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Updates and Highlights

New Titles:

- WHEN TRYING TO RETURN HOME by Jennifer Maritza McCauley is a short-story collection
- A brand new horror/sci-fi, WOMB CITY by Tlotlo Tsamaase
- The long-awaited THE SUN AND THE VOID by Gabriela Romero Lacruz is here!
- Olivia Blacke's VINYL RESTING PLACE is the first in a new three-book cozy mystery series.
- New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Lynn Painter has a new rom com, ACCIDENTALLY AMY

New Rights Sales:

- Sarah Adams is taking the world by storm! Reprint rights to THE OFF-LIMITS RULE sold to India. THE CHEAT SHEET sold in Italy, Portugal, Brazil, Poland, Hungary, and Spain. TO CON A GENTLEMAN sold to Bulgaria.
- More sales for THE BOOK EATERS by Sunyi Dean. Now sold to Poland, the UK, Italy, Russia, Brazil, Mexico, and Bulgaria!
- Finnish rights to Paige Shelton's COLD WIND have sold to CIL Suomi.
- Pippa Grant's THE LAST ELIGIBLE BILLIONAIRE sold to Poland, Bulgaria, and Hungary. JOCK BLOCKED sold to Hungary. MASTER BAKER sold to Israel.
- Jodie Slaughter's BET ON IT and PLAY TO WIN sold to Amazon Germany.

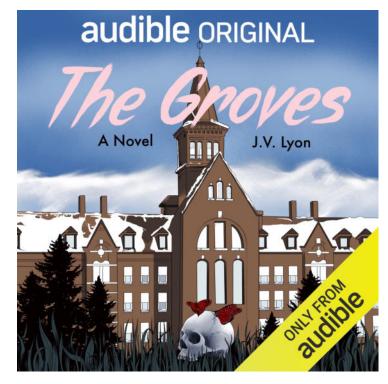
GENERAL FICTION

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 collegehopping 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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Final file available

Praise:

To come!

About the Author:

J.V. Lyon is the author of The Groves and of the upcoming Lush Lives (Roxane Gay Books). 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.

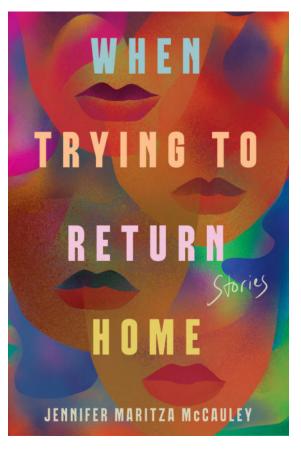
WHEN TRYING TO RETURN HOME By Jennifer Maritza McCauley

A short story collection addressing issues of race, class, and gender, the invisibility of marginalized women, and the uneven distribution of resources for people of color.

Profoundly moving and powerful, this collection digs deep into the question of belonging. In "Torsion," a young woman is torn between the overwhelming love she has for her mother and the need to break away. "La Espera," is the story of a man, his wife, and his mistress, and investigates the thin lines separating love and hate, obligation and longing. And in "Last Saints," a woman in 1930s Louisiana searches for someplace to call her own when home is no longer an option.

All of McCauley's stories feature Black American and Black Latinx characters who wrestle with their ties to a time period, a place, or intracultural expectations, and who yearn for "homes" in many kinds of idealized spaces. McCauley's work will appeal to fans of Deesha Philyaw's THE SECRET LIVES OF CHURCH LADIES and Rion Amilcar Scott's THE WORLD DOESN'T REQUIRE YOU.

A version of this collection was a finalist for the Prairie Schooner Book Prize, and many of the individual stories have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize.



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Praise:

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About the Author:

Jennifer Maritza McCauley received her MFA from Florida International University, and her PhD from the University of Missouri. She has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Sundress Academy, Kimbilio, and CantoMundo, and awards from Best of the Net, Independent Publisher Book Awards, Academy of American Poets, and a Pushcart Prize Special Mention. She is presently fiction editor at the literary journal *Pleiades* and was formerly contest editor and poetry editor at *The Missouri Review*. Her cross-genre collection SCAR ON/SCAR OFF (2017) was released by Stalking Horse Press. Jennifer currently teaches at the University of Houston-ClearLake.

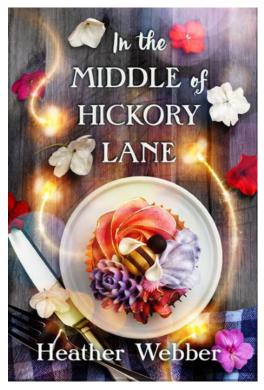
IN THE MIDDLE OF HICKORY LANE By Heather Webber

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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Also available: *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe* (sales to Hungary, Russia and Bulgaria), South of the Buttonwood Tree and The Lights of Sugarberry Cove.

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

About the Author:

Heather Webber is the national bestselling author of more than thirty novels--including *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe*, the Lucy Valentine novels, and the Nina Quinn Mysteries--and has been twice nominated for an Agatha Award. She lives in southwestern Ohio and is hard at work on her next book. www.heatherwebber.com

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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.

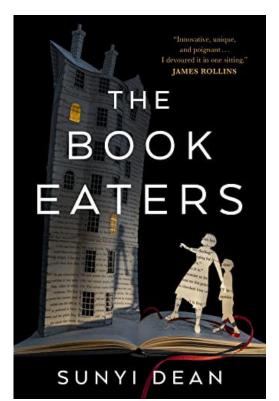
Devon is part of The Family, an old and reclusive clan of book eaters. Her brothers grow up feasting on stories of valor and adventure, and Devon -- like all other book eater women -- is raised on a carefully curated diet of fairytales and cautionary stories.

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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Book 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.

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First in a three-book series!

Titan Books April 2023

Audio (English and Spanish) to Recorded Books

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Praise:

"In this brilliant, gorgeous debut, Kritika H. Rao's *The Surviving Sky* weaves a kaleidoscopic environmental plot with relationships that feel very real indeed. The combination is electric. This is a story unlike any I've read before, an epic adventure through fantastic landscapes and heartscapes." — Fran Wilde, double Nebula Award-winning author of *Updraft* and *Riverland*

"Breathtakingly inventive, *The Surviving Sky* is a twisty, cerebral journey through a fractured marriage, a world plagued by storms, and the question of what it means to be human. This is a book to get lost in." —Tasha Suri, author of *The Jasmine Throne*

"The Surviving Sky is a high-octane science fantasy with heady, cerebral ideas and a lushly imagined world, whose story centers on a 30s-ish married couple—very unusual for fantasy! There is nothing else out there which is quite like it!" —Sunyi Dean, author of *The Book Eaters*

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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THE SUN AND THE VOID By Gabriela Romero Lacruz

Set in a lush world inspired by the history and folklore of South America, discover this sweeping epic fantasy of colonialism and country, ancient magic, and a young woman's quest for belonging.

When Reina arrives at Aguila Manor, her heart stolen from her chest, she's on the verge of death—until her estranged grandmother, a dark sorceress in the Don's employ, intervenes. Indebted to a woman she never knew, and smitten with the upper-caste daughter of the house, Celeste, Reina will do anything to earn—and keep—the family's favor. Even the bidding of the ancient god who speaks to her from the Manor's foundations. To save the woman she loves, Reina will have to defy the gods themselves, and become something she never could have imagined.

COVER TO BE REVEALED



Praise:

Coming soon!

Hachette/Orbit July 2023

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About the Author:

Born and raised in Venezuela, **Gabriela Romero Lacruz** now lives two-thousand miles from home, in the land of barbeque and cowboys. She graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Houston, and has since split her time between her love for science with her love for the arts.

A FRACTURED INFINITY By Nathan Tavares

A thrilling race across the multiverse to save the infinite Earths – and the love of your life – from total destruction for fans of *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*, *The Time Traveler's Wife* and *Rick and Morty*.

Film-maker Hayes Figueiredo is struggling to finish the documentary of his heart when handsome physicist Yusuf Hassan shows up, claiming Hayes is the key to understanding the Envisioner – a mysterious device that can predict the future.

Hayes is taken to a top-secret research facility where he discovers his alternate self from an alternate universe created the Envisioner and sent it to his reality. Hayes studies footage of the other him, he discovers a self he doesn't recognize, angry and obsessive, and footage of Yusuf... as his husband.

As Hayes finds himself falling for Yusuf, he studies the parallel universe and imagines the perfect life they will live together. But their lives are inextricably linked to the other reality, and when that couple's story ends in tragedy Hayes realises he must do anything he can to save Yusuf's life. Because there are infinite realities, but only one Yusuf.

With the fate of countless realities and his heart in his hands, Hayes leads Yusuf on the run, tumbling through a kaleidoscope of universes trying to save it all. But even escaping into infinity, Hayes is running out of space - soon he will have to decide how

much he's willing to pay to save the love of his life.

Praise:

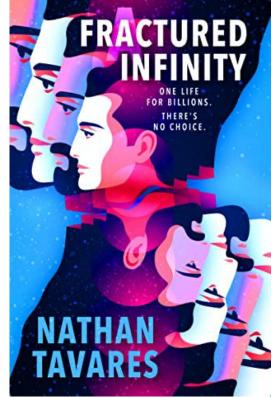
"A cinematic rollercoaster ride ... but the real beating heart of the novel is the compelling gay love story that I will remember for a long time: brilliant, flawed, multi-layered and beautifully human." -Emmi Itäranta, author of *The Moonday Letters*

"Both poignant and thrilling ... it's a multifaceted jewel, with humanity's flaws at its heart." -Stark Holborn, author of *Ten Low* and *Hel's Eight*

"Tavares hits the gas, sending the plot rocketing through dozens of fascinating possible Earths. The epic love story forms an intense emotional core and Hayes's conversational narration charms. Anyone looking for queer sci-fi should check this out." *-Publishers Weekly*

About the Author:

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



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Audio to Recorded Books

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Edited manuscript available

WOMB CITY By Tlotlo Tsamaase

WOMB CITY imagines a dark and deadly future Botswana, rich with culture and true folklore, which begs the question: how far must one go to destroy the structures of inequality upon which a society was founded? How far must a mother go to save the life of her child? Nelah seems to have it all: wealth, fame, a husband, and a child on the way. But in a body her husband controls via microchip and the tailspin of a loveless marriage, her hopes and dreams come to a devastating halt. A drug-fueled night of celebration ends in a hit-and-run. To dodge a sentencing in a society that favors men, Nelah and her side-piece, Janith Koshal, finish the victim off and bury the body.

But the secret claws its way into Nelah's life from the grave. As her victim's vengeful ghost begins exacting a bloody revenge on everyone Nelah holds dear, she?ll have to unravel her society's terrible secrets to stop those in power, and become a monster unlike any other to quench the ghost's violent thirst.

Praise:

To come!



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About the Author:

Tlotlo Tsamaase is a Motswana writer (xe/xem/xer or she/her pronouns) currently living in Botswana. Tlotlo's novella, *The Silence of the Wilting Skin*, is a 2021 Lambda Literary Award finalist and was shortlisted for a 2021 Nommo Award. Xer story "Behind Our Irises" is the joint winner of the Nommo Award for Best Short Story (2021), the first Motswana to win the award. her short fiction has appeared in *The Best of World SF Volume 1, Futuri uniti d'Africa, Clarkesworld, Terraform, Africanfuturism Anthology, The Year's Best African Speculative Fiction (2021), Apex Magazine* and is forthcoming in *Africa Risen* and *Chiral Mad 5* and other publications. Xe was the first Motswana to be a 2017 Rhysling Award nominee. Xe is a 2011 Bessie Head Short Story Award winner.

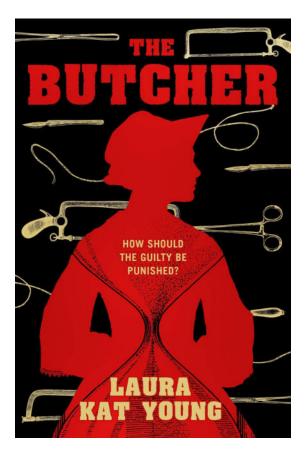
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THE BUTCHER By Laura Kat Young

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?



Titan Books September 2022

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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. www.laurakatyoung.com

Praise:

Coming soon!

MYSTERIES, THRILLERS, SUSPENSE

VINYL RESTING PLACE By Olivia Blacke

First in a new series by Olivia Blacke, *Vinyl Resting Place* follows three sisters who discover that opening a family business can be murder.

"A charming cozy for a new generation of mystery readers . . . *Vinyl Resting Place* is a delight!" –Elle Cosimano, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It*

When Juni Jessup and her sisters Tansy and Maggie put all their beans in one basket to open Sip & Spin Records, a record-slashcoffee shop in Cedar River, Texas, they knew there could be some scratches on the track, but no one was expecting to find a body deader than disco in the supply closet.

Family is everything to the Jessups, so when their uncle is arrested by Juni's heartbreaking ex on suspicion of murder, the sisters don't skip a beat putting Sip & Spin up for bail collateral. But their tune changes abruptly when Uncle Calvin disappears, leaving them in a grind. With their uncle's freedom and the future of their small business on the line, it's up to Juni and her sisters to get in the groove and figure out whodunit before the killer's trail—and the coffee—goes cold.

Music and mocha seem like a blend that should be "Knockin' On Heaven's Door," but caught up in a murder investigation with her family and their life savings on the line, Juni wonders if she might be on the "Highway to Hell" instead.

Praise:

"What fun! I loved tagging along with Juni Jessop as she

navigated a love triangle, quirky family hijinx, and a mystery at the family record shop. A great start to a new cozy mystery series. I'm already looking forward to the next book in the series."–Gigi Pandian, USA Today bestselling author of Under Lock and Skeleton Key

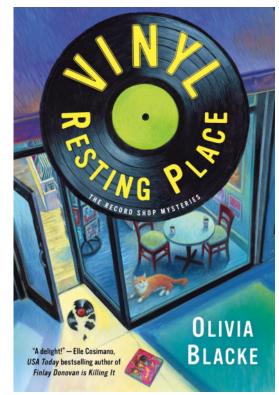
"Rockin' music, taco trucks, pun-tastic coffee drinks, family bonds, and a twisty mystery to boot! What's not to love about *Vinyl Resting Place*? A fantastic start to the Record Shop Mystery series, which is definitely an auto-buy for me from now on. Can't wait for the next one!"–Mia P. Manansala, author of the Tita Rosie's Kitchen Mystery series

"A resurrected record store, family drama, an old flame, and a body in a storage closet—this gripping mystery is sure to top the charts."–Diane Kelly, author of the House Flipper series

About the Author:

Olivia Blacke (she/her), author of the Record Shop Mysteries and the Brooklyn Murder Mysteries (Killer Content and No Memes of Escape), finally found a way to put her Criminology degree to good use by writing quirky, unconventional, character-driven cozy mysteries.

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First of three in a series!

Macmillan: St. Martin's Press December 2022

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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.

Praise:

"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

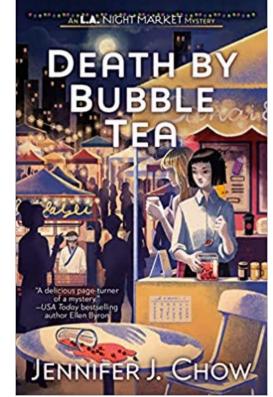
"Delicious treats, family drama, and a bit of murder are the order of the day for Yale Yee, the engaging and multilayered lead in *Death by Bubble Tea*. A fantastic series starter, I can't wait to see what else is in store for the Yee family and the Eastwood Village Night Market regulars. Don't forget 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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First in the L.A. Night Market series!

Penguin Random House: Berkley Prime Crime July 2022

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Book available

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

Praise:

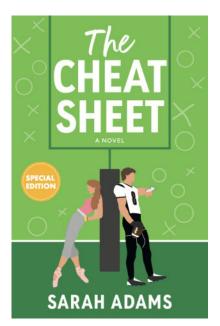
"A laugh-out-loud romantic comedy...an absolute touchdown!" — Sophie Sullivan, author of *Ten Rules for Faking It*

"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.

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THE LAST ELIGIBLE BILLIONAIRE by Pippa Grant

An Amazon bestseller!

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, walled-off 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.

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:

"A masterful take on the "fake relationship" story, Pippa Grant has outdone herself. Funny, heartfelt, and the dog steals the show (among other items...). Grab it now!" —*New York Times* bestselling author Julia Kent

"What a f**antastically witty, fun, deliciously spicy** read!" *—USA Today* bestselling author Molly O'Hare

"This story was **pure joy** in a time that we all need it so desperately. A beautiful story that will make you believe that **love conquers all...10 stars** - a top 2022 read." *—Amazon* Bestselling Author Stephanie Rose

About the Author:

Pippa Grant is a *USA Today Bestselling* author who writes romantic comedies that will make tears run down your leg. When she's not writing, she's raising her three hilariously unpredictable children with her real-life hero.

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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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ACCIDENTALLY AMY By Lynn Painter

From the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of BETTER THAN THE MOVIES comes a new romantic comedy!

Isabella Shay is *usually* a very honest person.

But when she's running late for her first day at a dream job and the barista yells for "Amy" 3x with no answer, she does the unthinkable.

Izzy takes that PSL.

It's the exact drink she ordered and paid for, only waaaay further ahead in the line, so she mutters "I'm Amy" and grabs the cup.

But when she turns around and runs directly into the most attractive man she's ever seen, spilling the drink all over his GQ shirt and tie, she ends up having the ultimate meet-cute. Sparks fly and things feel *beyond* promising until he says the words, "See you tomorrow, Amy."

Uh oh–she'll definitely have to straighten him out the following day.

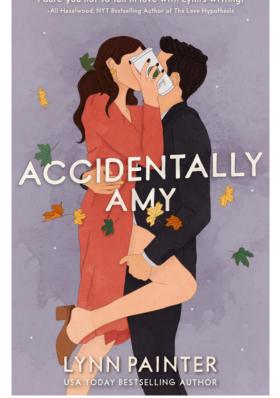
Only when she gets to her new office and meets the VP of her department, it is none other than Blake Phillips—the hottie from Starbucks. And the man might've been charming to "Amy," but he is an arrogant grump to Izzy, an arrogant grump who does *not* find her explaination funny at all.

Praise for previous titles:

"I dare you not to fall in love with Lynn's writing!"--Ali Hazelwood, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Love Hypothesis*

About the Author:

Lynn Painter is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* Bestselling Author who writes romantic comedies for both teens and adults. She lives in Nebraska with her husband and pack of wild children, and when she isn't reading or writing, odds are good she's guzzling energy drinks and watching rom-coms.



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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.

Their love was supposed to last forever. But when life delivered blow after devastating blow, Yasmen and Josiah Wade found that love alone couldn't solve or save everything.

It couldn't save their marriage.

Yasmen wasn't prepared for how her life fell apart, but she is finally starting to find joy again. She and Josiah have found a new rhythm, co-parenting their two kids and running a thriving business together. Yet like magnets, they're always drawn back to each other, and now they're beginning to wonder if they're truly ready to let go of everything they once had.

Soon, one stolen kiss leads to another...and then more. It's hot. It's illicit. It's all good—until old wounds reopen. Is it too late for them to find forever? Or could they even be better, the second time around?

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

Praise:

"Award-winning and bestselling 'powerhouse' author Kennedy Ryan is at her absolute best in this compelling, scorching novel about hope and healing, and what it truly means to love for a lifetime"--*USA Today*

"Ryan brings both tears and laughter in a powerhouse secondchance romance that shines a sensitive light on mental health issues. The struggles here are real and wrenching, and Ryan's talent is such that, by the end, the characters feel like old, dear friends. This tender contemporary is a knockout."--*Publishers Weekly*

About the Author:

As the first African-American author to win a RITA award, a *USA Today* bestseller, and a *Top 25 Amazon* bestseller, **Kennedy Ryan** writes for women from all walks of life. A contributor for *Modern Mom Magazine*, Kennedy's writings have appeared in *Chicken Soup for the Soul, USA Today* and many others. The founder and executive director of a foundation serving Atlanta families living with Autism, she has appeared on *Headline News, Montel Williams,* NPR and other media outlets as an advocate for families living with autism.

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Two more novels coming in the series

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BET ON IT By Jodie Slaughter

A Top Ten Romance of Spring 22 from Publishers Weekly! One of Goodreads' 36 Most Anticipated Books of 2022!

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*

"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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First of three in a series

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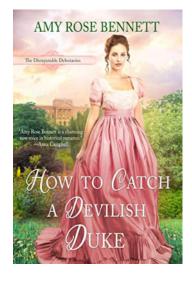
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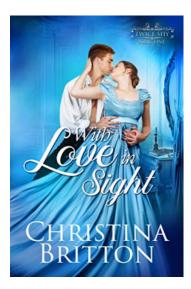
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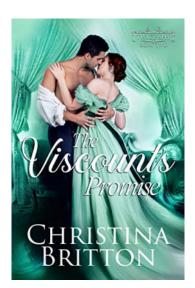
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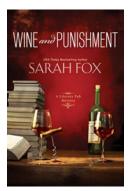


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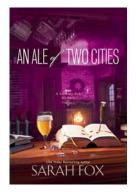


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SARAH FOX A Literary Pub Mystery series



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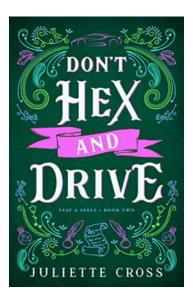
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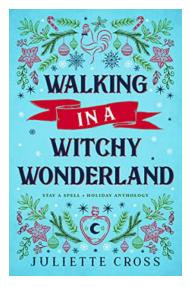
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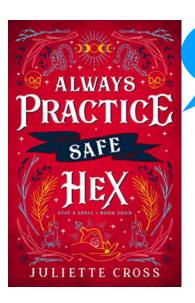
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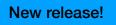
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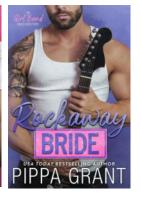


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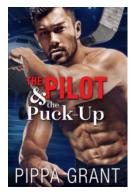


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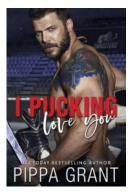
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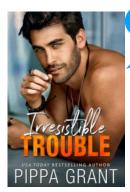


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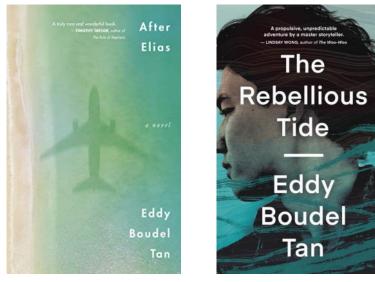
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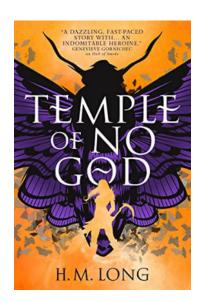
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H.M. LONG Hall of Smoke

New release!



Titan Books January 2021



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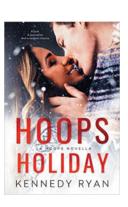


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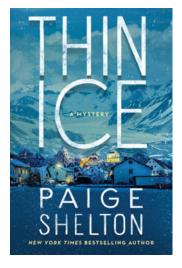


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PAIGE SHELTON

Alaska Wild

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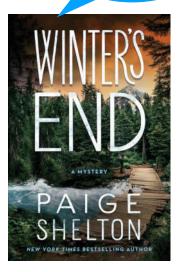
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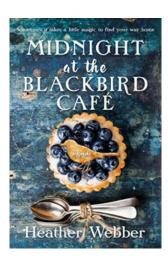
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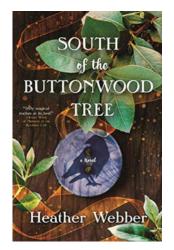
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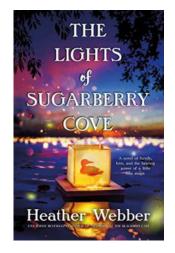


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