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Updates and Highlights

News:

- We have A CERTAIN KIND OF STARLIGHT, a brand new title from USA Today bestselling author Heather Webber
- Emma Hamm has a new romantasy, WHISPERS OF THE DEEP, that already sold to Russia!
- SOUL IN DARKNESS is an adult romantasy by *New York Times* bestselling YA writer Wendy Higgins!
- Chandra Blumberg's long-awaited SECOND TIDE'S THE CHARM rom com is here!
- Caroline Frank joins our roster with her rom com, FALL INTO YOU
- *USA Today* bestselling Pippa Grant has a new rom com releasing in April, UNTIL IT WAS LOVE.
- *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller Kennedy Ryan's REEL has been picked up by Hachette for re-release this fall!
- Naima Simone is another *USA Today* bestseller in romance, and we have her TO CONQUER A BRIDE available now
- In historical romance, we have a trio of novellas from newcomer Alexandra Vasti. A print anthology will be releasing in Summer '25 with all three novellas.
- Ben Greene's MY CHILD IS TRANS, NOW WHAT? is an important new nonfiction title from Rowman & Littlefield.

New Rights Sales:

- Heather Webber's MIDNIGHT AT THE BLACKBIRD CAFE and IN THE MIDDLE OF HICKORY LANE to Czechia, and SOUTH OF THE BUTTONWOOD TREE to Hungary; and AT THE COFFEE SHOP OF CURIOSITIES to Russia
- World Arabic rights to H. M. Long's DARK WATER DAUGHTER
- Italian rights to THE SUN AND THE VOID by Gabriela Romero Lacruz
- Italian rights to Juliette Cross's THE FIRE THAT BINDS and WITCHES GET STITCHES
- World Arabic and Russian rights to Emma Hamm's Dragon of Umbra series, and Russian rights to WHISPERS OF THE DEEP
- Sarah Adams' THE CHEAT SHEET to Germany
- Kate Canterbury's IN A JAM to Brazil and France
- THE LAST ELIGIBLE BILLIONAIRE by Pippa Grant to France. THE WORST WEDDING DATE to Hungary
- THE LAST CHAPTER by Camille Kellogg to Germany
- FIND ME by Stacey Kennedy to Germany
- Erin Langston's FOREVER YOUR ROGUE to the Netherlands and France
- Nadia Lee's BABY FOR THE BOSSHOLE to Romania
- Kennedy Ryan's BEFORE I MET YOU to Italy
- Hannah Bonam-Young's OUT ON A LIMB to Brazil, Turkey, Croatia, Hungary, Poland and Serbia
- Hannah Bonam-Young's NEXT OF KIN and NEXT TO YOU to Brazil
- THE WITCH'S GUIDE TO WEALTH by Jessie DaSilva to Russia
- Leisa Peterson's THE MINDFUL MILLIONAIRE to India and Brazil

GENERAL FICTION

AT THE COFFEE SHOP OF CURIOSITIES

By Heather Webber

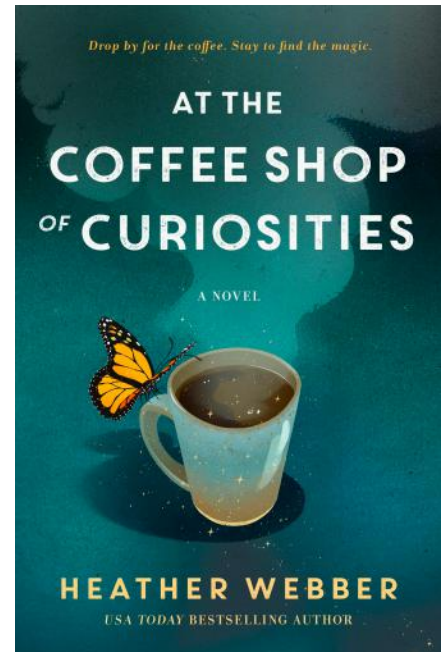
From the *USA Today* bestselling author of *In the Middle of Hickory Lane* comes Heather Webber's next enchanting novel, *At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities*!

A mysterious letter. An offer taken. And the chance to move forward.

When Ava Harrison receives a letter containing an unusual job listing one month after the sudden death of her ex-boyfriend, she thinks she's being haunted. The listing—a job as a live-in caretaker for a peculiar old man and his cranky cat in Driftwood, Alabama—is the perfect chance to start a new life. A normal life. Ava has always been too fearful to even travel, so no one's more surprised than she is when she throws caution to the wind and drives to the distant beachside town.

On the surface, Maggie Mae Brightwell is a bundle of energy as she runs Magpie's, Driftwood's coffee and curiosity shop, where there's magic to be found in pairing the old with the new. But lurking under her cheerful exterior is a painful truth—keeping busy is the best way to distract herself from the lingering loss of her mama and her worries about her aging father. No one knows better than she does that you can't pour from an empty cup, but holding on to the past is the only thing keeping the hope alive that her mama will return home one day.

Ava and Maggie soon find they're kindred spirits, as they're both haunted—not by spirits, but by regret. Both must learn to let go of the past to move on—because sometimes the waves of change bring you to the place where you most belong.



Macmillan: Forge
August 2023

Russia: Eksmo

All other translation rights
available

Book available

Agent: Jessica Faust

Praise:

"*At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities* like a cup of hot cocoa on a chilly morning. A layered story about the connection between two women and the little miracles that brought them together, *Curiosities*, too, opens our eyes to the magic of everyday among the people that make our world." —Tif Marcelo, *USA Today* Bestselling author of *When Jasmine Blooms*

"Love, magic, and mystery shimmer from every enchanting page of Heather Webber's latest novel, *At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities*! From its very first lines, this delightful story—and its wide cast of eccentric, charming characters—pulled me in and held me until its satisfying end. Find a cozy spot and sink into this charming tale brimming with promise, abandoned fears, and love found, lost, and found again." —Lauren K. Denton, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Hideaway* and *A Place to Land*

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 loves to spend time with her family, read, drink too much coffee and tea, birdwatch, crochet, watch cooking competition and home improvement shows, and bake. Heather lives in southwestern Ohio and is hard at work on her next book.

A CERTAIN KIND OF STARLIGHT

By Heather Webber

In the face of hardship, two women learn how to rise up again under the bright side of the stars in *A Certain Kind of Starlight*, the next book from *USA Today* bestselling author Heather Webber, "the queen of magical small-town charm" (Amy E. Reichert)

Everyone knows that Addie Fullbright can't keep a secret. Yet, twelve years ago, as her best friend lay dying, she entrusted Addie with the biggest secret of all. One so shattering that Addie felt she had to leave her hometown of Starlight, Alabama, to keep from revealing a devastating truth to someone she cares for deeply. Now she's living a lonely life, keeping everyone at a distance, not only to protect the secret but also her heart from the pain of losing someone else. But when her beloved aunt, the woman who helped raise her, gets a shocking diagnosis and asks her to come back to Starlight to help run the family bakery, Addie knows it's finally time to go home again.

Tessa Jane Wingrove-Fullbright feels like she's failing. She's always been able to see the lighter side of life but lately darkness has descended. Her world is suddenly in shambles after a painful breakup, her favorite aunt's unexpected health troubles, and because crushing expectations from the Wingrove side of her family are forcing her to keep secrets and make painful choices. When she's called back to Starlight to help her aunt, she's barely holding herself together and fears she'll never find her way back to who she used to be.

Under the bright side of the stars, Addie and Tessa Jane come to see that magic can be found in trusting yourself, that falling apart is simply a chance to rise up again, stronger than ever, and that the heart usually knows the best path through the darkness.

Praise:

"Heather Webber is the queen of magical small-town charm. At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities will bewitch readers with its cast of quirky townspeople, enchanting romance, and irresistible animals, while the mysterious events will keep them flipping the pages." —Amy E. Reichert, author of *The Kindred Spirits Supper Club*

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MYSTERIES, THRILLERS, SUSPENSE

NORTHWOODS

By Amy Pease

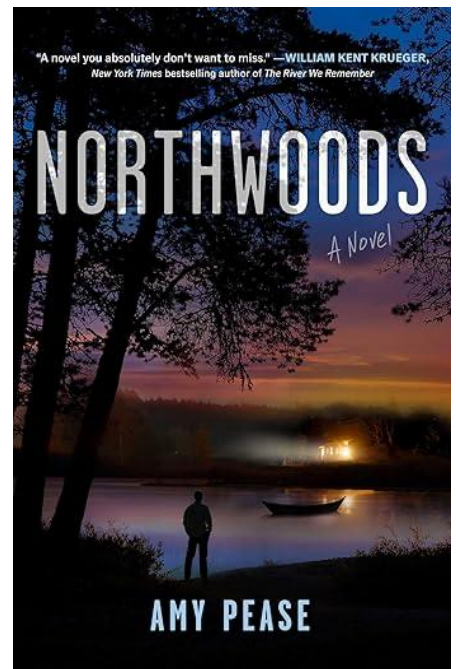
The dark underbelly of an idyllic Midwestern resort town is revealed in the aftermath of a murder with ties to America's opioid epidemic in this unputdownable and thrilling debut that is perfect for fans of James Lee Burke, William Kent Krueger, and Mindy Mejia.

Eli North is not okay.

His drinking is getting worse by the day, his emotional wounds after a deployment to Afghanistan are as raw as ever, his marriage and career are over, and the only job he can hold down is with the local sheriff's department. And that's only because the sheriff is his mother—and she's overwhelmed with small town Shaky Lake's dwindling budget and the fallout from the opioid epidemic. The Northwoods of Wisconsin may be a vacationer's paradise, but amidst the fishing trips and campfires and Paul Bunyan festivals, something sinister is taking shape.

When the body of a teenage boy is found in the lake, it sets in motion an investigation that leads Eli to a wealthy enclave with a violent past, a pharmaceutical salesman, a wealthy enclave with a violent past, and a missing teenage girl. Soon, Eli and his mother, along with a young FBI agent, are on the hunt for more than just a killer.

If Eli solves the case, could he finally get the shot at redemption he so desperately needs? Or will answers to this dark crime elude him and bring destruction to the Northwoods?



S&S/Emily Bestler Books
January 2024

All translation rights
available

Book available

Agent: Amanda Jain

Praise:

“Pease’s sharp dialogue and well-rounded characters enrich the core mystery with an authentic representation of the everyday struggles of small-town Americans.” —*Publisher’s Weekly* **STARRED REVIEW**

“Pease’s brilliantly told story of a beleaguered mother-son law enforcement team is a compelling and heartbreaking debut that marks a new and important voice in the mystery genre. This is a novel you absolutely don’t want to miss.” —William Kent Krueger, author of *The River We Remember*

“[An] indelible debut.” —*The New York Times Book Review*

“A riveting debut by a nurse practitioner with an insider’s view of the opioid epidemic.” —*People*

About the Author:

Amy Pease is an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin and the Madison Writer’s Studio, and works as a nurse practitioner, where she is a nationally recognized HIV specialist. She lives in Wisconsin with her husband and two children. *Northwoods* is her first novel.

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SCI-FI AND FANTASY

DARK WATER DAUGHTER

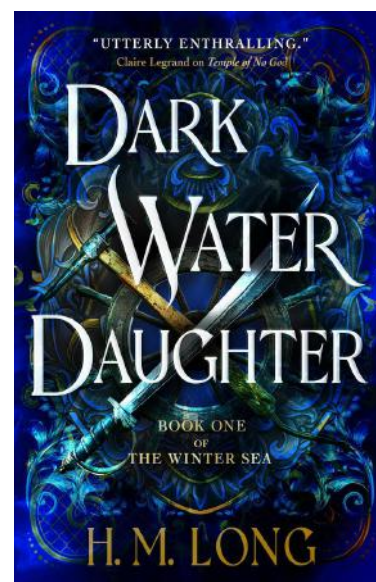
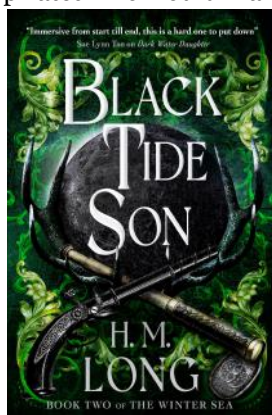
By H.M. Long

A stormsinger and pirate hunter join forces against a deathless pirate lord in this swashbuckling Jacobean adventure on the high-seas, for readers of Adrienne Young, R. J. Barker and Naomi Novik.

Mary Firth is a Stormsinger: a woman whose voice can still hurricanes and shatter armadas. Faced with servitude to pirate lord Silvanus Lirr, Mary offers her skills to his arch-rival in exchange for protection - and, more importantly, his help sending Lirr to a watery grave. But her new ally has a vendetta of his own, and Mary's dreams are dark and full of ghistings, spectral creatures who inhabit the ancient forests of her homeland and the figureheads of ships.

Samuel Rosser is a disgraced naval officer serving aboard *The Hart*, an infamous privateer commissioned to bring Lirr to justice. He will stop at nothing to capture Lirr, restore his good name and reclaim the only thing that stands between himself and madness: a talisman stolen by Mary.

Finally, driven into the eternal ice at the limits of their world, Mary and Samuel must choose their loyalties and battle forces older and more powerful than the pirates who would make them slaves.



First of 3 in THE WINTER SEA series

Titan Books
June 2023

Russian: Rosman
Arabic: Eureka

All other translation rights
available

Book available

Agent: Naomi Davis

Praise:

"[Dark Water Daughter] showcases what Long does best: create a believable world populated with a range of fleshed-out characters and a strong lead, wrapped in a well-told story. This new series crosses genres and ages and is one that Long's fans will love and new readers will embrace."—*Library Journal*

A wonderful adventure! Dark Water Daughter swept me to the high seas with its captivating story, rich original lore, fascinating characters, and slow-burn romance. Immersive from start till end, this is a hard one to put down." —Sue Lynn Tan, Sunday Times bestselling author of *Daughter of the Moon Goddess*

"Dark Water Daughter is a unique and breath-taking slice of high seas fantasy — H. M. Long gives us deliciously complex characters to root for and a world full of surprises. I didn't know I needed these fantasy pirates and their freezing ocean until they sailed into my life. Enormous fun!"—Jen Williams, award-winning author of *The Winnowing Flame* trilogy

About the Author:

H. M. Long is a Canadian fantasy writer, author of *HALL OF SMOKE*, *TEMPLE OF NO GOD*, *BARROW OF WINTER*, and *PILLAR OF ASH*, who loves history, hiking, and exploring the world. She lives in Ontario, but can often be spotted snooping about European museums or wandering the Alps with her German husband.

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THE SUN AND THE VOID

By Gabriela Romero Lacruz

In a lush world inspired by the history and folklore of South America, a sweeping epic fantasy of colonialism, ancient magic, and two young women's quest for belonging unfolds.

Reina is desperate.

Stuck living on the edges of society, her only salvation lies in an invitation from a grandmother she's never known. But the journey is dangerous, and prayer can't always avert disaster.

Attacked by creatures that stalk the region, Reina is on the verge of death until her grandmother, a dark sorceress, intervenes. Now dependent on the Doña's magic for her life, Reina will do anything to earn—and keep—her favor. Even the bidding of an ancient god who whispers to her at night.

Eva Kesare is unwanted.

Illegitimate and of mixed heritage, Eva is her family's shame. She tries her best to be perfect and to hide her oddities. But Eva is hiding a secret: magic calls to her.

Eva knows she should fight the temptation. Magic is the sign of the dark god, and using it is punishable by death. Yet, it's hard to deny power when it has always been denied to you. Eva is walking a dangerous path, one that gets stranger every day. And, in the end, she'll become something she never imagined.

Praise:

"The lush worldbuilding and delightful blend of love, betrayal, and curses set the stage for a powerful and promising new series. This is a gem."
—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred Review

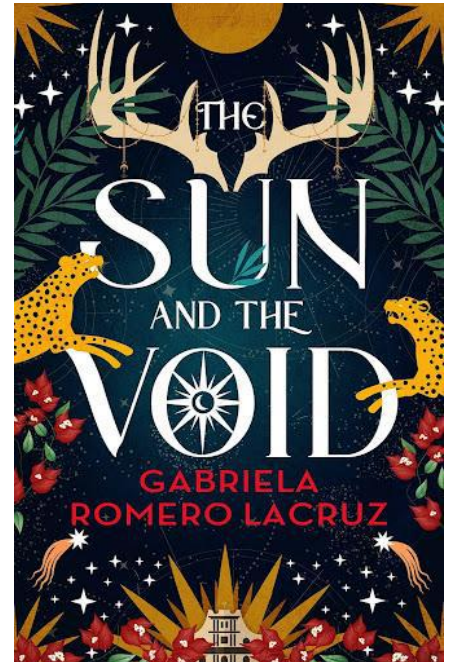
"Romero Lacruz excels in her enchanting world building, with lush descriptions of beautiful landscapes and vivid depictions of folklore and traditions with a hint of realism (aguinaldos and arepas are real, after all). Fans of N.K. Jemisin, Tomi Adeyemi, and Nisi Shawl will appreciate this fresh voice in fiction, especially when it comes to its commentary on colonialism, strong female characters, and the intricacies of magic used for good and evil." —*Booklist*

"This spellbinding fantasy focuses on political intrigue and family rivalries as well as both friendly and romantic relationships between the women characters. Lacruz develops Reina's world with intricate alliances and histories, fearsome monsters, and opposing religions. This ambitious, thrilling series opener pulses with vitality and imagination." —*Shelf Awareness*, Starred Review

About the Author:

Born and raised in Venezuela, **Gabriela Romero Lacruz** now lives two-thousand miles from home, in the land of bayous and astronauts. She graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Houston, and after a stint in Oil and Gas, decided to dedicate herself to the arts. She writes young adult and adult fantasy stories set in places that remind her of home, so in her mind she's never too far from the beaches and mountains of Venezuela. She illustrates as The Moonborn.

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First of 2 in the WARRING GODS series!

**Orbit Books
July 2023**

**UK: Daphne Press
Spanish: Alianza
Italian: confidential**

**All other translation rights
available**

Book Available

Agent: Naomi Davis

WELCOME TO FOREVER

By Nathan Tavares

A sweeping, psychedelic romance of two men caught in a looping world of artificial realities, edited memories, secretive cabals and conspiracies to push humanity to the next step in its evolution.

For fans of *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*, *Ubik*, *The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and *Evangelion*.

Fox is a memory editor—one of the best—gifted with the skill to create real life in the digital world. When he wakes up in Field of Reeds Centre for Memory Reconstruction with no idea how he got there, the therapists tell him he was a victim in a terrorist bombing by Khadija Banks, the pioneer of memory editing technology turned revolutionary. A bombing which shredded the memory archives of all its victims, including his husband Gabe.

Thrust into reconstructions of his memories exploded from the fragments that survived the blast, Fox tries to rebuild his life, his marriage and himself. But he quickly realizes his world is changing, unreliable, and echoing around itself over and over.

As he unearths endless cycles of meeting Gabe, falling in love and breaking up, Fox digs deep into his past, his time in the refugee nation of Aaru, and the exact nature of his relationship with Khadija. Because, in a world tearing itself apart to forget all its sadness, saving the man he loves might be the key to saving us all.

Praise for Previous Titles:

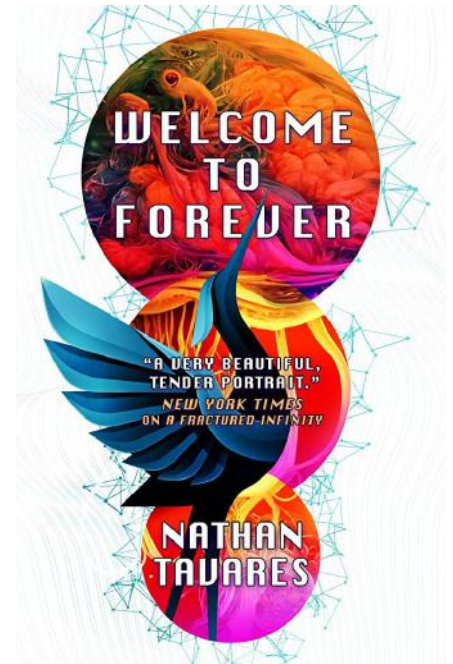
"Tavares is fast becoming my favourite SF writer. *Welcome to Forever* is a masterful futuristic love story, absorbing and all too real." — Kaaron Warren, award winning author of *Into Bones Like Oil*

"In *Welcome to Forever*, Tavares does what all great writers of science fiction do best. He takes our hopes, fears and anxieties about the way we live today, skewers them to the page and makes the reader watch, helpless and captivated as they wriggle underneath his touch. Whether he's probing the ethics – or absence thereof – in techno-capitalism, questioning whether the growing mental health industrial complex can really heal our minds and spirits or simply reminding us that it's often harder to keep love than find it, he finds way to bridge big ideas with the truths of human nature on every page. *Welcome to Forever* is a work of artistic maturity, dazzling imagination and a horrible sense of foresight over what might come to pass – if we let it happen." — Chris McCrudden, author of the *Battlestar Suburbia* series

About the Author:

Nathan Tavares is a writer from Boston, Massachusetts. He grew up in the Portuguese-American community of southeastern Massachusetts and developed a love for fantastical stories at an early age, from superheroes to mythology. He studied English in college and received his MFA in creative writing from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His editorial work celebrates queer culture and historically excluded communities, with pieces appearing in *GQ*, *Out*, and elsewhere.

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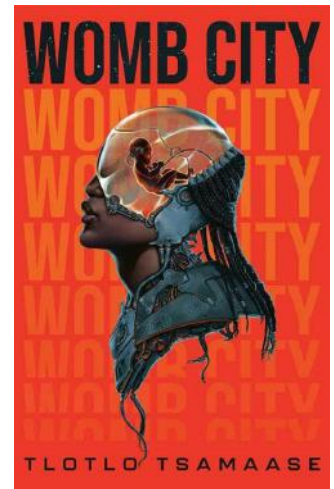
WOMB CITY

By Tlotlo Tsamaase

A feminist horror novel set in a futuristic Botswana where citizens' consciousnesses can be implanted into available, microchipped bodies. Rich with culture and true folklore, WOMB CITY 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.



Erewhon Books
January 2024

All translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Naomi Davis

Praise:

“A fierce, furious, and fearless debut that has its finger on the pulse—no, the gushing wound—of our world's most invasive cruelties.” —Daniel Kraus, New York Times bestselling co-author of *The Shape of Water*

“Masterful . . . Tsamaase has created a disturbing techno dystopia in a future Botswana that terrifies with its echoes of our own increasingly authoritarian cyber-policed world. This beautifully written work haunts and upends expectations with its resurrected ghosts and gods and ancestors of Motswana cosmology. What an accomplished debut!” —T. L. Huchu, Caine Prize finalist and author of *The Library of the Dead*

“Daring, imaginative, and deeply human, . . . This propulsive and brilliant page-turner is a searing indictment of the world in which we live, and I’m so glad it exists. Move aside Philip K. Dick and George Orwell—Tsamaase is the new visionary of our time.” —Marisa Crane, author of *I Keep My Exoskeletons to Myself*

WOMB CITY has been featured in *The LA Times*, *Bookriot*, *Bookculture*, *Lithub*, and many other publications on numerous *Best Of* and *Most Anticipated* lists!

About the Author:

Tlotlo Tsamaase’s novella, *The Silence of the Wilting Skin*, is a 2021 Lambda Literary Award finalist and was shortlisted for a 2021 Nommo Award. Her 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. She was the first Motswana to be a 2017 Rhysling Award nominee. She is a 2011 Bessie Head Short Story Award winner. Tlotlo Tsamaase is a member of PEN America, the African Speculative Fiction Society, SFWA, and Codex Writers Group.

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ROMANTASY and PARANORMAL ROMANCE

A LONG TIME DEAD

By Samara Breger

A lush, Victorian romance, drenched in blood and drama, about the lengths two women will go to secure a love that cannot die.

Somewhere foggy, 1837 . . .

Poppy had always loved the night, which is why it wasn't too much of a bother to wake one evening in an unfamiliar home far from London, weak and confused and plagued with a terrible thirst for blood, to learn that she could no longer step out into the day. And while vampirism presented several disadvantages, it more than made up for those in its benefits: immortality, a body that could run at speed for hours without tiring, the thrill of becoming a predator, the thing that pulls rabbits from bushes and tears through their fur and flesh with the sharp point of a white fang.

And, of course, Roisin. The mysterious woman who has lived for centuries, who held Poppy through her painful transformation, and who, for some reason, is now teaching her how to adjust to her new, endless life. A tight, lonely, buttoned-up woman, with kindness and care pressed up behind her teeth. The time they spend together is as transformative to Poppy as the changes in her body, and soon, she finds herself hopelessly, overwhelmingly attached. But Roisin has secrets of her own, and can't make any promises; not when vengeance must be served.

Soon, their little world explodes. Together and apart, they encounter scores of vampires, shifty pirates, conniving opera singers, ancient nobles, glamorous French women, and a found family that throws a very particular sort of party. But overhead, threat looms—one woman who is capable of destroying everything Poppy and Roisin hold dear.



**Bywater Books
May 2023**

Audio: Podium

All translation rights available

Book Available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

Praise:

"Samara Breger's stunning *A LONG TIME DEAD* recalls a vintage wine miraculously salvaged from a shipwreck. It's also the best Sapphic vampire book since Sheridan Le Fanu's 1872 classic, *Carmilla*." — *The New York Times*

"Lush and evocative prose makes *A LONG TIME DEAD* come to life." —Cat Sebastian, author of *The Queer Principles of Kitt Webb*

"A gorgeously written lesbian vampire story that's as sexy as it is scary. Samara Breger has taken a familiar narrative of bloodlust and immortality and made it wholly her own. I inhaled it." —Gabrielle Korn, author of *Yours for the Taking*

About the Author:

Samara Breger is a writer from New York. Her second novel, *A Long Time Dead*, was hailed by the *New York Times* as "the best Sapphic vampire book since Sheridan Le Fanu's 1872 classic, *Carmilla*." Her essays on topics such as Jewish vampires and the sexiness of Shrek have appeared on Tor.com, Hey Alma, and Autostraddle. She has a cool wife, a soft dog, and a keen interest in Victorian erotica.

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THE FIRE THAT BINDS

By Juliette Cross

Dragons rule Rome. With their supreme legionnaires and flying deathriders, they conquer and pillage and burn.

Malina Bihari is taken captive by the same Roman who once bestowed a secret talisman to her in a stolen moment long ago. But she's no longer a foolish girl to believe in sacred trinkets and false promises. Now, she's determined to fulfill her grandmother's prophecy, no matter who she has to kill.

Roman general and nephew to the emperor, Julianus Dakkia never thought to see her again—the Dacian dancer who'd set his blood on fire with her fierce, dark beauty. When he spies his men planning to make rough sport of her, he saves her from them and carries her away as his own prize of war. While Malina plots her escape, Julian does the last thing she'd ever expect of a dragon noble. Trusting her with a secret that would put his head on the imperial gate could be his worst mistake. Trusting him with her safety could cost Malina not just her own life, but that of the people she was prophesied to free.

Still, Fortuna spins her wheel, pulling them on a perilous path that can only end in heartbreak or death. Or both.

Praise for Previous Titles:

"Utterly enchanting."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Cross' worldbuilding tantalizes and seduces the reader....the climactic battle scene is positively cinematic." —*RT Book Reviews*, Top Pick

"Fans of J.R. Ward's 'Black Dagger Brotherhood' and Sherrilyn Kenyon's 'Dark-Hunter' books will be pleased with this new series from Cross." —*Library Journal*

"Juliette Cross has created a world you'll want to lose yourself in and never come back." -- *USA Today* bestselling author Kerrigan Byrne

About the Author:

Juliette Cross is the author of over 30 paranormal and fantasy romances & the co-host of the podcast, Smart Women Read Romance. She is a native of Louisiana, living in the heart of Cajun land outside New Orleans.

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First of 3 in THE FIRE THAT BINDS trilogy!

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May 2025**

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UK: Tor UK**

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Final MS summer 2024**

Agent: Rachel Brooks

WOLF GONE WILD

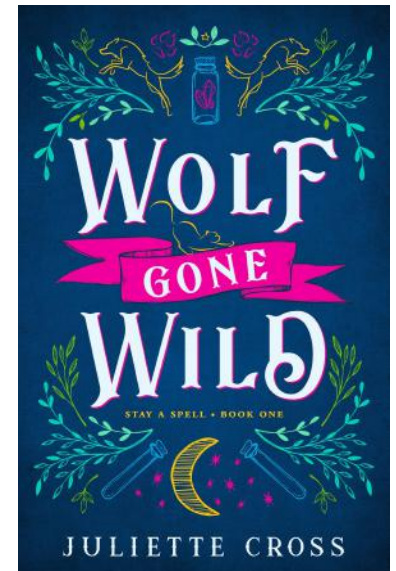
By Juliette Cross

What's the worst thing that can happen to a werewolf?

Unable to shift for three months, Mateo Cruz knows all too well. His wolf has taken up residence in his head, taunting him night and day with vividly violent and carnal thoughts. Convinced he's cursed, he needs the help of a powerful witch before he literally goes insane.

Evie Savoie has always obeyed the house rules of her coven--no werewolves. They're known for being moody and volatile. So, when a distempered, dangerous werewolf strolls into the bar and almost strangles one of her late-night customers, she's ready to bounce him through the door. But the desperation in his eyes when he begs her to help him softens her heart and convinces her to bend the rules.

What Evie doesn't know is that Mateo's wolf has a mind of his own. And now that she's in his sights, he wants only one thing. Her.



First of 6 in the STAY A SPELL series!

**NEW PRINT PUBLISHER
UNION SQUARE
Oct 2023-March 2024**

Audio: Podium

**French: Editions Bookmark
Italian: Newton Compton**

**All other translation rights
available**

Final Manuscripts Available

Agent: Rachel Brooks

Praise:

“High-energy metaphysical mystery, solid contemporary supernatural worldbuilding, and a friends-to-lovers romance with instant heat simmering beneath the surface all come together deliciously in the Stay a Spell series launch. This is utterly enchanting.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

“Cross balances wit, sexy romance, and mystery in this solid start to a promising series.” —*Booklist*

“*Wolf Gone Wild* is sexy, funny, and fast-paced. It'll leave you smiling from ear to ear, wishing you lived in a world of hot-as-sin werewolves and capable, smartass witches, and utterly ready for the next book in this fantastic new paranormal series!” —Amanda Bouchet, USA Today bestselling author

About the Author:

Juliette Cross is the author of over 30 paranormal and fantasy romances & the co-host of the podcast, Smart Women Read Romance. She is a native of Louisiana, living in the heart of Cajun land outside New Orleans.

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WHISPERS OF THE DEEP

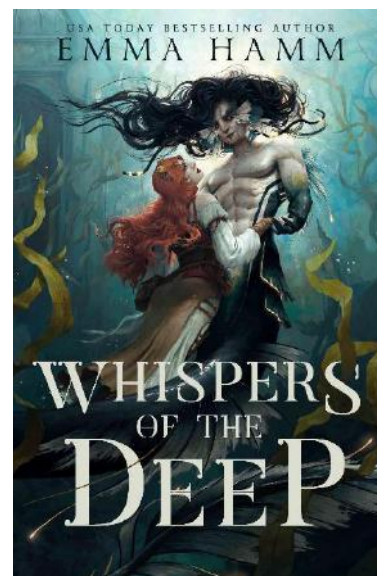
By Emma Hamm

One of the many engineers that keeps Beta, the city under the sea, running, Mira only wants to make her family proud and to prove herself worthy. She knows the mysterious city better than anyone and it's her dream to help it flourish.

But then, on a solo job in an abandoned section of the city, she encounters a monster of legend. An undine. A dangerous merman from an ancient civilization, long forgotten.

Arges has fought his entire life for his people. With deadly creatures under his control, he plans to eradicate Beta once and for all to protect his kind and their peaceful way of life. But when a human woman saves him, she unknowingly creates a bond between them, one he can't ignore. Even though her flaming red hair haunts his dreams, he needs her for information on the undine's enemies.

So he steals her. Keeps her. Feeds her. Only to realize their bond is far deeper than captor and captive. He cannot let her go—but he cannot keep her under the sea. In a battle to determine if love can survive a war beneath the waves, it will be their decision that changes the tides.



First of 4 in the DEEP WATERS series!

**Self-Published
January 2024**

**Audio: Podium
Russian: Rosman**

**All other translation rights
available**

Book Available

Agent: Rachel Brooks

Praise for previous titles:

"Emma Hamm creates a world that sticks with you long after you turn the last page." – *USA Today* Bestselling Author Frost Kay

"I loved everything about it: the world-building, the mythology, the writing, the characters...the story is masterfully retold, and the narration was superb!" - Author Gwen Mitchell

"Enemies to lovers, rich world, insightful backstory, and action. Absolutely loved it!" - *USA Today* bestselling author Alisha Klapheke

About the Author:

USA Today bestselling author **Emma Hamm** grew up in a small town surrounded by trees and animals. She writes strong, confident, powerful women who aren't afraid to grow and make mistakes. Her books will always be a little bit feminist, and are geared towards empowering everyone to be comfortable in their own skin.

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THESE BITTER BOOMS

By Emma Hamm

In a world where magic means power, a "small" gift is a curse.

Thea was not blessed with power. Her gift of devouring plants and absorbing their hidden abilities does not make her stand out among her peers. Until a young man from the other side of the river sees something in her that no one else has seen before. When his family mercilessly strikes at her pride, he makes a point to ease the sting.

Alistair is not like his family. He has no interest in magic or wealth. He can see through the veil of the world into the faerie realm, and that has no use in his family. He never understood the desire to write to the girl across the river, but she turns his world of grey into a life of color. At the first opportunity, he meets with her. The second, he falls in love. And the third, he knows he wants to marry her.

Until the cities across the river go to war. Their lives are shattered, ripped apart, and thrown asunder. Then, ten years later, a chance meeting brings them back together. He needs a secretary. She needs a job. Neither realized they were about to be thrown into each other's arms once again. And this time, he doesn't intend to ever let her go.

For fans of dark academia, witches, slow burn romances, and a little bit of magic, this page turner will wrap you up in a warm hug, snuggle you in a blanket, and hand you a hot cup of tea.



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January 2023**

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Book Available

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SOUL IN DARKNESS

By Wendy Higgins

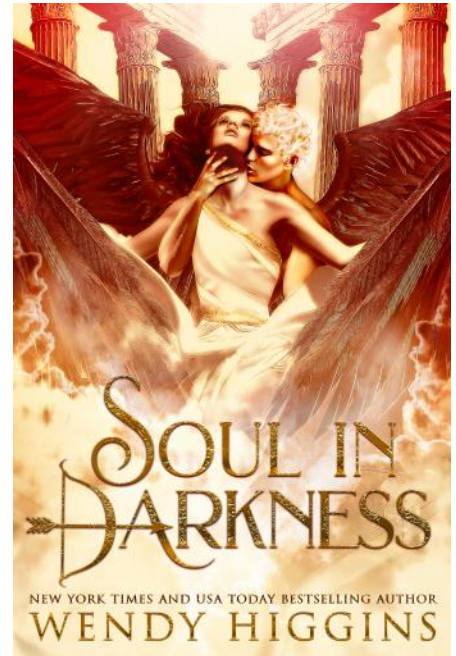
An adult fantasy romance based on the Roman/Greek mythology of Cupid and Psyche from Lucius Apuleius, New York Times bestseller Wendy Higgins brings the tale to life, weaving layers that show exactly how a sacrificial lamb can be enchanted by an unseen monster.

People travel from afar to the small isle in the Aegean Sea hoping for a single glimpse of Princess Psyche. Their adoration for the mortal woman is so all-consuming that citizens begin to shower her with the very gifts and offerings they once left at the altar of Venus, goddess of love and beauty.

But gods are known for their jealousy.

Cupid, the god of love, takes pleasure in causing strife and mischief in the lives of humans. He uses love as a weapon, humoring in the weakness of people at the whims of their feelings. When his mother Venus approaches him about punishing the human girl who dares to steal her offerings and affections from the people, Cupid gladly accepts.

Psyche's punishment is to be given to a mysterious creature who only comes to her in the dark of night under the pact that she will never lay eyes on him. She is terrified of this stranger, who the oracle described as a serpent. Her mate, however, is masterful in his dealings with his bride. He takes his time, morphing her fears into different sensations completely.



**Indie-Published
February 2019**

All translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

Praise:

"As one would expect from any Wendy Higgins novel, *Soul in Darkness* is a gorgeously written retelling of the deliciously romantic Cupid and Psyche myth. With heart-pounding tension and characters that leap off the page, readers will root for Psyche and swoon for Cupid until the very end. The romance is on-point. Get ready to take Cupid's arrow right to the heart." -Amalie Howard, author of the *Lords of Essex* and *Tartans & Titans* series

"*Soul in Darkness* is filled with passion, tenderness, and fierce determination. Wendy Higgins has woven a breathtaking tale that will steal your heart and leave you begging for more." -Raye Wagner, *USA Today* bestselling author

"I stayed up past my bedtime reading this one! Wendy Higgins delivers a delicious romance and brings to life a favorite childhood myth of mine--the story of Cupid and Psyche." ~ Laura Thalassa, author of *Pestilence*

About the Author:

Wendy Higgins is the *USA Today* and *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Sweet Evil* series from HarperTeen. Wendy taught high school English before achieving her dream of becoming a full-time author. She now lives on the Eastern Shore of Virginia with her husband, daughter, and son.

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THE MOONFIRE BRIDE

By Sylvia Mercedes

Perfect for fans of *A Court of Thorns and Roses* and *The Cruel Prince*, this tale of a human girl stolen to be the bride of a doomed fae lord is irresistibly romantic!

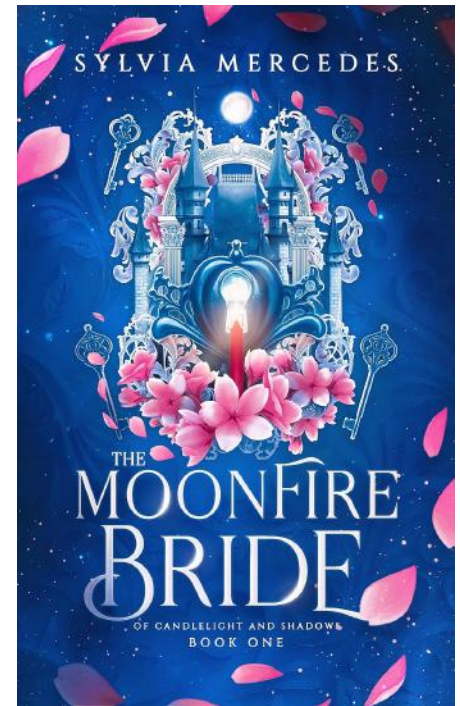
For years, Valera has worked weary hours as a seamstress just to keep food on the table. She would give her all to protect her little sister from the cruelties of the world . . . and the tantalizing lure of the fae forest. One day, she fears, the fae will spirit her sister away, and how can Valera hope to stop them?

Then the fae come. Not for her sister . . . but for her.

Trapped in a magnificent palace far from her own world, Valera finds herself the unwilling bride of an enigmatic fae lord. He claims he won't harm her and vows to return her home after a year and a day if she honors one rule: she must never see his face.

Determined to return to her sister at all costs, Valera struggles to unravel the mystery of her so-called husband. Why does he so desperately need a wife? And why her specifically? Torn between love, duty, and the unexpected freedom she finds in this strange new world, Valera must fight to find her place.

But will a burgeoning passion for the unseen figure in the shadows be her undoing?



**First of 3 in the
OF CANDLELIGHT AND
SHADOWS series!**

**Self-published
March 2021**

**Italy – Queen Edizioni
Brazil – Cabana Vermelha**

**All other translation rights
available**

**UK/Commonwealth rights
available**

Book available

Agent: Amanda Jain



About the Author:

Sylvia Mercedes is the author of over 20 popular fantasy romance novels, including the internationally bestselling BRIDE OF THE SHADOW KING trilogy. She makes her home in North Carolina where she works as a fulltime novelist supporting her handsome “house husband,” numerous small children, and a passel of rescue cats and dogs.

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DAUGHTER OF SHADES

By Sylvia Mercedes

Forbidden love, breathtaking action, and terrifying magic, perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Leigh Bardugo!

Ayleth and her shade move as one, ever hungry for the hunt. Under her mentor's tight control, she fears her memories are being stolen. Now nineteen, apprenticed for as long as she can remember to the mysterious Holy Order, she longs to rise in the ranks and banish untamed spirits for the prophesied Golden Prince.

When shadowy threats descend on the crown, Ayleth seizes a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to prove her worth in open competition. Seeking to win the prince's favor and escape her scheming mentor, she resolves to hold her own against Terry, a handsome, arrogant opponent who may be more than a match for her untested powers.

But as the two rivals follow a trail beyond the Great Barrier and confront legendary evil, the stolen secrets of Ayleth's past may return to haunt her . . .

Can Ayleth win the trial and reclaim her true self? Can she even survive her first day?



First of 7 in THE VENATRIX CHRONICLES series!

**Self-published
November 2019**

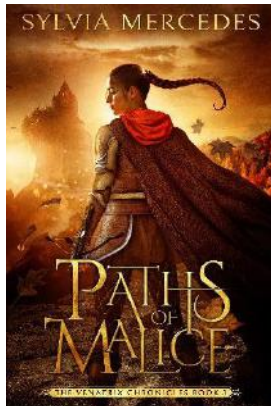
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ROMANCE

THE WORST WOMAN IN LONDON

By Julia Bennet

A *Bridgerton*-inspired humorous Victorian romance featuring a defiant heroine who fights to escape a bad marriage, while her love for a forbidden man jeopardizes her chance at freedom.

James Standish knows how to play society's game. He'll follow the rules—marry a virginal debutante and inherit a massive fortune. At least, that's the plan until he meets Francesca Thorne. She's not the sort of woman a respectable gentleman like James could ever marry—not least because, strictly speaking, she's married already to James's friend Edward. Francesca is determined to flout convention and divorce her philandering husband. When James sweet-talks his way into her life—tasked with convincing Francesca to abandon her dream of freedom—she's unprepared for the passion that flares between them.

Torn apart by conflicting desires, James and Francesca must choose whether to keep chasing the lives they've always wanted or to take a chance on a new and forbidden love.



Union Square Press

May 2024

(Originally self-published February 2023)

All translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

Praise:

"*The Worst Woman in London* is the kind of historical I've been dying to read...Bennet concocts a very classic romance mood, where the sex is spectacular even when (or because?) people are painfully conflicted about it...Certainly it's one of the most complex and satisfying explorations of the idea that everyone is the hero of their own love story—even the villains." —*New York Times*

"It's romantic, feminist, and shimmers with intelligence. Let's hope Ms. Bennet keeps writing—we need more historical romance just like this!" —*All About Romance*.

"With gorgeous, period-appropriate prose, appealing characters, and obviously-detailed research on divorce law, it's a great example of the best of historical romance. HIGHLY, highly recommended!" —*Plot Trysts*

"A revelation. The best historical romance I've read in years. Julia Bennet is an author to watch!" —Elizabeth Hoyt, *New York Times* bestselling author on *The Ruin of Evangeline Jones*

About the Author:

Julia Bennet writes historical romance with passion, intrigue, dark humor and the occasional animal sidekick. A tea-sodden English woman, if she isn't writing, she's probably reading everything she can get her hands on.

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SECOND TIDE'S THE CHARM

By Chandra Blumberg

Love puts you in uncharted waters.

At first glance, Hope Evans just landed the perfect job: spending the summer on a shark research boat. Except as every marine biologist knows, it's what's going on beneath the surface that counts, and Hope's new position comes with a big catch—the boat belongs to her ex-boyfriend, Adrian Hollis-Parker. For three years Hope's been treading water, staying away from anything that reminds her of their past. It's time to dive back into a job that could springboard her career—and maybe offer much-needed closure.

Since their split, Adrian has risen to internet fame as a shark expert with the launch of his YouTube channel to dispel myths and educate viewers about sharks. But success rings hollow without Hope. Embracing this new career trajectory was a risk, but working in cramped quarters with the woman he never stopped loving? That has the potential to backfire in heartbreaking ways.

Side by side, weathering storms of every kind, they'll have to navigate the murky waters of past hurts...and hope it's not too late to chart a new course...



**HarperCollins:
Canary Street Press
August 2024**

**All translation rights
available**

Copyedited MS Available

Agent: Rachel Brooks

Praise for Previous Titles:

“Blumberg’s sweet romance offers a perfect recipe for a delectable read, combining diversity, smart characters, and a delicious love story.” —*Booklist* (starred review)

“Replete with instantly likable characters and relatable pop-culture references, Blumberg’s debut is warm, engaging, and emotionally honest.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“Readers will root for this couple in both business and love.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“Blumberg has penned such a lively, romantic debut! *Digging Up Love* spoke to me in so many ways with its characters with heart, a delicious slow burn romantic arc, and secondary characters that I want separate books for. I can’t wait for Blumberg’s next work!” —*Tif Marcelo, USA Today bestselling author*

About the Author:

Chandra Blumberg is the author of funny, heartwarming love stories and her first two novels, *Digging Up Love* and *Stirring Up Love*, both received rave reviews from *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Booklist*. When not writing, she is spending time with her family in Chicago.

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OUT ON A LIMB

By Hannah Bonam-Young

Winnifred "Win" McNulty has always been wildly independent. Not one to be coddled for her limb difference, Win has spent most of her life trying to prove that she can do it all on her own. And, with some *minor* adjustments, she's done just fine.

That is until she has a one-night stand with the incredibly charming Bo, a perfect stranger. And that one night changes *everything*.

While Bo is surprisingly elated to step up to the plate, Win finds herself unsure of whether she can handle this new challenge on her own or if she'll need a helping hand.

Together, Win and Bo decide to get to know one another as friends and nothing more. But, as they both should know by now, life rarely goes according to plan.



PRH/Dell new edition: June 2024

(Originally independently published: July 2023)

Brazil: Globo Livros

Croatia: pending

Hungary: pending

Poland: Media Rodzina

Romania: pending

Serbia: Publik Praktikum

Turkey: Marti

All other translation rights available

Manuscript Available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

Praise:

"Color me shocked — a viral book that I have seen literally everywhere lived up to the hype." —RomancingtheReader

"*Out on a Limb* is a beautiful love story, full of joy from beginning to end! I recommend this story for anyone who wants to feel warm and loved!" -Sarah Adams, *New York Times* bestselling author

"Everyone needs to pay attention. Hannah is going to do incredible things. This book is stunning." —B.K. Borison

About the Author:

Hannah Bonam-Young writes stories featuring a cast of diverse, disabled, marginalized, and LGBTQIA+ folks wherein complex and swoon-worthy storylines coexist and blend with the beautiful realities of life, in all its messy glory.

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NEXT OF KIN

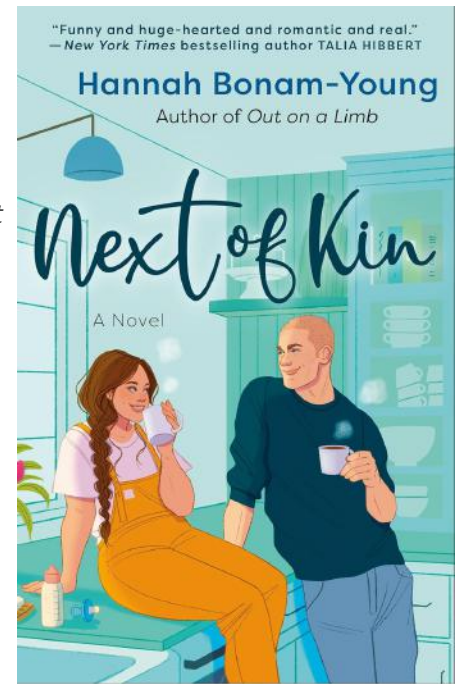
By Hannah Bonam-Young

Two bickering strangers trying to foster their younger siblings team up to create a stable home, but the chemistry between them threatens to undo their plans—from the viral TikTok author of *Next to You* and *Out on a Limb*.

When people-pleasing Chloe learns that her birth mother has unexpectedly had another baby, she doesn't hesitate to become a next-of-kin guardian. But when she fails to pass Child Protective Services' financial evaluation, she is faced with a choice: see her baby sister placed in foster care or participate in CPS's new initiative, where two prospective guardians join households to qualify.

Enter Warren, a surly mechanic's apprentice attempting to get custody of his deaf fifteen-year-old brother. From the moment Warren drives up thirty minutes late, blasting music out of his car, Chloe is convinced that this is a very bad idea. The two immediately clash but eventually agree to live together for the sake of their younger siblings.

As their lives intertwine, and Chloe adjusts to caring for her newborn sister, she begins to see a new, softer side of Warren. In fact, they're far more similar than she could have imagined. What started as forced begins to feel natural—and far less lonely. Chemistry soon intensifies beyond what either of them can stand, but is their mutual attraction worth risking everything they've fought for?



**First of 2 in the Next series!
PRH/Dell: February 2024**

(Originally independently published
June 2022)

**Brazil: Globo Livros
Poland: Agora**

**All other translation rights
available**

Finished Book Available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez



Praise:

“Funny and huge-hearted and romantic and real.” —Talia Hibbert, *New York Times* bestselling author

“Tender, thoughtful, and deeply touching, NEXT OF KIN celebrates the gift of found family, the wonder of falling in love, and the beautiful work of building a life together.” — Chloe Liese, author of *Two Wrongs Make a Right*

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LOVE AND OTHER RISKY BUSINESS

By Sarah Brenton

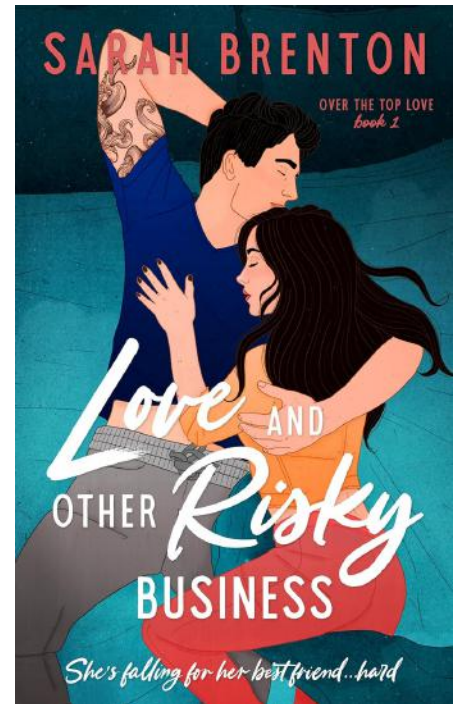
Can an over-the-top risk-taker win the heart of his cautious, risk-averse best friend?

Hollywood Stuntman Timothy Foley fears nothing. Falling off a building? Any time. Being set on fire? All in a day's work. Telling his best friend he's been in love with her for years? Chokes. *Every. Time.* For a man who knows how to use his body—in every way—his heart has a way of tripping him up.

Wardrobe department seamstress Mina Andrei doesn't take risks—with her life or her heart. Between her day job and the slow steps she's taking to build her eco-friendly underwear brand, she doesn't have time. Her friendship with Timothy is all the excitement she can handle. So long as she can ignore the way he makes her stomach flutter.

When an on-set accident ends Timothy's career and nearly his life, he's done chickening out. Luckily, he's already in the hospital because his clumsy marriage proposal crashes and burns. But with his parents offering Mina much-needed money to keep him out of trouble, he might get another chance to woo his bestie. Carefully.

This friends to lovers, opposites attract romance features a chaotic bisexual hero and a careful demi-sexual heroine finding their Happily Ever After.



First in the Over the Top Love trilogy!

**Indie-published
October 2023**

All translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez



Praise:

"Brenton's voice is like a shot of fireball: hot and spicy with the sweetest aftertaste. Come for the daredevil with a heart of gold and stay for a friends-to-lovers twist unlike any I've read." —Livy Hart, author of *Talk Flirty to Me*

"This was such a fun read. A stunt man and the owner of a period underwear company and their shift from friends to lovers. Add in a house that used to be a porn set, a closet of sex toys, meddling family members, and Sarah Brenton's A+ steam and chemistry and there's no way not to enjoy this steamy read. I can't wait for the rest of this series." —NetGalley reviewer, Mae B.

About the Author:

Sarah Brenton (she/her) writes swoony, steamy, sex-positive romantic comedies. She lives in New Zealand. When not writing, she can be found daydreaming at work in a vineyard.

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SHUCKED

By Kate Canterbury

No one ever accused Beckett Loew of being the nice Loew brother, especially not Sunny duJardin. Stuck back home in the quirky town of Friendship, Rhode Island, Beckett is scrambling to save his family's oyster bar and take care of his teenage brother. He doesn't have time to deal with the beautiful, sunshine-y owner of the new vegan cafe next door too. His best friend's little sister may be all grown up, but Sunny's still a distracting pain in his side.

No one expects much from Sunny duJardin, especially not Beckett Loew. She's not worried about her older brother's tall, dark, and broody best friend or battles he insists on waging with her everyday. She's not the same kid he teased years ago. Now, she composts his type for breakfast.

They're all wrong for each other.

Bitter rivals.

Complete opposites.

Off limits.

Except they can't keep their hands off each other.

They tell themselves it's nothing more than a steamy summer fling until secrets spill and real trouble comes their way.

Praise:

"This is a gem of a read, and a fave for 2023!" –Escapist Book Blog

"There is so much to love about this world Kate Canterbury has created and I can't wait until the next book." –Smexy Books

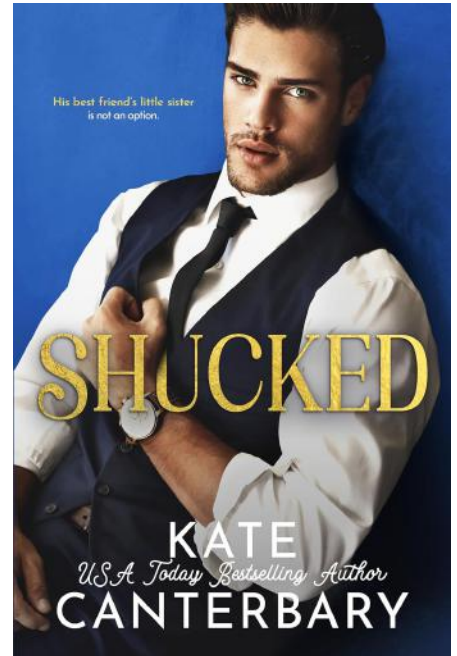
"Kate Canterbury's storytelling prowess shines through, making this book an absolute must-read for anyone who craves a story that will leave their heart full and their emotions tangled in the best way." –A Grand Romance

"This author is the absolute best at writing smart, sassy, and steamy stories that are the epitome of girl bosses and growly men." –Bibliophile Chloe

About the Author:

USA Today bestseller **Kate Canterbury** writes smart, steamy contemporary romances loaded with heat, heart, and happy ever afters. Kate lives on the New England coast with her husband and daughter.

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Indie-published
August 2023

All translation rights available

Audio rights to Podium

Book available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

UNTIL I GET YOU

By Claire Contreras

3 years ago, she ruined my life. Now I'm going to return the favor...

My reputation at Fairview University preceded me. I was the projected number-one pick in the NHL draft and the fan favorite at the rink. People wanted to be me or be with me.

Except for Lyla James Marichal.

She didn't look at me like I was her next meal. She eyed me with disdain.

Instead of vying for my attention, she ignored me and pushed me away.

She was completely unattainable, and I became obsessed with her.

When I finally got her, it felt like I was on top of the world. I was going to help the team win another championship, going into the draft, and had Lyla by my side.

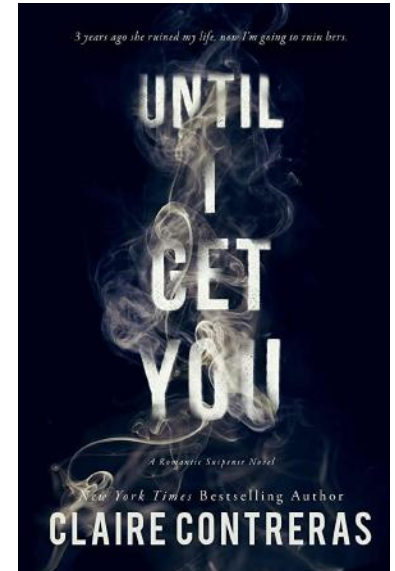
And then, without warning, she left me.

Vanished.

It took me three bitter, angry, long years to find her, but I did, and now she owes me a lot more than just an explanation.

Three years ago, she ruined my life.

Now, I was going to become her worst nightmare.



**Self-published
April 2023**

Italian: Newton Compton

**All other translation rights
available**

Book Available

Agent: Kim Lionetti

Praise:

“Top-tier everything. All the stars. One of my favorite romances in YEARS! I can't wait to read it again!”—Dylan Allen, *Wall Street Journal* & *USA Today* bestselling author

About the Author:

Claire Contreras is a New York Times bestselling author whose books range from romantic suspense to contemporary romance and have been translated into over fifteen languages. Claire was born in the Dominican Republic, raised in Miami, and currently lives in North Carolina with her family.

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FALL INTO YOU

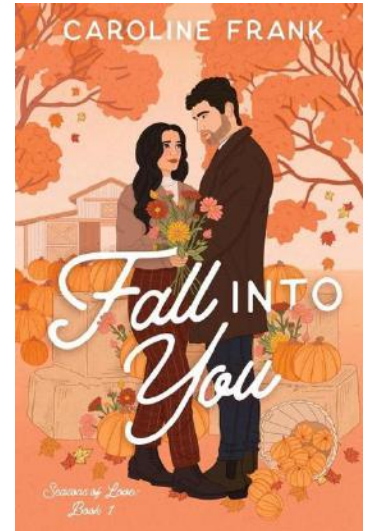
By Caroline Frank

What happens when overprotected Liza Castelli falls in love with reformed ladies' man and her brother's best friend, Matt Wilson?

When Liza and Matt feel an instant connection at first sight, her older brother, Vinny, immediately shuts it down. Tired of her traditional Italian family and their tendency to get in each other's business, Liza decides to ignore her brother's warnings and embark on a secret-dating adventure with heart-melting Matt.

The couple quickly fall in love in the magic that is autumn in New York City, bonding over the loss of their fathers. All the while, Liza doesn't mind keeping things under wraps—she hasn't felt this happy since before her father's death and doesn't want to do anything to risk ruining it. And that includes coming clean to her family.

But as Matt grows even closer to Vinny and his frustration with Liza's insistence to keep everything secret creates tension between them, Liza's forced to decide if her relationship is worth risking her family, and we're left wondering whether their relationship will be able to survive.



**Book 1 of 4 in the
Seasons of Love series!**

May 2023

**All translation rights
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**UK/Commonwealth
rights available**

Book available

Agent: Jenissa Graham



Praise:

Coming Soon!

About the Author:

Caroline Frank is an indie author and self-proclaimed shoe addict. She currently resides in Massachusetts with her husband and two crazy cats, Señor Kitty and Salem. She spends her days reading, writing, and biking. Her favorite things include the first sip of a Coke on a hot day, crocheting, and using self-deprecating humor to get through the day. Though she always planned to eventually take over the world, she thinks writing fun stories every day is pretty awesome and plans to continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

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UNTIL IT WAS LOVE

By Pippa Grant

A new standalone romance!

There are a million reasons why I shouldn't agree to a date with Fletcher Huxley.

He's a growly-faced, stubborn-streaked, international rugby legend trying to revive his flailing career in the US after being canned by his team overseas.

While he might have the good kind of thunder thighs, intriguing tattoos, and a booty of steel, he also holds the top position on my very short nemesis list thanks to what happened the first time we met.

Plus, his mustache is as terrible as the reason he's picked me to be the woman he wants to date.

But he has one big checkmark in the *why this date is a good idea* column: he's my brother's new teammate. They already hate each other. And my brother has made an unfortunate habit of interfering with my love life recently.

So a revenge date with Fletcher to make my brother mad? While letting Fletcher think this date is merely for the good of the team?

Yep. I'm in.

I'm moving to London for work in a month. And it's just one date. What could possibly go wrong?

Until It Was Love is a banter-tastic romcom featuring an overgrown snack of a man with a soft spot for his purse dog, a normally optimistic life coach trying to live her best life, a mustache catastrophe, and one little tiny fainting spell. It stands alone and comes complete with a swoony happily ever after that will leave your heart in a happy puddle of joy.

Praise for previous titles:

"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 fantastically 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. Previous titles have been translated into Bulgarian, Czech, Hebrew, Hungarian, and Polish.

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**Independently
published
April 2024**

**All Translation Rights
Available**

Manuscript available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

THE WORST WEDDING DATE

By Pippa Grant

I didn't know *bridesmaid* was code for *babysitter for the bride's brother*, but if that's what my best friend needs for her dream wedding to go off without a hitch, that's what I'll do.

Even if Theo Malone has been a pain in my rear since third grade. Even if he should be responsible enough to not wreak havoc at his sister's destination wedding. Even if it means we have to share a hotel room in Hawaii, which might actually break me.

Not only does Theo know *exactly* how to push my buttons, but he never wears clothes, he's hiding a litter of kittens in his room, and he keeps showing up with fresh-baked cookies that seemingly come from nowhere.

Also? I have no idea why I suddenly want to know what makes him tick. The story behind his tattoos. How he can afford to rent a convertible in Hawaii. And if maybe all of that utter frustration and irritation I've felt for him for *years* is actually suppressed attraction that a good girl like me isn't supposed to feel for the biggest bad boy of Snaggleteeth Creek.

But I do know one thing. When I find out his biggest secret and the answer to all of my questions, it will change *everything*.

The Worst Wedding Date is a frolicking good time of a destination wedding enemies-to-lovers romcom, complete with a good girl bridesmaid, her best friend's troublemaking but secretly big-hearted brother, and more than one hitch on the way to happily ever after.



Praise:

"Every time I think, okay, Pippa really spoiled me with the last book or one of the last books so there's no way that this one can come close, she turns around and pulls out another fantastic and fabulous story." —Escape Into Reading

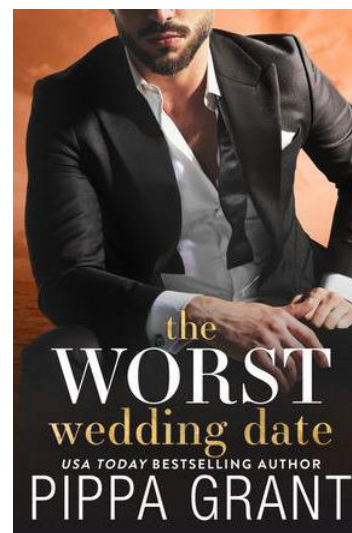
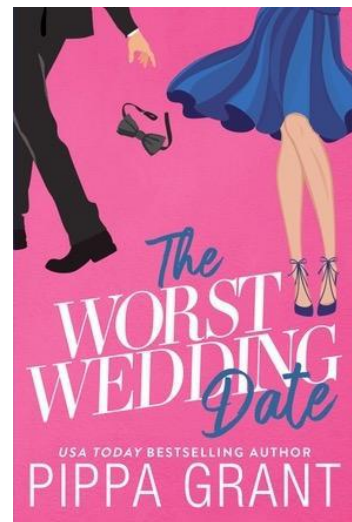
"A fun, energetic and laugh out loud one bed romance masterpiece that checked all the boxes of rom-com gold." —Late Knight Luna Reads

"I adore Pippa Grant. At first glance, Grant's rom-coms are quirky and silly. However, below the surface, Grant works through common human troubles." —Professor Romance

About the Author:

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**First of 3 in the Three
BFFs and a wedding
series!**

**Independently published
April 2023**

**Germany: Luebbe/Lyx
Hungary: Kossuth
Romania: pending**

**All other translation
rights available**

Book available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

FOREVER YOUR ROGUE

By Erin Langston

He was her last chance. She was his first certainty.

Cora, Lady Dane, gave up her dreams of happily ever after a long time ago. Now newly widowed, the young mother is determined to finally live on her own terms...until a devastating betrayal shatters her hopes for the future. Faced with the prospect of losing her beloved children to overbearing relatives, Cora needs the help of the one thing she swore she'd never have again: a husband.

Nathaniel Travers hasn't a care—or responsibility—in the world. Content with his wayward lifestyle, the charismatic rogue has no interest in marriage or duty. That is, until the earl cuts off his bank accounts. No stranger to wild escapades, Nate is game for any scheme that keeps him afloat...even a madcap ruse with a stubborn viscountess.

A fake engagement *should* be a straightforward solution to both of their dilemmas. But a summer at Cora's estate tests their arrangement, and it isn't long before their simmering attraction escalates to a feverish crescendo. When they are forced to confront the real complications of their faux betrothal, Nate has to make the first worthy gamble of his life...if only Cora can risk her guarded heart.



Standalone with linked novellas

**Independently published
February 2023**

**Dutch: April Books
French: J'ai Lu**

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Book Available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez



Praise:

"One of the most utterly gorgeous character transformations historical romance has offered up in some time." — *The New York Times*

"Wonderfully constructed from start to finish, with high notes of grace and humor, Langston has written a novel that romance fans will treasure." — *Library Journal*

"...A simmering, swoonworthy story that takes you to places both excitingly new and reassuringly familiar." — *Paste Magazine*

"Simply bewitching!" — Liana De la Rosa, author of *Ana Maria and the Fox*

About the Author:

Erin Langston is a historical romance author who crafts Regencies with heart, heat, and humor. A librarian by trade, Erin lives in the US Midwest with her husband and two children.

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BABY FOR THE BOSSHOLE

By Nadia Lee

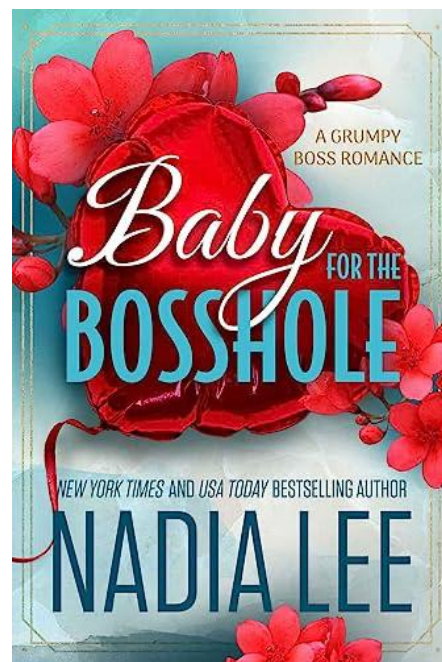
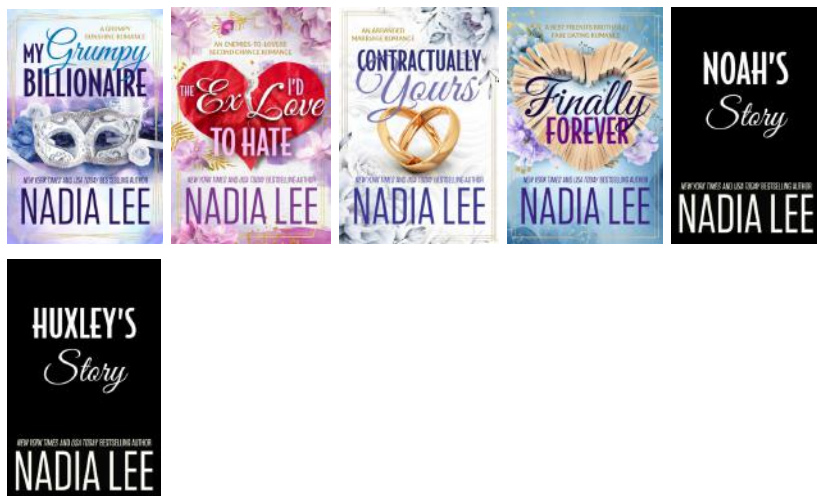
My boss is a jerk but when I discovered him clutching his sausage and moaning my name, I made a mistake that I can't take back.

Emmett Lasker is impossible to work for. He might be model handsome and stupidly wealthy, but he also has it out for me. He's given me more last-minute and weekend requests than anyone else, ruining any plans I make. I should quit. And I will. Just as soon as I earn out my signing bonus.

But after a particularly awful day at work, a breakup (via text!), and my computer crashing, I've had enough! So at 11:59 Friday night, I barge into Emmett's office to tell him what I really think of him. Only, that's not what happens. *AT ALL.*

There's something about finding your ridiculously hot boss in a compromising position, moaning your name, that can derail a girl's best intentions. And now? I'm pregnant. He wants to "do the right thing" and marry me. Yeah. That's never gonna happen.

This title stands alone, or can be read as Book 1 in the Lasker Brothers series



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April 2022**

Romania: pending

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available**

Book available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

Praise:

"This was delicious sexy fun! If you are always on the lookout for a sexy opposites attract, then this is a story that needs to be on your radar because Nadia Lee really brings in the humor just right to balance in perfectly with a sexy romp of a read." –Addicted to Romance Book Blog

About the Author:

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author **Nadia Lee** writes sexy, emotional contemporary romance. Though born in South Korea, she shares a condo overlooking a small river and sakura trees in Japan with her husband and son.

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BEFORE I LET GO

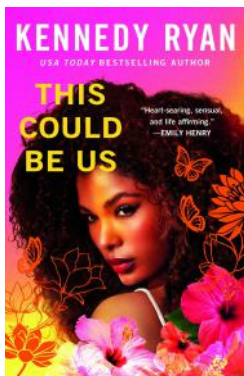
By Kennedy Ryan

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?



Praise:

A Good Morning America Book Buzz Pick!

Book of the Month Club selection

Audible Best Romances of 2022

Publishers Weekly Best Romance Books of 2022

Library Journal Best Romances of 2022

“Real. Raw. Magnificent! Before I Let Go is the beautiful angst I love to read.”
—Colleen Hoover, #1 NYT Bestselling Author

“Heart-searing, sensual, and life affirming.” —Emily Henry, #1 NYT Bestselling Author.

“Emotional, raw, real, and addictively delicious.” —Tia Williams, NYT Bestselling Author

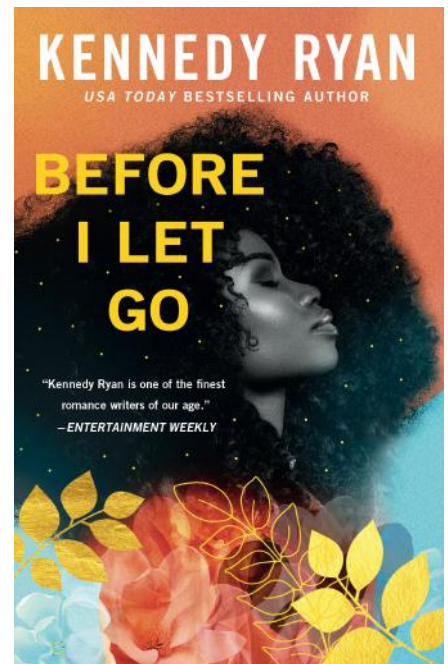
“Award-winning and bestselling ‘powerhouse’ author Kennedy Ryan is at her absolute best in this compelling, scorching novel about hope and healing, and what it truly means to love for a lifetime” —*USA Today*

“Ryan brings both tears and laughter in a powerhouse second-chance romance that shines a sensitive light on mental health issues...This tender contemporary is a knockout.” —*Publishers Weekly*

About the Author:

Kennedy Ryan lives in North Carolina. She is a RITA Award Winner and a Top 25 Amazon Bestseller. *BEFORE I LET GO* has received a starred review from Publishers Weekly and LibraryJournal, was named to Audible's Best of the Year list, and was featured on Good Morning America.

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First of 3 in the SKYLAND series!

**Hachette/Forever
November 2022**

Brazil: Faro Editorial

Czechia: Jota

Dutch: Luitingh-Sijthoff

Hungary: Konyvmolykepzo

Italy: Newton Compton

Poland: Papierowka

Portugal: Infinito Particular

Romania: Librex

Serbia: Vulkan

**Film/TV rights purchased
by Universal**

Book Available

Agent: Kim Lionetti

REEL

By Kennedy Ryan

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?



**First of 3 in the
HOLLYWOOD
RENAISSANCE series!**

**Hachette/Forever
re-release September 2024**

Brazil: The Gift Box

**All Other Translation Rights
Available**

Manuscript Available

Agent: Kim Lionetti

Praise:

Audie Award Winner for Best Romance

Entertainment Weekly Best Romances of 2021

Washington Post Best Romances of 2021

Barnes & Noble Best Indie Books of 2021

Audiofile Magazine Best Audiobooks of 2021

“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**

“A gorgeous, brilliant, transporting book. Reading it felt like being inside two incredible films.”-**Kate Clayborne, Award-Winning author of Love At First and Georgie, All Along**

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TO CONQUER A BRIDE

By Naima Simone

My brother stole everything from me.

My family. My name. My future.

For five years I've planned, waited. Now it's my turn to take from him.

Starting with his bride.

Niall Hudson is the key to a treasure I've spent half a decade hunting down. Yeah, she's a little upset to find herself a "guest" on my pirate ship. But the mouthy, curvy and beautiful shipping heiress is going to give me what I need...one way or another. This treasure will not only bring me and my crew riches beyond our wildest dreams, but it will restore all that has been stolen from me.

But Niall isn't submitting so easily. Even though my brother is hot on my trail, she's playing games, issuing terms of her own. And she isn't above turning the tables on me to get what she wants.

Game on, little girl.

Because I've decided I'm not satisfied with just her help. I want her. All of her.

And I'm going to enjoy every second of conquering my brother's woman.

Praise for Previous Titles:

"Every romance fan should be reading Naima Simone's books." —*Hypable*

"Simone balances crackling, electric love scenes with exquisitely rendered characters caught in emotional turmoil...she delivers one of the best of the year." —*Entertainment Weekly*

"Simone creates characters with great depth, and readers will be rewarded with an emotional story"—*Library Journal*

"Scorching hot and full of heart! An unputdownable must-read!"—*New York Times* Bestselling Author, Laura Kaye

"Passion, heat and deep emotion—Naima Simone is a gem!" — *New York Times* bestselling author Maisey Yates

About the Author:

USA Today bestselling author **Naima Simone** is the author of over 50 romances. Her books have been praised by *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Washington Post*, *Oprah*, and *Entertainment Weekly*.

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**Self-published
November 2023**

Audio: MMB/Insatiable

**All translation rights
available**

Book Available

Agent: Rachel Brooks

PLAY TO WIN

By Jodie Slaughter

Jodie Slaughter's latest rom-com, *Play to Win*, is a sizzling romance where a winning lottery ticket is meant to be a new start but instead becomes a second chance at love.

Miriam Butler's life is going nowhere in the slowest, most excruciating way possible. Stuck in the same barely-paying job she's had since she was sixteen and spending every night sleeping in the spare twin bed in her mother's house, her existence might be hilarious if it wasn't so bleak. One trip to her favorite corner store upends everything when she finds herself the winner of a Mega Millions Lottery Jackpot. Unfortunately, not even life-altering roses come without their painful thorns. Hers just so happen to be in the form of an estranged husband who has the right to claim his share of her money.

It's been eight years since Leo Vaughn has had a conversation with his wife. When she calls out of the blue, practically begging him to come back to Greenbelt, the last thing he expects her to tell him when he gets there is that she's come into a whole heap of money. She offers him a life-changing proposition of his own. Take a lump sum, finally sign the divorce papers, and be done with her for good. Only, a forever without her is the last thing Leo wants. So he gives a proposition of his own. One that won't cost her nearly as many millions, but will buy him the time to do the one thing he's been hungry to do since he left — win her back.

Praise:

"An immensely sexy and emotionally tender story about second chances, community, and family."—*Library Journal* starred review

"Slaughter's exploration of the importance of communication and self-healing, and thoughtful consideration of the socioeconomic pressures on Black families will resonate."—*Publishers Weekly*

"This romance is sexually frank, starkly intimate and often sizzling."—*BookPage*

The New York Times—[Romance Novels That Celebrate the Hard Work of Love](#)

About the Author:

Jodie Slaughter lives in Louisville, Kentucky. Her debut novel, *BET ON IT*, was named one of *Publishers Weekly's* Top Ten Romances of Spring 2022 and one of Goodreads' Most Anticipated Romances of 2022. Jodie Slaughter is also the author of four self-published novels.

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**Macmillan/St. Martin's
Griffin
July 2023**

German: Amazon

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available**

Book Available

Agent: Kim Lionetti

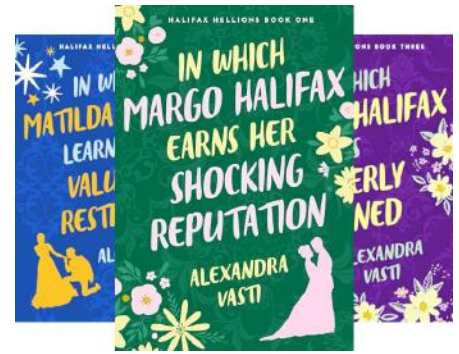
THE HALIFAX HELLIONS

By Alexandra Vasti

A novella trilogy to be released in a print anthology in 2025!

The Halifax Hellions are the most scandalous, outrageous, ungovernable ladies in London. From the day of their debut—in which Matilda smoked a cheroot and Margo tied a cherry stem in a knot with her tongue—they’ve turned the ton upside down. But when Matilda elopes with a dangerous aristocrat, Margo must stop her twin before this new misadventure becomes a permanent marriage. For help, Margo turns to her brother’s best friend—because if anyone can get them to Scotland in time, it’s starchy solicitor Henry Mortimer.

Henry Mortimer has precisely one secret in his otherwise buttoned-up life: he’s been in love with Margo for seven wonderful, agonizing years. When she turns up at his doorstep, soaked to the skin and desperate for his help, he cannot turn her down. A week alone in a carriage with the object of his desires an arm’s length away? Surely he can survive that. He hopes.



St. Martin’s Griffin

Digital release: February 2024

Print anthology release:

Summer 2025

All translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez



Praise for her other work:

“A delightful, quicksilver romp.” —Deanna Raybourn, bestselling author of *The Veronica Speedwell* series

“An irresistible delight from a remarkable new talent.” —India Holton, author of *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels*

“A witty page-turner . . . I didn’t want their antics to end.” —Virginia Heath, author of *Never Fall for Your Fiancée*

“Warm, wonderfully witty, and oh-so-sexy.” —Amy Rose Bennett, author of *Up All Night with a Good Duke*

About the Author:

Alexandra Vasti lives in Louisiana, where she teaches literature at a university by day and writes romance by night. Somewhere in there she also raises three kids and two mostly feral kitties. She is the author of the forthcoming *Ne’er Duke Well* (St. Martin’s Griffin, 2024).

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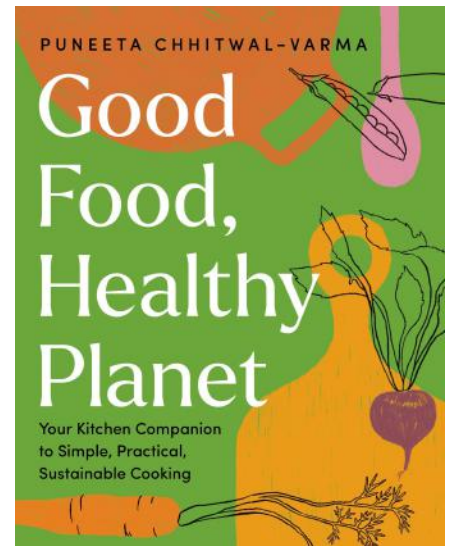
GOOD FOOD, HEALTHY PLANET

By Puneeta Chhitwal-Varma

A refreshing, relaxed guide to the occasionally overwhelming yet absolutely necessary work of cooking for ourselves and saving the planet, one dish at a time.

In this simple-to-follow guide for today's households, food writer and climate activist Puneeta Chhitwal-Varma provides everything you need to prepare good- for-us, good-for-the-planet food. Beginning with a primer on "the big why" of eating with emissions and land-use in mind, and a comprehensive guide to stocking kitchen essentials and making the most of your pantry, Puneeta outlines the accessible, achievable framework she calls "Eating with Benefits."

The book's 75+ recipes are climate-conscious, mostly meat-free, low-waste, and, of course, delicious! In chapters on versatile staples, mornings, dips and condiments, toasties and snacks, small plates, mains, and sweets, you'll find workhorse recipes designed to maximize diversity in your diet and minimize waste, as well as back-to-basics techniques like sprouting lentils, making yogurt and cooking just about any kind of dried bean you can imagine.



**TouchWood Editions
April 2024**

**All translation rights
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**UK/Commonwealth rights
available**

Final PDF Available

Agent: James McGowan

Praise:

"*Good Food, Healthy Planet* is a cookbook that transcends the realm of mere recipes, offering a treasure trove of intriguing insights, sustainable kitchen hacks and delectable meals that will revolutionize the way you approach cooking." —Lori Nikkel, CEO of Second Harvest

"This book delivers a clear plan and roadmap that includes delicious solutions to deliver food that does good and is good." —Paul Newnham Executive Director SDG2 Advocacy Hub

"Puneeta thoughtfully guides you on how to eat better, waste less, and cook in a way that is friendlier to the planet. On top of all that, the recipes are approachable, yet full of colour and interesting flavours!" —Chef Shahir Massoud, author of *Eat, Habibi, Eat!*

About the Author:

Puneeta Chhitwal-Varma is a writer and food advocate who focuses on seeking low-waste, earth-friendly, delicious solutions that work for real life. She's appeared on numerous national and international media.

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THE WITCH'S WAY TO WEALTH

By Jessie DaSilva

Witchcraft meets budgeting in this unique and intuitive approach to money, from the internet phenomenon Jessie DaSilva dubbed the "Millennial Money Witch" by *Forbes*.

Making Money just got Magical...

Manifestation, crystals, deities, divination, energy waves, meditation - these magical practices are not only good for your mental health, but they are also good for your wallet! As Millennials and Gen Z's struggle to maintain financial stability, they frequently look to Baby Boomer advice that doesn't even apply to the current financial climate. Finding new ways to deal with money is long overdue.

A little bit of magic may be the answer!

From Jessie DaSilva, the intuitive mindset coach dubbed the "Millennial Money Witch" by *Forbes*, comes new witchy and intuitive practices to help manifest real financial freedom. Using her three principles of magic, DaSilva combines business savvy techniques with real witchy practices to give a much needed how-to-guide to making money! This magical book will teach you:

- What money really is
- How to manifest money (and all things in life!) properly
- Magical methods and spells to controlling and expanding your wallet
- How to budget like a witch
- That, most importantly, the first step to financial comfort is Peace!

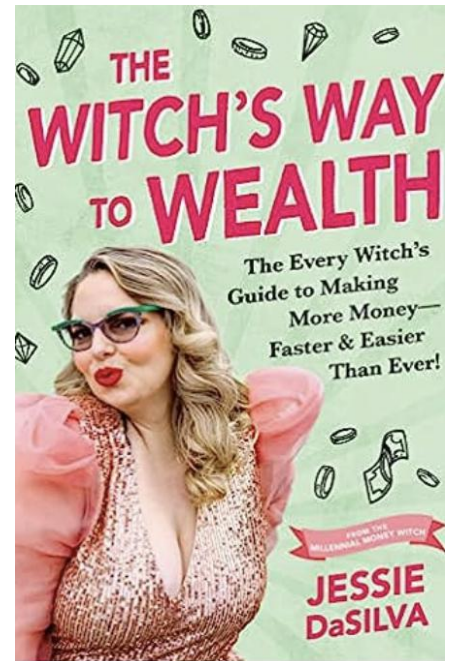
Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Jessie DaSilva, dubbed "The Millennial Money Witch" by *Forbes*, is an intuitive mindset coach and business consultant. She helps entrepreneurs start and scale businesses, helps CEOs create supportive business cultures that increase profits and retain top talent, and helps unhappy employees find their dream jobs at dream companies for dream pay. She combines business and marketing strategy with her intuitive and academic knowledge of money manifestation to help entrepreneurs connect with their wealthiest, most abundant lives. Jessie has been featured in *Forbes*, *Yahoo! Finance*, *Yahoo News*, and *TC Palm Online*.

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September 2023

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Book available

Agent: Jessica Faust

MY CHILD IS TRANS, NOW WHAT?

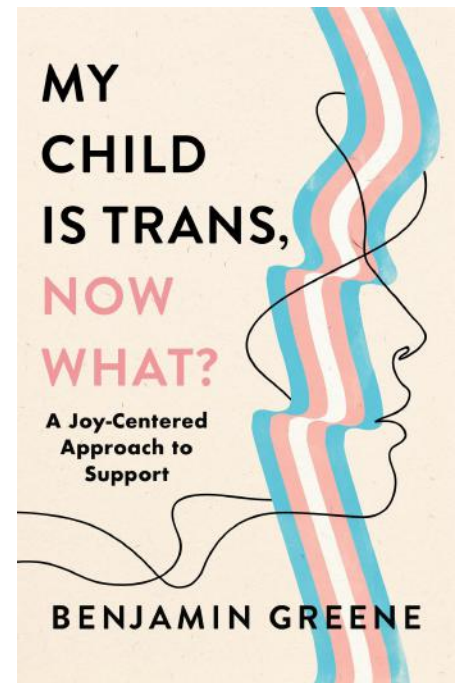
By Benjamin Greene

A gentle and informative guide for parents of trans youth

As a full-time public speaker specializing in spreading awareness and understanding of the transgender community, what Ben Greene hears most from parents and loved ones is the phrase “I’m sorry.” They’re sorry for using the wrong word, sorry for asking an offensive question, sorry for not knowing this already, sorry for asking a question at all. The combination of exhaustion from trans people who have become their community’s designated educator and the growing trend of “canceling” anyone who says anything wrong has created a culture where people who have good hearts and minimal access to information are so afraid to make a mistake they don’t even try.

In *My Child is Trans, Now What? A Joy-Centered Approach to Support*, Greene breaks the mold by offering a judgment-free guide to people across generations, from millennial parents to members of older generations who may not have had previous positive exposure to the trans community. Greene focuses on providing two key resources in this book: information and emotional support. He explains what to expect, what systems exist to support trans youth, and what loved ones can do to help.

Using a combination of personal stories and experiences, definitions, and additional resources, *My Child is Trans, Now What?* is an essential guide for anyone looking to help trans youth thrive.



Rowman and Littlefield
May 2024

**All translation rights
available**

Manuscript Available

Agent: Jessica Faust

Praise:

“Ben Greene’s compassionate guide for parents of trans kids is a welcome salve in these wounding times. If you are concerned or confused about a young loved one’s prospective transition, this book is a great place to start a truly transformative journey. — Susan Stryker, PhD, author of *Transgender History: The Roots of Today’s Revolution*

“A timely book with an important message written from a uniquely fresh perspective. While the purpose of Ben’s book is to support trans youth and young adults, we could all benefit from his heartfelt message of compassion and joy.” — Chris Tompkins, LGBTQ-affirming therapist and author of *Raising LGBTQ Allies: A Parent’s Guide to Changing the Messages from the Playground*

About the Author:

Ben V. Greene is a public speaker, LGBTQ+ inclusion consultant, and openly transgender man. Ben has dedicated his career to spreading empathy, awareness, and understanding about the transgender community. He is active on the speaking circuit, with audiences ranging from the UK’s Diversity Live! to NASA. Ben is a guest lecturer on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Cornell University in addition to serving on the board of the Tufts Master’s Degree in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He resides in St. Louis, Missouri.

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STOP WAITING FOR PERFECT

By L'Oreal Thompson Payton

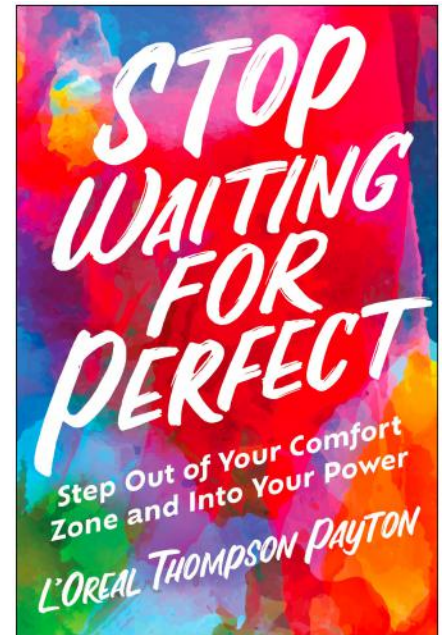
You have Big Dreams for living a Big Life, but you have one Big Problem—you don't trust yourself. Learn how to let go of that self-doubt and change your life.

Award-winning journalist, motivational speaker, and blogger L'Oreal Thompson Payton is a self-professed success junkie and poster girl for “overly” ambitious high achievers everywhere. She also knows firsthand how imposter syndrome and self-doubt can derail your dreams. She's experienced the growing pains that come with big career and life changes. But she's also come out the other side ready to kick ass, take names, and bring everyone she possibly can along with her.

In *STOP WAITING FOR PERFECT*, she's doing just that: using that hard-won insight to be your guide, your big sister, your best friend, and personal cheerleader to help you through your own journey. She's penned the pocket-sized pep talk to walk with you through any obstacle in your career or personal life.

This book will force you to stop playing small and encourage you to fully step into your power and walk in your purpose. It will awaken the dreams you buried deep within your soul long ago because you thought they were impossible, unattainable—available to other people, but not you. Until now.

Learning to trust your dopeness isn't a one-time achievement to unlock; it's a lifelong journey. No matter where you are in your life, it's time to stop doubting and start living your best life.



**BenBella
August 2023**

**All translation rights
available**

Book available

Agent: Jessica Faust

Praise:

“Life is hard, but sometimes the way we talk to and about ourselves can be harder. So getting sound advice from someone who's not only going to remind you of your greatness but also help you get out of your own way is a joy.” —Phoebe Robinson, *New York Times* bestselling author, actor, and comedian

“An incomparable blueprint for any person, especially those among us who are marginalized, who want to get off the hamster wheel of perfection and reclaim their ability to be simply human. Let L'Oreal's book serve as a brilliant and urgent reminder that we are already enough, regardless of what we've achieved.” —Evette Dionne, award-winning author of *Lifting as We Climb* and *Weightless*

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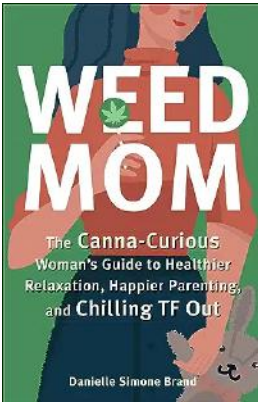
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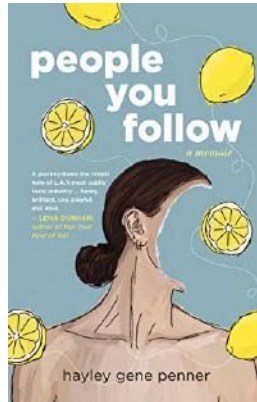
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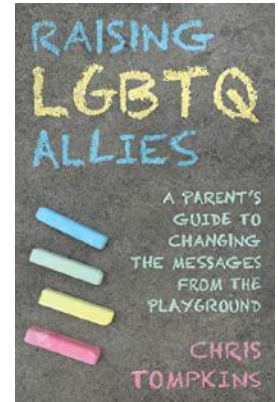
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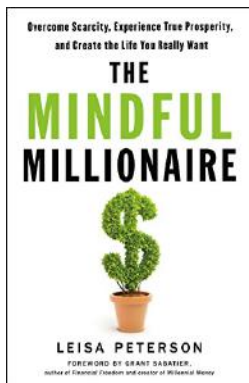
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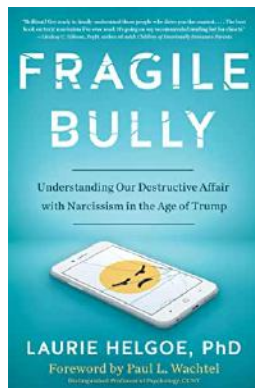
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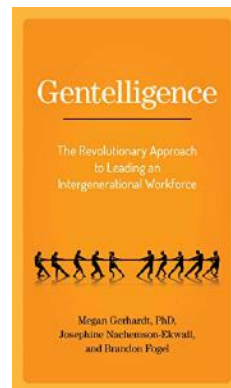
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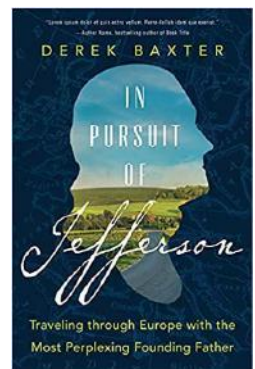
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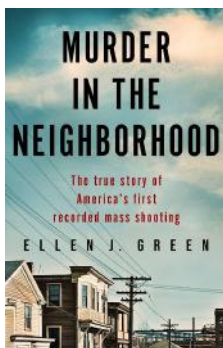
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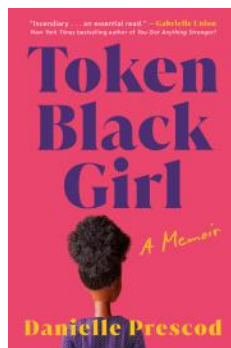
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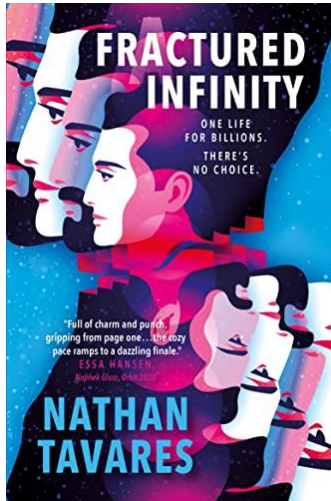


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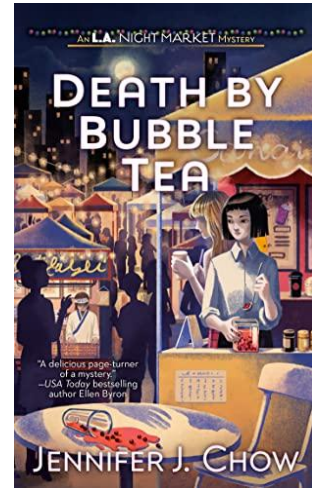


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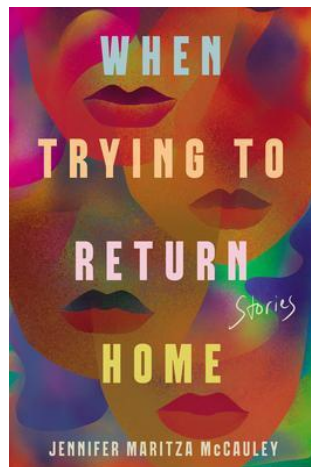
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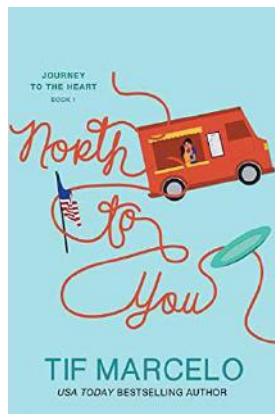


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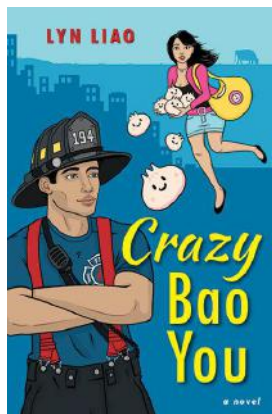


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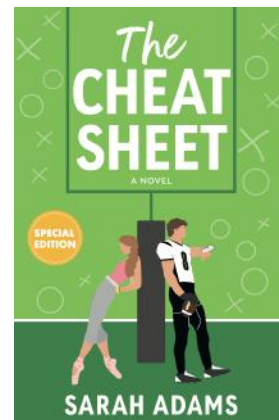
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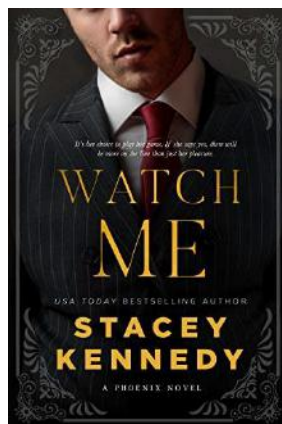
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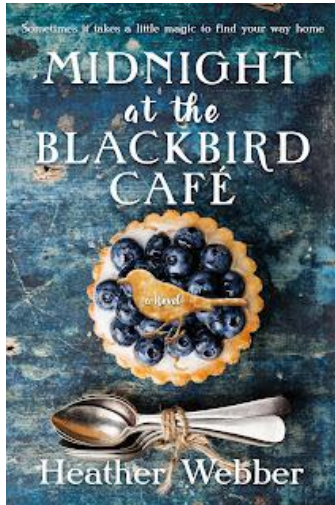


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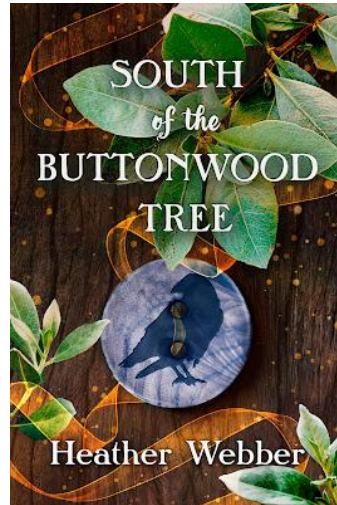


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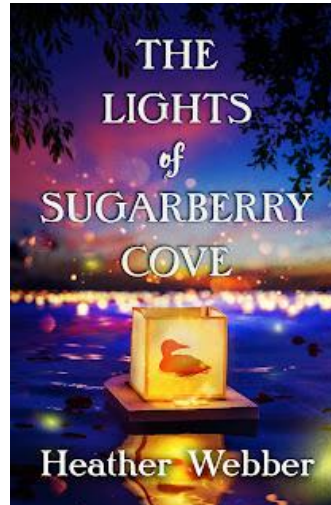
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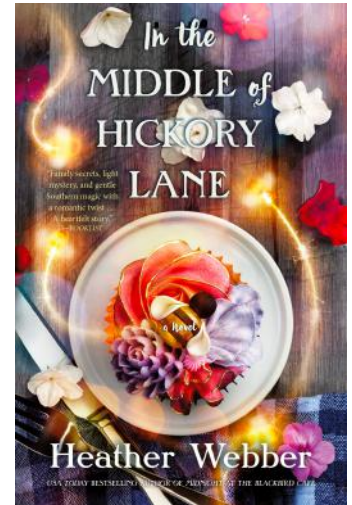
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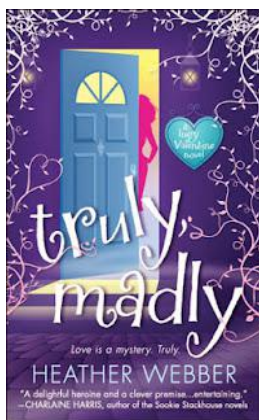


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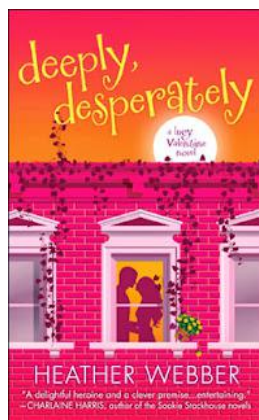


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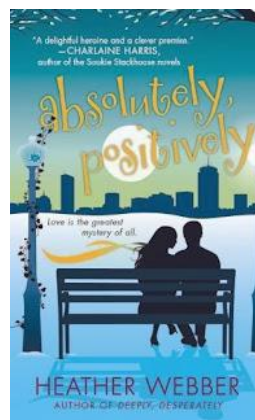
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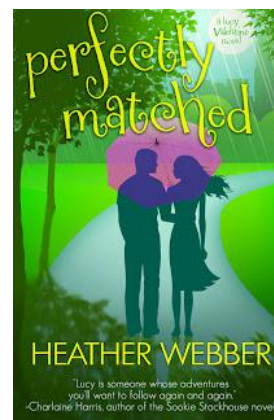
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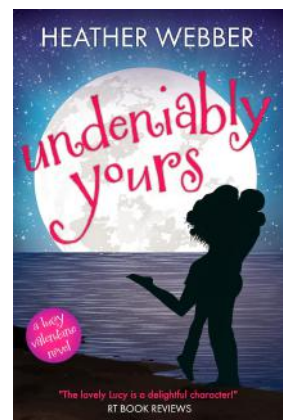
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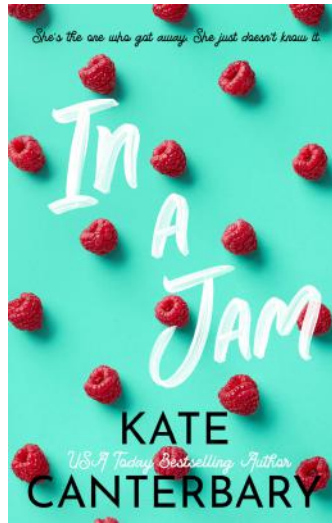


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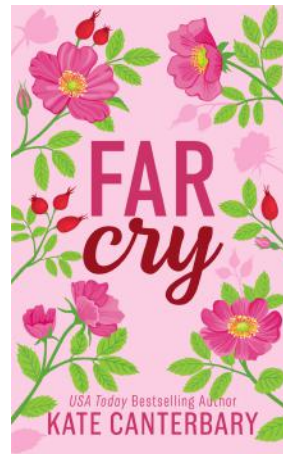
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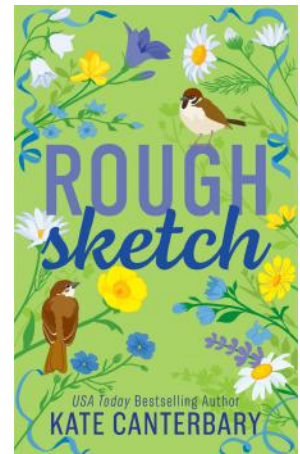
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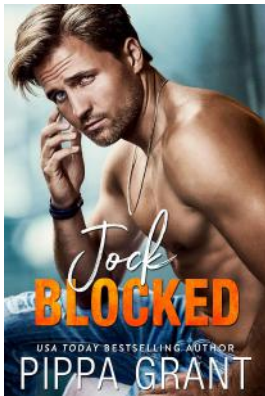
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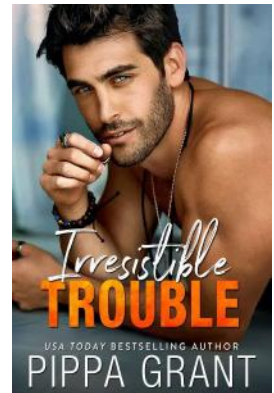
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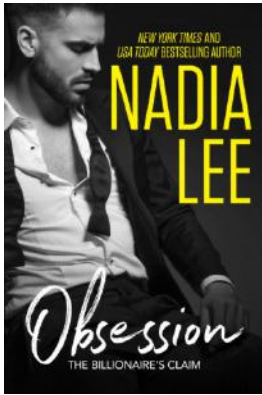


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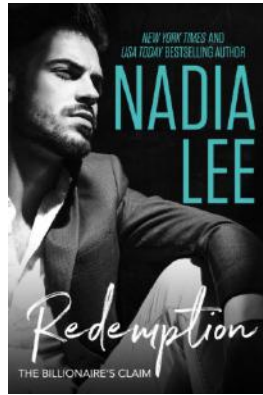


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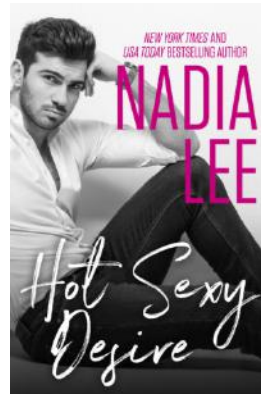
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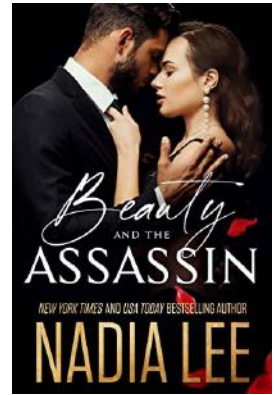
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