Slay* will delight readers looking for a madcap mystery with high-flying excitement!

Pint-sized Seattle middle school teacher and gay dating blogger Hayden McCall and his best friend Hollister are invited to a fundraiser for Bakers Without Borders. The celebrity performer, Kennedy Osaka, is the artistic director of Mysterium, an upscale circus arts show combining magic, acrobatics, and a Michelin-star dinner. But Kennedy is a no-show—until she's found dead in her hotel suite.

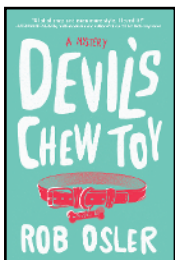
When frenemy Sarah Lee is discovered in the room with the body, Hayden and Hollister are on the case to find the real culprit before Sarah Lee is charged with the crime.

The suspects for the murder are as unique as Mysterium itself: a Russian trapeze artist, a cowgirl comedian sharp-shooter, an over-cologned operations director, a feisty, green-haired costume manager, and *Adrenalin!*, a sexy troop of Romanian male acrobats...If Hayden and Hollister are to clear Sarah Lee of suspicion, they'll have to outsmart a killer for whom trickery is art.

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Rights Sold: Audio Book 1



Feb. 2022

Select praise for *Devil's Chew Toy*:

"[An] appealing debut . . . Readers will hope Hayden and company will be back soon."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"A light but engrossing mystery."

—*Popsugar*



Aside from fiction writing, **Rob Osler** is a halfway decent tennis player, proficient at making chicken piccata and crab cakes, and threatens to restart playing bridge and the banjo—though not at the same time. He attended college in Washington, where he also earned a master's degree in business. After many years of living in Seattle and San Francisco, he resides in southern California with his long-time partner and a tall, gray cat.

**2023 LEFT COAST CRIME LEFTY AWARD
NOMINATION: Best Debut Mystery Novel**
**2023 AGATHA AWARD NOMINATION: Best First
Novel**
2023 ANTHONY AWARD FINALIST: Best Novel
**2023 MACAVITY AWARD NOMINATION: Best First
Mystery**

A POPSUGAR BEST MYSTERY OF 2022
A BOOKRIOT BEST MYSTERY OF 2022
A CRIMEREADS BEST MYSTERY OF 2022

PIES BEFORE GUYS MYSTERIES

by Misha Popp

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Culinary



THE LAST TO PIE

April 9, 2024

Perfect for fans of Mia P. Manansala and Elle Cosimano, in Misha Popp's third Pies Before Guys mystery, the pies are deadlier than ever when Daisy receives a request for revenge against an abusive cop.

Daisy Ellery is back to doing what she does best: making pies and killing guys. And it's about to get more dangerous than ever. Daisy knows the statistic—domestic violence perpetrated by cops is rampant. It was only a matter of time before she was called in to help. But when the request arrives in her inbox, it isn't accompanied by the required referral and that makes Daisy nervous. Is this really a woman trapped in a violent relationship, or is it a shady cop trying to uncover Daisy's murderous side hustle?



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Her boyfriend thinks it's more trouble than it's worth, and Daisy hesitates to accept the job—until the woman who left the request goes missing and it's clear her boyfriend is responsible. Knowing his work buddies won't be any help investigating, Daisy sets out to find the woman and plans a little justice of her own. When Daisy finds evidence that the boyfriend wasn't just a monster in private, but corrupt at work too, things get even more perilous.

Feeling guilty that she hesitated to help the woman, Daisy is determined to find her and get her justice—whatever it takes.

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1 & 2, Large Print Book 1 & 2

Praise for the Pies Before Guys Mysteries:

"Darkly humorous . . . Cozy readers looking for something different will find much to like."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Wickedly funny and wonderfully twisted."

—*Popsugar*

"[A] fun premise and the in-depth descriptions of food . . . round out a volume sure to please culinary cozy fans."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"An exciting debut that has you rooting for a morally conflicted witch while salivating over her pies."

—*Kirkus*

"The rapid pacing and tantalizing plot will keep [readers] engrossed in this strong debut."

—*Booklist*

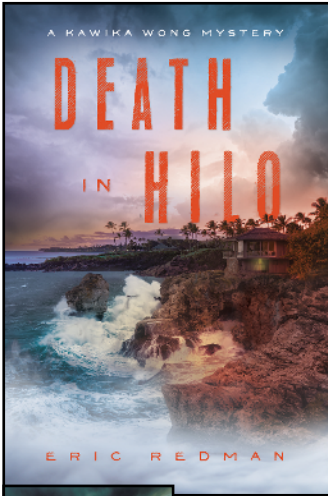


Misha Popp enjoys writing about murderous women and over-the-top baked goods, but not so much about herself. She lives in rural Massachusetts where she bakes entirely too many pies and sculpts things out of chocolate. An unrepentant school nerd, she has a collection of degrees that have nothing to do with the jobs that pay her.

HAWAIIAN MYSTERIES

by Eric Redman

Fiction - Thrillers - Suspense



DEATH IN HILO

February 6, 2024

ITW Finalist Eric Redman is back in this thrilling second installment of his Hawaiian murder mystery series, perfect for fans of Elly Griffiths and Ragnar Jonasson. When bodies start piling up and the list of suspects growing long, Detective Kawika Wong must dig into his own past to solve a key Big Island murder.

It's been twelve long years since Detective Kawika Wong was tasked with solving the brutal murder of the infamous real-estate developer Ralph Fortunato—a case that led to more bodies than answers and a slew of complicated and ancient secrets, a case that made his career. Now, the once rookie detective is next in line to be Honolulu's next Chief of Police. But all is not well on O'ahu or the Big Island.

For weeks, Kawika and his team have failed to catch an elusive serial killer known as the "Slasher." He strikes quickly and efficiently, and he doesn't make mistakes. But when a freshly decapitated body is found at a previous dump site, Kawika's gut tells him something isn't quite right. Who is this victim, and why does Kawika feel that this one doesn't belong to the Slasher?

To make matters worse, a hungry young journalist, Zoë Akona, is investigating the questionable outcome Kawika and his then-superior Terry Tanaka produced in the Fortunato case, and her snooping leads to an official review that jeopardizes everything Kawika's worked so hard for.

But Detective Wong knows that, no matter what, he must find a second murderer even while the "Slasher" continues to strike. The investigation takes him back to the Big Island – and to the long-dormant case the reporter Zoë Akona won't leave alone. Kawika is about to discover what happens when the secrets of the past catch up with the promises of his future.

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1

Praise for *Bones of Hilo*:

"[Redman's] local color goes far beyond touristy tidbits...[the] backstory [is] fascinating and timely."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Hawaiian history and culture and the state's fight against development are this story's critical elements."

—*Library Journal*

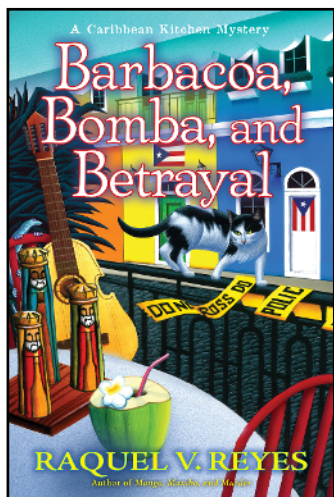


Eric Redman is a Seattle-based writer, lawyer, and climate activist who for decades has loved the Big Island of Hawaii, its history, and its people. He is a former contributing editor of *Rolling Stone* and has written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and many other publications. He wrote the nonfiction best-seller, *The Dance of Legislation*.

CARIBBEAN KITCHEN MYSTERIES

by Raquel V. Reyes

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Culinary



BARBACOA, BOMBA, AND BETRAYAL by Raquel V. Reyes

November 17, 2023

In the third installment of the Caribbean Kitchen mysteries, for fans of Mia P. Manansala, Miriam Quiñones, cooking show sensation and amateur sleuth, has sand between her toes and a murderer nipping at her heels.

A surprise trip to Miriam's parents in Punta Cana, which should be filled with arroz con pollo and breezy days under the tamarind tree, quickly becomes a hunt for a possible property saboteur. But before Miriam can begin to uncover the person damaging the vacation rentals her parents manage, she's called away to Puerto Rico to film a Three Kings Day special. She's welcomed to the blue ballast stone streets of Old San Juan by crime scene tape, and things only get worse from there.

An anonymous personal gift on Miriam's doorstep New Year's Eve screams stalker, and the 400-year-old guesthouse creaks and moans like there is something trapped in its walls. Luckily, her BFF, Alma, and their mutual friend Jorge are in town to keep her distracted between filming cultural segments for the network. But private chef tables and spa days come to an abrupt halt when Jorge's telenovela heartthrob novio goes missing. And there is something worrisome about Alma's too-perfect boyfriend--specifically, his duffle bag full of cash.

Will demon masks, African drum beats, and dark alleys lead to Miriam's demise? Or will the mysterious events come together like the delicious layers of a pastelón?

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1 & 2; Large Print Book 1 & 2; Optioned for Film and TV

Praise for the Caribbean Kitchen Mystery series:

Winner, 2022 Lefty Award, Best Humorous Mystery Novel

Winner, 2022 International Latino Book Awards, Best Novel-Mystery English

"I love the mix of Latinx food...the women's friendships...and all the Spanglish which was music to my ears." —*BookRiot*

"Mystery fans will instantly be pulled into this one." —*Reader's Digest*

"Raquel V. Reyes's series debut, *Mango, Mambo, and Murder*, furthers my belief that the cozy mystery has become one of the most diverse, and most vibrant, in contemporary crime fiction." —*The New York Times*

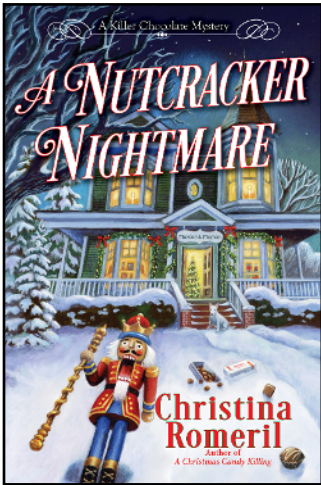


Raquel V. Reyes writes Latina protagonists. Her Cuban-American heritage, Miami, and Spanglish feature prominently in her work. *Mango, Mambo, and Murder*, the first in the Caribbean Kitchen Mystery series, won a LEFTY for Best Humorous Mystery. It was nominated for an Agatha Award and optioned for film. Raquel's short stories appear in various anthologies, including *The Best American Mystery and Suspense 2022*.

KILLER CHOCOLATE MYSTERIES

by Christina Romeril

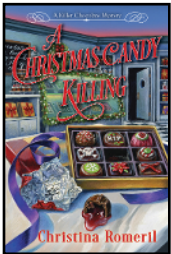
Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Holidays & Vacation



NUTCRACKER NIGHTMARE October 17, 2023

Perfect for fans of Joanne Fluke and Laura Childs, when twin sisters Hanna and Alex help out at the local high school reunion, volunteering takes a turn when they find a former classmate's dead body.

Hanna and Alex, owners of the Murder and Mayhem book and chocolate shop, are busy preparing for the Harriston High School's reunion weekend. Neighbors will connect with old friends and perhaps try to avoid old foes. One person no one can avoid is Kyle, the former star quarterback, who is busy using his entire playbook to try and score with Hanna, even threatening her if she doesn't play nice. At the reunion, Alex glimpses more drama than nostalgia as insults are flung around like a football at a Friday night game. The party is put on hold when Alex finds the dead body of none other than Kyle himself, bludgeoned to death by a nutcracker that the sisters admired earlier in the night.



Hanna quickly becomes the prime suspect—someone saw her slap Kyle in the face at the reunion dance. She'll need her sister, their sleuthing canine, Watson, and their old friends and colleagues to help break this case wide open. While looking through old yearbooks and taking a stroll down memory lane, Alex uncovers a few secrets about Kyle, now, it seems like everyone had a motive to kill him.

But when the suspects start becoming the victims, Alex and Hanna know that they can't melt under the pressure—they must find the killer before they become just another yearbook memory.

Oct. 2022

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Book 1

Praise for *A Christmas Candy Killing*:

"[An] exceptional debut . . . With its inventive premise, this cozy stands out from the pack."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Clever characters, mouth-watering chocolates, and an amateur sleuth who won't take no for an answer.

This delightful cozy has it all."

—J.C. Eaton, award-winning author of *The Sophie Kimball Mysteries*

"A fun read and an intriguing who-dun-it."

—Nancy J. Parra, *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Wine Country Mysteries*

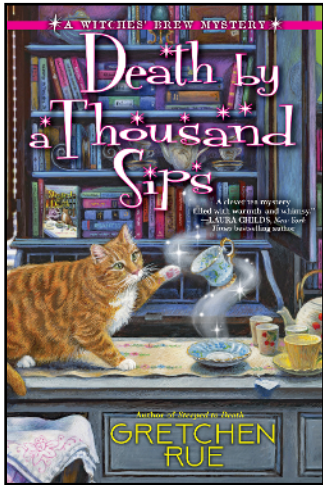


Christina Romeril is a cozy-mystery writer. She grew up in Kitchener, Ontario, and has been devouring stacks of books since third grade when the *Trixie Belden* series sparked her love of the genre. She has lived on both coasts of Canada as a member of the Canadian military and later as a military spouse. When she's not enjoying nature, she loves to create and consume chocolate confections.

WITCHES BREW MYSTERIES

by Gretchen Rue

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Paranormal

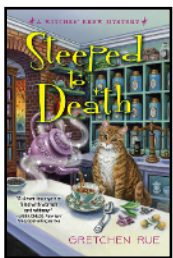


DEATH BY A THOUSAND SIPS

September 5, 2023

Phoebe Winchester is back on the case in Raven Creek when a body is discovered at an estate sale in Gretchen Rue's second book in the Witches' Brew mystery series, perfect for fans of Laura Childs and Cleo Coyle.

Ever since she moved to Raven Creek, Washington, Phoebe Winchester knew she would have to grow accustomed to having a lot on her plate. She's beginning to make the Victorian manor she inherited from her dear and adventurous Aunt Eudora feel more like home, successfully running the bookstore and tea shop, The Earl's Study, and learning to harness her recently discovered magical powers. But when she discovers a dead body at an estate sale—even Phoebe wonders if this is simply too much.



Sept. 2022

**Book #3 Coming
September 2024**

Rumors of Phoebe's involvement force her to take action; she needs to find the killer and clear her own name, once again. She enlists Rich Lofting, the handsome private detective and her childhood friend, in her investigation, all while she sorts out her unresolved feelings for him. Is there something more sinister lurking in the shadows of this small tight-knit town? And does Phoebe really want to find out?

With a dash of magic, a pinch of sleuthing skills, and a spoonful of friendly assistance, Phoebe needs to uncover the killer to keep Raven Creek safe once again. But if she doesn't—will she find herself in even more hot water?

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, UK English, Translation, Large Print, Club, Transmedia

Rights sold: UK (Headline / Aria) ; Russia (AST)

Praise for *Steeped to Death*:

"A compelling debut with a mature amateur sleuth, a solid supporting cast, and a cat to rival Miranda James's Diesel. For readers who enjoy the paranormal elements in Juliet Blackwell's and Bree Baker's cozies."

—*Library Journal*, starred review

"[A] sprightly debut and series launch . . . A lovable cat, plenty of tea, enticing recipes, and more are sure to please cozy fans. Rue is off to a good start."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Delightful . . . Blends the perfect brew of mystery and magic with hints of romance, charm, and a cat named Bob."

—*Manhattan Book Review*, 5-star review



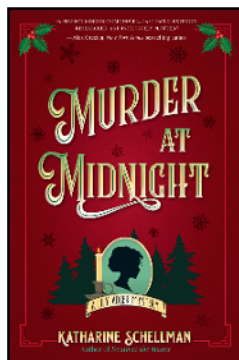
Gretchen Rue lives in the Canadian prairies, which affords her ample time to read during six months of winter. She plays cat mom to four mostly indifferent fur children, and plant mom to roughly 100 very demanding flora. When she isn't sipping tea and working on her next novel, she enjoys swimming, hiking, and watching baseball.

LILY ADLER MYSTERY SERIES

by Katharine Schellman

Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Historical

The tortured spirits of the dead haunt a Regency-era English manor—but the true danger lies in the land of the living in the third installment in the Lily Adler mysteries, perfect for fans of Deanna Raybourn.



Sept. 2023



Aug. 2024

Materials Available to Read: Available Now

Territory: World All Languages

Rights Available: Audio, Foreign English, Translation, Large Print, Club

Rights Sold: Audio Books 1-4

Praise for the Lily Adler Mystery series:

"Schellman ably interweaves appealing developments in Lily's personal life, a classic locked-room puzzle, and a nuanced look at period society. Regency lovers will be enthralled."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Worthy of Rex Stout or Agatha Christie."

—*Library Journal*, starred review

"Sensitive handling of class and race issues common to London in the early 1800s give the story depth."

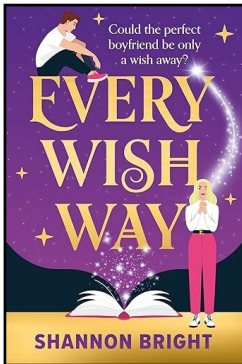
—*BookPage*, starred review



Katharine Schellman is a former actor, one-time political consultant, and currently the author of the Lily Adler Mysteries. A graduate of the College of William & Mary, Katharine currently lives and writes in the mountains of Virginia in the company of her family and the many houseplants she keeps accidentally murdering.

Recent Foreign Sales: Alcove Press

#1 Amazon UK Bestseller - Erotic Fantasy



Every Wish Way

Shannon Bright
Foreign Sales:
 UK/Commonwealth
 (Embla / Bonnier UK)



THE IRISH GOODBYE

Amy Eweing

Foreign Sales:
 UK/Commonwealth (Eriu /
 Bonnier UK); Germany
 (HoCA)



Text Appeal

Amber Roberts

Foreign Sales:
 UK/Commonwealth
 (Hachette / Dialogue UK);
 Poland (Kobiece)

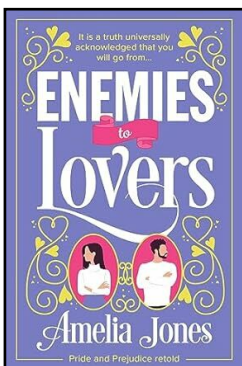
Top 100 Amazon UK Bestseller - Women's New Adult Fiction ¹¹¹



Rent to Be

Sonia Hartl

Foreign Sales:
 UK/Commonwealth(Embla /
 Bonnier UK)



US title: THE STAGE KISS

Amelia Jones

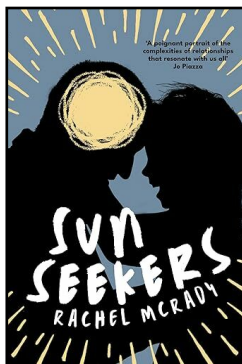
Foreign Sales:
 UK/Commonwealth
 (Embla / Bonnier UK)



Here for the Wrong Reasons

Annabel Paulsen and Lydia Wang

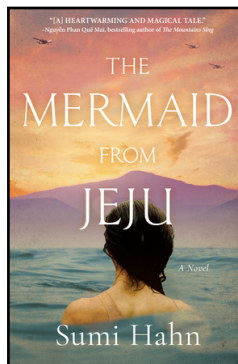
Foreign Sales:
 UK/Commonwealth (Headline
 / Hachette UK)



Sun Seekers

Rachel McRady

Foreign Sales:
 UK/Commonwealth (VERVE
 / Oldcastle)

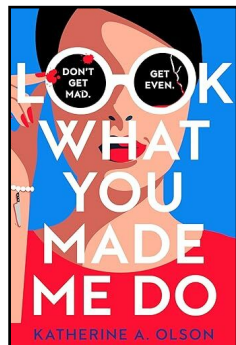


The Mermaid from Jeju

Sumi Hahn

Foreign Sales: AST (Russia);
 Beyaz (Turkey)

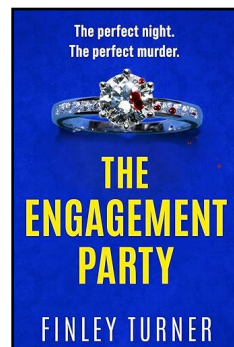
Recent Foreign Sales: Crooked Lane



Look What You Made Me Do

US title: Close Enough to Hurt

Foreign Sales:
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(Embla / Bonnier UK)

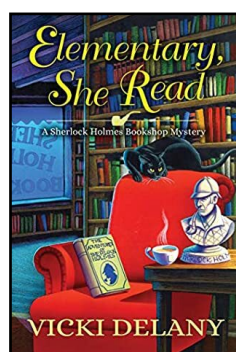


The Engagement Party

Finley Turner

Foreign Sales:
UK/Commonwealth
(Embla / Bonnier UK)

Top 50 Amazon UK Bestseller - Cozy Mystery



Elementary, She Read

Vicki Delany

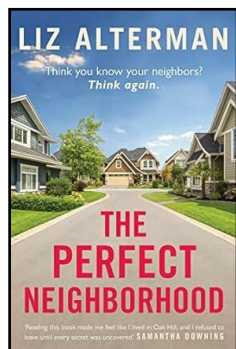
Foreign Sales: Spain
(Editora Alma)



Something Wicked

Gretchen Rue

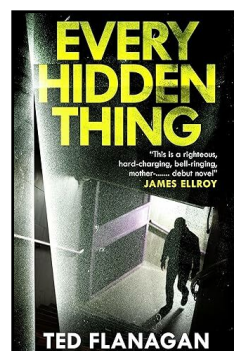
Foreign Sales:
UK/Commonwealth
(Head of Zeus / Aria)



The Perfect Neighborhood

Liz Alterman

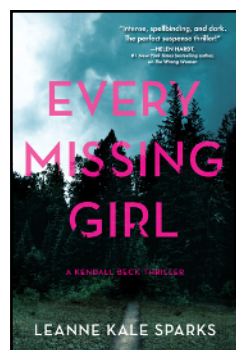
Foreign Sales: UK
(Legend Press)



Every Hidden Thing

Ted Flanagan

Foreign Sales: UK (No Exit);
France (Editions Alter Real)



Every Missing Girl

Leanne Kale Sparks

Foreign Sales:
Brazil (Editora Bookmarks)



Saffron Everleigh Mysteries

Kate Khavari

Foreign Sales:
Russia (AST) Books 1-2