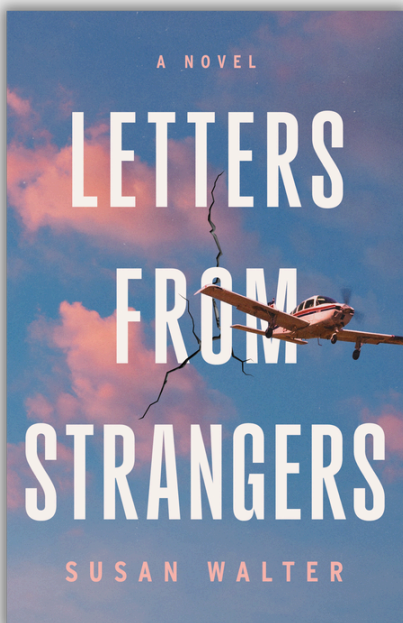
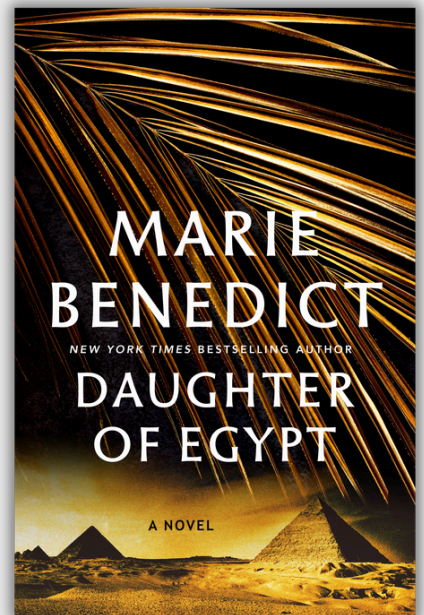


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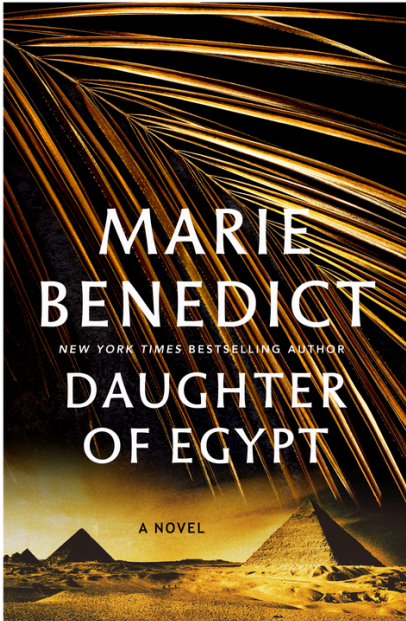
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# DAUGHTER OF EGYPT

By Marie Benedict



St. Martin's Press (Macmillan),  
March 2026

From the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author comes an extraordinary story of the woman who helped uncover Tutankhamun's tomb and the mystery behind Egypt's first woman Pharaoh.

1920's London was enthralled by the discovery of the treasure-filled tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun. Filled with priceless statues, jewels, and the gold-encased mummy of the boy Pharaoh himself, the burial site unleashed a fascination with the ancient world and revolutionized the world of archeology.

The discovery was made by Lord Carnarvon of Highclere Castle and his associate, famed archeologist Howard Carter. What no one knows is that without the pioneering spirit of Lady Evelyn Herbert, Carnarvon's daughter, the tomb might never have been found. As a young woman, Evelyn was fascinated by the story of Hatshepsut, a woman who had to assume the appearance of a man in order to rule Egypt. Although she brought peace and prosperity to Egypt, her male successor ruthlessly and thoroughly erased her name from history.

Lady Evelyn's ambition to find the tomb of Egypt's first woman ruler exposes her to life-threatening danger and pits her against archeologists who refuse to believe the tomb can be found—and certainly not by a woman. Refusing to give up, Evelyn is on the verge of success when she is suddenly forced to make an agonizing choice between loyalty to her beloved father and Carter and realizing the dream of a lifetime.

From the sunbaked palaces and tombs along the Nile to the decadence of British colonial rule in Cairo to the grand country homes of England, *DAUGHTER OF EGYPT* uncovers the hidden story of two unforgettable women who changed history.

## Reviews:

"Marie Benedict once again brings a shadowed history to vibrant life. *Daughter of Egypt* unfolds a fascinating dual narrative of ambition, intrigue, and legacy across millennia. It's lush, sweeping, and layered with the complexity of a deeply researched past."

—RUTA SEPETYS, #1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AND AWARD-WINNING  
AUTHOR OF "I MUST BETRAY YOU"

## TRANSLATION SALES

Ukraine: One More Page  
Slovakia: Albatros  
Italy: Newton Compton

## About the author:

**MARIE BENEDICT** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE QUEENS OF CRIME*, *THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM*, and many other novels. She is co-author of *THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN* (which has sold over 1 million copies), and the middle grade novel, *THE SECRETS OF LOVELACE ACADEMY*.

# THE QUEENS OF CRIME

By Marie Benedict



St. Martin's Press  
(Macmillan), February 2025

**Five female crime writers at the top of their game, the race to solve a murder, and the power of friendship.**

London, 1930: The leading mystery writers of Great Britain band together to form the Detection Club. The group is unusual for its time as among its founders and early members are women—only begrudgingly, though.

Five of these women—Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, Ngaio Marsh, Baroness Emma Orczy, and Margery Allingham—decide that solving a real life mystery, not just fictitious ones on the page, will persuade the men that they belong in the male-dominated world of letters and help them understand the mysteries and secrets at the heart of their own lives.

Dorothy Sayers, acclaimed author of mysteries, knows where to begin. Her husband, Scottish journalist “Mac” Fleming, is covering the murder of a young English nurse, who vanished on a day trip with a friend. The murder has all the hallmarks of the locked room mysteries for which these authors are famous, and Dorothy and the other Queens travel to France with Mac and the press corps to investigate the murder themselves.

The Queens of Crime are determined to solve the highly publicized murder, but when the killer targets Dorothy Sayers herself, he threatens to expose a dark secret in her past that she would do anything to keep hidden.

## Reviews:

"I was riveted....Smart, biting, and a tribute to female friendship and loyalty. An absolute delight!"

—FIONA DAVIS, *NYT* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE SPECTACULAR*

"Brilliant, irresistible, and page-turning delight... a rallying cry for what women can accomplish when we stick together. If I always had a new book by Marie Benedict, I would do nothing but read sixteen hours a day."

—NINA DE GRAMONT, AUTHOR OF *THE CHRISTIE AFFAIR*

"Breathtaking suspense and female friendship make for a heady combination in this wonder of a book, which will have fans of both historical fiction and thrillers torn between racing through the pages and wanting to savor every word."

—PAM JENOFF, *NYT* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *CODE NAME SAPPHIRE*

"In this excellent novel, Benedict vividly brings to life real Golden Age mystery novelists and a 1930s setting...those who enjoy historical whodunits will find this hard to put down."

—**STARRED** LIBRARY JOURNAL REVIEW

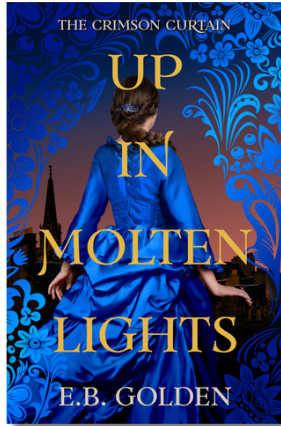
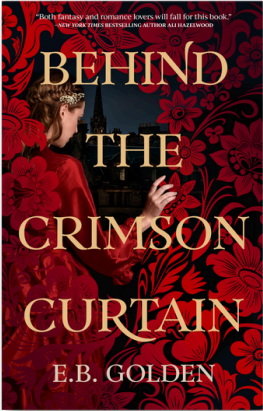
## TRANSLATION SALES

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Germany: Kiepenheuer & Witsch  
Italy: Newton Compton  
Turkey: Kitap

Spanish Language: Planeta  
Russia: Atticus

# BEHIND THE CRIMSON CURTAIN & UP IN MOLTEN LIGHTS duology

By *E.B. Golden*



**A political fantasy duology for fans of Naomi Novik and Rebecca Ross.**

Firin and Bregan never should have met, let alone started a relationship that would haunt them their whole lives. Firin is a face-changing con artist trained by her domineering father. Bregan is an actor turned heroic leader in the Reform movement that's overthrowing the coal-choked island of Luisonn.

As the flames of revolt settle, Firin joins Bregan in the theater. She's determined to create a life with the man she never forgot. But love and truth evade her—especially when one of Firin's victims, now President, chooses Bregan as his right-hand man. In a web of war and false identities, Firin must choose a side. Will the price of freedom be her heart?

*47 North (Amazon), September 2024 & August 2025*

## **Reviews:**

“This story isn't what you think, and neither are its characters. Stellar prose carries a tormented and morally gray protagonist through a polarized city, where her struggle to survive threatens to unravel the very threads of her identity. This is a thought-invoking and compelling read that will appeal to readers inside and outside of the fantasy genre.”

—*WALL STREET JOURNAL* BESTSELLING AUTHOR CHARLIE N. HOLMBERG

“Her prose is stunning, her world building gripped me from the very start, and on top of that she gave us a steamy, epic romance with two backdrops—a revolution and the theater—that somehow work perfectly together... I cannot wait to see what happens next in this series, and I cannot wait for both fantasy and romance lovers to fall for this book!

—ALI HAZELWOOD, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

## **About the author.**

Though born and raised on the coast of Maine, **E.B. GOLDEN** spends most of her free time exploring the mountains of southwest Colorado with her husband and daughter. Since she could hold a pen, she's used speculative fiction to make sense of a nonsensical world, and when she's not writing, she's usually traveling or coaching other writers, because the world always needs more stories.

## **TRANSLATION SALES**

France: Pygmalion  
Hungary: Central  
Poland: Publicat  
Russia: Rosman

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# SHE'S MINE

*By Susan Walter*



*Blackstone Publishing,  
February 2027*

**A four-year-old girl is kidnapped, a prime suspect is murdered, and FBI agent Willow Thorne has to navigate a minefield of secrets to both catch the murderer and find the missing child. Jeneva Rose meets Lisa Jewel in this dark and spicy suspense.**

Summer Brownley is holding it together. Her marriage is ending and her heart is in pieces, but she still threw a damn good party. Afterward, even though she shouldn't, she curls up with a bottle of wine. It's her soon-to-be ex-husband's night with the kids, what could go wrong?

Except everything.

The FBI arrives at dawn. Her four-year-old daughter is missing. But the kidnapping is just the beginning of the nightmare. Because just as the search for her daughter begins, one of the party guests turns up dead.

FBI Agent Willow Thorne is assigned to the kidnapping case, working with local law enforcement on the murder. There is no shortage of suspects in either crime: the cheating ex-husband, a best friend with regrets; a covetous surrogate. But every new lead uncovers another lie. If Summer wants to find her child, she's going to have to help find the murderer, too, which means exposing a lot of people's secrets.

## About the author:

**SUSAN WALTER** was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and attended Harvard University. She moved to Los Angeles and upon realizing TV writers were having all the fun, transitioned to screenwriting, then directing. She made her directorial debut with the film "All I Wish" starring Sharon Stone, which she also wrote.

She is the author of GOOD AS DEAD, LETTERS FROM STRANGERS (see next page), and 3 other novels published by Amazon Publishing's Lake Union imprint. Her 4 books have sold over 250,000 copies combined.

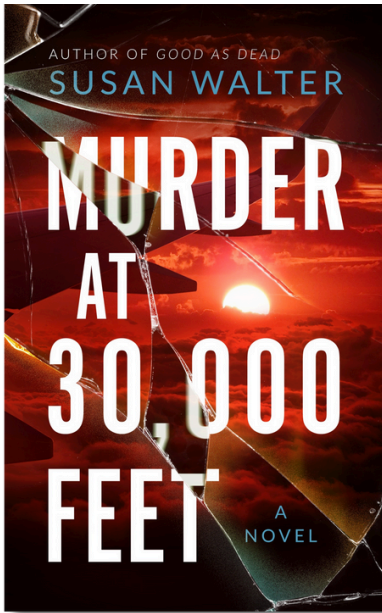
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# MURDER AT 30,000 FEET

By Susan Walter



Blackstone Publishing,  
February 2026

## 116 Souls. One Killer. No Escape.

Love is in the air on Flight 868 with non-stop service to San Juan. Among the passengers are a high school baseball team traveling to a tournament; a bride, groom, and family members en route to a destination wedding; a flirtatious rockstar; a jilted air marshal; and a flight attendant with a chip on her shoulder.

The passengers are abuzz with excitement for the tropical adventure that awaits them. But sweet anticipation turns to terror as turbulence plunges the cabin into darkness. When the lights go back on, a passenger is found brutally murdered. Thirty thousand feet above the earth with thunderstorms closing in, danger lurks both inside and out. Can the captain outrun the storm? Or will the tempest brewing inside the plane bring them down first?

MURDER AT 30,00 FEET is a locked-room thriller with stunning twists, where secrets and murder collide, where the only way out is down, and the only thing more heart-stopping is the mystery of who's dead, whodunnit, and who's next.

## ***Advance Praise:***

"Susan Walter has crafted a riveting locked room mystery at high altitude. With twists and turns and deadly turbulence, MURDER AT 30,000 FEET is rife with suspects, shady agendas, and passengers hiding deadly secrets. Keep your trays in the upright position and stay buckled because once you take off, you're not gonna want to get off this ride."

—GREGG HURWITZ, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE *ORPHAN X* SERIES

"A heart-stopping ride at 30,000 feet, this locked-room thriller crackles with suspense, secrets, and jaw-dropping twists. Clear your schedule and trust no one—the killer could be anyone on board."

— AUDREY J. COLE, *USA TODAY* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *MISSING IN FLIGHT*

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# RESTORE ME

By J.L. Seegars

Best of #BookTok



*Indie: December 28, 2021*

*Re-release: Bloom Books*

*(Sourcebooks), 2026*

## Sloane

Dominic Alexander is my late husband's best friend and the last man on Earth that I should want. He's arrogant, dismissive, and up until recently has only ever used those dark eyes of his to look right through me. For the last twelve years, he's taken a sick pleasure in making me feel paper thin, like my entire existence is of no consequence to him at all.

But now, things are different.

After one drunken night, and a surprisingly sexy act of heroism, he's started to be...nice. Treating me like something other than the physical embodiment of his annoyance, which would be nice if it didn't make me feel all the things I swore to never feel for another man after my husband died.

## Dominic

Sloane Kent is going to be my undoing.

What's worse: I think I'm going to enjoy being unravelled by the gold flecks in her hazel eyes and the adorable little way she scrunches her nose up when we're arguing, which we've done a lot of over the past decade. She thinks it's because I hate her, and I've always let her think that because the alternative is...untenable.

But something is changing between us, and I don't know how to stop myself from breaking every promise I've ever made to myself regarding my best friend's wife. Promises that include never telling her that there's a long list of things I feel about her, but hate isn't one of them.

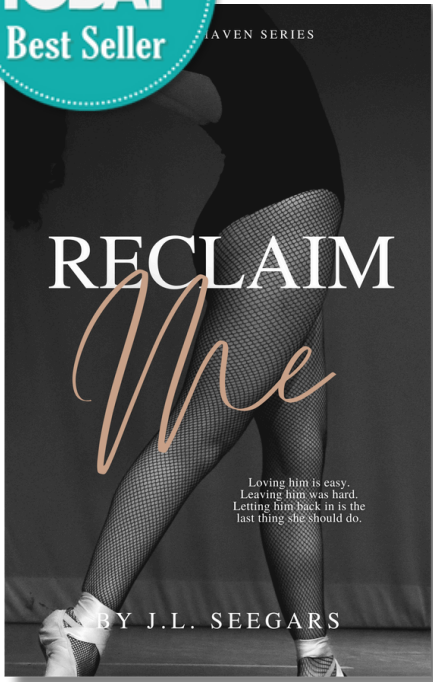
## ***Praise and Reviews:***

“The New Haven series [...] will make you ugly cry and obsess over the characters.”

—THE HUFFINGTON POST

# RECLAIM ME

By J.L. Seegars



August 26, 2024

Re-release: Bloom Books  
(Sourcebooks), 2027

## Rae

Loving someone with demons is hard but leaving them is harder.

That's a lesson I learned roughly a decade ago when I left the love of my life behind. Choosing the child we made but weren't ready for over any hope for what could be. Trading in potential for reality, my dreams for motherhood and the warmth of his embrace for a cold, lonely world. Despite how tragic it all sounds, everything turned out okay. I made peace with my decisions, soothed the ache in my heart with harsh truths that have remained firmly in tact until...well, until now.

Now, I'm back in New Haven and nothing is the way it should be. The man I left behind is not the one I keep running into around town. He's steady, dependable, stable, ready to be a father to our daughter and desperate to do more than co-parent with me.

## Hunter

couldn't stop wanting Rachel Prince if I tried. Not that I ever have. Tried, that is. Why would I when she's the only good thing I've ever craved, the only addiction I've had that didn't try to destroy me?

When she left me, I wasn't mad. I didn't want her to go, but I think by the end we both knew she couldn't stay. There was too much darkness around us, and it was all emanating from me.

My addiction. My pain. My grief overshadowing hers.

I wasn't the man she needed or the partner she deserved. She did the right thing, getting out, taking our kid with her. But knowing that doesn't make it hurt any less. It does, however, make me determined. To keep my decade long sobriety streak going. To make up for every day I missed of my daughter's life. To win back the love of my life and never let her go again.

# MANEATER

By Morgan Elizabeth



August 8, 2025

From #1 best-selling author of *TIS THE SEASON FOR REVENGE* and *PASSENGER PRINCESS* comes a new spicy enemies-to-lovers mystery romance. *White Lotus* meets *Charlie's Angels* in **MANEATER**.

Josie, nicknamed the Maneater, is part of an elite group of private investigators who use their beauty, brains, and society's habit of underestimating women to get the intel they need to solve crime and investigate for clients. Her particular strength is in her ability to seduce men and convince them to tell her whatever she wants to hear. She often goes on dates with high-profile men to find out what she needs to know, be it cheating, embezzlement, or the sharing of trade secrets.

Now she's assigned to go undercover as a vacationer at the Daydream Resort, a luxury all-inclusive vacation spot for the rich and famous, and find out who is sabotaging it.

While there, Rowan, a nuisance from her past and the VP of Operations for the resort, keeps getting in her way, but she's not backing down. He continues to find her at the source of the sabotages he's also looking into, and knows that somehow, she's not just a vacationer.

As the sabotages continue, the tension between Rowan and Josie gets more and more palpable, but both are there on a mission and can't afford the distraction.

But be it love or disaster, neither of them is ready for what's coming next.

## About the author:

**MORGAN ELIZABETH** is a born and raised Jersey girl, living there with her two boys, toddler daughter, and mechanic husband. She's addicted to iced espresso, barbecue chips, and Starburst jellybeans. She usually has headphones on, listening to some spicy audiobook or Taylor Swift. There is rarely an in between.

Writing has been her calling for as long as she can remember. There's a framed 'page one' of a book she wrote at seven hanging in her childhood home to prove the point. Her entire life she's crafted stories in her mind, begging to be released but it wasn't until recently she finally gave them the reigns.

# THE TOURIST TRAP

By Morgan Elizabeth



Self published, May 2025

**TOURIST TRAP** is a small town, age gap, grumpy/sunshine romance based in New Jersey.

## **Claire:**

A summer in a tourist trap is exactly what I need. A single summer of fun before I finally buckle down and decide on what I want to do with the rest of my life. So when my best friend suggested I spend the summer as a lifeguard in Seaside Point I jumped at the opportunity.

I was ready for a summer of uncomplicated fun, so imagine my surprise when my ex's older brother owns the house I want to rent a room in. Not only is Miles the guy I used to have the biggest crush on, he refuses to give me the time of day.

## **Miles:**

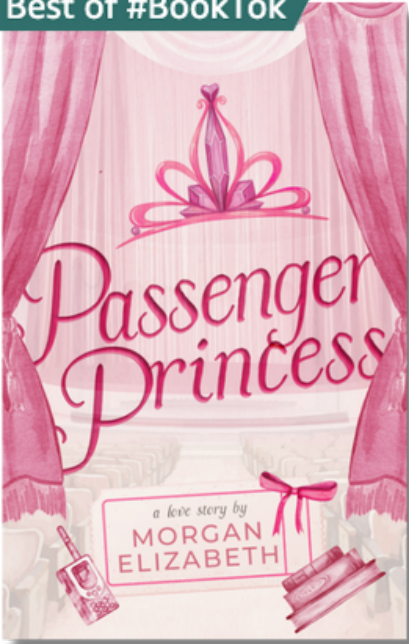
I have enough on my plate trying to save up what I need to buy my brother out of the house we inherited by the end of the summer. I definitely don't need the distraction of my brother's gorgeous ex prancing around my house. But for some reason I still can't understand, I agreed to let her rent a room and now she's prancing around in her little bathing suits, flirting with me endlessly, and making me a summer bucket list because she thinks I can't have fun.

I don't mess with tourists, and I surely don't mess with my brother's exes, but just like the moon and its effect on tides, I can't escape her pull on me. Will I be able to survive this summer with her, or will I get distracted and lose it all?

# PASSENGER PRINCESS

By Morgan Elizabeth

Best of #BookTok



August 9, 2024

**A sexy, bodyguard, grumpy/sunshine, celebrity romance perfect for fans of Ana Huang and Lauren Asher.**

Who knew applying to be the next Miss Americana while you're drunk on tequila would actually get anywhere? But that's exactly what happened to Ava when she wanted an excuse to promote her best friends' new businesses. She never even expected to get past the first round of auditions, much less win the beauty pageant, and now here she is, wearing a silk sash and a crown on her head, trying to picture what the next three months is going to look like. As the newly crowned Miss Americana, she's off on a three-month press tour, visiting all 50 states as part of her contract.

For a girl who loves adventure, it's a dream come true, except for two hiccups. The first one being the morality clause and long list of rules the organization is forcing her to live by while wearing the crown. And second, and probably the worst one, is the deliciously sexy, yet grumpy driver-slash-bodyguard assigned to keep her in line.

Jaime normally spends his days as head of security for the world-famous rock band Atlas Oaks, but when they take a break from touring, he's excited for a change of pace. Until he learns his new assignment is the gorgeous and ever-frustrating pageant princess who gets under his skin in more ways than one.

When he learns Ava has made it her mission to drive him crazy—by constantly looking for a new hit of endorphins by toeing the line as well as by flirting with him endlessly—he realizes what he thought would be a simple assignment is anything but. Now if only he can survive the next ninety days keeping his hands to himself and off the woman he can't get out of his head.

## TRANSLATION SALES

**Mexico:** VR Editoras

**The Netherlands:** Sisters Press

**Hungary:** Maxim

**Poland:** Poznańskie

★ Ranked on Amazon #32 in Kindle Store, #1 Workplace Romance, and #2 in Action and Adventure Romance

# ALL WE HIDE

By Robyn Gigl



*Soho Crime, Summer 2026*

When Lieutenant Lauren Kelly comes out as transgender and immediately gets dumped in the newly created homicide cold case unit at the Donn County DA's office, she doesn't expect to find any cases worth reopening. After all, the department is just hiding her there until she hits her 25th year on the force and can quietly retire with a pension and benefits. That way, no one can say they discriminated against the detective.

But surprisingly, Lauren finds herself drawn to an old investigation headed by her late father—the death of Sherry Darling, a trans sex worker she knew growing up. As she looks deeper into the mysterious events surrounding Sherry's murder, she uncovers evidence of a cover up with wider-reaching implications than she could have ever imagined...and becomes more and more convinced that what happened to Sherry is somehow tied into her own mother's disappearance when she was a child.

## ***Praise for Robyn Gigl and Erin McCabe:***

"Emotionally resonant...Gigl is too astute and compassionate a writer to create cartoon villainy out of anti-trans attitudes...quietly groundbreaking."

—*THE NEW YORK TIMES* BOOK REVIEW

"I continue to press Gigl's books into readers' hands with urgency...The personal is political, especially now, but character and humanity are what propel this series to continued excellence."

—*THE NEW YORK TIMES*

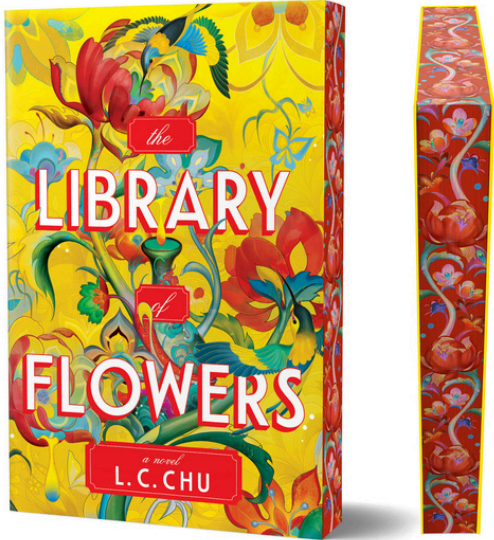
## About the author:

**ROBYN GIGL** is an award-winning author, attorney, and activist. Her *Erin McCabe* legal thrillers have landed on Best of the Year lists at *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *CrimeReads*, LAMBDA Literary, and more. *Survivor's Guilt* was named one of *TIME Magazine's* Best Thrillers and Mysteries of All Time. The series was called "[a] groundbreaking series is poised to become a definitive one" by *The New York Times* Book Review, and featured in several of their round ups for best crime novels.

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# THE LIBRARY OF FLOWERS

By L.C. Chu



Landmark (Sourcebooks),  
March 2026

For fans of **THE LOST APOTHECARY** and **THE UNMAKING OF JUNE FARROW** comes the magical debut bookclub fiction novel from L.C. Chu.

Thirty-two-year-old Lucy Hua comes from an ancient, magical line of Chinese perfumers renowned for their secret ability to manipulate emotions through their ‘moli’ perfumes. Throughout history, they served the rich and powerful, from empresses to taipans and their wives to CEOs. But even among the Hua family, Lucy’s talent is rare: she can create scents that attract true love. It’s a gift that only presents itself in the eldest daughter of every fifth generation.

And her family is hoping that boon will save them now. Ever since immigrating to Vancouver after World War II, the Huas’ fortunes haven’t been the same. Eager to regain their former status and riches, they were waiting for Lucy and her powers to mark the end of their decline.

Unfortunately, Lucy's abilities never manifested and, devastated by her failure, she leaves home to open her own, thoroughly non-magical, artisanal parfumerie...until the day her past finally catches up with her again.

Featuring poignant family dynamics, the search for love and identity, and interwoven with the narratives of other Fifth Daughters (from the Tang Dynasty, Ming Dynasty, and the last days of the Qing Dynasty), **THE LIBRARY OF FLOWERS** is an absorbing story about finding your true heart's desire that readers will fall head over heels for!

## About the author:

**LILY CHU**'s first four novels have been released as Audible Originals, performed by Phillipa Soo (**THE STAND-IN**, **THE COMEBACK**, **THE TAKEDOWN**, AND **DROP DEAD**) and John Cho (**DROP DEAD**). Lily's stories are critically acclaimed and have spent multiple weeks at number one in Audible Top Plus Listens, and have been named in multiple Best of the Year lists.

Her books have been recommended in the *New York Times*, and her rom-com debut, **THE STAND-IN**, was named Target's Book Club Pick for May as well as an Amazon Book of the Month and Apple Best Books of May.

Lily was named in Toronto Life's Most Influential list for 2024, in a special section celebrating the city's best romance writers.

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# RICH GIRL SUMMER

By Lily Chu



*Audible Originals, July 2025*

**\*Audio must be requested**

*Casablanca (Sourcebooks), 2026*

**Fake heiress. Real secrets. One sizzling summer she'll never forget.**

Event planner Valerie Peng never planned on spending her summer sipping champagne at a lakefront estate, dodging suspicious socialites, or pretending to be anyone's long-lost daughter. But when a very public, deeply mortifying mishap lands her in hot water—and her career in a hot mess—her uber-wealthy older client makes her an offer she can't refuse: come to his glamorous summer home and pose as the long-lost daughter he believes his conniving family has hidden from him. In exchange? Time away from her actual life ... and the chance to help uncover a long-buried secret.

But Cinderella needs some magic for this big of a makeover. Enter Nico Hever: her client's maddeningly perfect right-hand man. He's organized, meticulous, impossible to read, and infuriatingly handsome. But even though he claims this scheme is a capital-M Mistake, Nico's the only person she can trust to have her back. As they navigate a world of eccentric matriarchs, class divides, and private family feuds, their chemistry is as undeniable as it is ill-timed.

Caught between pretending to belong and unexpectedly finding where she truly fits in, Valerie's summer is about to get far more complicated than she ever planned.

# THE VACATION SHIFT

By Lily Chu



Quill Tree, 2026

***Gilmore Girls* meets *The Parent Trap* in Lily Chu's debut young adult novel, perfect for fans of *LOVEBOAT*, *TAIPEI*.**

Ivy Yu has always been the responsible, put-together one. Her mother has always been the spontaneous, adventurous one. But now that her parents have divorced and her grandma has passed, Ivy has become the depressed, lost one. In a spur-of-the-moment attempt to fix things, her mother gets them tickets for a group tour of Japan. Only, since she didn't pay close attention, she didn't realize that she booked them on a trip for seniors.

Now Ivy is trudging through Japan with a bunch of rowdy, nosy old ladies. There is one person her age there, too: a boy named Matteo, who's traveling with his single dad. He's totally arrogant and annoying...definitely nothing like her crush Connor back home.

The busybodies won't stop trying to matchmake the two of them, though, and it's getting on both their nerves. When sparks begin to fly between Ivy's mom and Matteo's dad, the old ladies gleefully switch to focus their efforts on them. It's not something Ivy or Matteo want at all, so they reluctantly band together to keep their parents apart...only to discover that they might not dislike each other as much as they first thought.

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# DOOMSDATE

By Laura Piper Lee



*Bantam Dell (PRH), Fall 2026*

**A doomsday prepper, a useless professor, and the dawn of the zombie apocalypse all make for a hilarious first date gone horribly wrong in this delightfully spicy and heartwarming zombie rom-com.**

It's the eve of a new pandemic lockdown, and Maisie Bennett is determined to get laid—no easy feat for an anxious doomsday prepper who's never made it past a first date. So when a handsome, stubbly-jawed professor swipes right and agrees to meet her the night before lockdown begins, Maisie vows to be normal, charming, and leave her taser at home.

Dr. Everett Greer may have lost all lust for life when his wife passed away three years ago, but he doesn't have the heart to stand up the poor woman his best friend catfished to force him back "out there." But when Maisie and Everett's awkward first date is cut short—not by a nice, normal pandemic, but by the dawn of the zombie apocalypse—they find themselves on an unlikely adventure as the world spins rapidly out of control.

Together, they must fend off zombies as they drive north to safety, which would be a lot easier if Everett wasn't a useless Film Studies professor with zero survival skills and Maisie could stop daydreaming about him. They make a deal: she'll teach him how to survive, and he'll teach her how to live—through story, travel, and to Maisie's delight, sex. But when their no-strings-attached lessons blur into distracting feelings, they're in danger of losing their brains to the zombies and worse, their hearts to each other.

## About the author:

**LAURA PIPER LEE** writes lots of things: text treatises to her besties about her favorite books, overly sentimental cards for all occasions, to-do lists that never get done—but she only gets paid to write adult romantic comedies featuring characters as hapless as she is.



# HALFLING & IRONLING

by S.E. Wendel



Self-published (KDP),  
October 1, 2021  
Podium Audio, April 16, 2024

A half-orc, half-human belongs nowhere... Orek has spent his life trying to prove himself to a clan that despises him. The son of an orc chief and human captive, he must try twice as hard to prove himself.

Resigned to the shadows, Orek lives on the fringes of the clan. But what he finds instead one cold night could ruin everything—a human woman, captured just as his mother had been. The choice to protect her from the clan is easy, but what will protect his lonely heart from her?

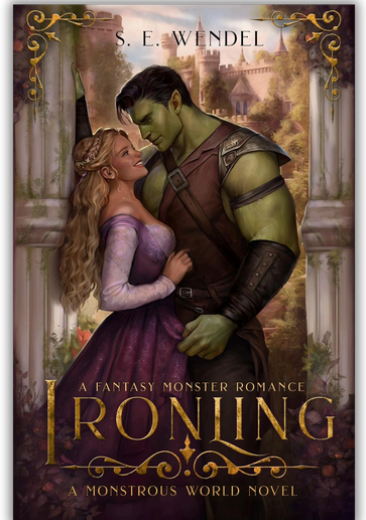
Sorcha has spent her life helping raise her siblings and finally has the chance to seek her own adventures. At least, she did, before she was snatched from her horse and peddled by slavers. Taken far from home, she's brought to the worst place imaginable—the craggy mountains infested with brutal orcs. All humans know to fear them and stay away, and now she's been sold to the cruelest clan-chief of them all. But the first orc she meets is nothing like the stories. He's gentle. He frees her and they flee.

Sorcha must rely on the mysterious halfling who saved her—but she's been betrayed before and cannot risk trusting him. Even if, little by little, he reveals himself to be everything she could ever want in a mate.

Aislinn was never meant to be her father's heir, but that was before her selfish brother condemned himself. She should be busy in the council chamber, serving the people of the Darrowlands—yet time and again, she finds herself in the castle smithy to visit the handsome new blacksmith manning the forge.

Hakon has spent his whole life in the shadows. At least at his forge, he feels useful. The life of a halfling is one of never quite belonging. When he hears of a place that welcomes his kind, he determines to build a life for himself in the Darrowlands. It is bittersweet to find everything he could ever want in a woman he can never have. He knows his sooty hands don't deserve to touch her, but Hakon can't resist tempting Aislinn back to him, nor indulging in the fantasy of claiming her as his.

But in a world of lords and politics, Aislinn could never take a halfling like him to wed. When grasping lords threaten the Darrowlands, prepared to take Aislinn's hand and land through force, she must choose—love or sacrifice.



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# SWEETLING & FAELING

by S.E. Wendel



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A fae in search of his queen, a woman hoping for a home—together they could build everything they dreamed; if human and fae alike don't tear them apart first.

For all his many days, Allarion has been faithful to queen and country. In their sparkling city on the sea, the fae live long lives of pleasure and luxury. But pretty things can be rotten at their core, and not all is as it seems. A betrayal at the heart of the fae court shatters Allarion's belief in all that he once held sacred.

Now in hiding, he must make his own sanctuary in the human kingdom of Eirea. The dilapidated estate of Scarborough has been waiting for a chance, and he intends to breathe new life into the land. All he needs is the final anchor to his magic, the one thing that binds a fae to the earth more thoroughly than any spell or power. A mate. Obtaining the woman he wants will be easy. Keeping her is another matter.

All her life, barmaid Molly hasn't had time for dreams or fancies or romance. From caring for her cousins to serving the patrons of her uncle's tavern, life has always been about earning her keep. That at least kept her safe. Or so she thought. She never imagined her uncle might sell her off to the mysterious patron who's haunted the tavern and Molly's dreams for months.

Molly wants a family—not a kidnapping fae with no sense of humor, his terrifying, grumpy unicorn, and a sentient but malfunctioning house. But life has never been about what Molly wants—at least until her fae captor insists that's all he cares about...

Ravenna never asked for her gifts, and certainly not for her parents to sacrifice themselves protecting her. As a half-fae with foresight, she has more power than most realize. She isn't some damsel in distress—and she isn't prey for the evil Fae Queen Amaranthe.

No matter how long it takes, no matter what it demands of her, she will avenge her parents. With only her innate gift, a seething rage, and her father's begrudging unicorn, Ravenna means to burn the faelands to the ground. Plan for enemies without, watch for enemies within...

Vallek Far-Sight, chieftain of Balmirra, means to make the orcish safe territories and unite the clans. He can see what others can't: the world grows more dangerous every day, enemies closing in on every border. Protecting his kin might've been impossible if not for his most treasured secret: a sorceress who sees the future.

Hidden within the ranks of the Balmirra court, Ravenna plots to march at the head of the orcish army to take Amaranthe's throne. She just has to keep her wits about her and her heart safe from a certain noble chieftain, one who treats her like his queen.



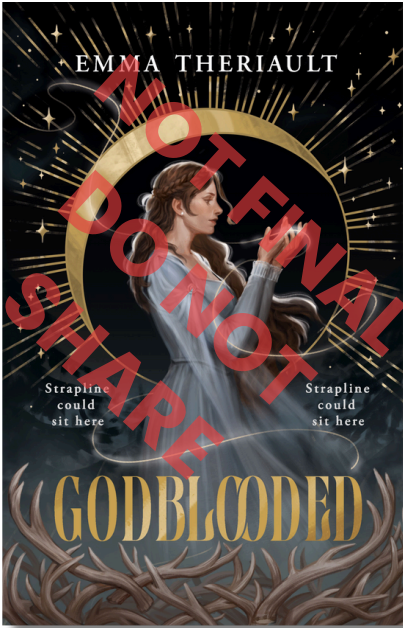
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## About the author:

**S.E. WENDEL** is a California-based author who writes romantasy and paranormal romance. Her previously self-published book *HEARTSONG*, a gargoyle romance, is set to be published by Avon (HarperCollins) in 2026.

# GODBLOODED (Book #1)

By Emma Theriault



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**A FATE INKED IN BLOOD meets THE FOXGLOVE KING in this high-spice, Celtic-inspired adult romantasy.**

Dunscane is protected by the gods who hold back the ruin lurking in the Waste. When Anthea Damra is chosen by the goddess Morven to be her priestess her comfortable, aristocratic existence is traded for a life of degrading rituals and brutal sacrifices. She knows she can't trust anyone; not her brooding, handsome warden, Eamon, and certainly not Morven. Yet, Anthea is haunted by whispers of Lone, the priestess before her who failed in her duties.

To avoid the same fate, Anthea delves deeper into the mysteries surrounding the deities. As their relationship grows, Anthea empathizes with the goddess more and more. Then Morven reveals the truth: the gods are not protectors, but prisoners, bound by an ancient pact that enslaves them to the whims of unknown powers. Horrified, Anthea doesn't hesitate when Morven asks her to take off the collar that binds her to the temple, allowing her to escape.

Forced to flee and brave the Waste alongside the notorious (and surprisingly charming) heretic Severin Cosgrave, he reveals to Anthea that all she knows is a lie. As Severin and Anthea become allies, and more, the secrets they unveil put targets on their backs. Darkness is creeping in, and Anthea discovers that her being chosen as Morven's priestess was not as random as she once believed...and that she may be the only one that can save Dunscane from ruin.

## **Advance Praise:**

"GODBLOODED is a collision of rich worldbuilding, powerful characterization, and stunning prose. It has the satisfying feel of a traditional high fantasy novel, but hints at a central romance that will immediately make romantasy fans excited to read on. Anthea's strength is the softer, more subtle type, which sets her apart from other leading ladies of the genre. Theriault has proven herself to be an inventive writer across multiple genres, and I'm already eager to find out where she takes us next."

—M.K. LOBB, AUTHOR OF *THE SEVEN FACELESS SAINTS DUOLOGY*

"I ripped through GODBLOODED in record time! Inventive and gorgeously written, I can't wait to see where this story goes next."

—HANNAH WHITTEN, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE FOXGLOVE KING*

## About the author:

**EMMA THERIAULT's** YA fantasy debut, *REBEL ROSE*, was a Canadian Children's Book Centre starred selection for Best Books for Kids and Teens Fall 2021. Her debut adult historical romance, *A LADY WOULD KNOW BETTER*, came out in January 2025 from Entangled with two sequels to follow.