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Ilona Andrews | MAGGIE THE UNDYING

Epic Fantasy-Romance

3-book, 7-figure pre-empt/Tor

Publication 2026

(Translation: France, Germany—NYLA/
Other territories: Tor)



Devi Pillai at Tor pre-empted for 7 figures this Epic Fantasy-Romance series set in a brand new world from the #1 NYT bestselling author duo that combines elements of heroic fantasy, romantasy, portal isekai, and D&D enriched by the authors' signature blend of humor, emotion, action, and imagination; it's GAME OF THRONES meets OUTLANDER!

Heroine Maggie wakes up cold, naked, and filthy in Kair Toren, a city in the kingdom of Rellas, a world she knows intimately from the pages of an unfinished dark fantasy series she's been obsessively reading and re-reading while waiting years for the final novel.

With no idea how or why she's landed in this gritty, violent world, she's determined to survive until she can figure out how to get home with her only tools—an encyclopedic knowledge of the plot, setting, and the characters' actions, motivations, and fates: information she can sell to the highest bidder—all while staying under the radar so as not to affect the very information she plans to barter.

And she discovers another, surprising 'skill': she cannot be killed (though many will try).

But as she becomes more attached to the motley band she's somehow gathered — which includes a former lady's maid, a deadly assassin, a dangerous soldier, and various outrageous creatures — she instead finds herself trying to save them and the Kingdom of Rellas from the cataclysmic war she knows is coming.

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Previous Titles Sold in: Brazil/Saida de Emergencia, Universo dos Livros; Czech Republic/Fantom Print; France/Bragelonne, J'ai Lu, MxM Bookmark; Germany/LYX; Hungary/ Konyvmolykepzo; Indonesia/Pustaka Zahra; Israel/Ahavot; Italy/Casa Nord, HarperCollins; Japan/HarperCollins; Poland/Fabryka Slow; Russia/AST, EXMO; Taiwan/Gaea; Russia/AST; Spain/Ediciones Versatil; Thailand/Grace; Turkey/Yabanaci Yayinlari; UK/Gollancz

[Previous Film/TV rights represented by Sean Berard, Grandview]

Chinaza Bado | BIRTH OF A DYNASTY

Debut High Fantasy Epic

3-books, 6-figures/Voyager US & UK

Publication in 2025 (Translation: NYLA)

GAME OF THRONES meets CHILDREN OF BLOOD AND BONE in Chinaza Bado's edge-of-your-seat, drama-filled, and gut-wrenching, debut epic high fantasy set in a fictionalized Africa, where magic is feared and giants are real. It follows three high noble families as they fight to maintain their power in the midst of averting a devastating prophecy.

M'Kuru Mukundi, the sole surviving member of the high noble Mukundi family of Madada, barely escapes a brutal attack by Prince Effiom and the Red Sun Army of the Zenzele. After watching everyone else he ever knew slaughtered by Prince Effiom, ten-year old M'kuru makes a vow: We shall not forgive. We shall not forget. We will have our vengeance.

M'kuru flees to a small village where he hides as farm boy Khalil Rausi, unaware that the real Khalil's father is the bloodthirsty Commander of Prince Effiom's army.

Meanwhile, in Winneba, young Zikora Nnamani, the only daughter of Lord Nnamani, wants nothing more than to be a fierce Seh Llinga warrior. But Zikora is the most beloved child of Winneba and, according to the prophecy, the only living threat left to to the Zenzele Dynasty. When the Queen's messenger arrives to "invite" Zikora to the castle, her family is not in a position to refuse...

Between scheming ladies at court, backstabbing princes on the prowl, and everyone in between having nothing to lose, M'kuru and Zikora must do what they can, no matter how terrible, to save their people and claim vengeance for their families. BIRTH OF A DYNASTY is a fast-paced high fantasy about court intrigue, dangerous politics, power struggles, devastating violence, and surviving in a world dedicated to destroying you, perfect for readers who crave their next heart-shattering epic read.

Previous Publishers: Brazil/Record, The Gift Box, Leabhar; France/J'ai Lu; Israel/Adel; UK/Quercus; France/J'ai Lu; Hungary/Konyvmolykepzo Kiado; Israel/Adel, Pandora; Poland/Wydawnictwo Niezwykle; Turkey/Ephesus



Alexandria Bellefleur | THE DEVIL SHE KNOWS
Paranormal Romantic Comedy
3 books, 6-figures/Berkley, 11-Publisher Auction
(UK & Translation: PRH)

This otherworldly sapphic rom-com by Lambda Literary Award winner and national bestselling author Bellefleur combines the comedic hijinks of the iconic 2000s Elizabeth Hurley and Brendan Fraser movie *Bedazzled* with the charming character dynamics of *The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love*.

When Sam's proposal to her girlfriend ends in a public and spectacularly humiliating breakup, all she wants is a way to win Hannah back—and the very instant she wishes for it, Sam finds herself trapped in an elevator with a pretty, blond, pink-clad demon who's offering just that. Despite not looking anything like an ancient agent of Hell, Daphne (yes, Daphne) promises to make any six of Sam's wildest wishes come true, all for the low, low price of her mortal soul. Entering the contract should be as simple as Sam's love for Hannah...until it isn't.

Sam wears her heart on her sleeve; Daphne has tricks up hers. Ulterior motives and inexplicable chemistry turn their deal into a slippery game, and the demon is playing for keeps. Sam's "dream life" might not be worth giving Daphne her soul, after all...but the contract never said anything about her heart.

Bellefleur's books have been hailed as a "delight" by *The New York Times Book Review*; *The Washington Post* finds her characters "as recognizable and entertaining as your best friends from college." Her dedicated readers join reviewers everywhere, from NPR to *Buzzfeed*, in anticipating her next vibrant, earnest, and compulsively readable romance.

Perfect for fans of Casey McQuiston, Erin Sterling, Ashley Herring Blake, Jenna Levine, and Alexis Hall.

Previous Titles Sold in: Brazil/HarperCollins; Finland/Otava; Germany/Piper; Italy/Fanucci; Netherlands/Zomer & Keuning; Poland/Filia; Spain/Molino; UK/Piatkus; Ukraine/Family Leisure Club

Grace Draven | THE HANDMAIDEN

ON US & UK SUBMISSION

Romantic Fantasy

A brand new, utterly compelling romantic fantasy from *USA Today* bestselling and viral Best of #BookTok author Draven that was inspired by the myths of twin Greek Goddesses Astrape and Bronte and the twice-born lore surrounding Dionysus; perfect for fans of Carissa Broadbent, Jennifer L. Armentrout, Danielle Jensen, Laura Thalassa, Stephanie Garber, Elise Kova, and other icons of the genre.

Bastards born to a king and a peasant woman, Solunada and her identical twin, Hadassa, have lived two lives, the first of which they were born and the second of which they were conscripted. Handmaidens and guards to the crown princess of Stido, with whom their lives were tethered at the age of seven, the twins will be required to leave all they have come to know and begin again in a new court, a new kingdom, and a new land, all the while facing constant peril.

Their princess is entering a dangerous political marriage, and in order to protect her monarch and her sister, Solunada sets out to befriend sea captain Imrys Arve, who, unbeknownst to Solunada, has also been tasked by his king to spy on the princess's handmaidens while escorting the entourage across the treacherous seas.

Even with countering agendas, Imrys and Solunada form an unlikely bond that leads to a deeper unexpected connection. But when the pair uncover a secret of epic and treacherous proportions that puts all their lives in jeopardy, they must choose between death for Solunada and her sister or saving a kingdom.

BookRiot calls Grace Draven "the gold standard for fantasy romance." Over 750,000 copies of her work have sold in English, earning her the loyalty of fans, starred reviews, industry accolades, and the admiration of her peers, including #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Charlaine Harris, who calls Draven's writing "[F]resh and original" and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author duo Ilona Andrews who have stated that "Grace Draven is a master of romantic heroic fantasy."

Previous Titles Sold in: Brazil/Cabana Vermelha; France/Chatterley; Hungary/Anassa; Italy/Newton & Compton; Russia/AST; Turkey/Ren Kitap



Molly Harper | THE WRONG WITCH TO HEX WITH
Paranormal Romantic Comedy
3-books, 6-figures/Audible Originals
Publication in 2025 (UK & Translation: NYLA)

#1 Audible Best Selling author Molly Harper's new paranormal romantic comedy sold in a major 3-book North American deal. Despite running Starfall Island's most popular ghost tour company, Grayson Brockhurst never believed in ghosts. That is, until Amber Seaworth, a hereditary water witch, joins one of his tours and thoroughly shows him the error of his ways. Amber, while a little blunt, is the most interesting and alluring woman, er, witch, he's ever met. Not only are ghosts real, but so are witches. And there are nefarious ghosts and witches on the island, too. If Grayson and Amber don't get to the bottom of these new malevolent forces on the island, their *grumpy meets sunshine* romance may be over just when it's getting to the good part! This is the first paranormal romantic comedy in the *Moonshadow Cove Trilogy*, a spinoff from her *Starfall Point* series, in which hereditary water witch sisters contend with cranky ghosts, life-changing romance, and saving their beloved island from a rival witch's nefarious plans.

Previous Publishers: Eram (Estonia)

Jennifer K. Lambert | NEVER THE ROSES (formerly ONEIRA)

Romantasy Stand-Alone Novels

2-book, 6-figure pre-empt: Tor/Bramble

Publication in 2025 (Translation: NYLA)

Rights sold in: Italy/Fazi; Russia/Clever Media

Jeffe Kennedy, writing for the first time as Jennifer K. Lambert, gives readers a gorgeous star-crossed romantasy standalone pitched as a mash-up of THIS IS HOW YOU LOSE THE TIME WAR and THE FORGOTTEN BEASTS OF ELD. Oneira, the world's most powerful sorceress, reflects on her atrocities in exile as she awaits her death, but she still has a lifetime's worth of curiosity, which gets the best of her when she runs out of books to read. She decides to take a daring and otherworldly trip to the most extensive library in all existence—inconveniently owned by her most powerful enemy, the sorcerer Stearanos, the one man she only ever intended to meet in battle. After stealing the book he is currently reading, she initiates an unlikely correspondence that turns into something more. But when their warring kingdoms call for aid, they must choose between life, death, and love.



Jessie Mihalik | SILVER AND BLOOD

Romantasy Debut

2-book, 6-figures/Avon

Publication in 2025 (Translation: NYLA)



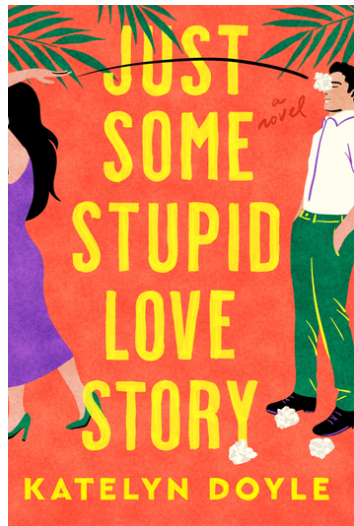
This enthralling *Beauty and the Beast*-inspired romantasy debut by Mihalik, the critically-acclaimed author of the *Rogue Queen*, *Consortium Rebellion*, and *Starlight Shadows* series, and whose work *The New York Times* describes as “intense,” “addictive,” and “filled to the brim with scorching chemistry,” is described as Naomi Novik’s *UPROOTED* meets Sarah J. Maas’s *A COURT OF THORNS AND ROSES*.

When Riela, an untrained magic wielder, agrees to venture into the dark forest to kill the deadly beast that has been attacking her fellow villagers, she accepts the responsibility even though it likely means her death. The last thing she thought to encounter while battling one of the forest beasts was a powerful, scarred, and strikingly handsome mage. Riela awakens in a magical castle complete with a gorgeous library, a strange wolf, and the surly man who saved her life. She soon learns Garrick is not a mortal mage at all—he’s a powerful sovereign who has been locked out of his kingdom for nearly a century, and his powers are weakening. Trapped in his castle and surrounded by the dangerous woods, Riela and Garrick fight a losing battle against the desire growing between them. But the more they discover about Riela’s magic, the more suspicious Garrick grows of her identity. As they unravel the secrets connecting Riela’s past to Garrick’s kingdom, the tenuous threads of trust between Riela and Garrick begin to fray because her life—or her death—might be the key to regaining everything he’s lost.

SILVER AND BLOOD delivers all the high stakes and steamy intensity that makes it perfect for fans of Jennifer L. Armentrout, Holly Black, Rebecca Yarros, and Danielle Jensen, as well as for every fantasy romance fan seeking their next exquisite read.

Rights sold in: Poland/Jaguar; Russia/Everbook; Spain/Hidra

Hot List, NYLA-held Rights



Katelyn Doyle | JUST SOME STUPID LOVE STORY
Flatiron/June 4, '24 (Translation: NYLA)

Flatiron Lead Summer '24 title, 40K first hardcover printing
PW Buzz Book, Spring/Summer '24
Major deal for 2 books, 7-publisher US auction
Rights sold in 19 countries

Molly Marks, a sassy Hollywood rom-com writer, and Seth Rubinstein, a charming Chicago divorce attorney, have a 15-year history of heartbreak between them when they reunite at their high school reunion. Fueled by martinis and a daring bet, they embark on a hilarious journey to predict the fate of five couples, including themselves. Packed with wicked humor, steamy moments, and a five-year challenge to prove the true nature of love, *JUST SOME STUPID LOVE STORY* is for everyone who believes in soulmates—even if they would never admit it. Perfect for fans of Christina Lauren and Emily Henry.

Rights sold in: Brazil/Arqueiro; Denmark/Flamingo; France/Chatterley; Germany/Blanvalet; Greece/Patakis; Hungary/Central; Israel/Kinneret; Italy/Newton & Compton; Lithuania/Alma Littera; Netherlands/Bruna; Norway/Gursli Berg; Poland/Luna; Portugal/Topseller; Romania/Trei; Russia/Eksmo; Serbia/Laguna; Spain/Urano; UK/Piatkus, Ukraine/Vivat

As Scarlett Peckham: Brazil/Arqueiro; France/J'ai Lu; Italy/HarperCollins; Japan/Oakla; Netherlands/Bruna

[Film & Television Rights represented by Lucy Stille]



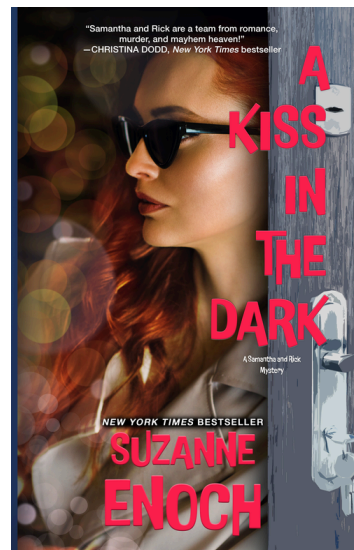
Suzanne Enoch | A DUKE NEVER TELLS
Bramble/Spring, '25 (Translation, UK: NYLA)

USA Today bestselling author Enoch's newest sparkling, laugh-out-loud historical romantic comedy follows an enterprising bride facing an arranged marriage who goes undercover to discover the real truth about her fiancé, a duke with a bad reputation; madcap mix-ups and misdirection ensue! *THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST* meets *Date Night* and *While You Were Sleeping*. Sold in a two-book, 6-figure deal.

Rights sold in: France/J'ai Lu

Previous Titles Sold in: Brazil/Grupo Autentica, Leabhar, Nova Cultural; Bulgaria/Tiara; Croatia/Mosaic; Czech Republic/Baronet, Domino; France/J'ai Lu; Germany/Der Club, LYX and Dotbooks; Indonesia/PT Gramedia; Italy/HarperCollins Italia & Mondadori; Japan/HaraShobo, Fusosha, Ohzora; Netherlands/DeVrijbouter, HarperCollins Holland; Norway/Schibsted; Poland/Bis; Romania/Litera; Russia/AST; Serbia/BDR; Slovenia/Anu Elara, Hisu Knij; Spain/Libros Del Atril; Urano; Taiwan/Spring; Thailand/In Love; Turkey/Pegasus; Vietnam/Bachviet Books

[Film/TV rights represented by Debbie Deuble-Hill, APA]



Suzanne Enoch | A KISS IN THE DARK
Indie-Published/'24/Samantha Jellicoe # (UK & Translation: NYLA)

USA Today bestseller Enoch's most unlikely partnership—a sexy (but reforming) cat burglar and dynamic British billionaire—are back in a dazzling new installment of her *Samantha Jellicoe* romantic suspense series! Sam and Rick are walking a tightrope when Samantha is tapped to manage the security for a glamorous auction house. If only she didn't have to face an equally masterful thief: her felonious, devious Dad...

Previous Titles Sold in: Brazil/Grupo Autentica, Leabhar; Czech Republic/Baronet; France/J'ai Lu (option); Germany/Der Club, LYX and Dotbooks; Indonesia/PT Gramedia Pustaka Utama; Italy/HarperCollins Italia & Mondadori; Japan/HaraShobo & Ohzora; Netherlands/DeVrijbouter, HarperCollins Holland; Norway/Schibsted; Romania/Litera; Russia/AST; Spain/Libros Del Atril; Taiwan/Spring; Thailand/In Love; Turkey/Pegasus; Vietnam/BachvietBooks



Molly Harper | BIG WITCH ENERGY
Audible, Sourcebooks/Print edition, Fall '24/*Starfall Point* #2 (Translation: NYLA)

Audie Awards 2024 Finalist, Romance!

The next book in the spellbinding series by #1 Audible bestseller Harper features busy witch, Caroline Wilton, who is dying to get off the island of Starfall Point, but if she leaves, there's a good chance she'll literally die, thanks to an old family curse. When her ex, Ben, returns to the island, suddenly Starfall Point, with all its chaotic ghosts and paranormal energy, looks more appealing... but if Caroline and Ben want to hold onto their second chance at love (and their lives!), they'll first have to solve one of the island's most sinister legends! Heartwarming, hilarious, and romantic, *BIG WITCH ENERGY* is the ultimate comfort read; perfect for fans of *What We Do in the Shadows*.

Hot List, NYLA-held Rights



Miranda James | REQUIEM FOR A MOUSE

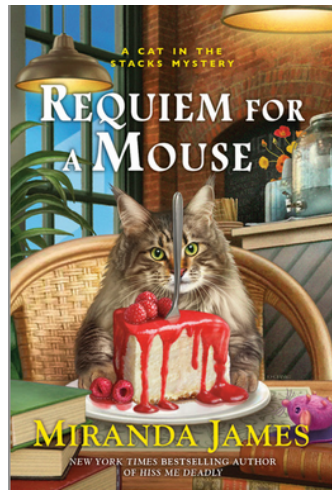
Berkley/ June 25, '24/Library Cat #16

(Translation: NYLA)

Nearly 1 million copies of the *Cat in the Stacks* books have been sold, and the series' newest installment finds stalwart librarian Charlie Harris one month away from his wedding when newcomer Tara Martin is viciously attacked and lands in the hospital. With the help of his much-beloved cat, Diesel, Charlie digs deeper and discovers shocking and unexpected glimpses into Tara's past that could never have been predicted. Will they catch the villain before Charlie's own happily ever after is ruined?

Current Publishers: Canada/Flammarion; China/Beijing White Horse; France/J'ai Lu; Italy/Fanucci; Spain/Alma

Previous Publishers: Russia/AST



Seana Kelly | WICCHE HUNT

NYLA/Apr. 16, '24/Sea Wicche #2

(Translation: NYLA)

USA Today bestseller Kelly's second book in her contemporary sea witch fantasy series finds the life of Arwyn Cassandra Corey, Sea Wicche of Monterey—and owner of a newly remodeled art gallery by the sea—taking a thrilling turn when she joins her family council to hunt down a twisted sorcerer and stop a string of murders in her community. As she juggles solving grisly cold cases, navigating werewolf dominance battles, and possibly meeting her dad, Arwyn's supernatural abilities and courage are put to the ultimate test.

"Kelly gets the balance right between a good-natured, cozy romp, with just a side of romance, and a harder, more sinister edge,"—*Indie Reader*.



Stephanie Laurens | THE MERIWELL LEGACY

Indie Published/July 18, '24/Barnaby Adair #8

(UK & Translation: NYLA)

#1 *New York Times*-bestselling author Stephanie Laurens returns with her favorite sleuth-couple to unravel a tangled web of family secrets and expose a murderer. When Lord Meriwell collapses and dies at his dining table, Barnaby and Penelope Adair are summoned, along with Inspector Basil Stokes, to discover who, how—and most importantly—*why*—someone very close to his lordship saw fit to poison him.

Current Series Publisher: Germany/Blanvalet

Previous Titles Sold in: Brazil/Sextante, Arqueiro; Bulgaria/SBB Media; Canada/ADA (French); Croatia/Znanje; Czech Republic/BIS, Baronet, Euromedia; France/J'ai Lu, Leduc; Germany/Blanvalet, Cora; Greece/Compupress; Hungary/Gabo; Indonesia/Pustaka Zahra; Italy/Mondadori, Fanucci, HarperCollins; Japan/Hara Shobo, Ohzora, Harlequin, Sony, Futami Shobo; Korea/Shin Young; Netherlands/House of Books, De Vrijbouter; Norway/Bladkompaniet; Poland/BIS, Hachette; Portugal/Saida de Emergencia; Romania/Litera; Russia/AST; Slovak Republic/Ikar, Slovensky; Slovenia/Anu Elara; Učila; Spain/Debolsillo, Ediciones B; Mondadori; Planeta; Taiwan/Lin Pai, Treetype; Thailand/Grace; Turkey/Epsilon, Artemis; UK & ANZ/Piatkus; Vietnam/Nha Nam

J.J. McAvoy | HATHOR AND THE PRINCE

Dell/March 19, '24/DuBells #3

(Translation: NYLA)

"J.J. McAvoy is a welcome new voice in historical romance."—*New York Times* bestselling author Sarah MacLean

"It was perfect. It gave me *Princess Diaries 2* vibes. This is Taylor Swift's "Love Story" in a book!" — *Fringe Book Reviews*

In the joyful conclusion to the critically acclaimed, reimagined *DuBell Family* Regency trilogy, Hathor DuBell, the last of her family yet to find her match, finally sees her chance at love during a week-long society event where she meets a genuine prince—the Queen's nephew—and a playful competition blossoms into a heartfelt romance. Amidst swirling gossip and grand balls, Hathor defies societal norms to forge her own path, culminating in a season finale that promises both romance and revelation. For fans of Julia Quinn and Eloisa James.

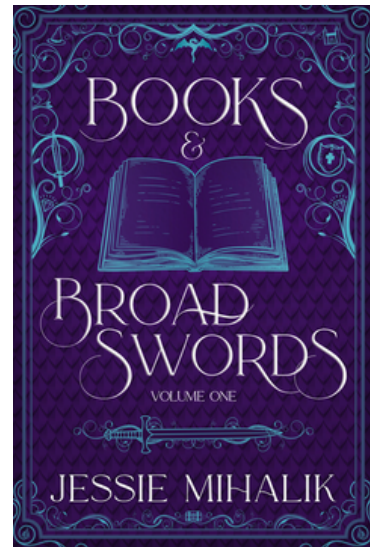


Series Current Publishers: Brazil/Record; France/l'ai Lu; Israel/Adel; UK/Quercus

Previous Titles Published in: Brazil/The Gift Box, Leabhar; France/J'ai Lu; Hungary/Konyvmolykepzo Kiado; Israel/Adel, Pandora; Poland/Wydawnictwo Niezwykle; Turkey/Ephesus

[Film/TV rights represented by Nikki Terpilowski/Holloway]

Hot List, NYLA-held Rights



Jessie Mihalik | BOOKS AND BROAD SWORDS

Indie Published/June 11, '24/*Books and Broad Swords*

(Translation: NYLA)

The critically acclaimed author of the *Rogue Queen*, *Consortium Rebellion*, and *Starlight Shadows* series gives readers a brand new novella-length volume of cozy romantic adventure that includes two stories set in a shared world, each with a guaranteed happily ever after, plus a new bonus epilogue. Perfect for fans of Travis Baldree's LEGENDS AND LATTES!

In *Books & Broad Swords*, the only thing Feora likes more than stealing the king's gold is using it to buy books. But when a handsome, persistent knight interrupts her day, Feora must decide if saving his life is worth revealing her true nature.

In *Rocks & Rapiers*, Zenira never wanted to sell her rock collection, but when the new landowner raises her rent, she's out of options. Armed with a sketchy rumor about a collector who will pay for stones others might consider worthless, Zenira sets out, but she's met with an icy scowl, a muddy manor, and the overwhelming urge to mend the mess—owner included.



Kit Rocha | QUEEN OF DREAMS

Montlake/Aug. 6, '24/*Bound to Fire and Steel Book #2*

(Translation: NYLA)

Two more books sold to Montlake! The thrilling new installment in the *USA Today* best-selling writing duo's erotic romantasy series finds dragon shape-shifter Ash and the two consorts for whom he's been waiting 3,000 years, facing an ancient enemy threatening everything they love. While consort Sachi navigates a treacherous court to protect her slumbering power, and her counterpart Zanya grapples with her potent powers, haunted by scars of the past, a cataclysmic threat looms...will it end their world?



Mia Sosa | THE STARTER EX

Audible Original/Jan. 25, '24

(Translation: NYLA)

In the newest romantic comedy from the bestselling author of *THE WORST BEST MAN*, Vanessa Cordero, a cynic with a colorful past, has turned her knack for mischief into a profitable side gig during college. For a fee, she'll date your crush and make his life miserable, but her latest client, commitment-phobe Jason Torres, has plans of his own. With Vanessa's younger sister in the mix, the rules of their temporary engagement become a humorous challenge, leading to a surprising twist as the pair discovers that staying apart might be harder than they thought.

Previous Titles Sold in: Czech Republic/Omega; France/HarperCollins; Italy/Newton & Compton; Poland/Filia; Turkey/Nemesis



Annie Rains | THE FINDERS KEEPERS LIBRARY

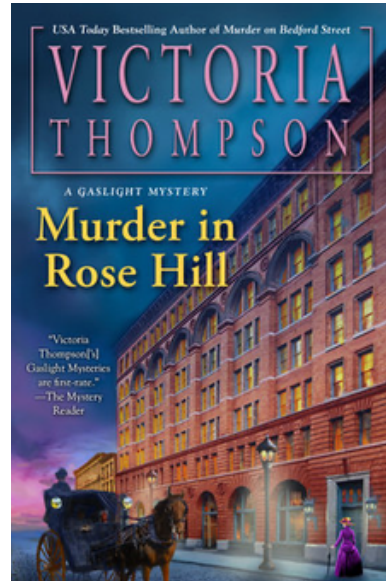
Forever/April 16, '24

(Translation: NYLA)

This heartwarming novel about hope and healing from *USA Today* bestselling author Annie Rains—perfect for fans of Raeanne Thayne and Jenny Hale—introduces Savannah Collins, a green-thumbed gardener facing a life filled with thorns, who decides to spend the summer in Bloom, North Carolina, with her beloved aunt. Armed with only a car full of plants and a rescue kitten, Savannah finds solace in her aunt's Finders Keepers Library, a literary haven set in a beautiful garden. However, when a sudden summer storm wreaks havoc on the library and threatens a planned garden wedding, the community must come together to restore both the library and the roses, while along the way Savannah learns to let love bloom.

[Film/TV rights represented by: Debbie Deuble-Hill, APA]

Hot List, NYLA-held Rights



Victoria Thompson | MURDER IN ROSE HILL

Berkley/April 23, '24/*Gaslight Mysteries* #27

(Translation: NYLA)

The newest riveting mystery from the *USA Today* bestselling, Anthony and Macavity-nominated author of MURDER ON BEDFORD STREET, plunges acclaimed midwife Sarah Malloy and her detective husband Frank into a sinister world of deceit and danger when they investigate the tragic death of a courageous female reporter who was researching the dangers of highly addictive patent medicines. But Sarah and Frank find that nothing is quite as it seems, and they must first solve the mystery of the journalist's life...before they can figure out who wanted to see her dead.

Current Publishers: Germany/Weltbild

Previous Publishers: Germany/Heyne; Israel/Ofarim; Italy/Mondadori;

Japan/Kodansha; Thailand/Class Act; Russia/Exmo

[Series optioned for film: Cue the Dog/New Day Films]



Sariah Wilson | ROYAL VALENTINE

Amazon Originals/ Jan. 23, '24/ *Improbable Meet Cute Anthology*

(Translation rights handled by Baror Intl.)

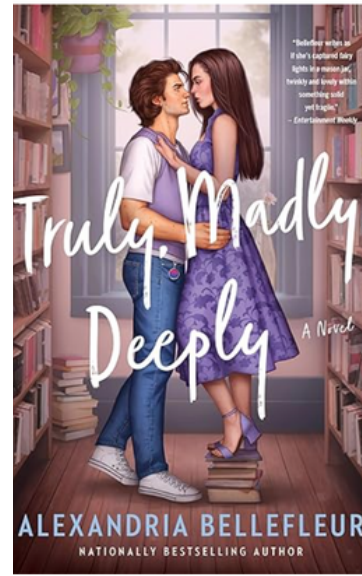
ROOMMAID and CINDER NANNY's Sariah Wilson joins her bestselling rom-com contemporaries Abby Jimenez, Christina Lauren, Sally Thorne, Jasmine Guillory, and Ashley Poston in an anthology featuring six serendipitous short stories that turn improbable first encounters into hopelessly romantic happy ever afters. Wilson's *Royal Valentine* is a tale of love that defies the boundaries of royalty when a princess yearning for a break from royal constraints covertly switches lives with her assistant for a weekend escape. But a scintillating encounter with a magnetic Scottish photographer sparks a forbidden passion, setting the stage for a thrilling and clandestine romance.

For foreign rights, contact Heather Baror-Shapiro: heather@barorint.com

Rights Sold in: Brazil/Companhia das Letras; Germany/DTV; Portugal/Particular; Turkey/Olimpios

Previous Titles Sold in: Estonia/Ersen; Italy/Newton Compton; Poland/Wydawnictwo Kobiiece; Russia/EXMO; Ukraine/Vivat

Hot List, Publisher-held Rights



Alexandria Bellefleur | TRULY MADLY DEEPLY

Avon/March '24

(Translation: Avon)

Lambda Literary Award winner and national bestselling author Bellefleur heats up the pages with the story of a bestselling, lovelorn romance novelist and a charming yet infuriating divorce lawyer who has sworn off relationships who agree to cohost a podcast series offering dating advice. Despite a rocky start, a mutual attraction is sparked. As their connection grows, so does a question: is their newfound happiness truly genuine or too good to be true?

For foreign rights contact Carolyn Bodkin: carolyn.bodkin@harpercollins.com

Previous Titles Sold in: Brazil/HarperCollins; Finland/Otava; Germany/Piper; Italy/Fanucci; Netherlands/Zomer & Keuning; Poland/Filia; Spain/Molino; UK/Piatkus; Ukraine/Family Leisure Club



Maddie Dawson | LET'S PRETEND THIS WILL WORK

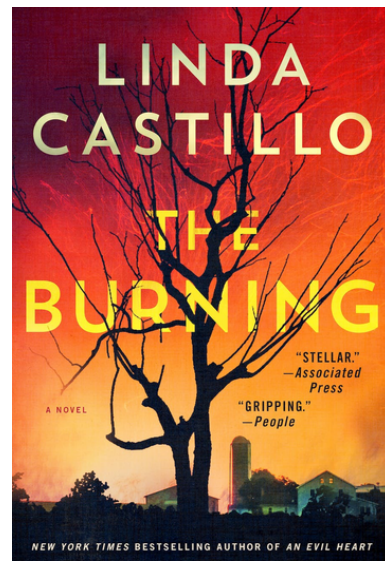
Lake Union/June 1, '2024

(Translation: Amazon)

In the newest romantic comedy by the bestselling author of MATCHMAKING FOR BEGINNERS, a blissful engagement takes a sudden turn when the soon-to-be groom's ex-wife faces a tragic accident, compelling him to return to his former home to care for his family. As his fiancée navigates the chaos, unexpected happiness emerges from life's unpredictable twists, leaving her to discover the true meaning of love, loyalty, and the choices worth fighting for.

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Linda Castillo | THE BURNING

Minotaur/July 9, 2024/Kate Burkholder #16

(Translation: SMP)

In the newest installment of Castillo's gripping NYT bestselling series, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is called to investigate the murder of an excommunicated Amish man whose cruel behavior could no longer be tolerated by the community. As Kate delves into the dark corners of Amish history, a shocking legacy is unveiled, one that challenges her understanding of the Amish...and an even more troubling tie to her own brother's past.

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Anne Gracie | THE HEIRESS'S DAUGHTER

Berkley/May 21, '24/Brides of Bellaire Gardens Book #3

(Translation: PRH)

National bestselling and Australian Romance Readers Association Favorite Author Gracie returns with a new Regency that asks what happens when a man can have any woman in London...except the one he wants. Reformed notorious rake Lord Randall strives to prove his transformation to win the heart of heiress Clarissa Studley, who has vowed to avoid both rakes and fortune-hunters due to her father's past. As passion ignites and a rival emerges, Randall must convince Clarissa to trust in love's transformative power and take a chance on a changed man—but can a rake really change?

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Hot List, Publisher-held Rights



Karen Hawkins | THE BOOKSHOP OF HIDDEN DREAMS

Gallery/Aug. 27, '24/*Dove Pond #4*

(Translation: S&S)

In New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Karen Hawkins' brand-new work of women's fiction about the Dove sisters, historian Tay Dove discovers an antique tin of love letters in her family home, leading her on a quest to uncover a forbidden love affair from the past. As she investigates with the help of Luke, a puzzle-loving ally, the mysteries deepen, involving a disastrous train robbery and an enigmatic bookshop. **THE BOOKSHOP OF HIDDEN DREAMS** is a captivating journey that proves love's secrets are sometimes more precious than gold, making it a must-read for fans of Alice Hoffman and Sarah Addison Allen.

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Sidney Halston | LOVE LESSONS

Avon/Aug. 6, '24

(Translation: Avon)

In this enemies-to-lovers rom-com by the USA Today bestselling author of the Panic series, introduces a quirky kindergarten teacher who thrives on fun who clashes with an uptight colleague allergic to it. Their shared tension takes an unexpected turn during an end-of-school party, leading to a night of wild passion and a surprise consequence neither anticipated. As they navigate the aftermath, the sparks fly in and out of the classroom, creating a perfect blend of rivalry and romance for fans of Abbott Elementary.

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Amy T. Matthews | BEST, FIRST, AND LAST

Kensington/June 25, '24

(Translation: Kensington)

In this stirring, spirited, and ultimately joyful new novel from the author of **SOMEONE ELSE'S BUCKET LIST**, three generations of women in the same family, whose hearts have been broken in different ways, set out on a challenging journey to see one of the wonders of the world—Machu Picchu—and find themselves to be just as awe-inspiring. Perfect for fans of Josie Silver and Rebecca Serle.

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Namrata Patel | THE CURIOUS SECRETS OF YESTERDAY

Lake Union/June 1, '24

(Translation: Amazon)

Another enthralling new novel of self-discovery, love, and destiny by the bestselling author of **THE CANDID LIFE OF MEENA DAVE**. 30-something Tulsi Gupta is eager to escape the path set out for her by her parents: running the family spice shop. But a mysterious letter from her grandmother uncovers a long-ago betrayal that brings to light hidden family complexities and leads to an unexpected romance, all while healing old wounds.

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Scarlett Peckham | THE MISTRESS EXPERIENCE

Avon/June 25, '24/Society of Sirens #3

(Translation: Avon)

In the finale of *USA Today* bestselling author Peckham's trilogy set in the heart of scandalous London, Thais Magdalene, the city's most notorious courtesan, shocks society by auctioning herself for a month to champion women's rights. The unexpected winner, Lord Alastair Eden, a confident earl with a hidden flaw, aims to perfect his bedroom prowess with the infamous Thais. As their fiery connection blazes beyond the bedroom, the stakes rise, challenging them to choose between societal expectations and the passionate love that defies scandal in this thrilling romance.

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Annie Rains | THE CHARMED FRIENDS OF TROVE ISLE

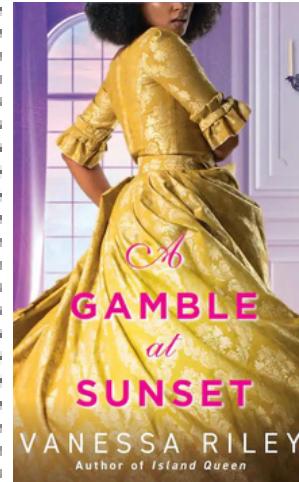
Lake Union/May 21, '24

(Translation: Kensington)

In a grown-up twist on *THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS*, *USA Today* bestselling author Rains pens a powerful, uplifting story of female friendship and resilience in a small Southern town, as former childhood friends overcome grief and begin to take new chances in their lives... with the help of a long-lost gift they were meant to share. Perfect for readers of Karen Hawkins' *THE BOOK CHARMER* or Heather Webber's *MIDNIGHT AT THE BLACKBIRD CAFE*.

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Vanessa Riley | A GAMBLE AT SUNSET

Kensington/May 21, '24/*Betting Against the Duke* #1

(Translation: Kensington)

Award-winning author Riley (*ISLAND QUEEN; A DUKE, THE LADY, AND A BABY*) turns all convention on its head with a high-stakes wager to kick off the first book in an enchanting, dazzlingly diverse new Regency romance trilogy. Georgina Wilcox is a musically inclined wallflower determined to thwart her reclusive—and meddling—older sister and the Duke of Torrance by taking matters into her own hands and sharing a reputation-damaging kiss with Lord Mark Sebastian, the third son of an influential marquis. Now, the shy composer and wallflower must undertake a daring plan of faux courtship to salvage both their reputations and musical aspirations, all while navigating a treacherous landscape of societal expectations, family drama, and burgeoning desire, challenging the boundaries of propriety... and igniting a passion impossible to ignore.

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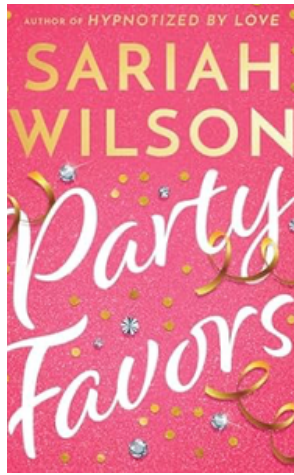
Montlake/June 25, 24/*Spiced Right* #2

(Translation: Amazon)

In a sizzling new romance with a dash of danger, the author of *SPICED RIGHT* introduces Avery Reed, a captivating barbecue pitmaster whose piercing blue eyes have women craving more, and YouTube cook-off host Layla Jenson, who is spotlighting talented BBQ cooks across the country. In a bunkhouse showdown where Avery's expertise is crucial, they navigate scorching chemistry and confront their own demons as the question arises: Will their connection seal the deal for the cook-off, or will the complexities of their pasts threaten to tear them apart?

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Sariah Wilson | PARTY FAVORS

Montlake/July 30, '24

(Translation: Amazon)

A down-on-her-luck party planner seizes the opportunity to make her dreams come true when a wealthy client requests a sweet-sixteen party based on the kingdom—and the royal family—she adores in the newest fun, flirty, and page-turning rom-com by the bestselling author of *THE CHEMISTRY OF LOVE* and *HYPNOTIZED BY LOVE*. Everly Aprile's obsession with the Monterran royals takes a surprising turn when she meets Max Colby, a charming transplant from her dream kingdom, who promises that in exchange for being his New York City guide, he'll teach her the customs of Monterra so her party gets a boost of authenticity. As they navigate cultural exchanges and friendship, Everly wonders if her fairy-tale fantasies are closer to reality than she ever imagined, leading her on a journey of self-discovery and the possibility of true love against the backdrop of magical Manhattan and the allure of Monterra she's only dreamed of.

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Just Sold!

Dragonblade Flame picked up World English rights to the new **Disgraceful Duchesses** Regency romance series by *Romancing the Dukes* author **Sara Bennett**, known for her irresistible characters and sumptuous settings. The books will feature three beautiful but impoverished sisters brought to London by their mother for one thing: to marry a lord.

Dragonblade has also made off with World English rights to **THAT SCANDALOUS SUMMER**, the first book in a new trio of Georgian-set historical romances described as *Deuxmoi* meets *Bridgerton*, penned by **Gina Conkle**, author of *MEET THE EARL AT MIDNIGHT*. The series will follow three sisters over one scandalous summer, featuring ballrooms, house parties, handsome suitors, and... lots of gossip.

Berkley was the winner at the auction of World rights to debut the women's fiction novel **ONCE UPON A TIME IN DOLLYWOOD** by Reese Bookclub LitUp 2023 Fellow **Ashley Jordan**. Emotionally honest and frequently hilarious, Jordan's first novel explores themes of self-discovery, forgiveness, and finding love when one least expects it.

Montlake was the lucky acquirer of World rights to the next two books in the erotic romantasy series, *Bound to Fire and Steel*, by author duo **Kit Rocha**. In **DAUGHTER OF TIDES**, the (secretly) dying god of love decides to spend his final days playing matchmaker between a sweet young water nymph and a deadly pirate lord. But he becomes entangled in the dangers of their tragic past—and the passionate promises of their fated destiny.

THE BOY WITH THE BOOKSTORE and *ON LOCATION* author **Sarah Echavarre Smith**'s newest rom-com **ANYONE EXCEPT YOU** was acquired by Harlequin Afterglow in a two-book, World rights deal for a 2025 publication. It's a humorous enemies-to-lovers romance between a British lit professor who secretly writes modern Shakespearean fanfic and a no-nonsense financial auditor (and aspiring writer) tasked with overhauling his department—who has no idea her real-life nemesis is the man behind the stories she loves.

Gilmore Girls meets *Halloweentown* in the new paranormal rom-com acquired by Griffin along with one other title in a World rights deal by the author of *NOT THE WITCH YOU WED* **April Asher**. **FATED IN FATES HAVEN** stars a plus-size witch who returns to her magical hometown seeking help for her shifter goddaughter from her first love, the grumpy lion shifter whom she'd once believed to be her fated mate.

The state of Nevada isn't just known for Sin City and the Super Bowl; it's also known for...murder and Harlequin Intrigue has acquired World rights to the next three standalone crime fiction titles in **Denise N. Wheatley's West Coast Crime Story** series set in and around the Nevada desert.

Frankfurt '24 Preview

Emma Barry | THE COMEBACK KID

Montlake/Fall '24

(Translation: Amazon)

The author of one of the *NYT*'s Best Romances of 2023 pick CHICK MAGNET's newest rom-com follows a Hollywood "himbo"'s attempted comeback via a steamy adaptation of a historical novel which hits a snag...when he falls for the show's new intimacy coordinator.

Olivia Dade | ZOM ROM-COM

Berkley/Winter '25

(Translation: PRH)

A supernatural romantic comedy by the beloved author of SPOILER ALERT and ALL THE FEELS, it's *The Last of Us* meets Jenna Levine's MY ROOMMATE IS A VAMPIRE and follows a human and her surly but sexy vampire neighbor who team up to defend their city from a zombie outbreak—a perfect storm of high stakes, comedy, and romance.

Molly Harper | A PROPOSAL TO DIE FOR

Berkley/Fall-Winter '25

(Translation: PRH)

White Lotus meets *Bridesmaids* in beloved romcom author Molly Harper's humorous, twisty murder mystery with a delicious slow-burn romance starring a type-A professional proposal planner who accepts a job requiring her to spend a week with a well-to-do bridal party at an upscale resort, never predicting all the dead bodies!

Seana Kelly | THE BLOODY RUIN ASYLUM & TAPROOM

Indie Published/Oct. 1, '24/*Sam Quinn* #7

(Translation: NYLA)

The next page-turner in the *Sam Quinn* series by *USA Today* bestselling author Kelly follows Sam, the werewolf book nerd and owner of The Slaughtered Lamb Bookstore & Bar, who visits her Master vampire husband Clive in Budapest as he vies for a coveted position in the Guild, but their romantic journey turns perilous as they confront ancient vampires and haunted ruins in a bid for survival and success.

Tamar Myers | THE MERMAID'S TALE

Severn House/Oct. 24, '24

(Translation: NYLA)

Pennsylvania Dutch Mysteries author Myers new novel chronicles what happens when citizens in a failing coastal town are successful beyond their wildest dreams when they devise a plan to bring tourists back by "discovering" the remains of a mermaid... and the lengths they will go to to protect their secret.

Vanessa Riley | MURDER IN BERKELEY SQUARE

Kensington/Sept. 24, '24

(Translation: Kensington)

A spellbinding historical mystery series by the award-winning author of ISLAND QUEEN follows a captivating, resourceful heroine whose notorious past—and unparalleled detecting talent—crosses swords with a killer cutting a vengeful swath through London high society.

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