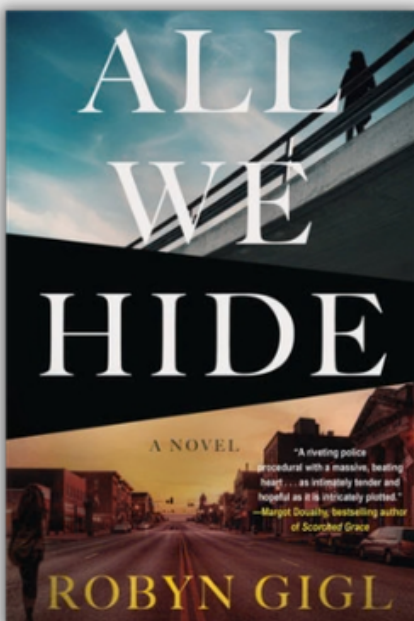
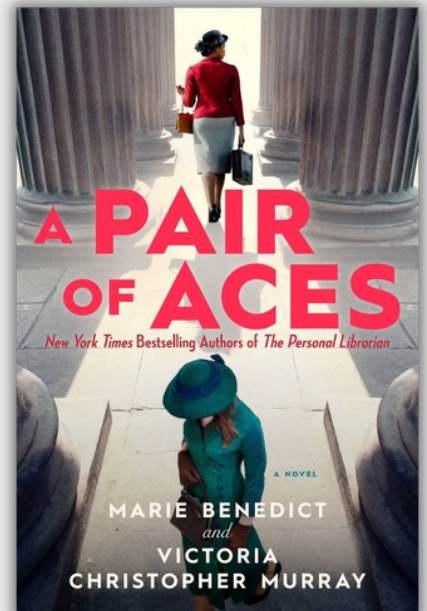
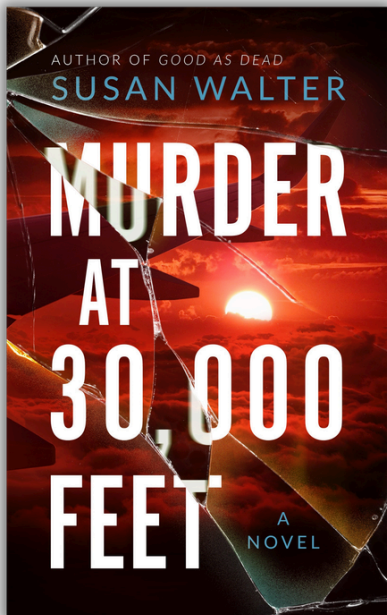


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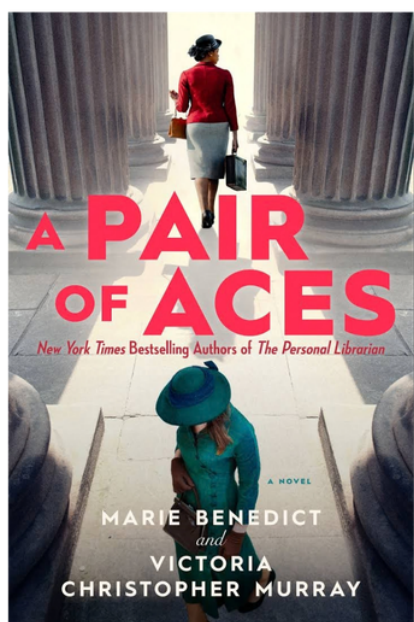
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# A PAIR OF ACES

By Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray



Berkley (PRH), June 2026

A gripping novel about two brilliant women on opposite sides of the law who team up to bring down notorious mafia boss Lucky Luciano in 1930s New York, from the *New York Times* bestselling authors of the million-copy bestseller **THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN**.

Eunice Carter, assistant district attorney for the City of New York and Manhattan's first Black female prosecutor, has her sights set on the one and only Lucky Luciano, head of New York City's five largest organized crime families. Other prosecutors have tried to bring down Lucky, but they've all focused on the crime syndicate's traditional businesses—bootlegging, gambling, loan sharking, and drug dealing—or tax evasion. No one has thought to go after the mob through its hand in prostitution. Until Eunice. But she can't get Luciano alone.

Polly Adler has worked long and hard to build up her high-class brothel business. Her client list is filled with well-known names, both the famous and the infamous, who all know her booze is top-notch, her music first-rate, her food exquisite, and her girls the best. But Lucky has gone too far, putting her girls in danger, and Polly finally sees the chance to end his reign once and for all.

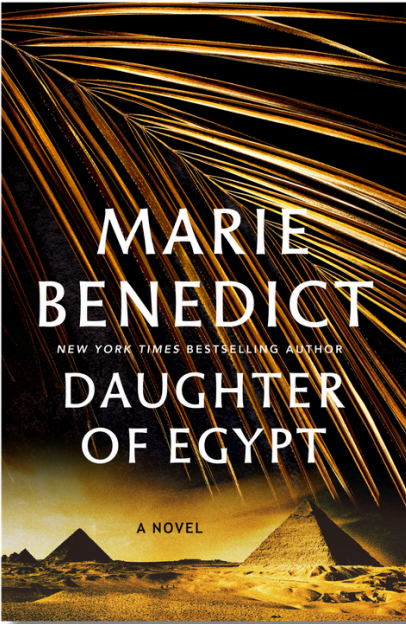
Together, Eunice and Polly build a case utilizing a network of women. Bridging the enormous divide between them and risking their own lives, they assemble evidence bit by bit, under the nose of the man they're trying to convict. It is this very alliance—of two women from vastly different worlds—that launches the most sensational trial New York City has ever seen.

## 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 and Victoria Christopher Murray co-wrote *THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN* (which has sold over 1 million copies).

# DAUGHTER OF EGYPT

By Marie Benedict



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

From the *New York Times* bestselling author comes the 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  
Russia: Atticus

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# SHE'S MINE

*By Susan Walter*



*Blackstone Publishing,  
February 2027*

**When a four-year-old girl disappears the night after her birthday party, all the guests are suspects. Except for the one who turned up dead. Mary Kubica meets Lisa Jewell in this dark and twisty mystery of domestic suspense.**

**What to expect:**

- Illicit affairs and crumbling marriages
- Complex character development and multi-POV
- Kidnapping where everyone is a suspect

Summer Brownley's marriage is ending and her heart is in pieces, but she still threw a damn good party. Afterward, though she really 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?

Well, everything.

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

There is no shortage of suspects: the cheating ex-husband, a best friend with regrets, a covetous surrogate. Every new lead uncovers another lie. FBI Agent Willow Thorne is assigned to the case. Thorne has a knack for noticing what people choose not to tell her, but there's something about this case that has her second-guessing herself. If Summer wants to help Thorne find the kidnapper, she's going to have to expose her tightly-held secrets.

Before her daughter is gone for good.

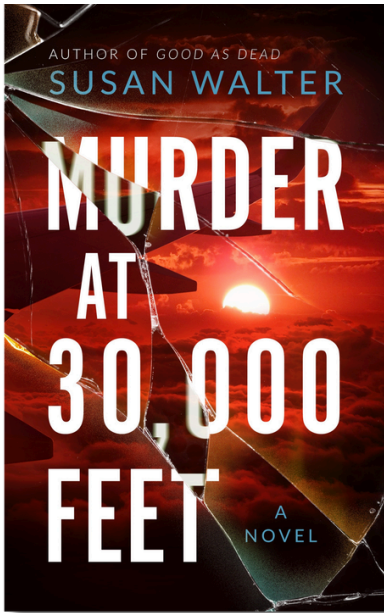
## About the author:

**SUSAN WALTER** is a recovering screenwriter and film director who started writing books to kill people because it was frowned upon in real life. Ha! Her first five books include *GOOD AS DEAD* and *LIE BY THE POOL*.



# 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:**

"A slick locked-room mystery...resulting in a screen-ready, red herring-filled bit of popcorn entertainment. It's a flight worth taking."

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"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."

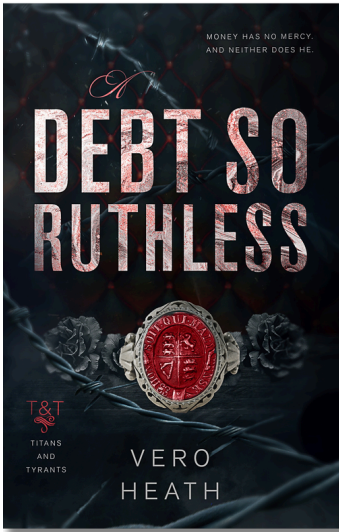
—GREGG HURWITZ, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE *ORPHAN X* SERIES

"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*

# Titans & Tyrants Duet

by Vero Heath



Self-published, November 2023

## What to expect:

- Morally gray MMC
- Forced proximity and arranged marriage
- He's obsessed with her and will do anything to have her

At the stroke of midnight on my twentieth birthday, he comes in darkness and in blood. Elio Titone, heir to Toronto's most brutal Cosa Nostra famiglia.

Turns out my father is massively in debt to the Sicilian mafia. Elio has come for one thing and one thing only – to claim what he is owed. And what he's owed is me.

My captor is dangerous and demanding. Tortured, possessive, and wealthy beyond belief. He traps me in his gilded, violent world and offers me no hope of escape. But the longer I spend with him, with his dark eyes and scarred hands, the less I want to claw my way out of his cage.

When new enemies threaten me, I see a side of Elio I didn't know existed – a ruthlessly protective side. He forces me to do the one thing that guarantees my safety, even if it means I'll forever be his prisoner.

I'll no longer be shackled by debt, but by marriage vows.

Because he'll make me his bride.

*This is part two of Deirdre and Elio's story. It is not standalone.*

I've taken everything from my Songbird. Her freedom. Her innocence. Even her name. She'll no longer be known as Deirdre O'Malley, but Deirdre Titone. My wife. Whether she wants to be or not.

It's the only real way to show this city who she belongs to. The only way to tell the world that she's as protected as she is possessed. I'll keep her safe, even if there's no one left to keep her safe from me.

My Songbird made me believe in souls again. And maybe I don't have one. Maybe I never did.

But she does. And I won't stop until I've taken it along with everything else.



Self-published, March 2024

## About the author:

**VERO HEATH** is a Canadian author of dark romance. She writes about dominant, dangerous men and the women they'll stop at nothing to possess. She's forever obsessed with all the darker things in life - lipstick, chocolate, and book boyfriends - and believes to her core that morally gray monsters deserve love, too.

# DOOMSDATE

By Laura Piper Lee



*Bantam Dell (PRH), Fall 2026*

A doomsday prepper, a hopeless 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.

#### What to expect:

- For fans of Olivia Dade’s ZOM ROM COM and Jeneva Rose’s DATING AFTER THE END OF THE WORLD
- Forced proximity and sex lessons

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.

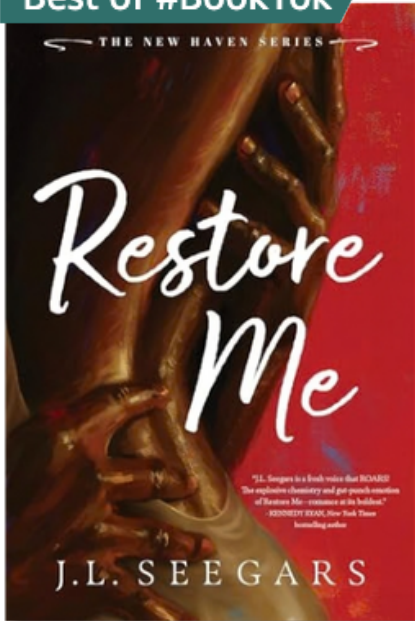
## About the author:

**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. She is also the author of HANNAH TATE BEYOND REPAIR, ZOE BRENNAN FIRST CRUSH, and the forthcoming POTSHOT.

# RESTORE ME

By J.L. Seegars

Best of #BookTok



Indie: December 28, 2021

Re-release: Bloom Books  
(Sourcebooks), Jan. 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.”

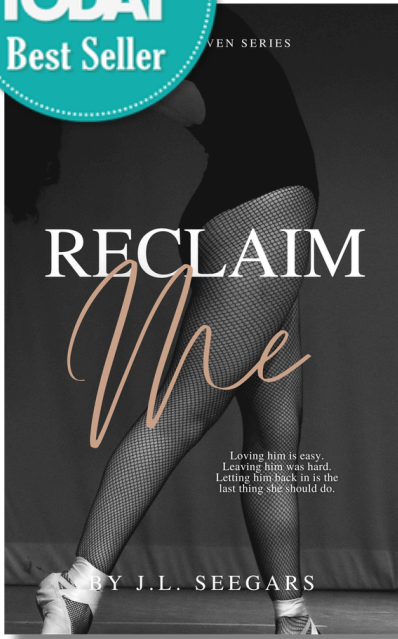
—THE HUFFINGTON POST

## About the author:

**J.L. SEEGARS** is a dedicated smut peddler and lifelong nerd who's always had a love of words, storytelling and drama. When she isn't writing messy and emotionally complex characters like the ones she grew up around, she's watching reality TV, supporting her fellow authors by devouring their work or spending time with her husband and son.

# 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

I 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.

# THE BRIGHT SIDE OF CHRISTMAS

By Morgan Elizabeth



Self-published, October 2025

From #1 Amazon best-selling author of *Tis the Season for Revenge* comes a new steamy, small-town grumpy sunshine romance!

#### What to expect:

- Grumpy sunshine dynamic and banter
- Feuding neighbors
- She's the outgoing town sweetheart who helps everyone
- He's the grumpy songwriter who moved to the small town to disappear
- He hates Christmas, she's the head of the decorating committee

Wren King is the one person in town everyone can rely on: need someone to watch your kids? She's got it, you deserve a night off! Want a five dozen cookies for a bake sale? Call up Wren; she loves to bake. As Holly Ridge's sweetheart, she's always available to help, even if it leaves little time for herself along the way.

But this holiday season, it's ramped up to the next level. As her first year as the head of the decorating committee, she's determined to make it the best year Holly Ridge has ever seen. A bigger festival, decorations on every possible inch of town, and, of course, more lights. Who cares if she's tired and worn down? She can sleep in January. Christmas only comes but once a year, after all.

Adam Porter moved to Holly Ridge for peace and quiet. As a well-known songwriter with writer's block, he's hoping the small town will be the perfect place to find his inspiration again. The problem? He hates Christmas.

Unfortunately, when he tells his new next-door neighbor, Wren, that he has no plans to decorate his home and thus threatens to break a sixty-year tradition in the town, a battle of decor ensues. As the season progresses and Wren becomes increasingly determined, Adam remains steadfast in his conviction that nothing will make him enjoy the holidays.

Definitely not his sunshiny neighbor, who is convinced she has enough holiday cheer for the both of them.

## TRANSLATION SALES

Germany: Afbau

### 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 PROMISE OF FOREVER

By Morgan Elizabeth



Self-published, December 2025

## What to expect:

- Grumpy sunshine with lots of banter
- Best friend's older brother
- He's a single dad to a pre-teen and doesn't date
- Winter romance that takes place on his family's tree farm
- A spicy "just this once" night in a hot tub that leads to more\

For as long as she can remember, Hallie Young's life has been intertwined with the King family in every way that matters. Over the years, the Kings have become the family she always desperately wanted after her mom left, and there is nothing she would ever do to jeopardize that.

Not even Jesse, her best friend's hot older brother, whose name she used to doodle in the margins of her notebooks.

Jesse King did not expect to become a dad at 21 or to take on the responsibility of raising his daughter alone soon thereafter, but he accepted it without hesitation. He's determined to make sure his now pre-teen daughter, Emma, makes it to adulthood with as few bumps and bruises as possible. This means his own personal life is on the back burner until she's out of his house, a decision he's never even questioned, much less regretted.

That is, of course, until his little sister's best friend shows up at his front door to watch Emma over winter break. Suddenly, long-buried feelings are resurfacing, and he's wondering if she couldn't be exactly what his little family is missing.

## TRANSLATION SALES

Germany: Afbau

# PASSENGER PRINCESS

By Morgan Elizabeth

Best of #BookTok



Self-published, August 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

**Brazil:** VR Editoras

**Mexico:** VR Editoras

**The Netherlands:** Sisters Press

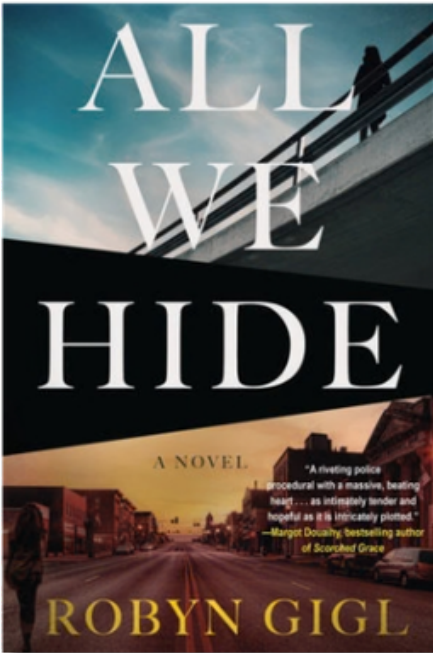
**Hungary:** Maxim

**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, August 4, 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*

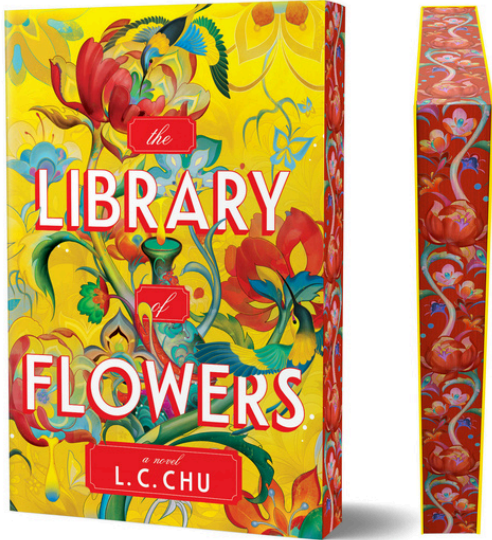
## About the author:

**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),  
May 5, 2026*

**For fans of THE LOST APOTHECARY and THE UNMAKING OF JUNE FARROW comes this magical bookclub 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). They are critically acclaimed and 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**

*Cosmo Reads (Sourcebooks),  
July 7, 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, June 23, 2026

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

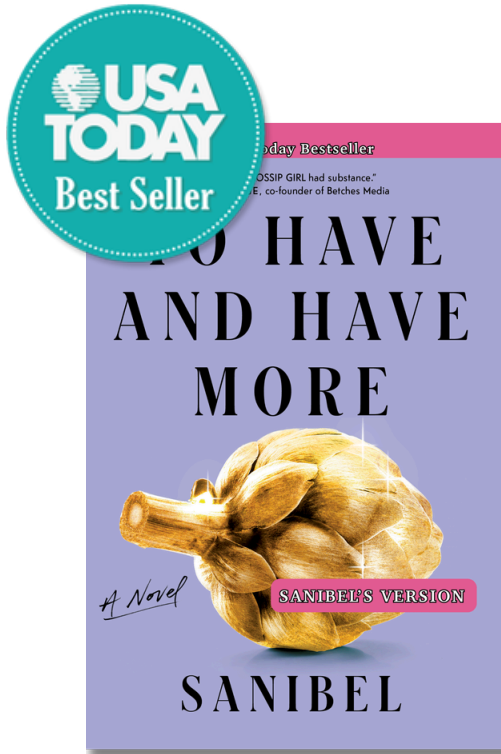
Ivy Yu has always been the responsible, put-together one. Her mother has always been the spontaneous, adventurous one. But now that her parents have divorced and her grandma has passed, Ivy has become the depressed, lost one. In a spur-of-the-moment attempt to fix things, her mother gets them tickets 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.

# TO HAVE AND TO HAVE MORE

By Sanibel



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*"There's no such thing as a nice rich kid."*

**Told through the eyes of a Korean girl adopted into a wealthy white family, this darkly funny debut explores casual racism, privilege, and the complexities of friendship.**

Derrymore Academy circa 2007 is home to teenagers who have their eyebrows shaped and their sweet sixteens tented. Their first kisses arrive around the same time as their boating licenses and they celebrate getting their braces off with Mediterranean vacations. It is here that Emery Hooper, adopted at birth into the country club set, thrives.

The one blight on her otherwise perfect life? Lilah Chang. The Chinese American student is the embarrassing epitome of every Asian stereotype Emery despises—and is inexplicably determined to become Emery's friend.

Lilah is both astounded and hopelessly self-conscious around the casual wealth at Derrymore, where students treat laptops as disposable and weekend spending is limited only by imagination and audacity. Desperate to fit in, she's fascinated by Emery: an Asian girl who is somehow wholly comfortable in a white world.

When Emery's wealth isn't enough to protect her from increasing microaggressions, Lilah and Emery develop a complicated friendship that tentatively unites them against the undercurrent of white privilege at their school. As they speed toward graduation and Ivy League applications, Lilah and Emery circle around the truth that still irrevocably separates them: With enough money, actions don't have consequences.

## About the author:

**SANIBEL** grew up in Princeton and studied Classics at the University of Pennsylvania before getting her MFA at The New School. Her work has appeared in *NYmag*, *ELLE*, *Air Mail*, *Literary Hub*, and more. She lives in Greenwich Village with her husband.

# HALFLING & IRONLING

by S.E. Wendel



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## What to expect:

- Cozy romance

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?

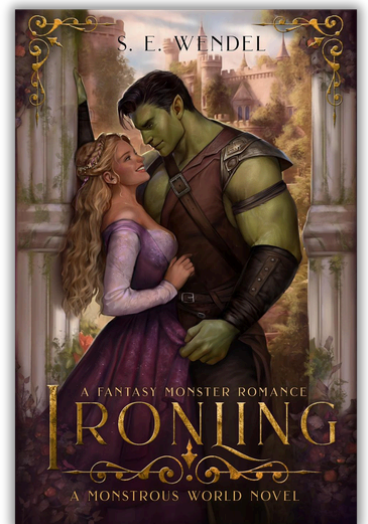
Sorcha has spent her life helping raise her siblings and finally has the chance to seek her own adventures. At least, she did, before she was snatched from her horse and peddled by slavers. Taken far from home, she's brought to the worst place imaginable—the craggy mountains infested with brutal orcs. 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 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.



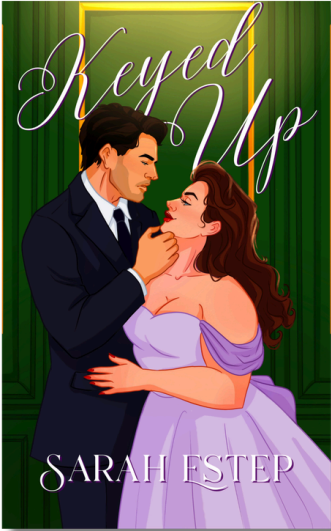
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## About the author:

**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.

# KEYED UP & SO FLOCKED

by Sarah Estep



Self-published,  
June 2023

Hotel manager Eloise Price is getting a crash course in being careful what you wish for. After years of dreaming about owning the Crane Hotel, she's thrilled when her former boss left half of the hotel to her in his will. But dreams have a funny way of turning into nightmares when her bank account runs dry. It doesn't help that her co-owner hasn't lifted a finger to help.

Graham Thatcher has it all. A thriving tech business, great friends, and a not-so-small obsession with a romantic Victorian drama that he keeps secret from everyone but his anonymous message board friend. The last thing he wanted was half of the decrepit hotel his great uncle left him in his will. After months of increasingly terse emails and zero progress, Graham finally travels to Crane Cove, Oregon to convince his stubborn co-owner to see things his way. Except Eloise is not at all what he was expecting, and with every passing day, Graham begins to question if what he thought he didn't want is exactly what he needs.

And his elusive internet friend? She might be a little closer than he thinks.

Jordy Taylor is a disaster. Over the hill by professional football standards, the veteran quarterback isn't ready to retire just yet, but his team might have other plans. With contract talks stalled, Jordy retreats to Crane Cove to hide from his problems. With his best friend's wedding only a few weeks away, the decommissioned lighthouse is the perfect place to hide...until the most off limits woman he knows almost stabs him in the shower.

Annie Price's ten year plan is in shambles. She'd planned on having her PhD, an engagement ring, and a job before she turned thirty. One out of three isn't bad, right? Desperate to escape the apartment she still shares with her ex-boyfriend and to job hunt with a better view, Annie accepts her cousin's offer to stay at the lighthouse she owns for a few weeks before her wedding. It's perfect. A little peace, a little quiet, and a whole lot of naked quarterback in the shower. Too bad she thought he was an intruder and almost killed him.

After one steamy night, Jordy and Annie agree to a simple deal: a few weeks of fun, no strings attached. But the closer they get, the harder it becomes to imagine saying goodbye. With their lives headed in opposite directions, can these love birds make it work or are they so flocked?



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## About the author:

**SARAH ESTEP** is Pacific Northwest based romance writer who would call herself "indoorsy." When she isn't traipsing around the country for work, Sarah enjoys buying more books than she can ever read, drinking an irresponsible amount of coffee, and not respecting her bedtime.

# FRET ME NOT & COMING SWOON

by Sarah Estep



Self-published (KDP),  
August 2024

Rockstar Sam Shoop has retreated to his secluded cabin in Crane Cove for some privacy. Unfortunately for him, the residents haven't gotten the memo and want to set him up with every single person they know. A fake girlfriend sounds like the answer to all of his problems, until he drops the name of a very real person - Lacey Finch, local dance teacher.

Lacey Finch is still considered an outsider by Crane Cove's standards, and the negative attention that comes with being the ex of one of its most infamous residents is growing tired. So when Sam suggests a fake relationship, it just might be the answer to some of her problems. The fact he doesn't remember her or the night they spent together in Barcelona 10 years prior? Not her problem.

A mutual agreement for a common goal - less questions about their personal lives. But when their past keeps creeping up and the chemistry is very much still there, how long will their relationship stay fake?

Peter Green has led a charmed life. Born to be Hollywood royalty, he's a leading man with a heart of gold. All that's missing from his life is love. But he gave his heart away twelve years ago and he doesn't want it back. When a PR disaster on his mother's latest film hands him his dream role, it feels like fate. The movie is shooting in Crane Cove, the hometown of the love of his life. There's just one tiny problem: she hates him. Good thing he's not too proud to beg for a second chance.

Sybil Morgan has spent the last seven years hating Peter Green. Ever since he was thrust back into her life when their best friends got married, she's done everything she can to avoid him. Now that he's starring in his mother's movie, he's going to be spending more than a few days in town this time. Sybil is sure she can stay strong and resist him, but after getting an offer she can't refuse, she's spending a lot of more time with him than she planned and she's not sure how much longer her resolve can last.

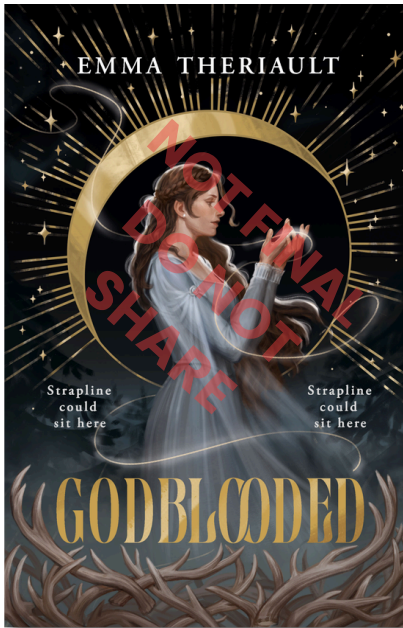
But with chemistry this undeniable, will they be able to keep things strictly casual? Or will Sybil's carefully guarded heart be on the line again?



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March 2025

# GODBLOODED (Book #1)

By Emma Theriault



*Hodderscape (Hodder & Stoughton), 2026*

**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.

# GRIMLORE GAME (Book #1)

By Kalyn Josephson



Delacorte (Penguin Random House), September 2, 2026

**New York Times bestselling author Kalyn Josephson's new middle grades series is *The Inheritance Games* meets *The Addams Family*.**

Every three years on April 13th, a Devlin dies. Fourteen-year-old Kit Devlin knows this because she lost both her parents to the family curse one after the other, sending her on an endless = carousel of short-lived stints with estranged cousins and forgotten uncles. So when the news arrives that the eccentric grandfather she's never met is the latest to kick to the bucket, she's not surprised. What she doesn't expect is the invitation to his funeral that comes with it—something no Devlin ever has.

Along with her current guardian, Aunt Something or Another (or Aunt Sora as Kit calls her), she arrives at the darkly whimsical Grimlore Manor in the strange and dreary town of Hearthstone, Scotland, only to discover she's one of a select few Devlins invited to partake in a very special game. Whoever can solve the series of riddles and mysteries her grandfather left behind will inherit his fortune. With the money he left behind for Kit's care swiftly dwindling, Aunt Sora makes it clear that without that inheritance, Kit will be out of a home. But as she burrows deeper into the game her grandfather left behind, she begins to uncover the truth behind the curse that took her parents—and how to break it. Kit throws herself into the competition, but in a house full of hidden rooms and secret doors that never lead where they're supposed to, getting lost is the least of her worries.

Because her family members will do whatever it takes to win that inheritance—even kill...

## About the author:

**KALYN JOSEPHSON** is a *New York Times* bestselling fantasy writer living in the California Bay Area. She loves books, cats, books with cats, and making up other worlds to live in for a while.

Her YA debut, *THE STORM CROW*, was one of Indigo's Best YA Books of 2019, B&N's Best YA books of July 2019, and Goodreads's most popular 2019 debuts. Her debut adult fantasy, *THE LIBRARY OF AMORLIN*, is set to be published by Kensington in 2026.