

Adult Fiction Rights Guide Spring 2022

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Updates and Highlights

New Titles:

- THE GROVES by J.V. Lyon is a full-length Audible Original title. (p.5)
- IN THE MIDDLE OF HICKORY LANE is new from USA Today bestseller Heather Webber! (p.8)
- A brand new sci-fi, A FRACTURED INFINITY by Nathan Tavares (p.12)
- Three new mysteries: LAST BUT NOT LEASHED by Eileen Brady; DEATH BY BUBBLE TEA by Jennifer J. Chow; & ONE CAT FOR THE ROAD by Gin Jones. (p. 16, 17, 20)
- THE CHEAT SHEET by Sarah Adams is a BookTok sensation! Ballantine picked up print and ebook rights on this once self-published title. Russian rights to AST. (p.24)
- THE LAST ELIGIBLE BILLIONAIRE is new from USA Today bestseller Pippa Grant! (p.25)
- Looking for a fun, witchy romance? WHAT THE FANG? By Stacey Kennedy is a new addition to the guide. Audio rights to Blackstone. (p.28)
- Kennedy Ryan makes her traditional publishing debut with BEFORE I LET GO, coming from Hachette/Forever in November! (p.30)

New Rights Sales:

- Spanish rights to Eddie Boudel Tan's AFTER ELIAS to Dos Bigotes.
- More sales for THE BOOK EATERS by Sunyi Dean. Now sold to the UK, Italy, Russia, Brazil, Mexico, and Bulgaria!
- Audio rights for SM Reine's SHE KILLED HIM FIRST and HIS MEMORY IN ASHES to Blackstone.
- Bulgarian rights for TO CON A GENTLEMAN by Sarah Adams to Ciela.
- Hebrew rights to Pippa Grant's MASTER BAKER to Adel.
- Czech rights to Stacey Kennedy's WATCH ME and KEEP ME sold to Metafora. And German rights to SEE ME sold to Bastei Luebbe.
- Audio rights to PARK AVENUE PRINCESS and the New York romance series by Tara Leigh sold to Tantor.
- Some backlist sales: Hebrew rights to KISS OF STEEL and one more by Bec McMaster to Alma. Japanese rights to Christina Britton's THE VISCOUNT'S PROMISE to Ta-ke.

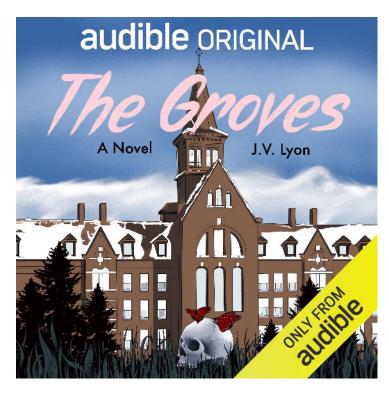
UPMARKET FICTION

THE GROVES By J.V. Lyon

For readers of campus novels from Tartt and McCarthy to *Real Life* comes this captivating debut novel following a diverse cohort of socially-influential queer students as they investigate the darker side of their picturesque New England college.

Returning to rural Vermont for her senior year after time abroad, New Yorker Daphne Howard just wants to make it to graduation. She's still processing the sting of her social circle moving off-campus under the thrall of Serena Vigil, a talented poet from Texas who happens to be Daphne's nemesis. But when a gruesome story overheard at a local bar leads Daphne to consider an unusual artifact discovered on campus in a new light, friends, lovers, and others unite to confront the collision of present and past, political and personal.

The Groves introduces listeners to an unforgettable chorus of characters: a college-hopping drifter whose journalistic instincts drive the group's investigation, a Virginia equestrienne turned intersectional feminist, the only Black lesbian majoring in art history... and more make up this eclectic, sharp-witted cast. Through the shocks and revelations of one momentous year, these bright twenty-somethings on the cusp of independence fall in and out of love.



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All translation rights available English-language book rights available

Edited manuscript available

Praise:

To come!

About the Author:

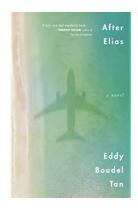
J.V. Lyon is the author of The Groves. She is an art historian, former appraiser, and occasional curator who teaches at at a New England liberal arts college and writes queer Black feminist romance under a pseudonym.

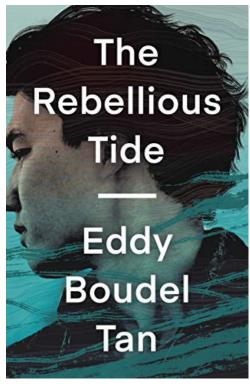
THE REBELLIOUS TIDE By Eddy Boudel Tan

One of Paperback Paris's 34 Most Anticipated LGBTQIA+Books of 2021!

When his mother dies after a lifetime of struggle, Sebastien is obsessed with finding the father he's never met — the commanding officer of a luxury liner. Posing as a member of the ship's crew, Sebastien becomes entangled in a revolt, leading him to uncover a disturbing secret about his identity.

Also available: After Elias—just sold to Dos Bigotes in Spain!





Dundurn Press August 2021

All translation rights available

Book available

Praise:

"Right on the heels of his 2020 debut novel *After Elias*, Boudel Tan has assembled a lively and memorable cast of characters and placed them in a powder-keg situation on the placid waters of the Mediterranean. Interweaving frivolity and politics—along with romance, strife, one-liners and assorted heist-caper schemes—Boudel Tan delivers a story that's enticing and smile-inducing." —*Vancouver Sun*

"A tautly written, thoroughly compelling saga of identity and survival, *The Rebellious Tide* will keep the reader hooked to the very last page." —*Midwest Book Review*

"Sexual and cultural identities are explored in a novel that doesn't close its eyes to the darkness, even as it celebrates a world that is vast and filled with adventure." —Quill & Quire

About the Author:

Eddy Boudel Tan writes stories from his book-filled apartment in Vancouver. A second-generation Asian-Canadian, Eddy celebrates diverse voices and is proud to identify as queer, and champion stronger LGBTQ+ representation in the arts.

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THE LIGHTS OF SUGARBERRY COVE By Heather Webber

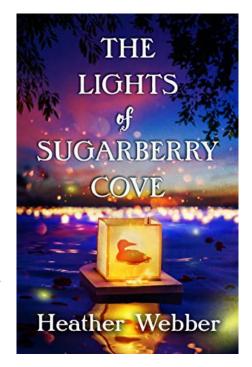
A charming story of family, healing, love, and small town Southern charm by a *USA Today* bestselling author

Sadie Way Scott has been avoiding her family and hometown of Sugarberry Cove, Alabama, since she nearly drowned in the lake just outside her mother's B&B. Eight years later, Sadie is the host of a much-loved show about southern cooking and family, but despite her success, she wonders why she was saved. What is she supposed to do?

Sadie's sister, Leala Clare, is still haunted by the guilt she feels over the night her sister almost died. Now, at a crossroads in her marriage, Leala has everything she ever thought she wanted—so why is she so unhappy?

When their mother suffers a minor heart attack just before Sugarberry Cove's famous water lantern festival, the two sisters come home to run the inn while she recovers. It's the last place either of them wants to be, but with a little help from the inn's quirky guests, the sisters may come to terms with their strained relationships, accept the past, and rediscover a little lake magic.

Also available: Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe (sales to Russia and Bulgaria), South of the Buttonwood Tree and In the Middle of Hickory Lane.



Macmillan/Forge July 2021

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Book available



Praise for Previous Titles:

"Webber infuses her charming Southern small-town tale with lighthearted magic and gentle humor, and the cast of supporting characters adds to the quirky fun. Readers of Sarah Addison Allen and Joshilyn Jackson will enjoy spending time at the Blackbird Café." —Booklist

"Perfect for fans of Like Water for Chocolate and Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café." —Bustle.com

"Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe is an enchanting gem of a novel, brimming with charming characters, heartwarming connections, old secrets, and a setting that makes you want to move there... this is truly magical realism at its best!" —Karen White, New York Times bestselling author

About the Author:

Heather Webber is an Agatha Award-nominated author of the Lucy Valentine novels and the Nina Quinn mysteries, among others.

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IN THE MIDDLE OF HICKORY LANE By Heather Webber

From the *USA Today* best-selling author of *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe* comes Heather Webber's next charming novel, *In the Middle of Hickory Lane*!

Emme Wynn has wanted nothing more her whole life than to feel like part of a family. Having grown up on the run with her con artist mother, she's been shuffled from town to town, drawn into bad situations, and has learned some unsavory habits that she's tried hard to overcome. When her estranged grandmother tracks her down out of the blue and extends a job offer - helping to run her booth at an open-air marketplace in small-town Sweetgrass, Alabama - Emme is hopeful that she'll finally be able to plant the roots she's always dreamed of. But some habits are hard to break, and she risks her newfound happiness by keeping one big truth to herself.

Cora Bee Hazelton has her hands full with volunteering, gardening, her job as a color consultant and designer, and just about anything she can do to keep her mind off her painful past, a past that has resulted in her holding most everyone at arm's length. The last thing she wants is to form close relationships only to have her heart broken yet again. But when she's injured, she has no choice other than to let people into her life and soon realizes it's going to be impossible to keep her heart safe - or her secrets hidden.

In the magical neighborhood garden in the middle of Hickory Lane, Emme and Cora Bee learn some hard truths about the past and themselves, the value of friends, family, and community, and, most importantly, that true growth starts from within.



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SCI-FI, FANTASY, HORROR

THE BOOK EATERS By Sunyi Dean

Out on the Yorkshire Moors lives a secret line of people for whom books are food, and who retain all of a book's content after eating it. To them, spy novels are a peppery snack; romance novels are sweet and delicious. Eating a map can help them remember destinations, and children, when they misbehave, are forced to eat dry, musty pages from dictionaries.

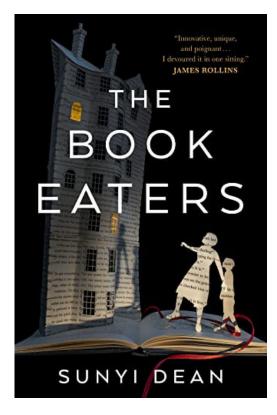
Devon is part of The Family, an old and reclusive clan of book eaters. Her brothers grow up feasting on stories of valor and adventure, and Devon -- like all other book eater women -- is raised on a carefully curated diet of fairytales and cautionary stories.

But real life doesn't always come with happy endings, as Devon learns when her son is born with a rare and darker kind of hunger -- not for books, but for human minds.

THE BOOK EATERS is a contemporary fantasy debut. It's a story of motherhood, sacrifice, and hope; of queer identity and learning to accept who you are; of gilded lies and the danger of believing the narratives others create for you.

Praise:

"Some novels are intended to be devoured in one sitting. Such is the case with Sunyi Dean's *THE BOOK EATERS*. Innovative, unique, poignant, and told with a voice as original as the story itself. I finished this novel in that one sitting, yet I'll be pondering it for a long time to come. This is the debut of a new master of the modern fantasy. Don't miss it." —James Rollins, #1 New York Times bestseller of The Starless Crown



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Harper Voyager, UK Oscar Vault Mondadori, Italy Oceano, Mexico Alta, Brazil AST, Russia Bulgaria, Artline Studio Publishing House

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Edited manuscript available

About the Author:

Sunyi Dean is an autistic, mixed-race author whose short fiction has appeared in a variety of places, including the Best of British SF 2018 Anthology, FFO, Prole, and BBC Radio Leeds. Sunyi is active on social media and attends writing groups and conferences both near her home in the UK (when we're not in a global pandemic) and online.

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THE SURVIVING SKY By Kritika H. Rao

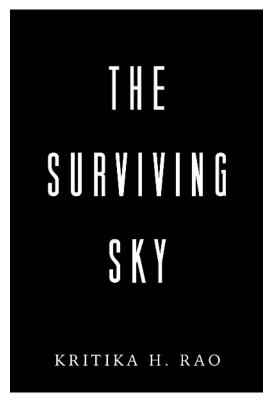
High above a jungle-planet float the last refuges of humanity—plant-made civilizations held together by tradition, technology, and arcane science. In these living cities, architects are revered above anyone else. If not for their ability to psychically manipulate the architecture, the cities would plunge into the devastating earthrage storms below.

Charismatic, powerful, mystical, Iravan is one such architect. In his city, his word is nearly law. His abilities are his identity, but to Ahilya, his wife, they are a way for survival to be reliant on the privileged few. Like most others, she cannot manipulate the plants. And she desperately seeks change.

Their marriage is already thorny—then Iravan is accused of pushing his abilities to forbidden limits. He needs Ahilya to help clear his name; she needs him to tip the balance of rule in their society. As their paths become increasingly intertwined, deadly truths emerge, challenging everything each of them believes. And as the earthrages become longer, and their floating city begins to plummet, Iravan and Ahilya's discoveries might destroy their marriage, their culture, and their entire civilization.

Praise:

Coming soon!



First in a three-book series!

World English: Penguin Random House/DAW UK: Titan Books October 2022

Audio (English and Spanish) to Recorded Books

All other translation rights available

Copyedited manuscript available

Cover to come

About the Author:

Kritika H. Rao is a science-fiction and fantasy writer, who has lived in India, Australia, Canada and The Sultanate of Oman. Kritika's stories are influenced by her lived experiences, and often explore themes of consciousness, self vs. the world, and identity. The Surviving Sky, a Hindu philosophy inspired epic science-fantasy, is her debut novel and will be out in Fall 2022 by DAW Books.

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A FRACTURED INFINITY **By Nathan Tavares**

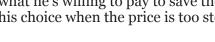
The movie Arrival, but make it gay.

In a near-future world, snarky and sarcastic filmmaker Hayes Figueiredo has struggled to finish the documentary of his heart. So when a physicist named Yusuf Hassan shows up, claiming Haves is the key to a top-secret device that can predict the future, he thinks: why not document the experience on film?

Upon arriving at the secret research facility, Hayes discovers his alternate-self from another universe created the Envisioner machine and sent it to his reality. Why, he cannot begin to fathom. But he's haunted by the footage the Envisioner reveals of the alternate universe. Footage of a self he doesn't recognize, angry and obsessive, and footage of Yusuf... as his husband.

When the Envisioner reveals Yusuf was shot to death in the alternate universe, Haves can't bear to lose this new, budding love. And when the moment of tragedy bears down on Hayes' reality, he connects with the machine and makes a choice: to save Yusuf is to destroy the world. Over and over again in every reality. Hayes chooses Yusuf, the world be damned.

On the run from their vengeful alternate selves, Hayes and Yusuf tumble through a kaleidoscope of universes and uncover an equally horrific fate every time. If this Hayes saves this Yusuf, others die, and the Earth is plunged into world-ending cataclysm. What's almost worse is encountering the versions of themselves who have lost their partner, thanks to Hayes. Now he will have to decide what he's willing to pay to save the world... and make peace with his choice when the price is too steep to bear.



Praise: Coming soon!

About the Author:

A journalist dedicated to boosting queer voices, Nathan Tavares has been featured in GQ, OUT Magazine, and many Boston publications.



First in a two-book series!

Titan Books July 2022

Audio to Recorded Books

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THE BUTCHER By Laura Kat Young

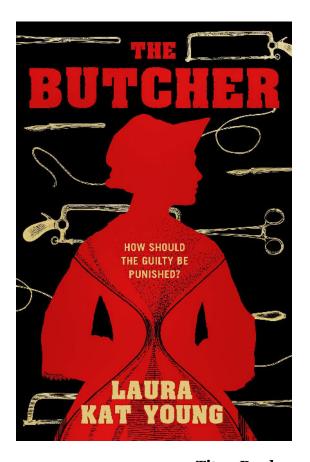
A debut small-town horror novel that is a chilling blend of Shirley Jackson meets *Devil's Day* by way of *Westworld*.

When Lady Mae turns 18, she'll inherit her mother's ghastly job as the Butcher: dismembering Settlement Five's guilty criminals as payment for their petty crimes. But then their leaders, known as the Deputies, come to Lady Mae's house, and there in the living room murder her mother for refusing to butcher a child.

Within twenty-four hours, now alone in the world, Lady Mae begins her gruesome job. But a chance meeting years later puts her face to face with the Deputy that murdered her mother. Now Lady Mae must choose: will she flee, and start another life in the desolate mountains, forever running? Or will she seek vengeance for her mother's death even if it kills her?



Coming soon!



Titan Books September 2022

Audio to Blackstone

All translation rights available

Unedited manuscript available

About the Author:

Laura Kat Young is an author of horror and science fiction, as well as a teacher of high school English. She lives in Illinois with her family. THE BUTCHER is her debut.

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MYSTERIES, THRILLERS, SUSPENSE

DEATH IN CASTLE DARK By Veronica Bond

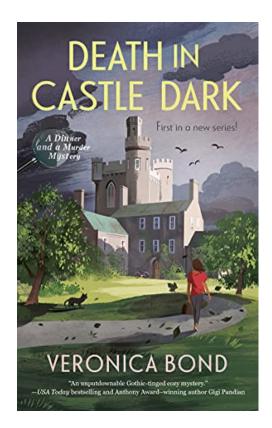
Actor Nora Blake finds her dream job when she is cast in a murder-mystery troupe that performs in an imposing but captivating old castle. When she stumbles upon a real murder, things take a nightmarish turn in this first book in an exciting new series.

Maybe it was too good to be true, but when Nora Blake accepted the job from Derek Corby, proprietor of Castle Dark, she could not see any downsides. She would sink her acting chops into the troupe's intricately staged murder-mystery shows, earn free room and board in the fairy tale—like castle, and make friends with her new roommates, which include some seriously adorable kittens.

But something sinister lurks behind the walls of Castle Dark. During Nora's second performance, one of her castmates plays the part of the victim a little too well. So well, in fact, that no one can revive him. He has been murdered. Not ready to give up her dream gig—or to be the next victim—Nora sets out to see which one of her fellow actors has taken the role of a murderous real-life villain. A summer of fun at a Catskills resort comes to an abrupt end when a guest is found murdered, in this new 1950s set mystery series.

Praise:

"A promising new series with a charming heroine, plenty of romance, and a generous portion of red herrings."—*Kirkus Reviews*



First of two in a series!

Penguin Random House/ Berkley August 2021

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Book available

About the Author:

Veronica Bond is the pseudonym of Julia Buckley, a beloved cozy author who has taught high school English for twenty-nine years.

LAST BUT NOT LEASHED By Eileen Brady

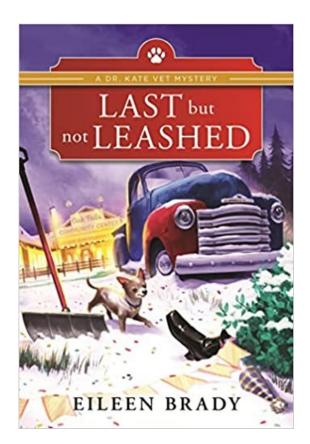
New Year's resolution: Stop finding corpses...

As the only veterinarian at Oak Falls Animal Hospital, Dr. Kate's life is complicated. Winter storms hit the Hudson Valley, she's swamped with hospital patients and house calls, and her long-distance relationship with law student Luke Gianetti is precarious.

The discovery of the body of Sookie Overman, a professional organizer, gets the town buzzing, but Kate's too busy to take the case. She has her animals to take care of, after all. But after a disastrous fight with Luke on New Years Eve—he's jealous of a handsome artist who's taken with the young vet—and when the body of Sookie's assistant falls with the confetti at midnight, Kate realizes the only way she can have a fresh start in the new year is if she finds some resolution to the problems in the old one...

Praise:

To come!



Sourcebooks: Poisoned Pen September 2022

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Edited manuscript available

About the Author:

Eileen Brady is a veterinarian living in Scottsdale, Arizona. She is a wife and mother of two daughters and often has to chase her six cats and two dogs away from her laptop keyboard.

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DEATH BY BUBBLE TEA By Jennifer J. Chow

Two cousins who start a food stall at their local night market get a serving of murder in this first novel of a delicious new cozy mystery series by Jennifer J. Chow, author of *Mimi Lee Gets a Clue*.

When Yale Yee discovers her cousin Celine is visiting from Hong Kong, she is obliged to play tour guide to a relative she hasn't seen in 20 years. Not only that, but her father thinks it's a wonderful idea for them to bond by running a food stall together at the Eastwood Village Night Market. Yale hasn't cooked in years, and she hardly considers Celine's career as a social media influencer as adequate experience, but because she's just lost her job at her local bookstore, she feels she has no choice.

Yale and Celine serve small dishes and refreshing drinks, and while business is slow, it eventually picks up thanks to Celine's surprisingly useful marketing ideas. They're quite shocked that their bubble tea, in particular, is a hit - literally - when one of their customers turns up dead. Yale and Celine are prime suspects due to the gold flakes that Celine added to the sweet drink as a garnish. Though the two cousins are polar opposites in every way, they must work together to find out what really happened to the victim or the only thing they'll be serving is time.



"Death by Bubble Tea is a clever and cunning culinary mystery that is sure to leave readers satisfied but longing for another visit to the Night Market."—Jenn McKinlay, New York Times bestselling author

"Delightful! *Death by Bubble Tea* is a cozy culinary treat that will tingle your taste buds and satisfy your craving for mystery. Filled with culture, family and food, Chow has crafted a whodunit that will keep you guessing."—Abby Collette, *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of the Ice Cream Parlor mystery series

"Delicious treats, family drama, and a bit of murder are the order of the day for Yale Yee, the engaging and multilayered lead in *Death by Bubble Tea*. A fantastic series starter, I can't wait to see what else is in store for the Yee family and the Eastwood Village Night Market regulars. Don't forget to try the recipes at the end!"—Mia P. Manansala, author of *Arsenic and Adobo*

"A tasty new cozy series! Author Jennifer Chow's food descriptions are not only mouth-watering but beautifully elegant."—Krista Davis, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Murder Outside the Lines*

About the Author:

Jennifer J. Chow is the Lefty Award-nominated author of the Sassy Cat Mysteries and the L.A. Night Market Mysteries. The first in the Sassy Cat series, *Mimi Lee Gets A Clue*, was selected as an Overdrive Recommended Read; a PopSugar Best Summer Beach Read; and one of BuzzFeed's Top 5 Books by AAPI authors.

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A delicous page-turner
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-USA Today bestselling
author Ellen Byron

JENNIFER J. CHOW

First in the L.A. Night Market series!

Penguin Random House: Berkley Prime Crime July 2022

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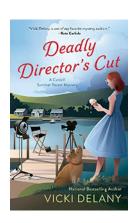
DEADLY SUMMER NIGHTS By Vicki Delany

A summer of fun at a Catskills resort comes to an abrupt end when a guest is found murdered, in this new 1950s set mystery series.

It's the summer of 1953, and Elizabeth Grady is settling into Haggerman's Catskills Resort. As a vacation getaway, Haggerman's is ideal, and although Elizabeth's ostentatious but well-meaning mother is new to running the resort, Elizabeth is eager to help her organize the guests and the entertainment acts. But Elizabeth will have to resort to untested abilities if she wants to save her mother's business.

When a reclusive guest is found dead in a lake on the grounds, and a copy of The Communist Manifesto is found in his cabin, the local police chief is convinced that the man was a Russian spy. But Elizabeth isn't so sure, and with the fate of the resort hanging in the balance, she'll need to dodge red herrings, withstand the Red Scare, and catch a killer red-handed.

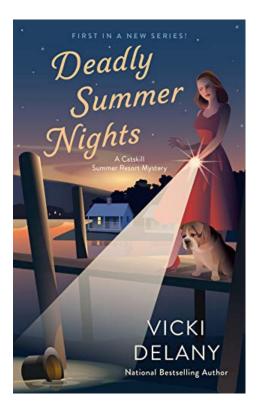
Also available: DEADLY DIRECTOR'S CUT, the next in the series



Praise:

"Delany's gift with character is front and center in this novel...This is a great start to a new series--vivid, well-written, and snappy."

—Mystery Scene



First of two in a series!

Penguin Random House/ Berkley September 2021

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Book available

About the Author:

Vicki Delany is the author of the Year-Round Christmas Mysteries, the Constable Molly Smith Mysteries, and, writing as Eva Gates, the Lighthouse Library Mysteries www.vickidelany.com

THE DAY SHE DIED By S.M. Freedman

After a traumatic head injury, Eve questions every memory and motive in this mind-bending psychological thriller.

Eve Gold's birthdays are killers, and her twenty-seventh birthday proves to be no different. But for the up-and-coming Vancouver artist, facing death isn't the real shock — it's what comes after.

Recovering from a near-fatal accident, Eve is determined to return to the life she's always wanted: a successful artistic career, marriage to the man who once broke her heart, and another chance at motherhood. But brain damage leaves her forgetful, confused, and tortured by repressed memories of a deeply troubled childhood, where her innocence was stolen one lie — and one suspicious death — at a time.

As the dark, twisted pages unfold, Eve must choose between clinging to the lies that helped her survive her childhood and unearthing the secrets she buried long ago.

Also available: BLOOD ATONEMENT



"Tangible, taut, and maddeningly suspenseful, *The Day She Died* pulls you in and won't let go." —*R.M. Greenaway, author of the B.C. Blues crime series*

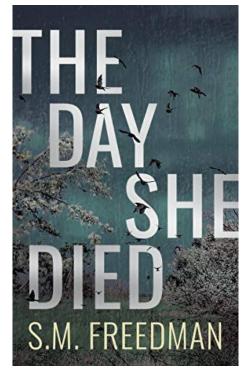
"The opening takes off like a bullet train, hurtling through heartbreak, memory, family, and loss, to an ending which stays with you long after the stunning final chapter. Breathlessly paced and expertly wrought, *The Day She Died* proves S.M. Freedman is a master of psychological suspense." —*Sam Wiebe, award-winning author of the Wakeland series*

"The Day She Died is a tightly crafted psychological thriller that explores the themes of memory, perspective, identity, and whether we can ever escape the past. A blend of *Elizabeth is Missing* and the film *Memento*, Freedman lures the reader into a dark labyrinth of suspicion that ultimately causes you to question everything." —*Elle Wild, award-winning author of Strange Things Done*

About the Author:

S.M. Freedman is the author of *The Faithful* and *Impact Winter*. She studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and worked as a private investigator on the not-so-mean streets of Vancouver, where she lives with her husband and two children.

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Dundurn May 2021

All translation rights available

Audio to Tantor

Book available

ONE CAT FOR THE ROAD By Gin Jones

From USA Today Bestselling author Gin Jones comes the first in a charming, cat-themed cozy series!

How many cats does it take to be called a crazy cat lady?

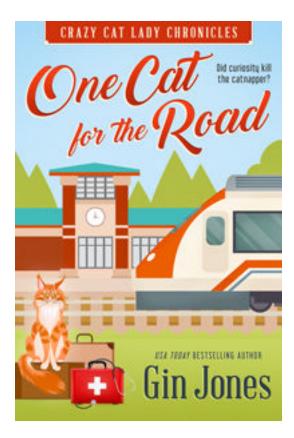
For nurse-practitioner Wyn Miller, living in a postapocalyptic future when domestic animals are rare, the answer is one—an orange Maine Coon cat named Sal.

It's not the quantity that matters; it's that she would kill to protect him.

So when the man who'd tried to steal Sal is found dead, Wyn is the prime suspect. Can she sort out the other possibilities, all of whom have a motive for murder, and identify the killer before the police can arrest her and impound Sal?

Also available: three more in the Crazy Cat Lady Chronicles miniseries, and the Garlic Farm Mystery series





First of four in the Crazy Cat Lady Chronicles series!

> Self-Published September 2021

All translation rights available

Book available

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

USA Today Bestselling author **Gin Jones** is a retired lawyer who specialized in ghost-writing for other lawyers. She prefers to write her own books, though, since she doesn't have to worry that her sense of humor might get her thrown into jail for contempt of court. In her spare time, Gin makes quilts, grows garlic, and advocates for patients with rare disorders.

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THE LIAR NEXT DOOR By Nicola Marsh

Numbness floods my body as I stumble up the steps leading to my house. Inside I know my five-year-old's bed is empty, her dresser is ransacked, her overnight bag is gone. I can see her dolls lying untouched through the window of our perfect family home – in the place where I thought I could protect her forever. My daughter is missing.

You'd think my first instinct would be to call the police.

But I know who's taken my daughter.

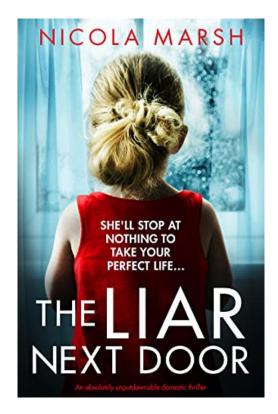
And I know that the police can't help me.

Only I can convince the woman who has my baby to give her back. She thinks she knows my secrets... but she has no idea.

Fans of Liane Moriarty, Sally Hepworth and *The Girl on the Train* will love this utterly unputdownable domestic thriller from *USA Today* bestselling author Nicola Marsh.

Praise:

"Wow!! Just wow!!... This book is brilliant! More than brilliant, amazing!!!... Absolutely gripping, addictive and captivating... I was absolutely hooked from the first page to the last. I had a complete shock at the twists... Love, love, loved all the characters!!!... A massive five stars from me." —Avid Reader, 5 stars



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About the Author:

USA TODAY bestselling & multi-award winning author **Nicola Marsh** writes page-turning fiction to keep you up all night. She has published 77 books, sold over 8 million copies worldwide and been translated into 25 languages. She currently writes contemporary romance for Penguin Random House Berkley, women's fiction/rural romance for Harper Collins Australia's Mira imprint, and domestic suspense for Hachette UK's Bookouture/Grand Central Publishing in the US. She's also a Waldenbooks, Bookscan, Amazon, iBooks and Barnes & Noble bestseller, a Romantic Book of the Year and National Readers' Choice Award winner, and a multiple finalist for awards including the Vivian Awards, Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, HOLT Medallion, Booksellers' Best, Golden Quill, Laurel Wreath, and More than Magic.

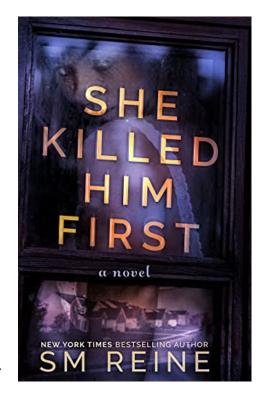
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SHE KILLED HIM FIRST By SM Reine

A dark psychological thriller from a New York Times bestselling author

It's a smoky autumn morning when Kimber Clark gets the alert: her kindergartner's school is on lockdown. She's still drunk when she joins other parents outside the police tape, but not so drunk that she can't pick up details: Zack Linzy, a high schooler, opened fire in the school cafeteria, killing four people. But that's not possible. Zack Linzy is a freak, a boy who assaulted Kimber's daughter, and Kimber killed him with a shovel two days ago.

The police are looking for the school shooter in the wrong place, and the real killer might get away with it. Kimber can't tell the police they've got the wrong suspect without showing them where she buried the body. No—she has to solve a school shooting, absolve her daughter's abuser, and make sure the real killer comes to justice. All without getting caught for the murder she committed.



First of two in the American Injustice series

> Self-published August 2021

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Also available: Book 2 in the series



Praise:

"This is a perfect debut in Psych Suspense... SM Reine is one talented writer." -Amazon reviewer

"I'm not sure I've devoured a book so quickly in years...I stayed up WAY too late reading this" —Amazon reviewer

"There were so many twists and turns in this book that I never saw coming!" -Amazon reviewer

About the Author:

New York Times bestselling author SM Reine is best known for her urban fantasy works, but she's showing a new side with her debut in psychological suspense. An Air Force brat who was born in the midwest, lived overseas for a few years, and came back to the United States to settle down in beautiful, barren Nevada.

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ROMANCE

THE CHEAT SHEET by Sarah Adams

Is it ever too late to leave the friend zone? Discover the heartwarming friends to lovers romance that became a sensation on TikTok!

The friend zone is *not* the end zone for Bree Camden, who is helplessly in love with her longtime best friend, NFL legend, Nathan Donelson. She can't admit her true feelings, because he sees her as a best friend with no romantic potential. But those abs . . .

Nope! Nothing but platonic friendship for Bree. In any case, she has other things to worry about. After a car accident ended her chance at becoming a professional ballerina, Bree changed paths and now owns her own dance studio, with big dreams to expand it. But one more rent increase could mean the end of the studio entirely.

Then, Nathan comes to the rescue and buys the entire building. Bree is not happy about it and rebels with more than a couple tequila shots. Her plan backfires as she spills her deepest secret to a reporter. One viral video later, the world thinks Nathan and Bree are the perfect couple and Nathan's publicist proposes an opportunity that could mean financial security for Bree. The catch? They have to pretend to be in love. For three whole weeks.

Also available: The Off-Limits Rule, The Temporary Roomie, The Match, The Enemy, and three Regency romances





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Praise:

"A laugh-out-loud romantic comedy...an absolute touchdown!" —Sophie Sullivan, author of *Ten Rules* for Faking It

"The perfect mix of laugh-out-loud entertaining, and intensely tender...." —Devon Daniels, author of Meet You in the Middle

About the Author:

Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, **Sarah Adams** is a coffee addict, a British history nerd, a mom of two daughters, married to her best friend, and an indecisive introvert. Her hope is to always write stories that make you laugh, maybe even cry; but always leave you happier than when you started reading.

THE LAST ELIGIBLE BILLIONAIRE by Pippa Grant

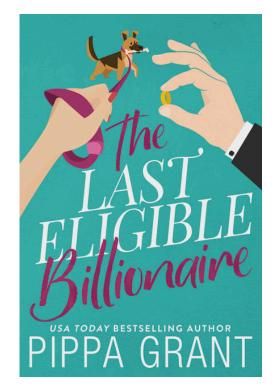
Emotionally unavailable doesn't even begin to describe my new fake boyfriend. He's cold. He's distant. He has more defenses than a nuclear missile silo. And he's the ultimate catch of the century. At least, according to his bank statement.

My job's simple: Keep Hayes Rutherford's matchmaking relatives and all interested ladies away from the cranky, grumpy, walledoff heir to my favorite movie empire, and in return, he won't ruin my life over a teensy, tiny little misunderstanding.

But the more I sneak past Hayes's walls and fences, the more I realize that while we might be from different worlds, we have more in common than either of us expected. The man under all the glitz, glamour, and dollar signs *could* be the real love of my life.

But you know what they say about fake dating a billionaire—it's all fun and games until the scandals start.

The Last Eligible Billionaire is a swoony, laugh-out-loud standalone romance featuring a botched wax job, a woman in over her head, a man in over his heart, and the sweetest misguided dog to ever play matchmaker...or at least make sure these two anti-love birds never have clothes when they get out of the shower.



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Also available: The Bro Code series, The Girl Band Books series, The Thrusters Hockey series, The Copper Valley Fireballs series, The Berger Siblings series, The Rock Siblings series, The Royals series, the SEALs series, and The Bluewater Billionaires series

Praise for past titles:

"The perfect balance of outrageous, madcap hilarity, heartfelt emotion and delicious sensuality." —Book Addict

"Incredibly well written, hilariously funny and with characters that are so fabulous I wish that they were actually people that I knew." —3 Degrees of Fiction Book

"I am personally dubbing Pippa Grant as the Queen of RomCom novels." —Beyond the Covers

About the Author:

Pippa Grant is a *USA Today Bestselling* author who writes romantic comedies that will make tears run down your leg. She believes love, laughter, and bacon are the most powerful forces in the universe. When she's not writing, she's raising her three hilariously unpredictable children with her real-life hero.

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HOSED by Pippa Grant and Lili Valente

The world's sexiest firefighter is about to get a second chance with the virgin next door...

He's bossy, arrogant, and so ridiculously hot he should come with a warning label and a pair of flame retardant coveralls. He's also the boy who broke my heart when we were in high school.

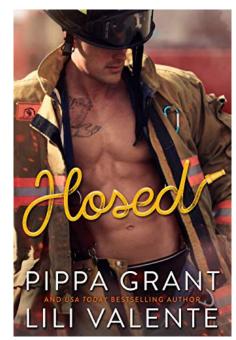
I want to move in next door to Ryan O'Dell the way I want to be the virgin gamer geek suddenly in charge of running my sister's sex toy factory. Too bad both are written in my stars.

Yeah, I'm the world's oldest virgin code-writing nerd.

And he's the world's hottest firefighter.

And even though he intimidates the heck out of me, I can't seem to control my libido when he's around. Where is my dignity? My selfrespect? My panties? Seriously.... Have you seen them? Anyone?

Maybe they're hiding in his bedroom. With my heart.



First of four in the **Happy Cat series!**

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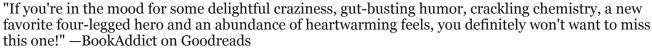
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Praise:

"A match made in romance readers heaven - Pippa and Lili getting together and giving us this amazingly funny,

steamy rom-com with all the feels." -Goodreads Reviewer



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Lili Valente is the *USA Today Bestselling* author of over forty novels. She writes everything from steamy suspense to laugh-out-loud romantic comedies. A die-hard romantic, she can't resist a story where love wins big. Because love should always win. She lives in Vermont with her two big-hearted boy children and a dog named Pippa Jane.

DEAD WOMAN'S POND By Elle E. Ire

No matter how Flynn Dalton tries to avoid it, the supernatural finds her.

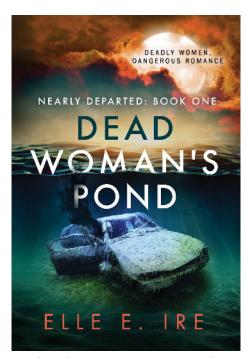
At first it's not so bad. Flynn's girlfriend, Genesis, is a nationally known psychic, which makes Flynn uncomfortable for both paranormal and financial reasons, but she can handle it. As long as no one makes her talk about it.

Then, on her way home from her construction job, Flynn almost ends up the latest casualty of Festivity's infamous Dead Man's Pond. And when her ex-lover's ghost appears to warn her away, things get a whole lot weirder.

Flynn might not like it, but the pond has fixated on her to be its next victim. If she wants to survive, she'll have to swallow her pride, accept Gen's help, and get much closer to the psychic realm—and her own latent psychic abilities—than she ever wanted.



Coming soon!



First in a three-book series!

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About the Author:

Elle Ire writes science fiction novels featuring kick-ass women who fall in love with each other. Her first novel, VICIOUS CIRCLE, released from Torquere Press in November, 2015, and was rereleased in January, 2020, by Dreamspinner Publications followed by the STORM FRONTS series—THREADBARE, PATCHWORK, and WOVEN in 2019-2020.

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WHAT THE FANG? by Stacey Kennedy

Sink your teeth into this irresistible forbidden romance from *USA Today* bestselling author Stacey Kennedy about the vampire Warden of Charleston and the new-in-town witch who's causing him all kinds of trouble...

Willa Farrington's magic is broken. Shunned by her coven for failing to pass the Summer Solstice Rite, Willa escapes to the one place no witch belongs – Charleston, a city that belongs to vampires. Determined to embrace her new life, Willa opens Cauldron Boil Books, and unexpectedly finds some friends among the vampires...

Until one terrible night Willa ends up on the wrong side of a pair of fangs. Thankfully, her captor's plan is ruined when Killian Constantine, the drop-dead gorgeous Warden of Charleston, shows up to save her. But just when Willa thinks she's safe, Killian, rumored to be the most feared vampire in the city, furiously demands to know why she – a witch – telepathically called him for help.

Intent on finding answers, the two embark on a journey to unravel the mystery behind Willa's attack and their unusual connection. As they get closer to the truth, the fiery passion between them ignites. But their forbidden romance isn't making them many friends, and just as Willa starts to think that her entire existence is a lie, deadlier forces come out of the shadows. She will need to believe in her malfunctioning magic, trust bloodthirsty vampires, and cross her fingers that she and Killian make it out together... and that neither end up dead.

Also available: The Phoenix series. Three Chicks Brewery series, Pact of Seduction series, and the Dirty Hacker duet.



First of two in the Undead Ever After series!

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Praise:

"Stacey Kennedy turns up the heat and keeps us wanting more." —#1 New York Times bestselling author Meredith Wild

"Witches, dragons, and a dark brooding vampire? Sign me up!" —Raving Reads

"What the Fang? is a great story for readers who enjoy paranormal romances with mystery, humor, suspense, great characters, and a few plot twists to keep you on your toes." —*One More Book*

About the Author:

Stacey Kennedy is a *USA Today* bestselling author who writes contemporary romance full of heat, heart, and happily ever afters. With over 50 titles published, her books have hit Amazon, B&N, and Apple Books bestseller lists. Stacey lives with her husband and two children in southwestern Ontario.

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PARK AVENUE PRINCESS by Tara Leigh

One secret baby. Two devastating lies. Three lives torn apart.

Jolie Chapman was my first love. Now she's my most bitter enemy. Screw me once, shame on you. Screw me twice . . . Who am I kidding—I don't believe in second chances anymore.

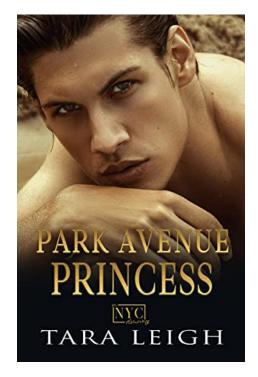
Tripp Montgomery was my first love. I gave him my innocence. Then he broke my heart. And I committed the ultimate betrayal.

These Manhattan royals are out for revenge. Sweet, sweet revenge. But there's something they want more. Their daughter.

Author Note: Park Avenue Princess is a sexy standalone contemporary billionaire romance that will have you racing through the pages. Tripp and Jolie are star-crossed lovers turned ruthless rivals. This is the ultimate second chance romance meets enemies to lovers . . . with a secret baby to make things even more scandalous!

Also available: Four more in the series; We Are Us, Wages of Sin duet.





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Praise:

"The chemistry between Jolie and Tripp will bring you to your knees... It is EVERYTHING!" —4 The Love of Books

"Tara Leigh delivers a story with suspense, a heavy romance, a brilliant plot and beautiful writing." —Read More, Sleep Less

About the Author:

Tara Leigh is a multi-published author of steamy contemporary romance. A former banker on Wall Street, she graduated from Washington University and holds an MBA from Columbia Business School, but she much prefers spending her days with fictional boyfriends than analyzing financial spreadsheets. Tara currently lives in Fairfield County, Connecticut with her husband, children, and fur-baby, Pixie.

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BEFORE I LET GO By Kennedy Ryan

Award-Winning, USA Today bestselling and Wall Street Journal bestselling author Kennedy Ryan begins her first traditionally published series with BEFORE I LET GO.

First in a new trilogy following three modern women navigating life in an Atlanta subdivision, where every bond is tested, love is lost and found, and each of them come into their power with a little help from their friends...

Things go as smoothly as can be expected for a divorced couple making peace with their failed fairy tale. But when Josiah starts dating the new chef at Grits, the upscale southern cuisine restaurant they still co-own, Yasmen's forced to look hard at what went wrong. Hindsight is 20/20, but by the time she sees clearly will it be too late?

Also available: REEL, All the King's Men trilogy, Hoops series, Soul series, and Grip series.

Praise for previous titles:

"Kennedy Ryan is one of the finest romance writers of our age, and she offers readers another marquee title with *Reel*."--*Entertainment Weekly*

"Reel is alive and pulsing like a beating heart. This romance is a triumph of art and emotion." - Talia Hibbert, *New York Times* bestselling author

"Emotional, layered, sexy, and deeply satisfying, with stunning prose and a sweeping storyline, REEL is everything that has Kennedy Ryan fans devouring her books. I'm greedy for the next installment in this series." -- Lexi Ryan, *New York Times* bestselling author

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About the Author:

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Reel By Kennedy Ryan

Award-Winning Wall Street Journal bestselling author Kennedy Ryan launches a brand-new series with a Hollywood tale of wild ambition, artistic obsession, and unrelenting love.

One moment in the spotlight . . .

For months I stood by, an understudy waiting in the wings, preparing for my time to shine.

I never imagined *he* would watch in the audience that night. Canon Holt.

Famous film director. Fascinating. Talented. Fine

Before I could catch my breath, everything changed. I went from backstage Broadway to center stage Hollywood.

From being unknown, to my name, Neevah Saint, on everyone's lips.

Canon casts me in a star-studded Harlem Renaissance biopic, catapulting me into another stratosphere.

But stars shine brightest in the dead of night.

Forbidden attraction, scandal and circumstances beyond my control jeopardize my dream.

Could this one shot—the role of a lifetime, the *love* of a lifetime—cost me everything?

Also available: Skyland series, All the King's Men trilogy, Hoops series, Soul series, and Grip series.

Praise:

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BET ON IT By Jodie Slaughter

The first time Aja Owens encounters the man of her dreams, she's having a panic attack in the frozen foods section of the Piggly Wiggly. The second time, he's being introduced to her as her favorite bingo buddy's semi-estranged grandson. From there, all it takes is one game for her to realize that he's definitely going to be a problem. And if there's anything she already has a surplus of, it's problems.

In Walker Abbott's mind, there are only two worthwhile things in Greenbelt, South Carolina. The peach cobbler at his old favorite diner and his ailing grandmother. Dragging himself back after more than a decade away, he's counting down the days until Gram heals and he can get back to his real life. Far away from the trauma inside of those city limits. Just when he thinks his plan is solid, enter Aja to shake everything up.

A hastily made bingo-based sex pact is supposed to keep this...thing between them from getting out of hand. Especially when submitting to their feelings means disrupting their carefully balanced lives. But emotions are just like bingo callers—they refuse to be ignored.

Jodie Slaughter's *Bet on It* is a heart-stoppingly fun, emotional romance that will have readers falling in love until long after the last page is turned.

Praise:

"Bet on It reads like the first rays of sun on your face after a long winter. I loved Aja and Walker's story about two genuinely good people who are playful and sweet to each other, helping one another heal, while also having incredibly hot sex. With standout portrayals of beautiful, generous friendships in addition to the love story, this is a book to be savored." - Rosie Danan, author of *The Intimacy Experiment* and *The Roommate*



First of three in a series

Macmillan/St. Martin's Griffin July 2022

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"Jodie Slaughter is must-buy author, and *Bet on It* is a perfect example of what makes her writing delicious. Aja and Walker's story is hot, sweet, and utterly unique, with a rock-solid emotional core." - Talia Hibbert, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Act Your Age*, *Eve Brown*

About the Author:

Jodie Slaughter is a twenty-something romance author who spends most of her days hunched over a computer for her day job and her nights hunched over a different computer for her novels. While her back is definitely suffering, she wouldn't have it any other way. She loves love, so she writes romance novels full of heart, passion, and heat. When she isn't putting steamy scenes or declarations of devotion on the page she can normally be found being generally hilarious on Twitter, dreaming about brisket, or consuming way too much television.

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