



# **Frankfurt Rights List 2025**

# Adult Fiction

**JULIE C. DAO**

***SO BLOOMS THE DAWN (Now Comes the Mist #2)***

Podium Entertainment

30 September 2025

- Romantic Novelists' Association named **NOW COMES THE MIST** as Romantic Fantasy Novel of the Year 2025



**A striking conclusion to the duology that retells Dracula from the point of view of Lucy Westenra, this gothic romance is perfect for fans of Penny Dreadful and Danielle L. Jensen.**

Lucy Westenra's life has changed irrevocably. The future she had once imagined for herself—a loving marriage to Arthur Holmwood and treasured friendship with Mina Murray Harker—is now lost to her. But even as she mourns, Lucy is filled with wanderlust, finally free to travel as she so often dreamed.

Freshly turned to a vampire by Vlad and haunted by the memories of those she killed, Lucy must make the long journey alone to the Carpathians where she will join Vlad's other undead wives. When the ever-manipulative, ever-jealous Vlad turns his eyes to a new victim—Mina—Lucy begins a desperate bid to alert her friends, but because of the command issued by Vlad, Lucy experiences immense pain each time she attempts to speak his name, which makes warning them all the more difficult.

With the cowboy Quincey Morris and Dr. Van Helsing hellbent on hunting her throughout Europe, and Vlad's new game of cat and mouse, Lucy must master her vampiric gifts while using all her intelligence and courage to stay alive and thwart Vlad.

**Julie C. Dao** is the award-winning author of many books from Disney, Macmillan, Penguin Random House, and more. Her novels have earned starred reviews from Booklist, School Library Journal, and Publishers Weekly, and her "Rise of the Empress" books are being made into a major television series at Amazon MGM Studios. A proud Vietnamese-American who was born in upstate New York, she now lives in New England.

**Poland:** Niezwykłe; **Russia:** Azbooka

# MARGOT HARRISON

## THE LIBRARY OF FATES

HarperCollins/Graydon House  
2 December 2025

- **The Library of Fates is now open—no late fees, just life-altering futures.**

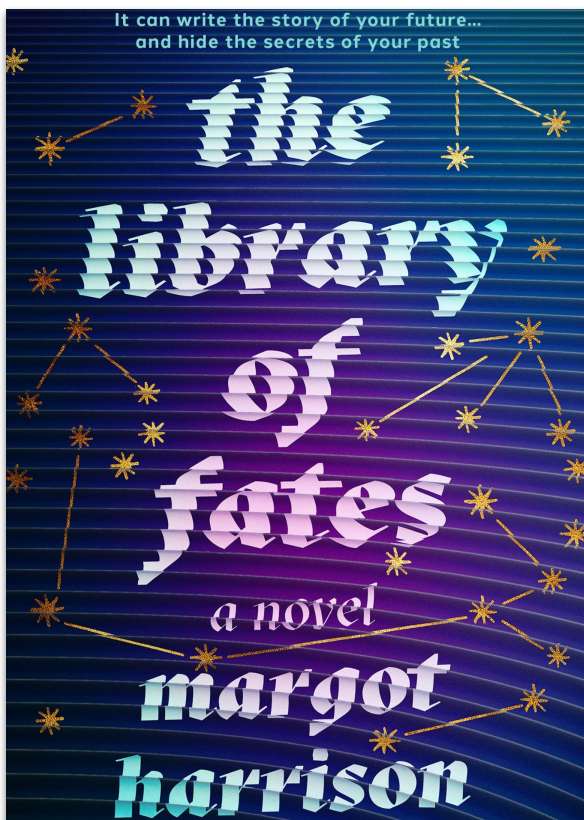
**The Library of Fates was designed to show you who you are—and who you could become. Its rarest book, *The Book of Dark Nights*, holds a secret: write an intimate confession on its pages, and receive a prediction for your future.**

Eleanor has spent most of her time in the library as an apprentice to its brilliant librarian, learning to show other people how to find meaning in stories. And after a childhood defined by senseless tragedy, the library offers Eleanor a world where everything makes sense.

But when her mentor dies in a freak accident and *The Book of Dark Nights* goes missing—along with the secrets written inside—Eleanor is pulled out of the library and into a quest to locate it with the last person she expects: the librarian's estranged son, Daniel, who Eleanor once loved.

From ivy-covered Harvard to magical Paris, they must hunt down the clues to the book's disappearance—all while growing closer once again. But little do they know that they're entangled in a much larger web. Someone else wants the book, and they'll go to dark lengths to get it.

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## *THE MIDNIGHT CLUB*

HarperCollins/Graydon House  
24 September 2024

- “A strange, riveting, brilliant fable. Like a fever-dream of **Donna Tartt’s *The Secret History***.” —**LEV GROSSMAN**
- “...in this **taut and introspective time-travel thriller** from Harrison. . .Harrison meticulously weaves flashbacks, elaborate time-travel twists, and the perspectives of each main character into a suspenseful saga about regret and missed opportunities. This deserves to be savored.”—**Publisher’s Weekly**



**Four friends solve the decades-old murder of their best friend with the help of a drug that can not only bring them back to the past, but change it.**

It’s been twenty-five years since *The Midnight Club* last convened. A tight-knit group of college friends bonded by late nights at the campus literary magazine, they’re also bonded by something darker: the death of their brilliant friend Jennet junior year. But now, decades later, a mysterious invitation has pulled them back to the pine-shrouded Vermont town where it all began.

As the estranged friends gather for a weeklong campus reunion, they soon learn that their host has an ulterior motive: she wants them to uncover the truth about the night Jennet died, and she’s provided them with an extraordinary method—a secret substance that helps them not only remember but *relive* the past.

But each one of the friends has something to hide. And the more they question each other, the deeper they dive into their own memories, the more they understand that nothing they thought they knew about their college years, and that fateful night, is true.

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**SYRIE JAMES**

***DANGER AT DARKMOOR PARK (The Audacious Sisterhood of Smoke and Fire, #3)***

**Dragonblade Publishing**

**28 October 2025**

- “[A] wonderfully atmospheric and suspenseful tale brimming with everything that fans of Victorian historical romance and mystery love: a bright and feisty heroine, a perfectly Gothic coastal estate full of secrets, and the brooding and mysterious navy captain in charge of it all.” —**Natalie Jenner, Internationally bestselling author of *The Jane Austen Society*, *Bloomsbury Girls* & *Every Time We Say Goodbye* (The Mysteries of Pendowar Hall)**

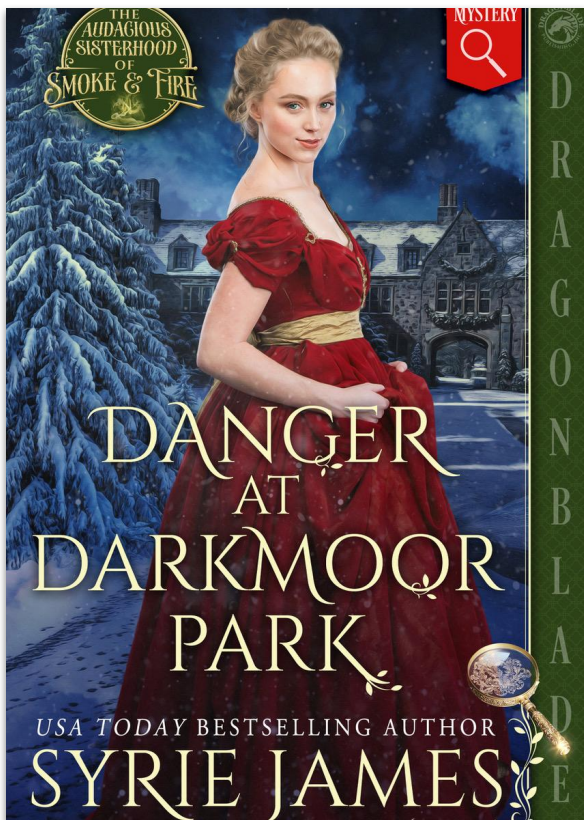
**A snowbound estate. A hidden fortune. A deadly romance.**

Selena Taylor is thrilled to cohost a holiday house party at Darkmoor Park, the beautiful Yorkshire estate she will one day inherit. But a massive snowstorm hits the area, and no one can leave. When one of the guests dies after giving Selena a cryptic clue to a cache of hidden money, she suspects that he was murdered.

Dr. Adrian Scott arrives in a snowstorm and he and Selena, fueled by a burning mutual attraction, become partners in investigating both mysteries—a thrilling hunt for hidden treasure and the search for a ruthless killer—while trapped with holiday guests who all seem to be hiding a secret.

When another guest dies and she starts receiving threatening letters, Selena realizes that she is in terrible danger, pursued by a relentless villain and involved with a man whose touch makes her heart race but who may be hiding a deadly secret of his own.

**Syrie James** is the author of thirteen critically acclaimed novels of historical fiction, romance, and young adult fiction that have been international, *USA Today*, and Amazon bestsellers and won numerous awards. Her books are published in more than twenty languages.



# DANIELLE L. JENSEN

## *DEFY THE DUSK (Defy the Dusk, #1)*

Penguin Random House, Del Rey  
Fall 2026

- Enter the high-octane and post-apocalyptic world the newest fantasy romance duology from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Danielle L. Jensen.

*Snowpiercer* meets *Mad Max* as survivors of a demonic apocalypse band together in high-speed convoys that must outrun the dusk. . . or face what rises in the dark.

Twenty years ago, an apocalypse ravaged humanity. Their survival now depends on the magically constructed, high-speed caravans capable of outrunning the nightfall. The *Dawnrider* is the largest caravan in the world—an ark built by the wealthy to survive in luxury while the rest of civilization fell into ruin. Its supremacy is achieved through the abilities of elemental magic wielders capable of navigating the perilous terrain the *Dawnrider* must cross in each cycle around the world.

Lirien Flintspire is a powerful magic wielder with earth magic vital to the *Dawnrider's* survival, but while but while Lirien is loyal to the caravan, she rages against the class system forced upon its people and the ruthlessness with which the *Dawnrider* combats the raiders known as feralists.

Darion Vox is the conductor of the *Duskchaser*, and the most feared man on the continent. Ruthless and willing to do whatever it takes for his people to survive, he plots to seize the *Dawnrider* and eliminate Lirien Flintspire.

When an attempt by the *Duskchaser* to commandeer the *Dawnrider* goes terribly wrong, Lirien and Darion are separated from their caravans and must work together to survive the night. . . and each other.

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**France:** Bragelonne; **Poland:** Galeria Ksiazki; **Spain:** Hidra

# DANIELLE L. JENSEN

## *THE TEMPEST BLADE (The Bridge Kingdom, #6)*

Penguin Random House, Del Rey  
April 2026

- **USA Today and International Bestselling series**
- "Heart-pounding romance and intense action wrapped in a spellbinding world. I was hooked from the first page!"—**Elise Kova, USA Today bestselling author of *A Deal with the Elf King on The Bridge Kingdom***

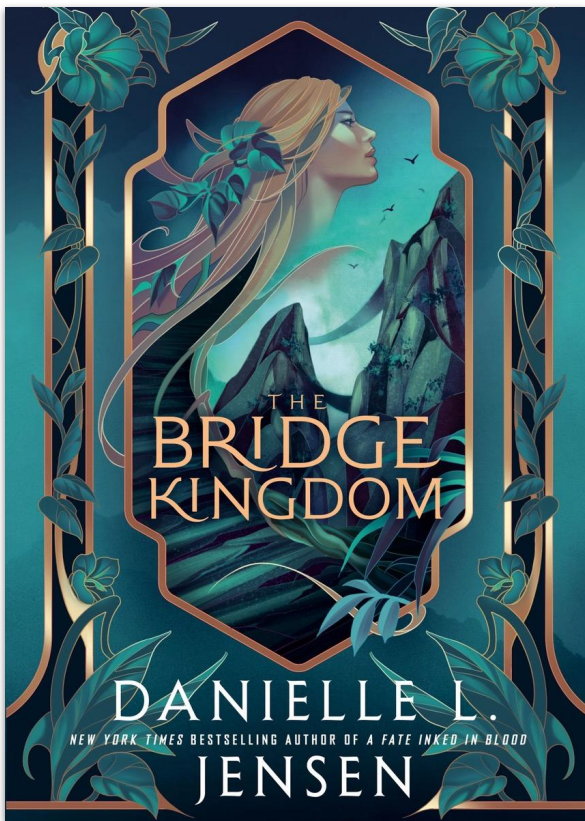
**In the sixth and final novel to the Bridge Kingdom series, Princess Ahnna has fallen for the wrong brother, and when the king is murdered, she is falsely accused. Now, the man she loves is sworn to bring her to justice, pulling them to the center of a far-reaching conspiracy that could shatter both their kingdoms—and their hearts.**

Ahnna Kertell is being hunted. Queen Alexandra, the cunning architect behind the king's murder, will stop at nothing to see Ithicana conquered and a new Master of the Bridge crowned. Grief-stricken and blind to the queen's schemes, James is ordered to pursue the woman he loves, even as doubt begins to threaten his resolve. But when she and James are both captured by the infamous Beast of Amarid, the two must work together to escape while overcoming the walls between them.

As open war looms and the fate of Ithicana hangs by a thread, Ahnna must summon all her strength and courage to unravel the web of lies threatening to destroy all she holds dear.

Told from the perspectives of all six major characters (Ahnna and James, Lara and Aren, Zarrah and Keris), *The Tempest Blade* is a novel of epic proportions.

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**Brazil:** Companhia das Letras; **Bulgaria:** Egmont; **Czech Republic:** Euromedia; **France:** Bragelonne; **Germany:** Piper; **Hungary:** Könyvmolyképző; **Italy:** Queen Edizioni; **Netherlands:** Meulenhoff; **Poland:** Galeria Książki; **Romania:** Storia; **Russia:** Eksmo; **Spain:** Planeta; **Turkey:** Marti; **UK:** Michael Joseph

# ROWENNA MILLER

## THE PALACE OF ILLUSIONS

Hachette Book Group, Orbit  
10 June 2025

- "Miller's atmospheric writing creates a **richly detailed historical fantasy** that lets readers see The Nutcracker in a unique way." —*Library Journal*
- "**Atmospheric.** . . a thoughtful meditation on sisterhood and priorities." —*Publishers Weekly*

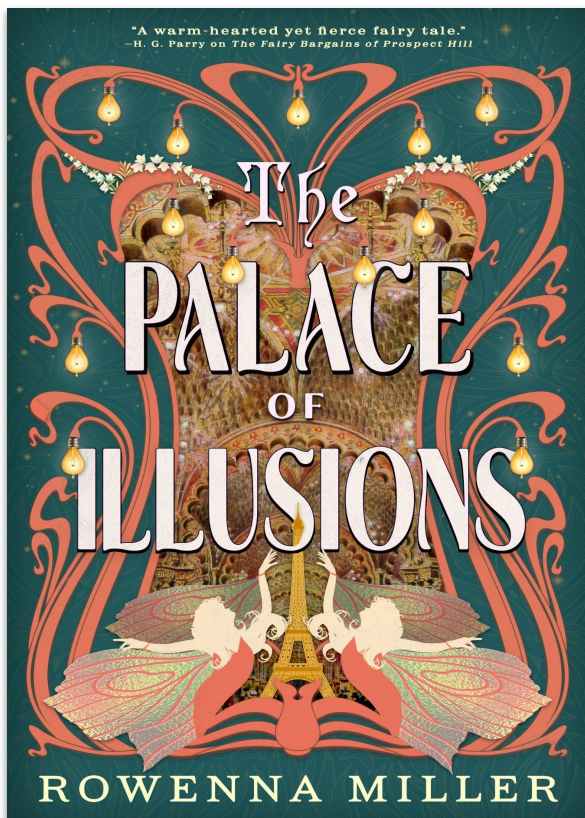
**The Palace of Illusions brings readers to a Paris breathless with excitement at the dawn of the twentieth century, where for a select few there is a second, secret Paris where the magic of the City of Light is very real.**

In the run up to the 1900s World's Fair Paris is abuzz with creative energy and innovation. Audiences are spellbound by the Lumiere brothers' moving pictures and Loie Fuller's serpentine dance fusing art and technology. But for Clara Ironwood, a talented and pragmatic clockworker, nothing compares to the magic of her godfather's mechanical creations, and she'd rather spend her days working on the Palace of Illusions, an intricate hall of mirrors that is one of the centerpieces of the world's fair.

When her godfather sends Clara a hideous nutcracker for Christmas, she is puzzled until she finds a hidden compartment that unlocks a mirror-world Paris where the Seine is musical, fountains spout lemonade, and mechanical ballerinas move with human grace.

As Clara explores this other Paris and begins to imbue her own creations with its magic, she soon discovers a darker side to innovation. There's no ignoring the danger she's in, but Clara doesn't know who to trust. The magic of the two Parises are colliding and Clara must find the strength within herself to save them both.

**Rowenna Miller** lives in the Midwest with her husband and daughters, as well as several cats, two goats, and an ever-growing flock of chickens. When she isn't inventing fantasy worlds, she teaches writing, trespasses while hiking, and gets into trouble with her sewing machine.

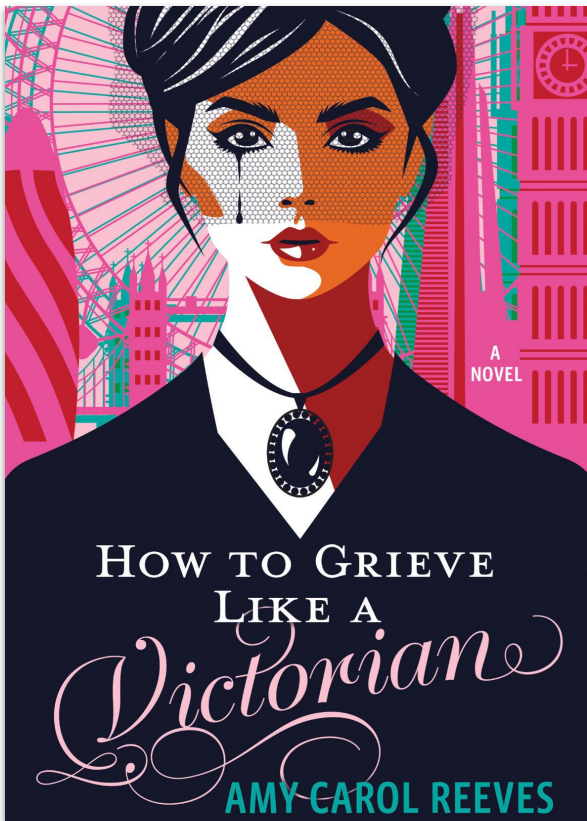


# AMY CAROL REEVES

## *HOW TO GRIEVE LIKE A VICTORIAN*

HarperCollins, Canary Street Press  
9 December 2025

- **A fun, escapist, romantic, travel wish-fulfillment book about a woman who happens to be a widow.**



Dr. Lizzie Wells, a Victorian Literature professor and bestselling author, is grieving her husband the Victorian way. She is keeping locks of his hair around her neck and dressing in black and jet and tulle—and amusing herself by refusing all but paper letters from her colleagues.

But then she's offered a trip to London for escape and healing, where she befriends fellow bestselling novelist AD Hemmings. Rakish and handsome, Hemmings pushes her out of her comfort zone. She attends a Victorian-style séance, gets pulled onstage at a burlesque bar, sight sees with her son, and befriends the London row house housekeeper.

All the while, back in South Carolina, her late husband's best friend and lawyer, Henry, peels back layers behind her mother-in-law's trust. There's a dark family secret her mother-in-law has been hiding for decades, the kind of thing that will change not just their family, but their town.

And with all of Henry's caring and kindness, Lizzie fears she's falling in love with him, too.

**Amy Carol Reeves** is a novelist, Victorian Literature professor, and widow. She grieved like a Victorian, but she did not meet a bestselling, handsome author in London—yet.

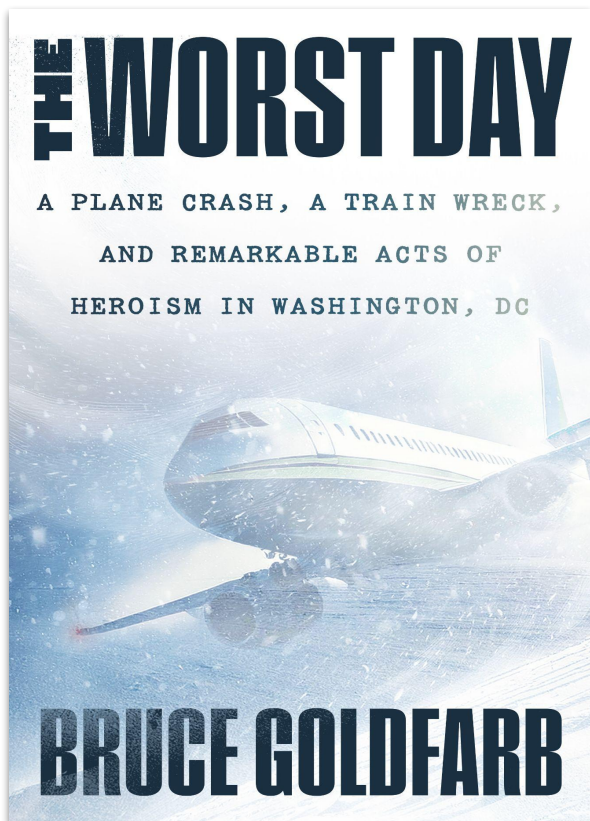
**Adult  
Non-Fiction**

**BRUCE GOLDFARB**

***THE WORST DAY: An Amazing True Story of Disasters and Heroism in Washington, DC***

Penguin Random House, Steerforth Press  
December 2025

- **A REAL-LIFE DISASTER MOVIE: A minute-by-minute account of 2 simultaneous catastrophes during a 1982 blizzard—and the extraordinary courage of civilians and first responders.**



January 13, 1982 began as a day for the records because of a historic snowstorm, but unfurled into a day of unprecedented disasters: the worst aviation crash since 1949 occurred at Washington National Airport when a plane crashed into the Potomac river. Then, just thirty minutes later, the capital’s Metrorail system experienced its first fatal derailment.

The city was gridlocked—snow blanketed roads, slowing traffic to a crawl and reducing visibility to near-zero. As surviving Air Florida 90 passengers struggled to stay afloat in ice choked waters and metro passengers awaited rescue from the tracks, first responders fought against time and the elements to help the injured.

*The Worst Day* is a suspenseful account of the disasters, told through the eyes of the survivors, rescuers, and witnesses. From inside the cabin of Air Florida 90 to the depths of the subway system, within communications and emergency dispatch centers, riding along with firefighters and police, and observing the action at the scenes to hospital emergency departments—Goldfarb masterfully immerses the reader, minute-by-minute, into the fateful incidents as they unfold.

A former EMT/paramedic and a nursing school dropout, **Bruce Goldfarb** has written for national and local newspapers, magazines, and web publications. He also wrote and edited several medical texts and reference books. He is the author of *18 Tiny Deaths: The Untold Story of the Woman Who Invented Modern Forensics* and served from 2012 to 2022 as the executive assistant to the chief of OCME Maryland. He lives in Baltimore.

**Children's**

# KATE CHENLI

## *A FIERY SPIRIT (A Bright Heart Duology, #2)*

Hachette Book Group, Union Square & Co.  
June 2025

- “The fairytale-like romance still shows an equal partnership and a thoughtful message about looking past first impressions.”—**Booklist (on *A Bright Heart*)**



**Kate Chenli returns to a world of magic and courtly intrigue in this heart-stopping conclusion to *A Bright Heart*.**

Blessed with a second chance at life, Mingshin has defeated Prince Ren and found love in the handsome, Prince Jieh. Though Ren’s plot has been foiled, Mingshin and her friends have not escaped the dangers of this new timeline.

The Night Dragon, Xiangyu, has been revealed as the sorcerer behind the dark machinations at court—and he’s after the Divine Stone.

As dark forces move in to destroy Dazhou, Mingshin must learn to harness the power of the Divine Stone or risk losing those she loves forever.

**Kate Chenli** has a Master’s degree in Computer Engineering, but has always enjoyed creating elaborate worlds and characters more than designing complex software. Besides reading and writing, her passion is world travel (four continents down and counting.)

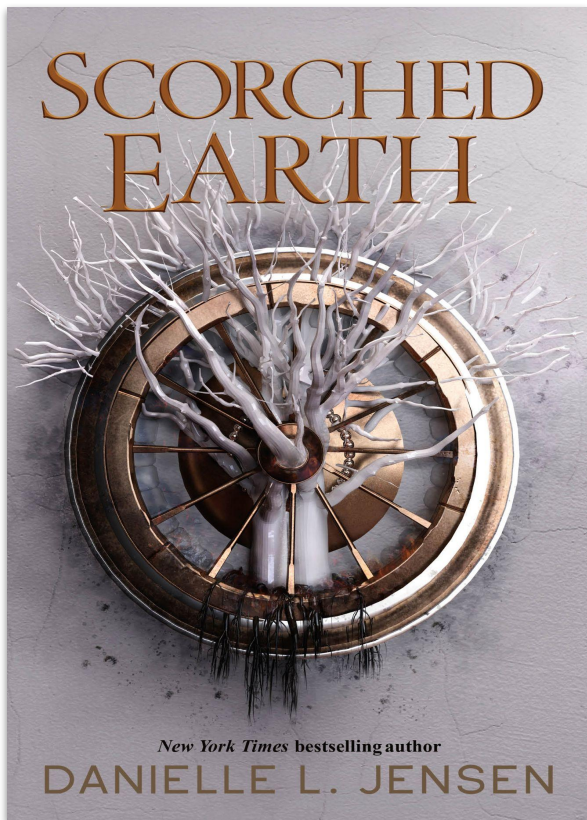
**Poland:** NieZwykle; **Russia:** Popcorn

# DANIELLE L. JENSEN

## *SCORCHED EARTH (Dark Shores, #4)*

Macmillan, Tor Teen  
August 2025

- The thrilling finale to #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Danielle L. Jensen's Dark Shores series, which Sarah J. Maas calls "everything I look for in a fantasy novel."



Lydia and Killian escaped their enemy's grasp, but not without consequences. While they race to destroy the blight, Lydia fights an internal war against the Corrupter's influence knowing defeat means death for those she loves. Tormented by a battle that can't be won with blades, Killian must find the queen they risked everything to rescue without falling prey to Corrupter's weapons, both living and dead.

Teriana and Marcus thwarted assassination, but now must live with the dark truths that have been revealed.

As Teriana hunts for allies, she must face the dire circumstances of her imprisoned people, driving her to strike a dangerous deal with the Empire. Consumed by guilt over his crimes, Marcus embarks on an ambitious campaign to save those he condemned, which risks him becoming the conqueror the Empire desires him to be.

With the blight consuming everything in its path and the Empire crushing everyone who stands before it, Reath is falling beneath the tide of evil. Secrets will be revealed that break hearts even as they forge new alliances, but only the greatest sacrifices of all will turn the tide in the battle for the liberty of every nation on Reath.

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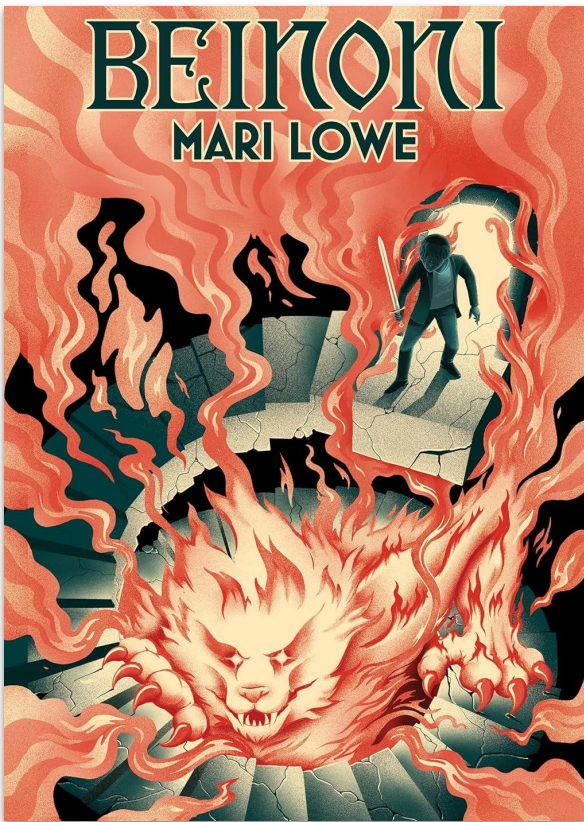
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# MARI LOWE

## BEINONI

Levine Querido  
July 2025

- “The fairytale-like romance still shows an equal partnership and a thoughtful message about looking past first impressions.”—**Booklist (on *A Bright Heart*)**



Ezra Safran is exceptional in every way. He’s top of his middle school class, aces his tests without trying, and even excels in his weapons training. And why shouldn’t he? He’s one chosen by fate to defeat the Gurya, a physical embodiment of evil, and ensure another seventy years of Beinoni time.

Beinoni time means that there is no war, no terrible illness, and no crime. It also means there won’t be any great discoveries, any cures, anything extraordinary. But when a shadowy organization attempts to kidnap Ezra at a classmate’s bar mitzvah, suddenly everything changes. He’s losing focus in class, forgetting assignments, and lashing out at everyone.

With his teachers and his only friend seemingly turned against him, Ezra turns to an unlikely ally for help—his school nemesis, Aryeh Birkowitz. The two form an uneasy alliance as they attempt to uncover long-buried truths. As the clock ticks closer to Ezra’s thirteenth birthday and evil forces move in, Ezra will have to decide if he should maintain the status quo or end it.

Full of characters that are courageous, smart, and full of heart, *BEINONI* is an action-packed adventure.

**Mari Lowe** has too little free time and spends it all on writing and escape rooms. As the daughter of a rabbi and as a middle school teacher at an Orthodox Jewish school, she looks forward to sharing little glimpses into her community with her books. Her debut middle grade novel, *Aviva vs. the Dybbuk*, was named a Best Book of the Year by NPR, Kirkus, and is a Sydney Taylor Book Award winner. She lives in New York with her family, menagerie of pets, and robotic vacuum.