

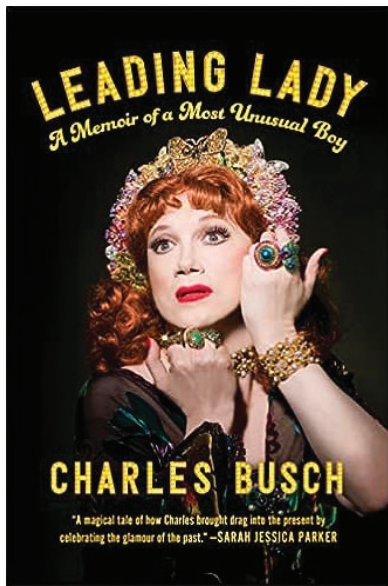
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A poignant, deliciously anecdotal account of a talented artist's Oz-like journey in the worlds of Off-Broadway, Broadway, and Hollywood



Charles Busch

The real-life story of an artist who found his own unique way to sparkle.

US publisher: BenBella Books
US pub: September 2023
Translation rights: LDA
LDA agent: Tom Miller

LEADING LADY: A MEMOIR OF A MOST UNSUAL BOY **CHARLES BUSCH**

The Tony Award-nominated writer of *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* and the long-running hit Off-Broadway play *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*, Charles Busch has created a unique place in the entertainment world as a playwright, LGBT icon, drag actor, director, and cabaret performer, with his extraordinary gift for both connecting with and channeling the leading ladies of show business.

In wonderfully readable chapters, by turns comic and moving, Charles writes how ever since his mother's death when he was seven, he sought surrogate mothers. In his teens, Charles moved to Park Avenue in Manhattan to live with his Auntie Mame-like Aunt Lil, who encouraged and nourished Charles' talents and dreams, and eventually he discovered his gifts for writing plays and performing as a male actress.

Busch shares his colorful and sometimes outlandish interactions with film and theatrical luminaries including the hilarious comedian Joan Rivers (who became a mother figure to Charles after Aunt Lil's death), Angela Lansbury (who attended her first Passover seder with Charles), Rosie O'Donnell, Claudette Colbert, Valerie Harper, Kim Novak, and many others.

Full of both humor and heart and boasting rare photos, *Leading Lady* will delight anyone who enjoys real-life stories of artists who break the mold, ditch the boundaries, and find their own unique way to sparkle.

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Praise for LEADING LADY:

"Absolutely captivating.... This joyful, upbeat, and witty memoir will likely capture the hearts of theater and movie buffs."

—*Library Journal* [★ starred review]

"A magical tale of how Charles brought drag into the present by celebrating the glamour of the past."

—*Sarah Jessica Parker*

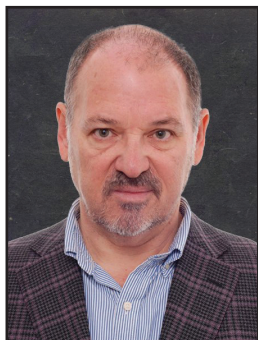
"*Leading Lady* is both a page-turner with name-drops and a book depicting the thrill of creation. If you aren't sure of Charles Busch's influence on your own world, you will be spellbound, and you will also come away with a new mentor for living an unafraid life true to who you are."

—*Jim Parsons*

"Fascinating, elegant, frank, and unputdownable. I devoured this book with a glee that could only be surpassed by watching Charles Busch perform live!"

—*Alan Cumming*

A prominent foreign-policy analyst details the power centers that shape modern Ukraine.



Adrian Karatnycky

Get to know the people bravely resisting the ongoing Russian invasion

**World English:
Yale University Press
US pub: Spring 2024
Translation rights: LDA
LDA agent: Tom Miller**

**BATTLEGROUND UKRAINE
FROM INDEPENDENCE TO THE RUSSIAN WAR
ADRIAN KARATNYCKY**

Despite the stresses of democratization since independence, despite the influence of corrupt homegrown oligarchs, and despite the pressures from Russia, the diverse peoples of Ukraine have consolidated and rallied in a way that has inspired the world and forever changed the course of global relations.

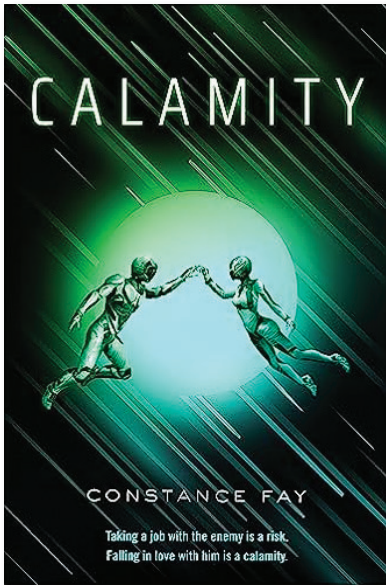
Organized around stories of the eventful presidencies of the six heads of state who have led Ukraine since its 1991 independence from the Soviet Union – including the heroic Volodymyr Zelensky – BATTLEGROUND UKRAINE shows that modern Ukraine has never been an ordered top-down polity dominated by a small elite. Nor has Ukraine been driven by the public square, despite its robust tradition of frequent mass mobilizations.

Instead, political power in Ukraine ebbs and flows in a complex interplay between various ethnic, economic, social, and political groupings and forces.

The world watches. BATTLEGROUND UKRAINE is unique and extremely timely.

Author Adrian Karatnycky is co-executive director of the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter and a member of the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations, the Advisory Board of the Ukrainian World Congress, and the Ukrainian Institute of America. For twelve years, Karatnycky was the President and CEO of Freedom House, a major U.S.-based pro-democracy nongovernmental organization.

Equal parts steamy interstellar romance and sci-fi adventure: perfect for fans of Firefly and Ilona Andrews.



Constance Fay

Taking a job with the enemy is a risk. Falling in love with him is a calamity.

**US publisher: Bramble/Tor
US pub date: November 2023
Translation rights: LDA
LDA agent: Caitlin Blasdell**

CALAMITY CONSTANCE FAY

She's got a ramshackle spaceship, a misfit crew, and a big problem with its sexy newest member....

Temperance Reed, banished from the wealthy and dangerous Fifteen Families, just wants to keep her crew together after their feckless captain ran off with the intern. But she's drowning in debt and revolutionary new engine technology is about to make her beloved ship obsolete.

Enter Arcadio Escajeda.

Second child of the terrifying Escajeda Family, he's the thorn in Temper's side as they're sent off on a scouting mission on the backwater desert planet of Herschel 2. They throw sparks every time they meet, but Temper's suspicions of his ulterior motives only serve to fuel the flames between them.

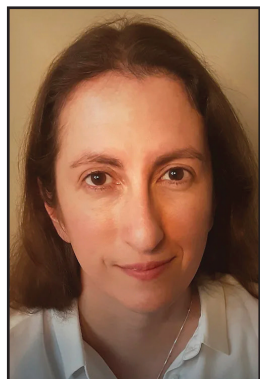
Despite volcanic eruptions, secret cultists, and deadly galactic fighters, the greatest threat on this mission may be to Temper's heart.

CALAMITY is the first book in the Unchained Hearts series.

Space hijinks abound in this enemies-to-lovers romance.

The captain of a ragtag mercenary ship is given an offer she can't refuse by the ruthless head of an intergalactic noble family. The only catch? She'll have to team up with his son—an upsettingly competent hardbody with his own agenda—to get her reward.

Brimming with folkloric wonder, *The Pomegranate Gate* weaves history and magic into a spellbinding tale with humor and heart.



Ariel Kaplan

First in the Mirror Realm Cycle, a Spanish Inquisition-era fantasy trilogy inspired by Jewish folklore.

North American English:
Erewhon
UK/Commonwealth English:
Rebellion
English pub: September 2023
Translation rights: LDA
LDA agent: Hannah Bowman

THE POMEGRANATE GATE

ARIEL KAPLAN

Toba Peres can speak, but not shout; sleep, but not dream. She can write with both hands at once, in different languages, but she keeps her talents hidden at her grandparents' behest.

Naftaly Cresques sees things that aren't real, and dreams things that are. Always the family disappointment, Naftaly would still risk his life to honor his father's last wishes.

After the Queen demands every Jew convert or face banishment, Toba and Naftaly are among thousands who flee their homes. Defying royal orders to abandon all possessions, Toba keeps an amulet she must never take off; Naftaly smuggles a centuries-old book he's forbidden to read. But the Inquisition is hunting these particular treasures—and they're not hunting alone.

Toba stumbles through a pomegranate grove into the mirror realm of the Mazik: mythical, terrible immortals with an Inquisition of their own, equally cruel and even more powerful.

Their fates are tied to this strange place, and it's up to them to save it.

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Praise for THE POMEGRANATE GATE:

“YA author Kaplan (*We Are the Perfect Girl*) draws readers into a bewitching folkloric world in her enthralling adult debut.... The worldbuilding is lush and exciting, and the dynamics between the leads charm.... This spells good things for the series to come.”
—*Publishers Weekly*

“A strong novel with brilliant, lyrical writing, appealing to readers across the fantasy genre. And personally, I need the follow-up desperately.”
—*Grimdark Magazine*

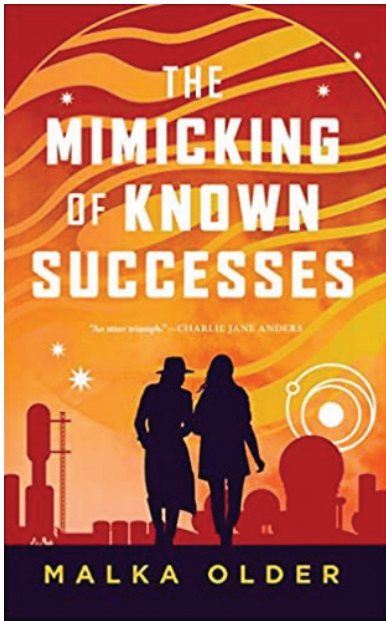
“Fans of Naomi Novik will love this novel rich in history and magic.”
—BookBub

“Wow, I loved it. It's mythic and human, breathtaking and special. I want to read everything Ariel Kaplan does. You'll break the rules and eat the fruit just so you can stay in this magical world for a little while longer.”
—C.L. Polk, Nebula Award-winning author of *Even Though I Knew the End*

About the Author

Ariel Kaplan is the author of several books for younger readers. THE POMEGRANATE GATE is her first fantasy novel.

A cozy Holmesian murder mystery and sapphic romance, set on Jupiter, by the author of the critically acclaimed Centenal Cycle.

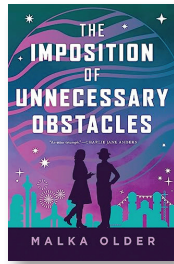


Malka Older

A “Most Anticipated in 2023” pick for *Today.com* | *Buzzfeed* | *Polygon* | *Book Riot* | *Ms. Magazine*

US publisher: Tordotcom
US pub: March 2023
February 2024 (Book 2)
Word count: 37,000
Translation rights: LDA
LDA agent: Hannah Bowman

THE MIMICKING OF KNOWN SUCCESSES THE IMPOSITION OF UNNECESSARY OBSTACLES MALKA OLDER



On a remote, gas-wreathed outpost of a human colony on Jupiter, a man goes missing. The enigmatic Investigator Mossa follows his trail to Valdegeld, home to the colony’s erudite university—and home of Mossa’s former girlfriend Pleiti, a scholar of Earth’s pre-collapse ecosystems.

Pleiti has dedicated her career to aiding a possible return to Earth. When Mossa unexpectedly arrives and requests Pleiti’s assistance in her latest investigation, the two of them embark on a twisting path in which the future of life on Earth is at stake—and, perhaps, their futures, together.

THE MIMICKING OF KNOWN SUCCESSES and THE IMPOSITION OF UNNECESSARY OBSTACLES are Books 1 and 2 in The Investigations of Mossa and Pleiti series.

Older’s INFOMOCRACY was named one of the best books of 2016 by *Kirkus*, *Book Riot*, and the *Washington Post*. Her Centenal Cycle trilogy – INFOMOCRACY, NULL STATES and STATE TECTONICS – was a finalist for the Hugo Best Series Award.

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Praise for THE MIMICKING OF KNOWN SUCCESSES:

“Every once in a while, a book comes along that is both a comfort read and a rousing, fist-pumping adventure, and *The Mimicking of Known Successes* absolutely is both of those things. An utter triumph.” —*Hugo-winner Charlie Jane Anders*

“Older packs a punch in this slim volume, delivering a romantic sci-fi mystery replete with ruminations on environmentalism and the importance of adapting to change.... Combining an old-timey aesthetic and a powerful message, this sapphic genre bender is a treat.” —*Publishers Weekly* [★ starred review]

“Reading this novella was an absolute delight.” —*Locus*

“Recommended for readers who enjoy a bit of mystery mixed with their SF...and anyone who cannot resist a Sherlock Holmes pastiche.” —*Library Journal*

“This quiet yet compelling whodunit will attract fans of Becky Chambers or Connie Willis.” —*Booklist* [★ starred review]

“It’s hard to pull off a novel that attempts to have equal footing in two genres—never mind three—and typically one of the genres ends up taking on a minor role . . . but *The Mimicking of Known Successes*, a work of speculative fiction, a traditional mystery, and a romance, is a wallop success.” —*First Clue* [★ starred review]

Publishers

Spanish: Crononauta

Can a young girl in 1912 London bring magic back into the world? Should she?



H.G. Parry

“A coming-of-age fantasy...filled with heartbreak and wonder.”
—*Library Journal*

US publisher: Hachette Orbit
US pub: February 2023
Translation: LDA
LDA agent: Hannah Bowman

THE MAGICIAN'S DAUGHTER

H.G. PARRY

Off the coast of Ireland sits a legendary island hidden by magic.

A place of ruins and ancient trees, sea salt air, and fairy lore, Hy-Brasil is the only home Bidy has ever known. Washed up on its shore as a baby, Bidy lives a quiet life with her guardian, the mercurial magician Rowan. It's a life she finds increasingly stifling.

One night, Rowan fails to return from his mysterious travels. To find him, Bidy must venture into the outside world for the first time. But Rowan has powerful enemies—forces who have hoarded the world's magic and have set their sights on the magician's many secrets.

Bidy may be the key to stopping them. Yet the closer she gets to answers, the more she questions everything she's ever believed about Rowan, her past, and the nature of magic itself.

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Praise for *THE MAGICIAN'S DAUGHTER*

“A coming-of-age fantasy...filled with heartbreak and wonder. Highly recommended for fans of heroine's journeys, steampunk alternate worlds, and stories about what happens after the magic goes away.” —*Library Journal*

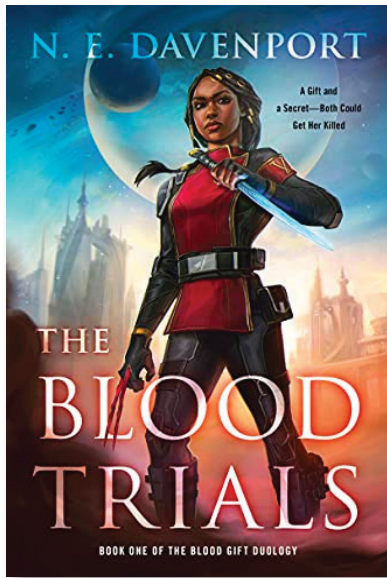
“Parry continues her hot streak of well-researched historical fantasy with this mix of bildungsroman and love letter to the 19th-century English canon...The magic system—which posits magic as a nonrenewable resource—works wonderfully as a metaphor for capitalism after 19th-century industrialization. Parry's fans will not be disappointed.”
—*Publishers Weekly*

“That most rare and precious thing: a brand-new classic, both wholly original and wonderfully nostalgic.” —*Alix E. Harrow, New York Times bestselling author*

“A compelling journey into a world of fading myth and mystery. The old magic runs deep in Parry's veins.” —*Cameron Johnston*

“A fast pace, period detail and an intriguing cast of real, flawed people make *The Magician's Daughter* a book to be absolutely devoured.”
—*Lucy Holland, author of Sistersong*

The color of her skin sets her apart, and the hidden power of her blood sets her above, in this powerful SFF debut.



N.E. Davenport

The Praetorian's grin spreads wider. "Listen to your friend. Stay seated and stay in your place, akulu." He spits the slur at me.

US publisher: Harper Voyager
US pub dates: April 2022
Book 2: April 2023
Translation rights: LDA
LDA agent: Caitie Flum

THE BLOOD TRIALS

N.E. DAVENPORT



Blending fantasy and science fiction, N. E. Davenport's fast-paced, action-packed debut kicks off a duology of loyalty and rebellion, in which a young Black woman must survive deadly trials in a racist and misogynistic society to become an elite warrior.

It's all about blood.

The blood spilled between the Republic of Mareen and the armies of the Blood Emperor long ago. The blood gifts of Mareen's deadliest enemies. The blood that runs through the elite War Houses of Mareen, the rulers of the Tribunal dedicated to keeping the republic alive.

The blood of the former Legatus, Verne Amari, murdered.

For his granddaughter, Ikenna, the only thing steady in her life was the man who had saved Mareen. The man who had trained her in secret, not just in martial skills, but in harnessing the blood gift that coursed through her.

Who trained her to keep that a secret.

But now there are too many secrets, and with her grandfather assassinated, Ikenna knows two things: that only someone on the Tribunal could have ordered his death, and that only a Praetorian Guard could have carried out that order.

Bent on revenge as much as discovering the truth, Ikenna pledges herself to the Praetorian Trials—a brutal initiation that only a quarter of the aspirants survive. She subjects herself to the racism directed against her half-Khanaian heritage and the misogyny of a society that cherishes progeny over prodigy, all while hiding a power that—if found out—would subject her to execution...or worse. Ikenna is willing to risk it all because she needs to find out who murdered her grandfather...and then she needs to kill them.

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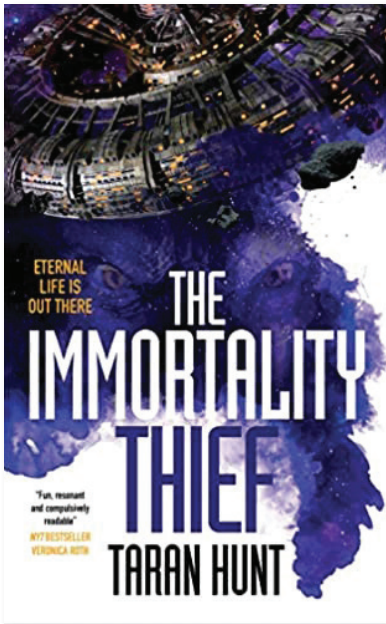
Praise for **THE BLOOD TRIALS** and **THE BLOOD GIFT**

"Davenport's ambitious debut is gritty and bloody, and balances emotional arcs with fast action. Fans of Pierce Brown's *Red Rising* and Evan Winter's *The Rage of Dragons* will find similarities in Ikenna's journey." —*Library Journal*

"Davenport debuts with an ambitious epic that blurs genre lines, setting futuristic technology against a historical fantasy backdrop...this invigorating debut marks Davenport as a writer to watch." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Davenport sticks the landing... blending science fiction and fantasy tropes in her ambitious, action-packed conclusion to the Blood Gift duology." —*Publishers Weekly*

A ridiculously fun, fast-paced, seat-of-your-pants read full of treasure hunts, traps, deadly enemies, betrayal, secrets, and mysterious aliens as the story races to the find the secret to immortality.



Taran Hunt

Novel ideas! Humanitarian concepts! Endearing main characters! Scary situations and creatures! A rollicking tale of adventure

**World English: Rebellion
US pub: October 2022
Translation rights: LDA
LDA agent: Hannah Bowman**

THE IMMORTALITY THIEF

TARAN HUNT

Refugee, criminal and linguist Sean Wren is made an offer he knows he can't refuse: life in prison...or salvaging data from an abandoned space ship filled with traps and monsters, just days before the ship is destroyed in a supernova.

The arcane data – in a long-lost language – may unlock the secrets of immortality.

But Sean is not the only one looking. The Ministers, mysterious undying aliens who have ruled over humanity for centuries, want the data, too – as does The Republic, humanity's last free government. And time is running out.

In the bowels of the derelict ship, surrounded by horrors and dead men, Sean slowly uncovers the truth of what happened on the ship, in its final days...and the terrible secret it's hiding.

THE IMMORTALITY THIEF is book 1 in the Kystrom Chronicles series.

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Praise for THE IMMORTALITY THIEF

“A rollicking page-turner.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“Fun, fast-paced, cutting-edge, and full of epic twists”
—*Library Journal* [★ starred review]

“I read this 600-page beast in a single sitting because I couldn't put it down. Hunt's debut is riveting, edge-of-your seat thrills, with plenty of oh-shit and oh-no-look-out moments, but it also examines how people try to be better after making mistakes they regret—and how some are eager to simply make more mistakes. Grab this now. You'll devour it.”
--*Kevin Hearne, New York Times bestselling author*

“An electrically brisk science fantasy adventure filled with the warmth of found family, lively humor, and high adventure. You'll want to spend time with this crew of space salvagers as they encounter ancient power that could change their fortunes...if they can think on their feet quickly enough.” —*Tobias S. Buckell, New York Times bestselling author*

The first book in a fantasy series about a young outlaw who must save her family by impersonating the most powerful man in the empire.



K.S. Viloso

Her readers' love for Viloso's stories drove a highly successful Kickstarter campaign to share OUTLAW MAGE.

World English: K.S. Viloso
US pub: August 2023
Translation rights: LDA
Film rights: LDA
LDA agent: Hannah Bowman

OUTLAW MAGE

K.S. VILLOSO

Despite Rosha's efforts, she will never fit in. To her classmates, she is forever an outsider, a girl from the fringes of the empire just lucky enough to have well-off parents. To her teachers, she is either a charity case or an exception to the rule that Gorenten just aren't capable of performing complex magic. Worse still, she is nothing but a status symbol to her father—a child gifted with magic to show his powerful friends that even people like them could belong in the empire. As if she doesn't have enough problems already.

Haunted by the invisible rules that pull her dreams just out of grasp, she walks out on the eve of her final exams, throwing away her one chance at becoming an official mage of the empire. She practices magic outside the mage council's grasp, one of the worst crimes anyone could commit.

Years later, her father's shoddy business deals have finally landed him in trouble and he disappears without a trace. Rosha reluctantly enters the services of a rich sorcerer, his last known connection. The sorcerer's sudden death leaves Rosha stranded in a sea of enemies—with the dangerous knowledge that the dead sorcerer was the voice behind the ageless, faceless emperor.

To protect herself and her family, Rosha must now impersonate the most powerful man in the empire. As she becomes everything she has ever hated, she stumbles upon conspiracies that seek to break the empire from within...

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Praise for K.S. Viloso's THE WOLF OF OREN-YARO

"Readers will be swept in by this strong protagonist and stunning world-building, with a plot full of questions and surprises. Viloso's cunning, exciting debut is a new fantasy epic that readers will clamor for." —*Library Journal* (★ starred review)

"A remarkable tale of nonstop tension, action, and betrayal... This excellent work will appeal to all readers of epic fantasy." —*Publishers Weekly* (★ starred review)

"The Wolf of Oren-Yaro is a high-fantasy thrill ride that fans of the genre will appreciate, particularly those thirsting for a strong female main character." —*Ars Technica*

"A powerful new voice in epic fantasy. Viloso deftly creates an intricate and compelling world of high fantasy intrigue and adventure dominated by a crafty, whip-smart heroine determined to unite her kingdom at any cost."

—*Kameron Hurley, author of The Light Brigade*