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YOU MADE ME

Meredith Adamo

Agent: Andrea Morrison

Bloomsbury: Spring 2027

Writers House retained translation and UK rights

From William C. Morris Award Winner, Meredith Adamo, comes a high-stakes YA thriller about a girl whose vanished online identity leads her into the decades-old secrets her mother would do anything to keep buried.

Sienna Benson knows exactly who she is—and once upon a time, a quarter-million Instagram followers did too. Her mom captured every moment of Sienna’s childhood on My Little Mini . . . until a disastrous livestream when she was thirteen ended with the account deactivated and their relationship shattered.

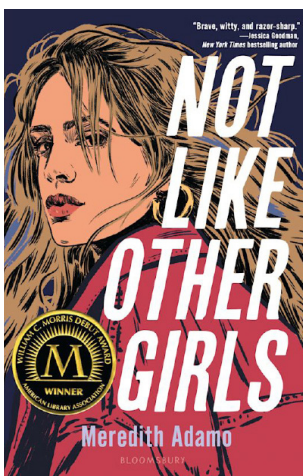
Now, just the summer stands between Sienna and a full-ride to an Ivy far from home. But when her dream school informs her that “Sienna Benson” doesn’t exist, Sienna has questions—and the one person with answers is gone.

It’s not the fraud that sends her mom running, though. It’s a letter from a lonely girl named Mallory Pratt, who once vanished into the wilderness on a class trip gone so wrong almost thirty years ago. The one problem: Mallory Pratt is supposed to be dead.

It quickly turns out that Sienna’s not the only one searching for her mom and answers about her mother’s connection to the girls from the wilderness trip. The miraculous reappearance of four survivors—the so-called Mercy Girls—six months after their disappearance was marred by vicious rumors about what, exactly, they did to survive, and someone is desperate to find out what really happened out there.

Sienna’s future hinges on her mother’s past, so she’ll do anything to find her. As she unravels the harrowing secrets of the Mercy Girls, Sienna must face her own impossible truths about the mom she thought she knew—and what it means to be just like her.

Like mother, like daughter, after all.



Praise for *Not Like Other Girls*

2025 William C. Morris Debut Award Winner!

Chicago Public Library Best Book | Indie Next List Pick
Kirkus Most Anticipated Book | Indigo Best Book

- ★ “Edgy and authentic, this stunning gut-punch of a novel unravels the complexities of teen girlhood, toxic friendships, and trauma . . . a timely, suspense-building thriller and a powerful story of healing.”
—*Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*
- ★ “Whether crafting authentic and immersive narration, spinning a sweet and sexy fake-dating storyline, or building a suspenseful and twisty mystery, Adamo proves herself to be absolutely an author to watch.”
—*Booklist, Starred Review*

Rights to *You Made Me* have been sold in the **UK/Commonwealth** (Bloomsbury).

Rights to *Not Like Other Girls* have been sold in **Polish** (Wydawnictwo), **Spanish** (Planeta), and the **UK/Commonwealth** (Bloomsbury).



STARSIDE

Alex Aster

Agent: Jodi Reamer

William Morrow: March 24, 2026

Translation: Writers House; UK: Bloomsbury

Manuscript status: Translatable manuscript available

From Alex Aster, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Lightlark* series, comes her first adult romantasy. Enter the world of Starside, where swords wield magic and power is not inherited...but claimed.

Hundreds of years ago, a brutal war split a land in two. Starside is the realm of magic and immortals—the descendants of the gods, living in a power-rich paradise. Stormside is where mortals fight for scraps of that magic.

Rights to STARSIDE have sold in:

Denmark: Flamingo

France: Lumen

Hungary: Maxim

Slovakia: Motyl

Publishers of LIGHTLARK and/or SUMMER IN THE CITY are:

Brazilian Portuguese:

Lightlark /Rocco;

SITC/Globo

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Lightlark/Ciela;

SITC/Ibis

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French/Lumen

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Lightlark /DTV;

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SITC/Muza

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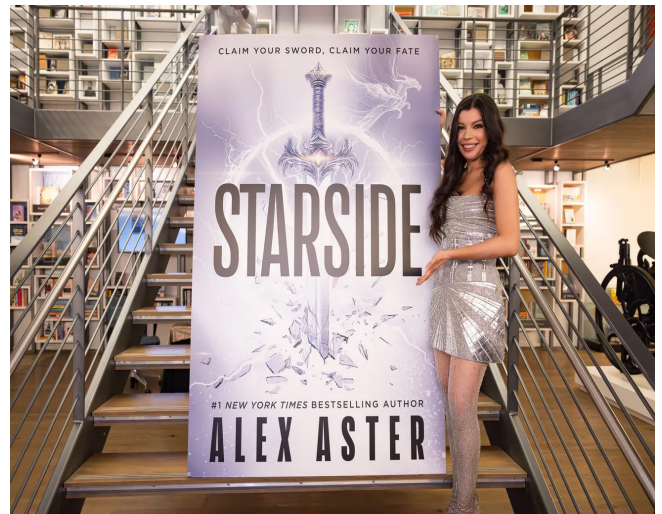
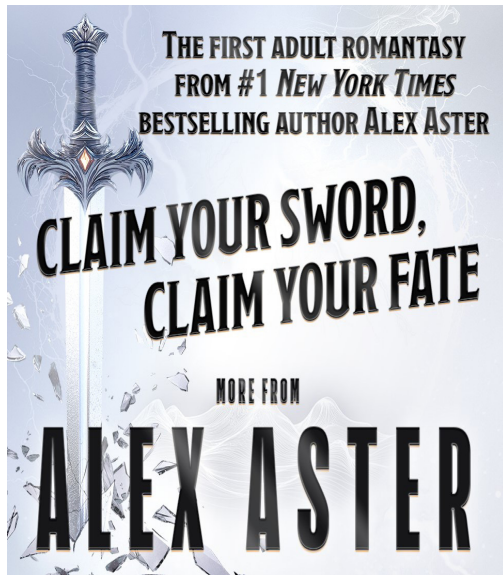
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Every fifty years, the gates between them open, and fifty challengers are allowed to journey across Starside on a deadly quest to access a pool of magic that can heal, grant wealth, or extend life. Everyone has their reasons for entering, but Aris has only one: vengeance. As a child, a goddess set fire to her village, killing her family. Aris isn't after the gods' magic—she's going to kill them.

First, she must survive the Culling, the king's deadly competition to choose the fifty challengers most likely to survive. In this world, battles are not just won by skill...but also by the strength of one's metal. An orphaned blacksmith's apprentice, Aris doesn't have the superior weapons of the challengers from the Great Houses. But the greatest swords—ones that contain power—are not inherited or bought, they are claimed, by both sides. And when Aris claims a great sword, it makes her not just a real competitor—but a target.

Surviving the Culling is only the beginning. Starside is deadlier than it seems. If the ancient creatures, magic-wielding beasts, and blood-thirsty immortals weren't dangerous enough, a new peril has even immortals fearing what rises from the ground at night. With a blade most would kill to claim, Aris can't trust anyone. Especially not Harlan Raker, the merciless and mysterious king's guard who betrayed her years ago—and who may now be the key to her survival.

But Aris is hiding a secret tied to her family's death. And when it's revealed, not even the gods will be able to stop what's coming...



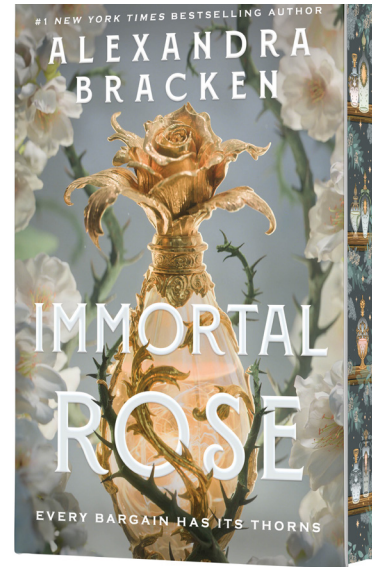
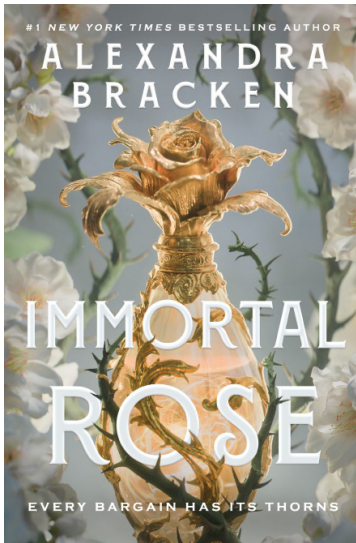
Alex Aster at the NYC event where she announced STARSIDE and surprised hundreds of fans

Photo from USA Today, courtesy of Sen Chee

Alex Aster is the #1 *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of the *Lightlark* series and *Summer in the City*. Her books have sold millions of copies and have been translated into over twenty languages. She studied creative writing at the University of Pennsylvania, lives in New York, and is never too far from a coffee shop.

IMMORTAL ROSE

Alexandra Bracken



Agent: Merrilee Heifetz

Avon: August 18, 2026

Translation: Writers House; UK: Hachette UK/Tempest

Manuscript status: 2nd pass manuscript available

From Alexandra Bracken, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lore*, comes a stunningly original adult fantasy, perfect for fans of *Bridgerton*. Set in a sumptuous world ruled by magical perfume, this achingly romantic, slow-burn love story will shatter your heart and leave you breathless.

Members of the ancient Rosebourne family have a strange gift born of a fairy ancestor: the ability to infuse fragrance with magic capable of manipulating mind, body, and emotion.

When a shocking murder leaves the kingdom of Albion vulnerable to a coup, royal spymaster Hugh Thornton seeks the one person who can help: Viola Lockwood, the last living Rosebourne and secret heir to a fraught legacy.

Livid at the silver-eyed aristocrat who had her thrown in jail to force her compliance, Viola nevertheless comes to an agreement with him. In exchange for crafting Immortal Rose, the singular perfume capable of saving Albion, illegitimate Viola can seize the life – and fortune – that should have been hers.

As Hugh and Viola race to find the perfume's lost fairy ingredient, hidden deep in Albion's dark underbelly, neither can deny the scorching attraction building between them – especially as the attempts on Viola's life grow increasingly brazen.

But a terrible truth lurks in the heart notes of their kingdom – and while every bargain has a cost, Immortal Rose may demand more than Hugh and Viola can ever pay.

Alexandra Bracken is the #1 *New York Times*, *USA TODAY*, and internationally bestselling author of *Lore* and *The Darkest Minds*, which was adapted into the 2018 film starring Amandla Sternberg and Gwendolyn Christie. Her work has been published in over 20 languages. IMMORTAL ROSE is her adult debut.

Praise for *Immortal Rose*:

"Absolutely magnificent! As intoxicating as the finest perfume, IMMORTAL ROSE will fill your senses and linger with you. I couldn't put it down! I highly recommend this thrilling, gorgeous romantasy!" –Sarah Beth Durst, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Spellshop*

"Sign me up anytime for this brand of rich, superbly developed historical romantasy! Alexandra Bracken has created a breathtaking blend of magic, murder mystery, and spicy romance that kept me rushing through the pages. I need Part II now, please." –Evie Dunmore, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Bringing Down the Duke*

"A sparkling fantasy world with a romance so intoxicating that I have not been able to get it out of my head! Immortal Rose is filled with mystery, charm, and the fresh magic we've come to know and love from Bracken. Effervescent, glittering, and utterly captivating, I cannot wait for more!" — Kaylie Smith, #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author of *Enchantra*

Lore
5th Anniversary Deluxe Edition



BLOOD SICK

Adam Cesare

Agent: Alec Shane

Union Square: January 2027

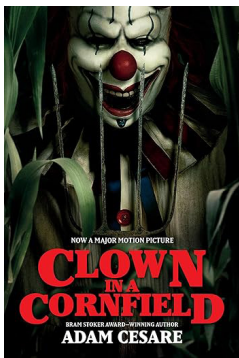
Writers House retained translation rights

A terrifying, character-driven ensemble piece where a hunger for blood mirrors the real-life body horror nightmare of being an American teenager.

A creature awakens from a 300-year hibernation, bringing a plague to a working-class Massachusetts town. With the high school's most notorious party house serving as ground zero for the infection, it isn't long before the affliction spreads like a deadly virus through the student body.

Ava, who's hesitant to take the next step with her football star boyfriend, and Nick, Ava's best friend who pines for more, must band together with an unlikely ally to fight a horde of the undead.

Adam Cesare is the author of the Bram Stoker Award-winning *Clown in a Cornfield* series, the graphic novel *Dead Mall*, and several other novels and novellas including the cult hit *Video Night*. An avid fan of horror cinema, you can watch him talk about movies on YouTube, TikTok, Twitter, and the rest of his socials.



Praise for *Clown in a Cornfield*:



Now a Major Motion Picture!

Bram Stoker Award Winner for Superior Achievement in Young Adult Novel!

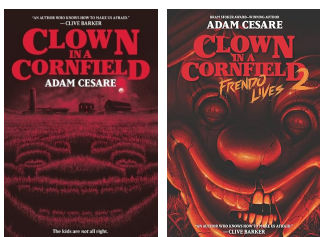
★ "Pitch-perfect horror experience"—*Booklist*, **Starred Review**

★ "The immersive atmosphere, nail-biting action sequences, and satisfying social commentary results in a thoughtful, campy, and just-plain-fun read for horror fans."

—*Library Journal*, **Starred Review**

"Clown in a Cornfield is a true-to-form classic horror story, complete with blood and gore, chainsaws and crossbows, and abundant deaths."

—*YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults* Nominee





THE HEART TRIALS

J. Elle

Agent: Jodi Reamer

Putnam (Penguin Random House): September 2026; Summer/Fall 2027

Writers House retained translation rights

In a world where love is forbidden, one girl must fight for her heart and freedom through deadly trials in the first book of a new dystopian romantasy duology from *New York Times* bestselling author J. Elle.

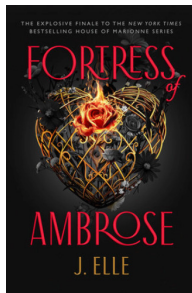
*Welcome to The Heart Trials.
The prize is love.
The cost is everything.*

In Ethyria the highborn may love; the lowborn may only feel what the Benevolent allows.

Saltblood lowborn Axira Merreri survives the decaying districts by keeping her heart locked tight, couriering goods by day—and smuggling the ruler's euphoric Heartfillers to the highborn by night. Until a drop goes wrong and her execution looms.

When she strikes a dangerous bargain to steal something from the Tournament of Hearts, a ruthless dating competition for highborn citizenship, she enters. Not for love. For freedom. But as the twisted allure of the competition shakes her and the trials turn deadly, an unexpected connection cracks her defenses, forcing her to confront a truth she fears: in a regime built on engineered happiness, the most dangerous weapon she has is her heart.

New York Times and *USA Today* bestselling author **J. Elle** delivers a breathless series opener with this dark dystopian romantasy that is inventive, intoxicating, and wholly original. For fans of the cut-throat competition of *The Hunger Games*, *Love Island*, and *Powerless*, this dystopian romantasy explores what happens when the heart becomes the empire's sharpest blade.



Praise for *House of Marionne*

An instant *New York Times* bestseller | *USA Today* bestseller | *Sunday Times* bestseller

"An enchanting, mesmerizing gem of a book you don't want to miss."
—Alex Aster, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"Epic." —Karen M. McManus, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"One of the most original fantasies I've ever read. . . A lush and beautifully romantic world."
—Nicola Yoon, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"A glittering triumph." —Alexandra Bracken, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"The forbidden love story of my wildest dreams."
—Ali Hazelwood, *New York Times* bestselling author

"An undeniably rich sense of magic pervades this fantasy." —*Kirkus*

"Will excite readers up to the very last page." —*Publishers Weekly*

Rights to *House of Marionne* have been sold in **Brazilian Portuguese** (Ediouro), **Bulgarian** (Egmont), **French** (Gallimard), **German** (Lyx), **Greek** (Psichogios), **Hungarian** (Maxim), **Italian** (Fanucci), **Romanian** (Trei), **Spanish** (Urano), and **Turkish** (Parodi).





THIGHS WIDE SHUT

Hayley Fleming

Agent: Catherine Bradshaw

Dial Press: July 21, 2026

Translation: Writers House; UK: Quercus Books

Manuscript status: pre-copyedited material available

A charming second-chance romance about a young woman determined to finally embrace vulnerability — A love letter to anyone who's ever felt their body is a barrier to their happiness.

Emma thought her late twenties couldn't get more complicated. But then she quit her teaching job and moved across the country—only to find herself living right below the man she tried for years to avoid.

Emma hasn't seen Harrison since an explosive fight ended their college friendship and eliminated the possibility of anything more ever happening between them. Now that his apartment is right above hers, Emma is privy to every detail of his active (and noisy) dating life. She knows she has only herself to blame for their estrangement: her inability to be honest with Harrison drove him away. It's clear he's moved on; why can't she?

Presented with an opportunity to reignite the long-smoldering flames of their relationship, Emma realizes that to seize the moment, she will have to finally face the women's health condition holding her back from intimacy and truly open up. But can she let her desires overcome the resistance in her mind and body?

Funny and tender, THIGHS WIDE SHUT is an all-too-relatable story of how terrifying—and freeing—it is when we let our hearts take charge.

Hayley Fleming grew up in Florida, where she was raised by two novelists and surrounded by alligators and English professors. Nowadays, you can find her in Washington, D.C., doing nonprofit work by day and writing romcoms by night. She loves writing mid-twenties characters who make messy decisions, struggle to be adults, and have dysfunctional pelvic floors. When she's not working or writing, you can find her chatting with her romance book club, singing alto in a local chorus, and scouring the internet for budget flights to fun destinations.

Praise for *Thighs Wide Shut*:

"Hayley Fleming has such a fresh, fun voice and is sure to become an auto-buy author for romance fans after they read THIGHS WIDE SHUT. (I mean, that title alone!) I was really blown away by how Hayley balances vulnerability with humor to create two characters who I rooted for separately and who I desperately wanted to get together. Friends to lovers, second chances, and all the pining that happens when you connect with someone in a formative time of your life and then have to figure out how to make it last when you find your way back to each other years later. I loved it!!" —Alicia Thompson, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Art of Catching Feelings*

Rights to THIGHS WIDE SHUT were sold in:

Germany: PRH/Penguin



BLACK & BLUE

Ariana Godoy

Agent: Johanna Castillo

PRHGE/Montena: January 20, 2026

Translation/UK and Film: Writers House

Manuscript status: full manuscript available in English and Spanish

From internationally bestselling author Ariana Godoy comes **BLACK & BLUE**. Thrilling, spicy, and deeply vulnerable, this dual-POV New Adult novel explores survival after trauma and the transformative power of friendship and love in the face of darkness.

Bea, nicknamed “Blue,” seeks a fresh start in a small North Carolina town, desperate to escape her painful past. However, her plans for a quiet life are upended when a spontaneous bike race with Ryder, “Black,” sparks an unexpected thrill and an undeniable chemistry.

Black doesn’t take life seriously. Reckless and charismatic, he never turns down a challenge. When he wins the race against the electrifying girl in blue, his adrenaline soars, and they end up sharing a passionate kiss that will change everything.

What begins with an impulsive kiss takes a complicated turn when Blue discovers that Black is the best friend of Reed, “Red,” the college friend she has been in love with since her arrival.

Torn between her feelings for Red and the electric connection with Black, she finds herself caught in a tangle of loyalty, attraction, and secrets, even as she finds new friends in Amber and Violet. If she lets her walls down... will these new friends stay by her side? Or will this be just another pitstop in her escape route?

Just as Blue starts to believe her new reality, her abusive ex, Soren, a senator’s son recently released from prison, tracks her down. Now, his escalating harassment threatens not only her safety but also the fragile new life and relationships she has worked so hard to build.

Suspenseful, emotionally charged, and romantic, **BLACK & BLUE** is perfect for readers of Anna Huang and Chloe Walsh. Through Black’s grit and Blue’s vulnerability, this story captures the raw, messy reality of young love, the enduring scars of trauma, and the power of chosen family. By the final page, readers will understand what it means to be “black and blue” marked by the past but made stronger through healing, resilience, and connection.

Ariana Godoy is a worldwide bestselling author known for her bestsellers, including *Through My Window* (adapted into a Netflix film in 2022) and with book sales of over 1 million copies, and most recently *Follow My Voice*. Her books have sold over a million copies and have been translated into multiple languages. The film adaptation of “Through My Window” premiered on Netflix in February 2022, reaching #1 in 22 regions and the global Top 10 for non-English films in 93 countries. It spent 12 weeks in the global Top 10, amassing over 92 million viewing hours. Due to its success, Netflix quickly announced plans for two sequels. Originally from Venezuela, today Ariana continues to write from her home where she enjoys good coffee, time with her family, and the company of her dogs.

Rights to BLACK AND BLUE were sold in:

Germany: Vajosh

Spain: PRHGE/Montena





CHRISTMAS IN AUSTENLAND (AUSTENLAND SERIES)

Shannon Hale

Agent: Jodi Reamer

Bloomsbury: September 2026

Translation/UK: Writers House

Manuscript status: final pre-copyedited manuscript

A new standalone in the world of Austenland from *New York Times* bestselling author Shannon Hale.

Kestrel Klein has always been too much. Too much for her mother to manage or for any path in life to actually work out. Too much for her sweet Hank--the guy she thought was her soulmate, before he broke her heart. Itching for a big change, Kestrel enters a contest and wins a vacation to Pembroke Park, an immersive Austen experience. Bonus: it's during Christmas, the one holiday where being too much is the whole point.

Once inside Austenland, Kestrel feels . . . dare she say, happy? Is it the cozy hearth fires warming her jaded heart? Is it the fun of gentlemen attempting to woo her under the mistletoe? Is it the instant friends who bring her into the fold? She worries that unless she can tamp down her too-muchness, she'll never find that found family she craves. Just as Kestrel begins to let down her well-honed defenses, an unexpected visitor disrupts the holiday celebrations. Perhaps it's the chance she needs to find out if her one true love really was meant to be. But now that she finally feels at home, is he still what she wants?

The third book in this utterly delightful series gives readers the chance to relish all the fun of Regency romance, from the comfort of their modern lives.

Writers House handles translation rights to the entire series, including books 1 and 2.

List of previous publishers of Austenland:

Brazil: Record

Chinese (Complex): Mojo Publishing

Czech Republic: Argo

France: Leduc

Hungary: Konyvmolykepzo

Italy: Piemme

Portugal: Editorial Presenca

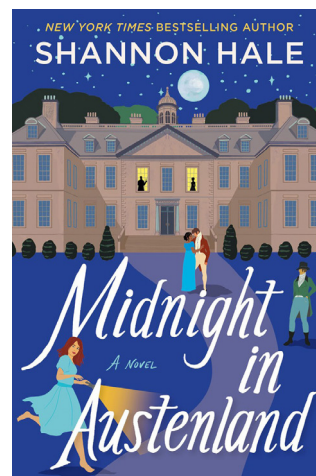
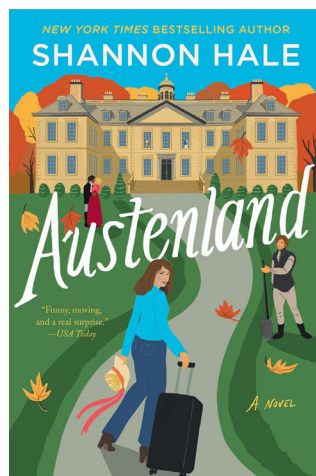
Spain: Santillana Ediciones

Turkey: Artemis

UK - Bloomsbury UK (active)

Shannon Hale is the *New York Times* best-selling author of over fifty books, selling more than 15 million copies in North America and translated into dozens of languages worldwide. *Austenland* was her first novel about Pembroke Park and its regulars, followed by *Midnight in Austenland* and *Christmas in Austenland*. With director Jerusha Hess, Shannon co-wrote the screenplay to the film *Austenland*, starring Keri Russell and Jennifer Coolidge. Her novels for young readers include *The Goose Girl*, *Book of a Thousand Days*, and Newbery-Honor winner *Princess Academy*. She has co-created many graphic novels, such as the *Friends* series of memoirs (with LeUyen Pham), the *Dream On* series (Marcela Cespedes), Eisner-nominee *Rapunzel's Revenge* (Dean Hale and Nathan Hale), and *Princess Academy: the Graphic Novel* (Victoria Ying). She is also the co-creator of the popular chapter book series *The Princess in Black* (Dean Hale and LeUyen Pham) and the best-selling *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn* picture books (LeUyen Pham). Shannon lives in Utah, where she shares a home with her kind-hearted husband, four magnificent children, two ridiculous cats, and a glorious number of books.

***Austenland* books 1 and 2 are soon-to-be released in repackaged editions with brand new content!**



Austenland reissues and their release dates:

Book 1 May 2026

Book 2 June 2026



IT HAPPENED ONE MURDER (A LOGAN ISLAND MYSTERY)

Liz Lawson

Agent: Andrea Morrison

Sourcebooks: May 2026

Translation: Writers House; UK: with the publisher

Manuscript status: available

From Liz Lawson, NYT Bestselling co-author of *The Agathas*, comes a debut adult cozy mystery with romance, perfect for fans of *Only Murders In the Building* and Jesse Q. Sutanto's *Dial A for Aunties*, as well as Christina Lauren's *The Paradise Problem*.

Harriet Baker does not want to be living with her mother and stepfather on Logan Island, NJ, and she definitely does not want to be celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday in formal attire with a group of attendees she mostly doesn't know. She wants to be back in New York City, working at the online magazine, *Humans*, where she can focus on celebrity hijinks rather than family drama, small-town questions about why she moved back, and Adam Kozel, the boyfriend who ghosted her the day after their high school graduation.

Nic Allbright has never left Logan Island, but not by choice. Every time he's thought about it, family obligations have pulled him back: his mom's catering business, his dad's forced early retirement from the docks, his sister Sara's quick temper. Nic never minded (at least, that's what he tells himself), but does he really have to cater his high-school crush Harriet Baker's birthday party, full of their old classmates? Not that Harriet even remembers him, anyway...

When Harriet's birthday party ends with a dead body, Sara is accused of murder—much to Nic's dismay. His family can't afford a real lawyer, and the evidence against Sara is strong. Unless something changes, and fast, his sister's facing life in prison. Then Harriet's old boss at *Humans* catches wind of the drama and hires Harriet to write an investigative piece. Okay, so Harriet might want her job back, but she can also help Sara ... or so she proposes to Nic, when she suggests they team up to clear his sister's name. Left with no other options, Nic agrees. As he and Harriet work together to find the truth, they'll have to face Detective Adam Kozel (yes, that Adam Kozel...), uncover the secrets of their hometown, and maybe—just maybe—come to realize that they aren't oil and water after all...

Liz Lawson is the acclaimed author of *The Lucky Ones* and the NYT Bestselling co-author (with Kathleen Glasgow) of YA mystery *The Agathas* and its sequel *The Night In Question*. Lawson's books have been featured by *People Magazine*, *Buzzfeed*, Amazon, Goodreads, Barnes & Noble, and more.

Praise for *It Happened One Murder*:

"A deliciously twisty rom-com mystery that absolutely delivers. Enemies-to-lovers chemistry, a cleverly layered murder mystery, and an escapist beach-front backdrop. Five stars!" —Allison Brennan

"If you like mysteries spiced up with a witty, slow-burn romance or love stories that unfold during a twisty murder investigation, you'll love IT HAPPENED ONE MURDER. Liz Lawson writes with wit, heart, and suspense -- all the elements of a great read."

—Karen Dukess, *USA Today* best-selling author of *Welcome to Murder Week*.

"IT HAPPENED ONE MURDER is the rom-com-mystery I've been waiting for. Small town intrigue, a cast of vivid characters (and suspects!), and a juicy second chance romance? Yes, please. Lawson's adult debut infuses humor and heart into a tightly paced murder mystery that kept me on my toes until the very end. Fun, twisty, and heartwarming, IT HAPPENED ONE MURDER is a must read."

—Amelia Diane Coombs, author of *Drop Dead Sisters*

"Murder, romance, and juicy small town drama--Liz Lawson explodes onto the scene with her page-turning adult debut. This pacey whodunit will satisfy mystery and romance readers alike with its twists, vacation town vibes, and the heartwarming second chance romance at its core."

—Sienna Sharpe, author of *A Killer Getaway*

"IT HAPPENED ONE MURDER is a fast-paced enemies-to-lovers whodunit perfect for fans of Elise Bryant and Ally Carter. I love Liz Lawson's young adult books, and I'm thrilled she's writing adult now. Don't miss this delightful blend of romance and mystery!"

—Gloria Chao, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Ex-Girlfriend Murder Club*

"IT HAPPENED ONE MURDER made my heart race for two reasons: the twisty murder mystery and the hot romance at its core. A delicious blend of thrills."

—Bellamy Rose, author of *Pomona Afton Can So Solve a Murder*

"Take one plucky heroine, add a heart-throb of a hero, throw in a dead body or two, and you have the fast-paced ride that is Liz Lawson's IT HAPPENED ONE MURDER. Fun, flirty, and with just the right amount of mystery to keep you reading late into the night, this book straddles a perfect line between intrigue and romance. I can't wait to see where Lawson's talent takes us next!" —Tamara Berry, author of *Murder Runs in the Family*

Rights to THE AGATHAS have been sold in:

Brazil: VR

Greece: Metaihmio

Israel: Yediot

Italy: Sperling (auction)

Macedonia: Matica

Poland: Zielona Sowa

Romania: Storia (auction)

Turkey: Beyaz Balina

SO YOUR EX STARTED THE APOCALYPSE

Natalie Mae

Agent: Alec Shane

Transworld: Spring 2027

Translation/UK: Writers House

Manuscript status: first draft available

The goddess Glory and her very recent ex must work together to stop the apocalypse their breakup accidentally started. For fans of *Circe* and Hannah Nicole Maehrer.

Fellow gods and goddesses: do you know what steps to take if your ex starts the apocalypse? I didn't either! Don't be caught scrambling when the end of days begins. In this guide, we'll not only cover practical steps for stopping world-ending events, but advice surrounding your taste in partners and how to build a strong foundation for healthy relationships. I'm sure one of us will have learned our lesson by the end.

As a daughter of Death, the goddess Glory is many things: loyal, powerful, deadly when called upon to kill mortals—and increasingly lonely. It's difficult to meet someone when you spend your nights executing sinners; more so when your father has a history of smiting suitors who break his daughter's hearts.

So when a charismatic mortal prince charms his way into her life, Glory does not question. Adrian may be mortal, but he doesn't fear her father, and he makes her feel as no god ever has. Her siblings caution that Adrian is courting her for less savory reasons, but Glory knows better. Adrian only has eyes for her . . . at least, he does until the night he breaks into the family treasure room, uses a priceless relic to bestow unimaginable power upon himself, and accidentally begins the apocalypse.

Thus begins this humorous, shocking, heartfelt guide of a now-single goddess who must work with her ex to stop the end of the world. Included are must-have tips for destroying the undead, navigating apocalyptic plagues, and surviving your ex's exes! Available as long as the world still stands.

Natalie Knaub is the internationally bestselling author of *The Kinder Poison* trilogy and other novels. She has also been a freelance editor and writing mentor, and she feels it notable to mention she once held a job where she had to feed spiders. Her work has been praised by *People Magazine*, *School Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Amazon*, *USA Today*, *YALSA* and *HuffPost*.

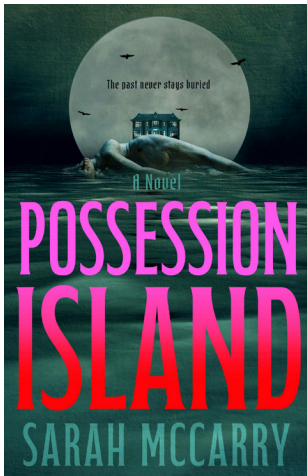
List of publishers for Natalie Mae's previous titles:

Czech Republic: Albatros

France: Bragelonne

Germany: Bucherbuchesse

Turkey: Indigo



POSSESSION ISLAND

Sarah McCarry

Agent: Andrea Morrison

Saturday Books: December 2026

Translation/UK: Writers House

Manuscript status: available

Women bite back in this queer gothic thriller, perfect for fans of *Interview with the Vampire* and *Plain Bad Heroines*.

It wasn't easy for Angela Bell growing up on Possession island, the remote Pacific Northwest setting of her late mother's wildly popular vampire novel. When she returns home from college and her estranged best friend, Mo, is murdered, she's forced to reckon with yet another loss—and finds herself in the crosshairs of the bungled police investigation.

Sally Raleigh has longed to leave the island for years, but she's trapped by her father's declining health and her devotion to her charismatic twin brother Adrian. The last thing she needs is her high-school nemesis Angela back in town. But Sally is also devastated by Mo's death, and finds herself forging an unlikely alliance with her former enemy to find Mo's killer.

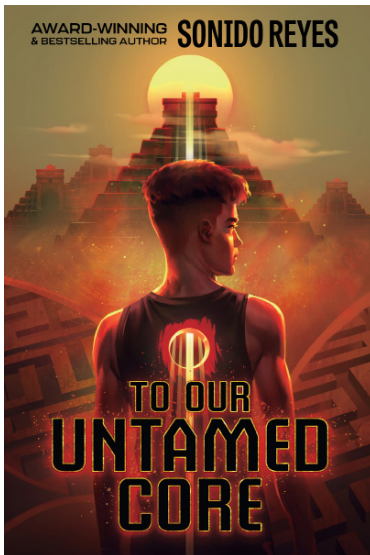
As Angie and Sally delve deeper into the island's sinister underbelly, they must confront just how far they're willing to go to protect the people they love. And they'll soon find that the secrets they've been keeping from each other won't stay buried for long...

Sarah McCarry is the author of the novels *All Our Pretty Songs*, *Dirty Wings*, and *About A Girl*. Her work has been shortlisted for the Lambda Award, the Norton Award, and the Tiptree Award, and she has received fellowships from the MacDowell Colony, the Joint Quantum Institute, and The Arctic Circle.

Praise for *Possession Island*:

"POSSESSION ISLAND is as wickedly sly and sharp as a vampire's bite. I basically cleared my calendar to read this fabulous novel, and you'll want to do the same." – Kat Howard, Alex Award-winning author of *An Unkindness of Magicians*

"Sarah McCarry is an incisive and lyrical writer whose fascinating, atmospheric stories are always a shocking delight. I can't wait to see what she does next." —Tahereh Mafi, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Shatter Me* series and *This Woven Kingdom* series



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TO OUR UNTAMED CORE

Sonido Reyes

Agent: Alexandra Levick

HarperCollins: September 2026

Writers House retained translation and UK rights

***The Hunger Games* meets *The Sunbearer Trials* in bestselling and award-winning author Sonido Reyes' YA dystopia about a boy who survives by hiding his truth until his boyfriend is sentenced to El Torneo — a brutal, fight-to-the-death game — where he must risk everything to save him.**

Centuries after the conquistadors claimed the Afueras for their own, Temo spends his life obeying the Holy Order's decree, undergoing their sacraments to tame his supposedly violent nature.

The only rule he breaks: hiding that he's trans. If that fact is discovered, Temo will face El Torneo, a brutal, fight-to-the-death game pitting the untamed against one another. No Afuereño who enters El Torneo ever escapes with their life.

But when Temo's boyfriend is unexpectedly arrested and thrown into the deadly tournament, he'll do anything to rescue Ollin from his gruesome fate, even if it means entering El Torneo himself.

"A dystopian master has entered the room! Sonido Reyes delivers an action-packed novel that never loses its heart." — Lilliam Rivera, author of *Never Look Back*

Praise for *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School* and *The Golden Boy's Guide to Bipolar*

**National Book Award Finalist | William C. Morris Award Finalist
Pura Belpré Honoree | Lambda Literary Award-Winner**

★ "Deeply cathartic." — *Kirkus*, **Starred Review**

★ "An accessible and worthwhile peek into what a struggle with SMI looks like for a teen." — *Booklist*, **Starred Review**

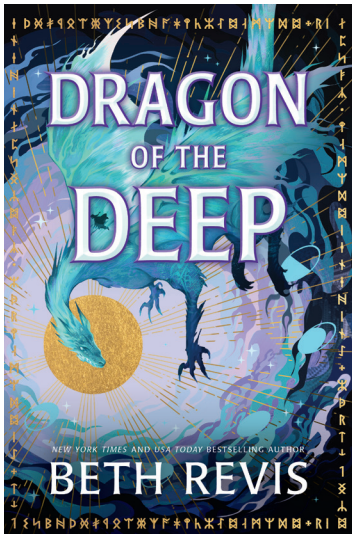
"Reyes has an unerring eye for developing tough female protagonists." — *Bulletin*

"Filled with humor and love." — *School Library Journal*

"Reyes's hopeful debut excels in its honest depiction of family dynamics." — *Publishers Weekly*

Sonido Reyes (he/they) is the award-winning and bestselling author of *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School*, *The Luis Ortega Survival Club*, *The Proposal*, and *The Golden Boy's Guide to Bipolar*. They also have contributed short stories to the anthologies *TransmogriFY!* and *For the Rest of Us*. Sonido writes fiction celebrating queer and Mexican stories in a variety of genres and age categories. He serves as the vice-president of My Galvanized Friend, a nonprofit focused on providing access to and amplifying LGBTQ+ writing, art, and creators. Sonido also co-hosts the podcast Bidi Bidi Book Pod, which celebrates queer and trans BIPOC authors and stories.

Rights to *To Our Untamed Core* have been sold in the **UK/Commonwealth** (Faber).



DRAGON OF THE DEEP

Beth Revis

Agent: Merrilee Heifetz

Sourcebooks: January 26, 2027

Translation: Writers House; UK: with the publisher

Manuscript status: pre-copyedited material available

A Fate Inked in Blood meets *Fourth Wing* in this stunning romantic fantasy duology by *New York Times* bestselling author Beth Revis.

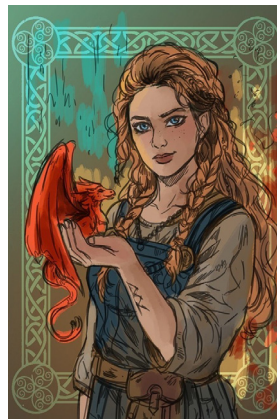
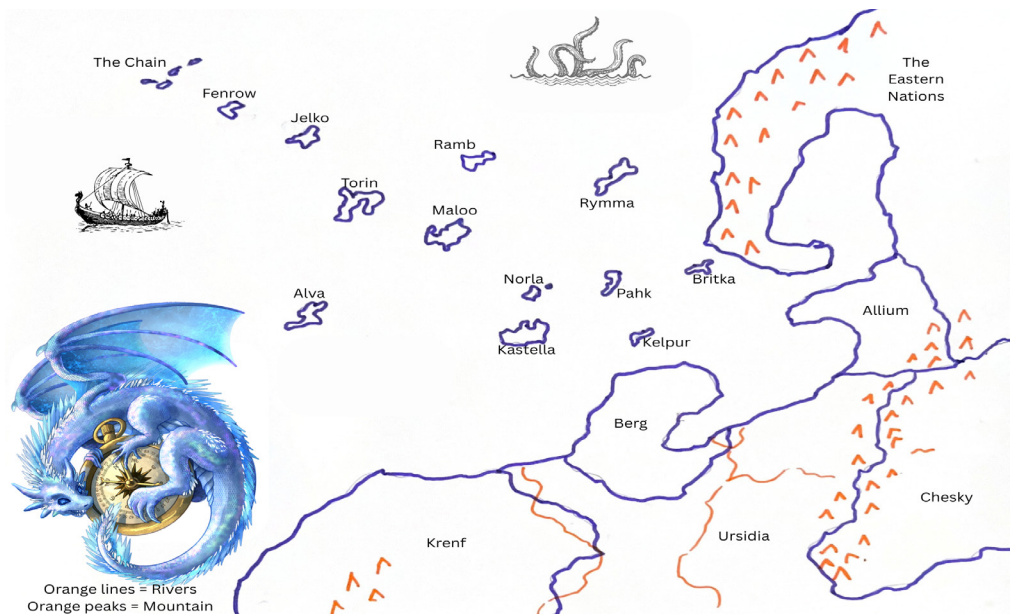
By the dragon's choosing, Queens will rise and Kingdoms will shatter.

Branded as bad luck and bound to her barren island home by the superstition of skalds and sailors alike, Emelya has no future...until she risks her life to save a storm-tossed longship and boldly challenges formidable—and dan-gerously compelling—Captain Ragnar to let her prove her worth.

But what begins as a desperate gamble soon becomes the adventure of a lifetime, for the crew is hunting a legendary colossal dragon—a mythic beast said to bear the old gods' blessing. Only Prince Erik, the devastatingly handsome (and charming) son of an ailing king, believes the myths are true...just as he believes Emelya may be the key to helping him unlock their ancient power.

As the longship sails farther north, storms rage, monsters rise from icy depths, and the line between legend and death grows perilously thin... and Emelya finds herself caught between an ancient power meant for kings and the love of two men that could bring ruin to them all.

Beth Revis is a *New York Times* bestselling and internationally acclaimed author with books available in more than 20 languages. Her books include the *Across the Universe* trilogy, the *Night of the Witch* and *Crimson Throne* duologies co-authored with Sara Raasch, and the *Chaotic Orbits* novella trilogy. *DRAGON OF THE DEEP* is her first full-length novel for adults





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THE CRIMSON THRONE | THE BLOOD QUEEN

Beth Revis & Sara Raasch

Agent: Merrilee Heifetz

Sourcebooks: October 2025 ; October 2026

Writers House retained translation rights

Powerless meets Reign in this incredible historical romantasy from the *New York Times* bestselling authors of *Night of the Witch*.

In this stunning sequel to *The Crimson Throne*, Alyth and Samson must infiltrate the fae court to prepare to face the bloodthirsty army of the High Blade who is intent on destroying both the mortal and fae worlds. From the *New York Times* bestselling authors of the *Witch and Hunter* duology, Sara Raasch and Beth Revis, comes the conclusion to this incredible historical romantasy duology.

Alyth and Samson finally know the identity of the High Blade, leader of the bloodthirsty Red Cap army...and it's none other than Queen Elizabeth herself. They use every bit of courage, smarts, and luck they have to escape her grasp and flee to the fae court where they hope to find aid in the fight against the Red Caps.

But the fae princes have been apathetic since the Faerie Queen disappeared years ago at the hands of the High Blade. They seem unwilling to help. And if they find out Samson's true identity, he'll be killed.

Alyth and Samson can only depend on each other and their love as they navigate fae politics, try to win allies, search for the missing queen and face down the greatest threat the two worlds have ever known.

Praise for *The Crimson Throne*: An Amazon Book of the Year!

"The court intrigue, set against lush descriptions of Scotland, is well-balanced with the fantasy elements. . . An atmospheric fantasy brimming with intrigue and heart." —*Kirkus*

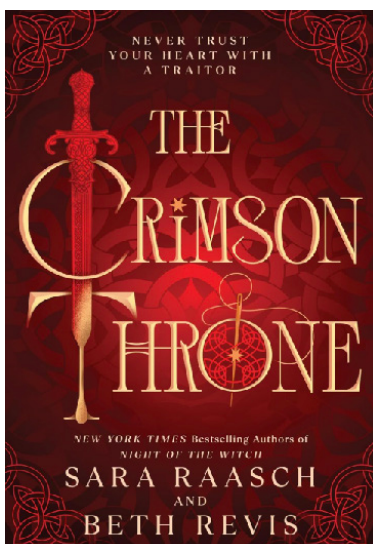
"A biting historical fantasy series launch that fuses Tudor-era courtcraft with Celtic fae legend. . . confronting duty, destiny, and betrayal." —*Publishers Weekly*

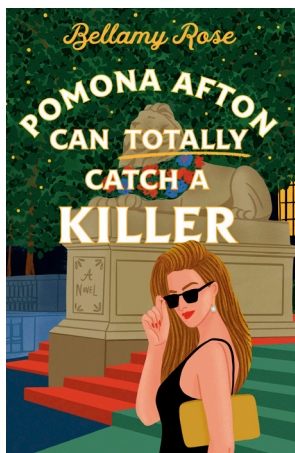
"Filled with courtly intrigue, tension, and moments of beauty, this will appeal to fans of enemies-to-allies arcs, achingly slow-burn stakes, and historical fantasy that doesn't shy from heavy emotion and bloody gore." —*Booklist*

Beth Revis is a *New York Times* bestselling author with books available in more than twenty languages. Her novels include the *Witch and Hunter* duology, *Across the Universe*, *Star Wars: Rebel Rising*, *Give the Dark My Love*, and *A World Without You*.

Sara Raasch is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Witch and Hunter* duology, the *Snow Like Ashes* series, *These Rebel Waves*, and *These Divided Shores*.

Rights have been sold in **Dutch** (Van Goor), **French** (Nathan), **German** (Carlsen), and **Polish** (Świat Książki).





POMONA AFTON CAN TOTALLY CATCH A KILLER

Bellamy Rose

Agent: Merrilee Heifetz

Emily Bestler Books (S&S): April 14, 2026

Translation: Writers House; UK: with the publisher

Manuscript status: final manuscripts available

In this witty and delightful follow-up to *Pomona Afton Can So Solve a Murder*, Pom finds herself in the middle of a murder mystery that threatens her up-and-coming charity foundation and—worst of all—her romantic life.

Pomona Afton knows how to throw a memorable party. After all, for her twenty-fifth birthday, she hosted a global extravaganza that included a masquerade ball in a Scottish castle, clubbing in Ibiza, and skinny dipping on a private island. So, throwing a gala for her fledgling nonprofit should be a breeze.

Unfortunately, she has to navigate the high-stakes (and snobby) world of philanthropy, a beloved boyfriend who just can't seem to fit in, and of course, her dysfunctional family, all while planning a party that won't only affect the future of her charity, but her own future in society.

But Pom is no quitter. She pushes forward and perseveres...until, right in the middle of her party, she discovers the body of one of her biggest donors. Suddenly all her hard work is going up in flames. If she's going to salvage her new life path, she must put on her (incredibly stylish) detective hat again and figure out who wants to bring her down. One more measly little murder mystery shouldn't be that hard, right?

Bellamy Rose writes for teens and kids under the name Amanda Panitch, and she writes romantic comedies under the name Amanda Elliot.

Praise for *Pomona Afton Can Totally Catch A Killer*:

"Fans of Sophie Kinsella, Jane Green, Meg Cabot, and Kristen Perrin and readers looking for a solid mystery with an unconventional sleuth will savor every page." —*Booklist*, **starred review**

"Pomona is an entertaining protagonist resembling Alexis Rose from *Schitt's Creek*, and the mystery only adds to the fun. With a hint of nuptials to come, readers can only hope for a third star-studded killing to make its way to our shelves. A delightful and witty sequel." —*Kirkus*

"The large number of suspects and motives will keep readers on their toes, and the reveal will blindside them... Similar to Nita Prose's *The Maid* and Ellie Alexander's *A Murder at the Movies*, this is recommended for fans of cozy mysteries." —*Library Journal*

"A delightfully twisty mystery with a heroine you'll instantly adore. Pomona Afton is a wildly original sleuth — clever, quirky, and totally unforgettable!" —Allison Brennan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Make It Out Alive*

"Bellamy Rose can totally write an addictive mystery novel...Practically every sentence sparkles with smart, sly, subtle, or outrageous humor as the suspects pile up and the plot twists in what is both a wicked sendup of a superficial society and a rollicking good story about a heroine who won't quit until the last canape is served and the killer is brought to justice." —Liza Tully, author of *The World's Greatest Detective and Her Just Okay Assistant*

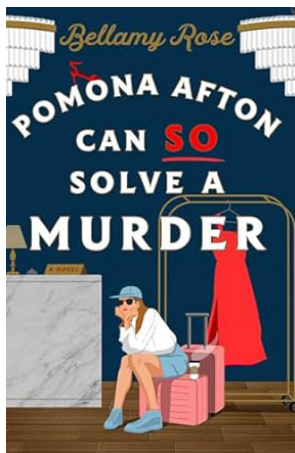
"A thrilling and effervescent mystery featuring a heroine as bubbly as a glass of champagne, POMONA AFTON CAN TOTALLY CATCH A KILLER will guide you through the halls of the New York Public Library, down the scenic paths of Central Park, and all the way to the Queens Night Market in pursuit of solving a very inconvenient murder. Part romance, part mystery, part comedy, all Pomona. Readers won't want it to end. Put on your heels, babe, we're solving a murder!" —London Sperry, author of *Passion Project*

Praise for *Pomona Afton Can So Solve A Murder*:

"Fans of *Only Murders in the Building* will enjoy this fun mystery rom-com by Rose (a.k.a. Amanda Elliot)." —*Library Journal*, **starred review**

"Readers who love a great transformation story, ridiculously charming characters, and the chance to have a little chuckle while they're rooting for all the right things to happen will find satisfaction on every page. . . . Rose (aka Amanda Elliot) has written a romp that will appeal to fans of Elle Cosimano, Sophie Kinsella, and Meg Cabot." —*Booklist*, **starred review**

"Elliot's romance fans will recognize her flair for writing about food, and will surely look forward to more sleuthing and spice from Bellamy Rose. A breezy murder mystery meets rom-com from a skilled author." —*Kirkus*





A MARFIL SAGA (ENFRENTADOS)

Mercedes Ron

Agent: Johanna Castillo

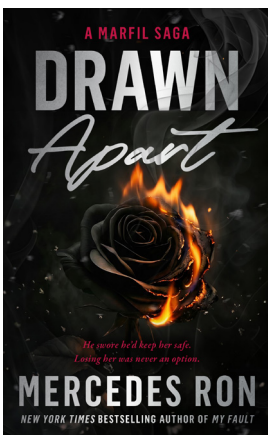
US: S&S (Atria Books); Spain/LATAM (PRH Grupo Editorial): September 2026

Translation: Writers House; UK: S&S UK

Manuscript status: final Spanish ms available; pre-copyedited English translation for DRAWN TOGETHER

Soon-to-be an Amazon Prime movie with Ester Exposito (Elite) and Hugo Diego Garcia (The Substance), in A MARFIL SAGA, love has never felt more dangerous, marking *NYT* Bestselling Author Mercedes Ron's crossover into the new adult market.

With over six million copies sold globally, published in over 30 countries, twelve film adaptations in partnership with Amazon, and viral success on BookTok, Mercedes Ron continues to grow a devoted readership around the world.



DRAWN TOGETHER (Marfil: Book 1)

Ivory Cortes is kidnapped in front of her Central Park apartment. Her father knows it is a warning. For two years she has lived a quiet life in New York, but this time she returns with a permanent companion: Sebastian Moore, the bodyguard her father hired. He is perfect for the role, especially as danger closes in, but he never expected his most difficult task would be resisting his growing feelings for her.

As her father's enemies close in and her friends are threatened, Ivory must choose between love and loyalty. Everyone has secrets, but will she be able to face the ones her family hides?

DRAWN APART (Ébano: Book 2)

Everything Ivory believed has turned out to be a lie. Held in a gilded cage under the guise of protection and separated from those she loves, she faces the devastating truth of her father's betrayal, and Sebastian's involvement in it. Determined to survive, she hardens her heart even though Sebastian occupies her every thought, his memory no longer brings her safety.

Soon, Ivory must decide if she can forgive those who have hurt her. Will their love survive the dark forces that hunt them?

Mercedes Ron is a *New York Times* and #1 international bestselling author. She has sold over six million copies globally. Her *Culpables (My Fault)* trilogy is a #1 international bestseller in Spain, France, Italy, and Germany. The first novel, *My Fault*, was adapted into a film in 2023. Its sequel, *Your Fault*, was released in December 2024, and the final installment, *Our Fault*, is in post-production with a scheduled release in November 2025. An English-language remake, *My Fault: London*, premiered on Amazon Prime Video in February 2025, with sequels for book 2 and book 3 currently in post-production. The *My Fault* adaptations have been viewed over 100 million times. Born in Argentina, Mercedes lives in Seville with her husband and beloved dog.

Praise for Mercedes Ron:

"Mercedes Ron does the forbidden love trope in such a fresh and incredibly emotional way. This series is an addicting gem and reminds us of the power of second chances and redemption. I loved it!" –*NYT* Bestselling Author, **Anna Todd, for the *Your Fault* series.**

"Addictive and thrilling. Mercedes Ron has crafted an unputdownable story! I can't wait to see what happens next." –*USA Today* Bestselling Author, **Rebecca Jenschak, for the *My Fault* series**

"Raw and emotionally gripping. Nick and Noah's angsty love story is branded on my heart and the exact reason I love picking up new books." –**B. Celeste, for the *My Fault* series**

"Mercedes Ron, the writer behind the *My Fault* phenomenon: "That readers are getting started with my books is the greatest compliment." – *El País*

"Mercedes Ron, the Spanish woman who is sweeping the US with the *My Fault* saga" – *El Mundo*

Rights to ENFRENTADOS have been sold in:

Brazil: Verus/Record

Czech Republic: Dobrovsky [PRH]

Denmark: Steambooks

Finland: Gyldendal Astra

France: Hachette Livre [PRH]

Germany: PRH/cbj

Greece: offer received

Holland: Blossom

Hungary: Maxim

Italy: Salani

Poland: Harde

Portugal: Porto

Romania: Bookzone

Russia: Eksmo [PRH]

Spain/LatAm: Montena/PRH

Sweden: Gyldendal Astra

UK: S&S UK

#1 Bestselling author in Spain, Latin America, France, Germany and Italy

Published in 50 countries

4 million copies+ books sold internationally

12 Amazon Prime Original Movies

Your Fault breaks Prime Video's global viewership record with over 100 million views

Our Fault trailer most watched international trailer with 163M views

Also by Mercedes Ron

MY FAULT (CULPABLES Trilogy)



Sold in USA, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Israel, Italy, Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Latin America, Turkey, Croatia, Ukraine. PRH Grupo Editorial handles rights.

Movie posters for the Prime Video adaptation of the CULPABLES series. *Culpa Nuestra* to be released October 15, 2025.

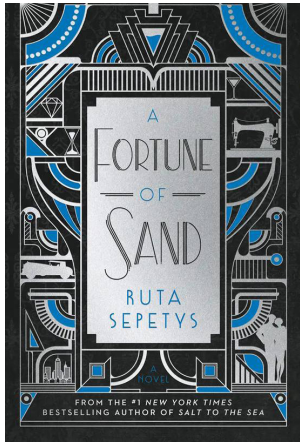


TELL ME (DIMELO Trilogy)



Sold in USA, Poland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, LATAM, Greece, Bulgaria, Brazil, Israel.

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A FORTUNE OF SAND

Ruta Sepetys

Agent: Steven Malk

Ballantine Books: June 2, 2026

Translation/UK: Writers House

Manuscript status: 3rd pass manuscript available

The daughter of a business magnate escapes to an artistic retreat that contains more secrets—and more passion—than she could have ever imagined, from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Salt to the Sea*.

Our family business is windshields, Marjorie. Glass. An entire fortune built on sand. There's a deep irony there.

Twenty-year-old Marjorie Lennox has a passion for art, not automobiles, much to her family's dismay. It's the height of prohibition in the Motor City, and the Lennox family is among the ranks of the auto aristocracy.

Despite their so-called empire, the foundation of the Lennox family is far from stable. There is a festering rift over the succession of the company, newspapers are eager for gossip, and every family member harbors their own secrets.

Desperate to pursue her love of fashion away from the overbearing schemes of her family, Marjorie sneaks off to attend an immersive art residency for women. Run by the elusive industry titan Charles Bonafante, the residency seems like the only opportunity for Marjorie to be taken seriously as an artist.

But all isn't as it seems. Another resident, a reclusive writer who never leaves her room, insists the building is haunted. A furniture maker hears screaming at night. And all the while, Marjorie can't help being drawn to the enigmatic, alluring Bonafante. As Marjorie unravels the residency's mysteries, she finds herself in a web of intrigue with ties to blackmail, corruption, and maybe even love.

Rights to A FORTUNE OF SAND were sold in:

Bulgaria: Ciela

Czech Republic: Albatros

Germany: Blanvalet

Romania: Epica

Latvia: Zvaigzne ABC

Lithuania: Alma Littera

Ruta Sepetys is an internationally acclaimed, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of historical fiction published in over sixty countries and forty languages. Considered a "Seeker of Lost Stories," her books are read by both adults and students worldwide. Winner of the Carnegie Medal and honored by the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Ruta is renowned for giving voice to underrepresented history and those who experienced it. Her books have won or been shortlisted for more than fifty book prizes, appear on over forty state reading lists, and are currently in development for film and television.

Ruta is the daughter of a mother who hailed from Detroit and a father who fled from Lithuania as a refugee. Born in Michigan and raised in a family of artists, readers, and music lovers, she spent more than twenty years working in the music industry prior to becoming a novelist. Whether writing about the oppressive weight of communism or the intoxicating allure of legendary cities, she traces how power, secrecy, and corruption compromise the lives of ordinary people, revealing human patterns that echo across past and present. Her research and writing on human resilience have earned her invitations to speak at NATO, European Parliament, the U.S. Capitol, the Library of Congress, and Embassies worldwide. She has been awarded fellowships from The University of Oxford in England and The Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center in Italy.

The *New York Times Book Review* declared, "Ruta Sepetys acts as champion of the interstitial people so often ignored—whole populations lost in the cracks of history."

Ruta was bestowed the Cross of the Knight of the Order by the President of Lithuania for her contributions to education and memory preservation and was honored with a postage stamp containing her image. She is deeply grateful for her Baltic heritage—even if it means she has a name that no one can pronounce. Ruta lives with her family in the hills of Tennessee.

Praise for *A Fortune of Sand*:

"I've been waiting for this day for years...at long last, Ruta Sepetys has given us an adult novel! Set in Prohibition-era Detroit. A FORTUNE OF SAND is inspired by the documented lives of the nouveau riche automotive dynasties and the undocumented stories of the infamous Eloise Asylum. As a seasoned historical novelist, Sepetys knows gold when she finds it, and this book sparkles! For readers seeking the glamour of *The Great Gatsby* with the mystery of an Agatha Christie novel, A FORTUNE OF SAND is for you." —Sarah McCoy *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and international bestselling author of *Whatever Happened to Lori Lovely?*

"Finally, the Ruta Sepetys book I've been waiting for! In her first foray into fiction for adult readers (although I've adored all her books), Sepetys gifts us with the enthralling A FORTUNE OF SAND, which is set in the heady, captivating realm of 1920s Detroit. When the brilliant, willful Marjorie Lennox first flees her controlling automotive empire family by heading to a prestigious artistic residency, she is thrilled at the opportunity to carve out a fresh path for herself. But when the program turns out to be very different than she expected, Marjorie must unearth the truth, learning that, while history is often molded by those in power, there are always those who can wrest control and write a new story of their own. A FORTUNE OF SAND should be required reading." - Marie Benedict

"Sepetys beautifully captures the madcap days of Prohibition in the Detroit suburbs, centered around the wealthy Lennox clan. Underneath the guilt, however, cracks abound, inspired by real-life events of the time and uncovered through Sepetys's impeccable research. A heady exploration of women's agency, as well as a killer romance and a beguiling mystery. Wildly entertaining."

—Fiona Davis, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Stolen Queen*



THE AGE OF FURY

John Stephens

Agent: Simon Lipskar

Knopf: October 20, 2026

Translation: Writers House; UK: Bonnier UK

Manuscript status: copyedited manuscript available

In Gilded Age New York, a fierce seventeen year-old Irish girl joins forces with a notorious gangster to hunt down her sister's killer. Told from both perspectives, their search for justice pulls them from the city's darkest corners to glittering ballrooms, where a secret can mean death, and love comes at a perilous price.

Two unlikely allies must venture into dangerous places--perhaps into each other's arms--to solve a brutal crime.

Caitlin

Mary, my darling twin. I came on the instant of getting your letter. Leaving home in Ireland, crossing the ocean and still arriving too late. Because you're gone. Murdered and left in a dark alley! But I will avenge you, my love. I swear it. Even if I must make a deal with the devil. Or, in this case, the most blood-soaked gangster in New York.

William

There is blood on my hands I cannot wash away. But if finding this girl's killer proves that I am more than the dark thing inside me, more than a monster, then I will. Only I did not foresee Caitlin. Now I have to make a choice. About who I am, who I will be, and who I love.

John Stephens turns his attention to the underbelly of Gilded Age New York in this riveting suspense novel that blends tension and humanity--and deftly showcases a heart-stirring exploration of truth, identity, and love

John Stephens is the *NYTimes* best-selling author of the middle-grade fantasy trilogy *The Emerald Atlas*, *The Fire Chronicle*, and *The Black Reckoning*, which were published in more than thirty-five languages. In his spare time, he has been a writer-producer of such shows as *Gilmore Girls*, *The O.C.*, *Gossip Girl*, *Gotham* and *Pennyworth*. He is currently executive producer on the upcoming Amazon series *Every Year After*. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, two children and two dogs.