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FICTION

WOLF GONE WILD

By Juliette Cross

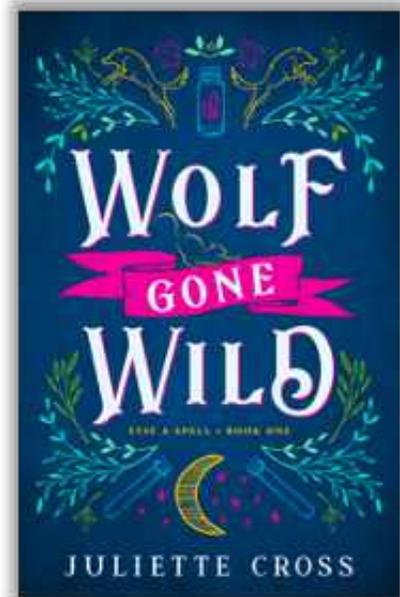
What's the worst thing that can happen to a werewolf? Unable to shift for three months, Mateo Cruz now knows all too well. His wolf has taken up residence in his head, taunting him night and day with vivid violent and carnal thoughts. Convinced he's cursed, he needs the help of a powerful witch before 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.

Wolf Gone Wild is the first title in Juliette Cross' STAY A SPELL SERIES. The second book is DON'T HEX AND DRIVE (Sept. '20) and the third is WITNESSES GET STITCHES (Summer 2021).

Also available: Juliette Cross' paranormal romance series entitled THE NIGHTWING SERIES and THE VALE OF STARS SERIES.



**Self-published
January 2020**

**All translation rights
available**

**Audio rights to series to
Podium**

Praise:

"This laugh-out-loud funny, smart and sexy rom-com with a paranormal twist is a must-read for every reader who wants to be entertained and just feel good." Naima Simone, USA Today Bestselling author

"This book has it all! Flirty banter, a swoon-worthy hero and spunky heroine, laugh out loud humor, and an unputdownable storyline!" Robin Bielman, USA Today Bestselling Author

"This book will leave you howling for more. This is Paranormal at its best!" Kerrigan Byrne, USA Today bestselling author

"Finally some kickass new witches! Great blend of dramatic and comedic with lots of great characters hopefully setting up a long series." Leah Koch, The Ripped Bodice

About the Author:

Juliette Cross calls lush, moss-laden Louisiana home where she lives with her husband, four children, and black lab named Kona. She is the multi-published author of paranormal and fantasy romance. She has a B.A. in creative writing from Louisiana State University, a M.Ed. in gifted education, and was privileged to study under the award-winning author Ernest J. Gaines in grad school. From the moment she read JANE EYRE as a teenager, she fell in love with the Gothic romance--brooding characters, mysterious settings, persevering heroines, and dark, sexy heroes. Even then, she not only longed to read more novels set in Gothic worlds, she wanted to create her own.

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PAPERFLESH

By Sunyi Dean

Dark and moody, and set in an alternate Britain, PAPERFLESH is an adult contemporary fantasy thriller with a lesbian lead, that will appeal to vampire fans who want something new, frightening, and satisfying.

Devon Fairweather is a Bookeater: dark and dangerous people who devour books to absorb the world around them. As girls of her kind are rare, Devon was raised a princess, groomed to breed the next generation of Bookeaters. A life of no choice. Ever-curious, Devon spent her childhood sneaking forbidden books to eat, and found her identity in lesbian love stories. Still, she knows her place, and embarks eagerly on her first marriage to another estate of the Family. The more she learns about the human trafficking the Family pursues, the more she questions her own value beyond her high-priced ability to breed.

Devon bears the Family two children: a daughter she is forced to give up, and a son she adores. But her son is a dreaded Mindeater, born to devour brain matter rather than books, leaving behind a trail of mindless bodies.

Both children face terrible fates. Devon loves them too fiercely to accept their lot.

Desperate for solutions, Devon flees with her son to Scotland to the Family's sworn enemy, who have drugs that will allow her son to live a mostly-normal life. Now, Devon will have to choose between this sanctuary, the Bookeater Family who secretly sent her there to betray them, and the life of her beloved daughter, long left behind.

Praise:

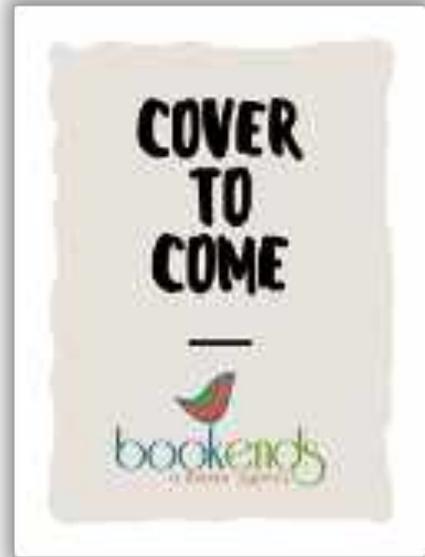
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About the Author:

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

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Macmillan/Tor
January/February 2022

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

**Unedited manuscript
available**

DEATH IN BLOOM

By Jess Dylan

DEATH IN BLOOM is the first in a new cozy mystery series surrounding the Flower House, a floral store with hothouse in back where flowers and herbs are grown on site to serve the small Aerieville, Tennessee, community in the Appalachian Mountains. Twenty-eight-year-old Sierra Ravenswood is a new part-time employee of the shop, planning to stay only until she gets resettled in her hometown after a failed attempt at making it big as a singer in Nashville.

Sierra firmly believes in being optimistic and positive about life, just like she's optimistic she won't have to work at the Flower House forever. But things take a decidedly negative turn when a customer drops dead in the middle of her new bouquet-arranging workshop at the store. The police say he was poisoned by the snack table, and everyone at the workshop, including Sierra, is on the suspect list. To make matters worse, her boss has gone AWOL and left the store to her for the cost of one dollar, leaving Sierra in charge of both his store and his high-energy Corgi puppy, Gus.

Sierra feels responsible for the crime happening at her event. She's determined to figure out whodunit, before anyone else in town meets an untimely reason for needing funeral flowers.

Also available: 2 more in the Flower House Mystery series

Praise:

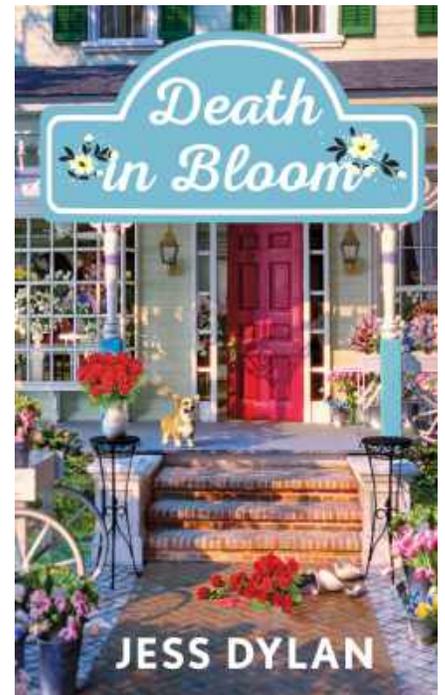
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About the Author:

JESS DYLAN is an environmental attorney by day and author by night. As Jennifer David Hesse, she has written the Wiccan Wheel Cozy Mysteries series with Kensington Publishing. The sixth and final book in the WWM series released September 2019. Born and raised in Central Illinois, Jennifer now makes her home in Chicago with her guitarist husband and their daughter. When she's not writing, Jennifer enjoys yoga, hiking, and movie night with her family.

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**Macmillan/St. Martin's
May 2021**

**All translation rights
available**

Manuscript available

WINE AND PUNISHMENT

By Sarah Fox

In the first in an engaging new mystery series from USA Today bestselling author Sarah Fox, the owner of a charming literary pub finds her fresh start on the rocks thanks to a case of murder.

Booklover Sadie Coleman knows that in life, as in fiction, the right setting can make a world of difference. The small town of Shady Creek, Vermont, seems like the perfect place to start over after losing her Boston job to a merger and her relationship to her ex's gambling addiction. She's bought and redecorated the old grist mill pub, transforming the Inkwell into a cozy spot where tourists and regulars alike can enjoy a pint or a literary-themed cocktail, or join one of several book clubs.

Little by little, Sadie is adjusting to the rhythms of her new home. Fall in Shady Creek is bookmarked by the much-anticipated Autumn Festival, complete with a pumpkin catapult competition and pie bake-off. Unfortunately, the season also brings an unwelcome visitor—Sadie's ex, Eric, who's angling for a second chance . . .

Before Sadie can tell Eric to leave, he's found dead near the Inkwell. When the local antique shop catches fire on the same night, it's clear the town is harboring at least one unsavory character. Now, with her Aunt Gilda, her friend Shontelle, and the pub's patrons all in the mix, Sadie must uncover the truth . . . before a killer declares last call.

Also Available: 4 more in the series

Praise:

"*Wine and Punishment* hits all the right notes—a unique setting, friends and family, an intriguing mystery. Cozy fans will enjoy visiting Shady Creek. A great start to a new series!"
-Sofie Ryan, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Second Chance Cat mysteries

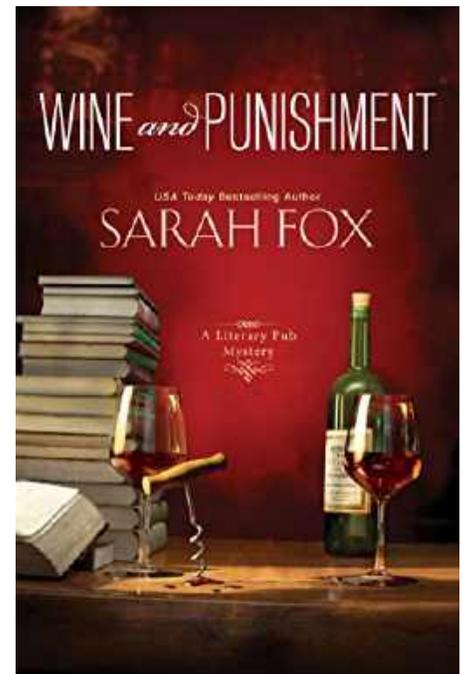
"Draws readers into the fold of suspects in Shady Creek and doesn't let go until the culprit is uncovered. There are laugh-out-loud moments, hold-your-breath moments, and moments when you'll think you have the mystery figured out, but the surprises keep coming!"
-Amy M. Reade, *USA Today* bestselling author

About the Author:

Sarah Fox is the author of the Music Lover's Mystery series and the *USA Today* bestselling Pancake House Mystery series. When not writing novels or working as a legal writer, she can often be found reading her way through a stack of books or spending time outdoors with her English Springer Spaniel. Sarah lives in British Columbia and is a member of Crime Writers of Canada.

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**Kensington
December 2018**

**All translation rights
available**

THE DAY SHE DIED

By **S.M. Freedman**

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

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

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

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

Praise:

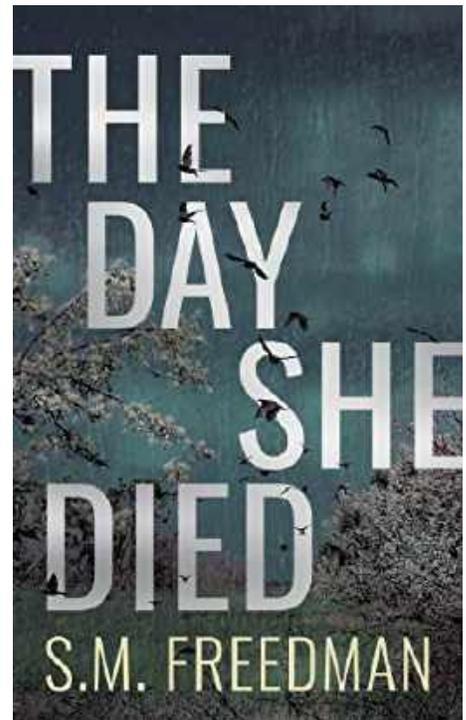
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About the Author:

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

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**Dundurn
April 2021**

**All translation rights
available**

Audio to Tantor

Edited manuscript available

SIX CLOVES UNDER

By Gin Jones

App developer Mabel Skinner is about to discover something rotten on her late aunt's garlic farm—and it's not the compost heap...

Mabel doesn't know a stinkin' thing about garlic farming. She knows how to develop an app and how to code. But when her aunt, Peggy Skinner, dies suddenly, Mabel inherits her Stinkin' Stuff Farm in western Massachusetts. She arrives during peak harvest time—with three days to bring in the entire crop before rain can destroy it.

But Mabel has an even bigger problem: she suspects her aunt's “accidental death” was murder. As she digs for both garlic and clues, Mabel must contend with a mysterious crop thief, a rival garlic grower her aunt was suing, and a farmer who was after Aunt Peggy's green-thumb secret. It's up to Mabel to crack the code on a killer, before she joins the garlic bulbs six cloves under...

Also available: 1 more in the Garlic Farm Mystery series

Praise:

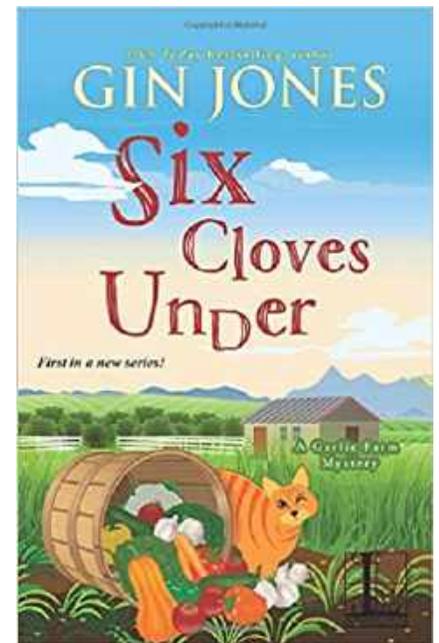
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About the Author:

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

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Kensington Lyrical Press
April 2020

All translation rights
available

NOT OK, CUPID

By Anna Kaling

Anna Kaling's sparkling debut rom-com, *Not OK, Cupid*, is perfect for fans of Sophie Rinald, Jo Watson and Sally Thorne. Love doesn't always follow the rules...

Ally Rivers has three jobs, a disastrous dating record, and her Gran won't stop talking about sex with eighty-year-old Melvin. Now her best friend Sam confesses his whole family think they're engaged. The longest relationship she's ever been in is fabricated, and her intended is gay.

Playing Sam's besotted lover at a family party, Ally discovers the hot gardener she's been flirting with is Sam's dad, Marcus. She even sucks at fake relationships. But Marcus is on to them and embroils Ally in another scheme - encouraging Sam to come out.

Scheming is not Ally's forte and, worse, she and Marcus are falling for each other. After years in an unhappy marriage, he's not letting Ally go without a fight, but she's torn between the best friend she'll ever have and the only man she's ever been in love with. Either choice will leave two broken hearts, and Gran will still have a more successful love life than her...

Praise:

Readers are raving about *Not OK, Cupid!*

"I'm pretty sure I have NEVER laughed so hard in my entire life...a rom-com fan's dream" 5* reader review

"Great characters, lots of laughs, and oh-so-hot sex scenes" 5* reader review

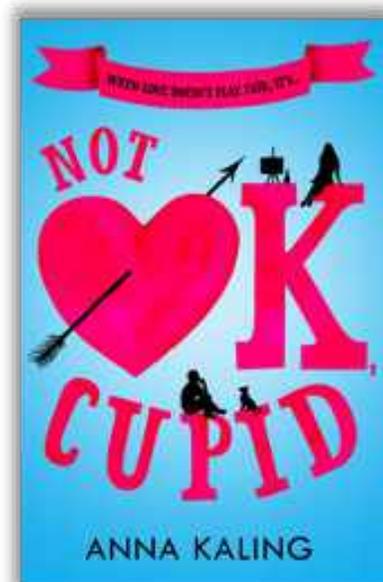
"Positively the best romantic comedy I've read in a long time" 5* reader review

About the Author:

Anna Kaling writes mostly British contemporary romances featuring lots of tea, rain, and passive-aggressive queuing. By day she writes about concrete erections for a construction firm, and by night she...well, never mind. She's working towards being an old cat lady and is a big fan of sharks, bad horror movies, and the Loch Ness Monster.

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**Hachette UK: Headline
Eternal
February 2020**

**All translation rights
available**

WATCH ME by Stacey Kennedy

In the Phoenix club, there is only one rule; watch, don't touch, until the powerful owner falls for his new star in this deliciously intriguing romance from USA Today bestselling author Stacey Kennedy.

In one night, Olivia Watts' life goes from ordinary to out of this world after she's introduced to Rhys Harrington, the owner of Phoenix, an ultra-exclusive, upscale sex club. He's the one man she should stay away from... and the only man she wants.

Rhys needs a new performer for his high-end clients, who pay extravagant amounts to watch others indulge their fantasies, and one look at Olivia tells Rhys he's found his star. Only Rhys wants her all to himself, and the addictive passion between them sets the stage for the perfect show...

It'll be Olivia's choice to play Rhys's game. But if she says yes, there will be more on the line than just her pleasure. Because Rhys's sizzling touch doesn't only capture her body, it also commands her heart.

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

Praise:

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

"One of the best contemporary romances I've read this year!" Fresh Fiction on Dirty-Talking Cowboy

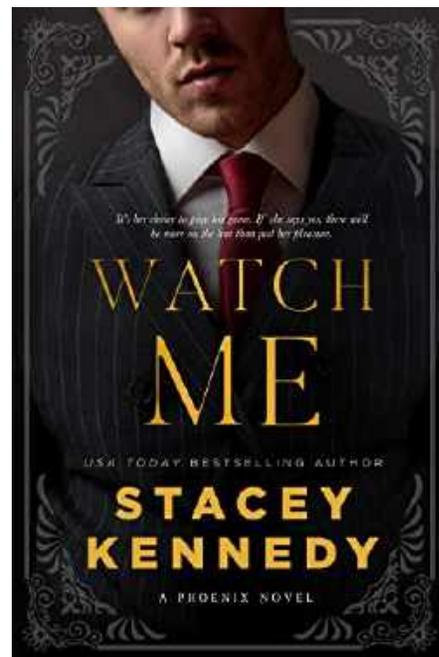
"Stacey Kennedy always deliver a sexy, well thought-out novel..." Harlequin Junkie on Hard-Riding Cowboy (TOP PICK)

About the Author:

Stacey Kennedy is a *USA Today* bestselling author who writes contemporary romance full of heat, heart, and happily ever afters. With over 50 titles published, her books have hit Amazon, B&N, and Apple Books bestseller lists. Stacey lives with her husband and two children in southwestern Ontario—in a city that's just as charming as any of the small towns she creates.

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**Self-published
September 2020**

**All Translation Rights
Available**

WE ARE US

By Tara Leigh

A gripping, angsty, second-chance romance that will have you glued to your ereader until the last page!

I fell in love with a beautiful, broken boy.
His whispered words of love were the sweetest of lies.
He gave me his heart and destroyed mine.
I am his.

I fell in love with the beautiful man who broke me.
His boldly spoken vow was the cruelest of cages.
He gave me his name and destroyed my soul.
He is mine.

The boy I once loved is now a man.
The man I once loved is now gone.
We are us.

I have been called many things.
Victim. Survivor. Daughter. Sister. Wife.
Now I am called something else.
Murderer.

Believe it or not, this is our love story.

Also available: Wages of Sin duet, The Lies duet, and the Billionaire Bosses series.

Praise:

“There are some books in this world that give you more than an emotional reaction, they give you a physical one. I’m sitting here writing this review after I just finished reading and I can’t stop thinking about it, there are tears in my eyes and goosebumps on my arms.” *Bookish Aurora*

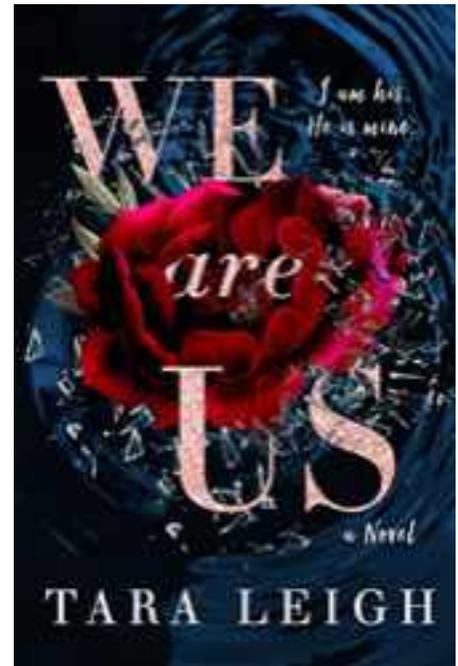
“This book took me on a wild ride that I did not expect. It blows my mind just how amazingly mastered this entire book is. Part by part. It was perfect, it was written with perfection and I was completely consumed by each word. I couldn’t get enough.” *Sassy Nerd Book Review*

“More than just a book, We Are Us is an experience. I cannot praise Tara Leigh enough for her majestic writing in this book.” *Lazy Book Conqueror*

About the Author:

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

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**Self-Published
February 2020**

**All translation rights
available**

HALL OF SMOKE

by H.M. Long

Epic fantasy featuring warrior priestesses and fickle gods at war, for readers of Brian Staveley's *Chronicles of the Unhewn Throne*.

Hessa is an Eangi: a warrior priestess of the Goddess of War, with the power to turn an enemy's bones to dust with a scream. Banished for disobeying her goddess's command to murder a traveller, she prays for forgiveness alone on a mountainside.

While she is gone, raiders raze her village and obliterate the Eangi priesthood. Grieving and alone, Hessa - the last Eangi - must find the traveller and atone for her weakness and secure her place with her loved ones in the High Halls. As clans from the north and legionaries from the south tear through her homeland, slaughtering everyone in their path Hessa strives to win back her goddess' favour.

Beset by zealot soldiers, deceitful gods, and newly-awakened demons at every turn, Hessa burns her path towards redemption and revenge. But her journey reveals a harrowing truth: the gods are dying and the High Halls of the afterlife are fading. Soon Hessa's trust in her goddess weakens with every unheeded prayer.

Thrust into a battle between the gods of the Old World and the New, Hessa realizes there is far more on the line than securing a life beyond her own death. Bigger, older powers slumber beneath the surface of her world. And they're about to wake up.

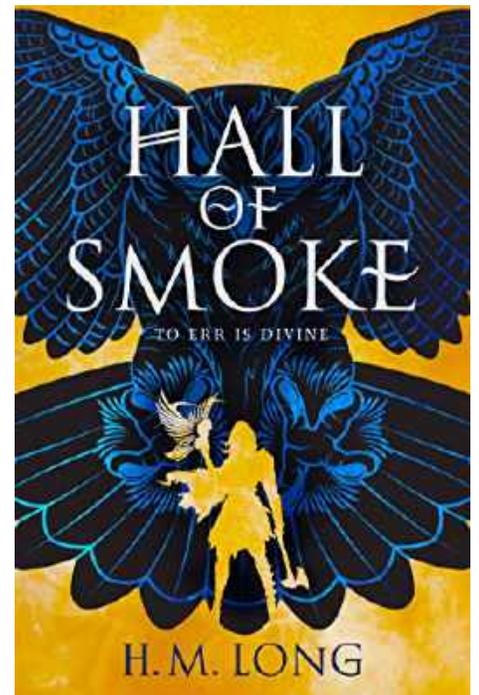
Also available: one more in the series

Praise:

More to come soon...

About the Author:

H.M. Long is a Canadian writer 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.



Titan Books
January 2021

All Translation Rights Available

Audio to Recorded Books

Edited manuscript available

THIEF OF DREAMS

by Bec McMaster

Twenty brides. One prince. Who will survive when the competition turns deadly?

When Prince Keir of the Court of Dreams sends out a summons in search of a bride, the Wraith King sees a chance to steal the powerful Dragon's Heart. He sends his best thief, Zemira Az Ghul, to penetrate the court as one of the potential brides.

All Zemira wants is freedom from the chains that bind her to the king, and if she finds the relic she'll have it. But the Court of Dreams is more dangerous than she ever expected, and Zemira must soon choose between her freedom—and her heart.

Also available: Book 2 in the Court of Dreams series, The London Steampunk series, and the London Steampunk: The Blue Blood Conspiracy series.

Praise:

"A must read for paranormal fans and steampunk fans alike. 5/5 Stars, Reviewer Top Pick" Night Owl Reviews

"Richly imagined, gritty and dark, and full of hot heroes and hot sex...utterly delicious." Smart Bitches, Trashy Books

"Action, adventure, steampunk, and blazing hot seduction...Bec McMaster offers it all." Eve Silver, author of Sins of the Flesh

About the Author:

BEC McMASTER is the award-winning author of the steampunk romance series, London Steampunk, and the paranormal romance series: the Dark Arts, and the Burned Lands. She's addicted to travel, and loves setting her books in foreign places, or dark worlds.

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**Self-published novella
February 2020**

**All translation rights
available.**

Audio to Tantor

THE KINGMAKER

By Kennedy Ryan

Ambition. Passion. Betrayal.

USA Today bestseller and RITA Award-winning author Kennedy Ryan delivers the epic first installment of the All the King's Men Duet.

Raised to rule, bred to lead and weaned on a diet of ruthless ambition.

In a world of haves and have nots, my family has it all, and I want nothing to do with it.

My path takes me far from home and paints me as the black sheep. At odds with my father, I'm determined to build my own empire. I have rules, but Lennix Hunter is the exception to every one of them. From the moment we meet, something sparks between us. But my family stole from hers and my father is the man she hates most. I lied to have her, and will do anything to keep her. Though she tries to hate me, too, the inexorable pull between us will not be denied.

And neither will I.

THE KINGMAKER is the first installment in the All the King's Men series followed by THE REBEL KING, and QUEEN MOVE.

Also available: Kennedy Ryan's Hoops series, Soul series, and Grip series.

Praise:

"Powerful, gripping, unflinchingly honest and sensuously gorgeous writing." Kristan Higgins, *New York Times* bestselling author

"The Kingmaker is a dazzling, thought-provoking, layered romance that will keep you on the edge of your seat. A round of applause for one of the best books of 2019." L.J. Shen, *USA Today* bestselling author

"Every time I think Kennedy Ryan can't possibly raise the bar any further, she proves me wrong in the most delightful way possible. Lennix left me breathless. Maxim stole my heart. I cannot recommend The Kingmaker highly enough!" Katee Robert, *New York Times* bestselling author

About the Author:

As the first African-American author to win a RITA award, a *USA Today* bestseller, and a *Top 25 Amazon* bestseller, **KENNEDY RYAN** writes for women from all walks of life. She has always leveraged her journalism background to write for charity and non-profit organizations, but enjoys writing to raise Autism awareness most. A contributor for *Modern Mom Magazine*, Kennedy's writings have appeared in *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, *USA Today* and many others. The founder and executive director of a foundation serving Atlanta families living with Autism, she has appeared on *Headline News*, *Montel Williams*, *NPR* and other media outlets as an advocate for families living with autism.

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**Self-Published
October 2019**

**Poland: Papierówka
Publishing House**

**All other translation rights
available**

THIN ICE

by Paige Shelton

First in a new series set in Alaska from beloved cozy author Paige Shelton, *Thin Ice* will chill your bones.

Beth Rivers is on the run – she’s doing the only thing she could think of to keep herself safe. Known to the world as thriller author Elizabeth Fairchild, she had become the subject of a fanatic’s obsession. After being held in a van for three days by her kidnapper, Levi Brooks, Beth managed to escape, and until he is captured, she's got to get away. Cold and remote, Alaska seems tailor made for her to hideout.

Beth’s new home in Alaska is sparsely populated with people who all seem to be running or hiding from something, and though she accidentally booked a room at a halfway house, she feels safer than she’s felt since Levi took her. That is, until she’s told about a local death that’s a suspected murder. Could the death of Linda Rafferty have anything to do with her horror at the hands of Levi Brooks?

As Beth navigates her way through the wilds of her new home, her memories of her time in the van are coming back, replaying the terror and the fear—and threatening to keep her from healing, from reclaiming her old life again. Can she get back to normal, will she ever truly feel safe, and can she help solve the local mystery, if only so she doesn’t have to think about her own?

Also available: COLD WIND, the second book in the WILD ALASKA series publishes December 2020. And a third was just contracted!

Praise:

"[A] riveting story with an unusual setting and cast of characters. Fans of strong amateur sleuths will admire Beth’s struggle to build a new future in a remote location." *Library Journal* (Starred, Pick of the Month)

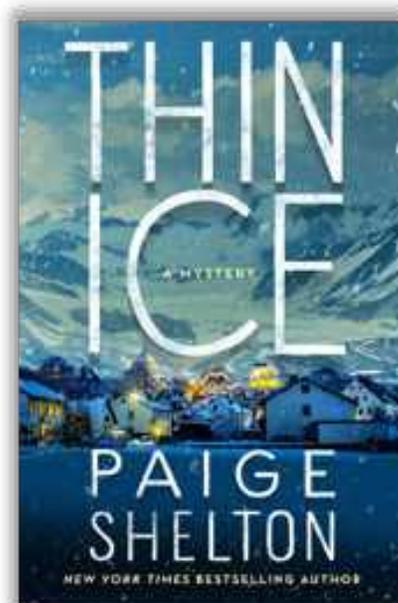
"A page-turner with an unusual location and a coda that provides more questions than answers." *Kirkus*

"Readers are left wondering up to the last exciting page what the answers are, and will eagerly await the second in this new Alaska mysteries series." *Booklist*

About the Author:

PAIGE SHELTON is the *New York Times* Bestselling author of the Farmers' Market, Country Cooking School, Dangerous Type, and Scottish Bookshop mysteries. She's lived lots of places but currently resides in Arizona.

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**Macmillan/St. Martin's
Press /Minotaur
December 2019**

Czech: Dobrovsky

**All Other Translation Rights
Available**

AFTER ELIAS

By Eddy Boudel Tan

A modern queer tragedy about a pilot's last words, an interrupted celebration, and the fear of losing everything.

When the airplane piloted by Elias Santos crashes one week before their wedding day, Coen Caraway loses the man he loves and the illusion of happiness he has worked so hard to create. The only thing Elias leaves behind is a recording of his final words, and even Coen is baffled by the cryptic message.

Numb with grief, he takes refuge on the Mexican island that was meant to host their wedding. But as fragments of the past come to the surface in the aftermath of the tragedy, Coen is forced to question everything he thought he knew about Elias and their life together. Beneath his flawed memory lies the truth about Elias — and himself.

From the damp concrete of Vancouver to the spoiled shores of Mexico, *After Elias* weaves the past with the present to tell a story of doubt, regret, and the fear of losing everything.

Also available: *The Rebellious Tide*

Praise:

“Arresting... [a] deftly crafted novel.” *Foreword Reviews*

“A truly rare and wonderful book, utterly engrossing throughout.”
Timothy Taylor, author of *The Rule of Stephens*

“Eddy Boudel Tan has crafted a page turner from a set of unlikely ingredients — tragedy, grief, pain and the darker shadows of the human mind. But most of all he has written tenderly, resplendently, about love.” Christopher J. Yates, author of *Grist Mill Road*

“In his heartfelt and highly engaging debut, Eddy Boudel Tan asks us to stare into the dark waters of one man’s personal tragedy and help make sense of the pieces that wash up onto the shore. At times mysterious and surprising, [*After Elias*] is a compelling and tightly bound examination of grief, shame, doubt and the darkness that conspires to dissolve our most beloved relationships. A joy to read.”
Christopher DiRaddo, author of *The Geography of Pluto*

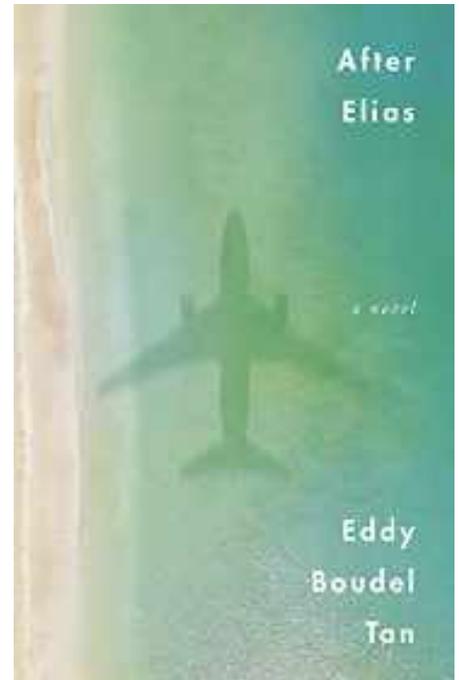
About the Author:

EDDY BOUDEL TAN writes stories from his book-filled apartment in Vancouver. When he’s not writing, Eddy plans advertising campaigns through his work as a marketing strategist and runs a non-profit initiative that feeds the homeless with home-cooked meals. A second-generation Asian-Canadian, Eddy celebrates diverse voices and is proud to identify as queer, and champion stronger LGBTQ+ representation in the arts.

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**Dundurn Press
September 2020**

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A MAPLE VALLEY CHRISTMAS

By Jerry Todt

In this novella, Erica Holden has been the top real estate agent in Manhattan for three years running and is days away from becoming the youngest partner in her firm's history. All she has to do is travel to the small upstate town of Maple Valley and get the owner of a large syrup farm to sign the contract to sell. An easy task for the number one agent in New York, right? But when an accident leaves her in a ditch on the side of the road, she realizes nothing is going as planned. And to make matters worse, she's stuck playing the damsel in distress to hunky good Samaritan, Zach Worthington.

Love has never been on her Christmas list, though. And who can blame her? After a number of disastrous dates, she realizes that finding the man of her dreams is unattainable for a career-focused woman like herself. But Zach is charming and persistent, and she quickly becomes enamored with not only him but with the small town and its friendly residents. When she discovers a shady clause hidden in the back pages of the contract, she becomes emotionally torn between doing what her boss wants and what she knows is right. Now, she must decide if a shot at true love is worth throwing away the partnership she's worked so hard for.

**Also available: A MAPLE VALLEY WEDDING
(follow-up novella, can be combined)**

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Jerry Todt lives in Central Virginia with his wife and three daughters. A soon-to-be first-time grandfather to identical twin boys, he is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University and has worked in sales most of his life. Jerry fell in love with books at a young age, when his mother would take him to the local college library to check out books over the summer. The stories would transport him to faraway places and foster the desire to write his own books and give the gift back he received so many times as a child.

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**Anaiah Press
November 2018**

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MIDNIGHT AT THE BLACKBIRD CAFE By Heather Webber

THE USA TODAY BESTSELLER Heather Webber's *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe* is a captivating blend of magical realism, heartwarming romance, and small-town Southern charm.

Nestled in the mountain shadows of Alabama lies the little town of Wicklow. It is here that Anna Kate has returned to bury her beloved Granny Zee, owner of the Blackbird Café.

It was supposed to be a quick trip to close the café and settle her grandmother's estate, but despite her best intentions to avoid forming ties or even getting to know her father's side of the family, Anna Kate finds herself inexplicably drawn to the quirky Southern town her mother ran away from so many years ago, and the mysterious blackbird pie everybody can't stop talking about.

As the truth about her past slowly becomes clear, Anna Kate will need to decide if this lone blackbird will finally be able to take her broken wings and fly.

Also available: *South of the Buttonwood Tree* and 2 more magical realism novels

Praise:

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

Booklist

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

"Out this summer, Heather Webber's *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* is perfect for fans of *Like Water for Chocolate* and *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*." Bustle.com

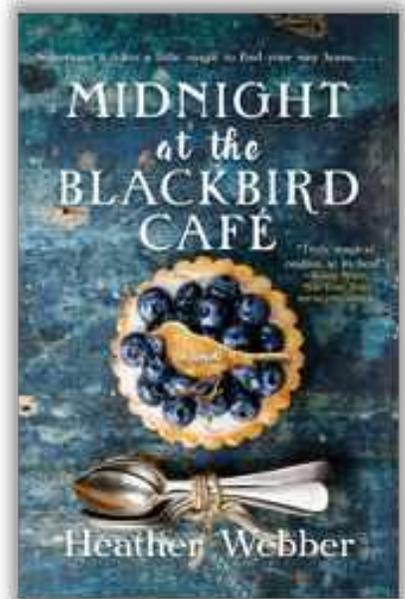
About the Author:

HEATHER WEBBER grew up in a suburb of Boston, where she learned early on how to ride the T, skip rocks in the ocean, and root for the Red Sox. As a young mother, she tried her hand at writing novels and is now an Agatha Award-nominated author. She is the author of the Lucy Valentine novels—*Truly, Madly*; *Deeply, Desperately*; and *Absolutely, Positively*—and the Nina Quinn mysteries, among other books. Heather now lives in southwestern Ohio with her high school sweetheart and their three children.

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July 2019**

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NON-FICTION

IN PURSUIT OF JEFFERSON

By Dylan Baxter

IN PURSUIT OF JEFFERSON: TRAVELING THROUGH EUROPE WITH THE MOST CONFOUNDING FOUNDER explores one man's search for meaning, insight, revolution, and wine. Travel wrenched Thomas Jefferson out of the darkest period of his life. He sailed to France in 1784 a broken man, stricken by migraines and full of grief for his late wife and humiliation from a political scandal. But on the road, he rediscovered a world filled with hidden beauty and compiled what he learned into a guide he called HINTS FOR AMERICANS TRAVELING IN EUROPE.

Going through his own midlife crisis, Baxter set out on a series of journeys, following Jefferson's instructions across six countries. But as Baxter comes to understand Jefferson better, he doesn't always like what he finds. How Jefferson funded his travels becomes painfully obvious, and Baxter questions why he placed his faith in the words of a slaveholder. In the end, the lessons Baxter learns from his journeys are not always the ones Jefferson had in mind.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Derek Baxter graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in history. He is writing a book about his experience following the route through Europe that Jefferson set out in *Hints to Americans*. After years of research, Derek made nine separate trips abroad on Jefferson's trail.

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**Sourcebooks
Fall 2021**

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Available**

Audio to Tantor

**Unedited manuscript
available October '20**

WEED MOM

By Danielle Simone Brand

Navigate the worlds of cannabis and parenting with this essential guide for women interested in learning more about THC, dispensaries, micro-dosing, edibles, and how to incorporate it all into a healthy family life.

With national marijuana legalization on the horizon, more and more mothers are looking for information about how to safely and responsibly use cannabis. Known as “weed moms,” these trailblazers are breaking down the social stigma surrounding cannabis and parenting, creating a modern culture all their own.

Weed Mom is the first and only book for these mothers, celebrating how weed can be a safe and healthy way to relax, destress, and improve their social lives and relationships. As mothers find themselves on the frontline of a societal shift, this book is more timely than ever. Packed with information for both the seasoned and first-time user, this book offers friendly and practical advice including:

- the basics of THC and CBD
- what to look for at the dispensary
- tips and tricks for various intake methods
- micro-dosing
- cannabis-friendly talking points for family and friends
- how to use cannabis to improve your romantic relationships
- and much more!

Praise:

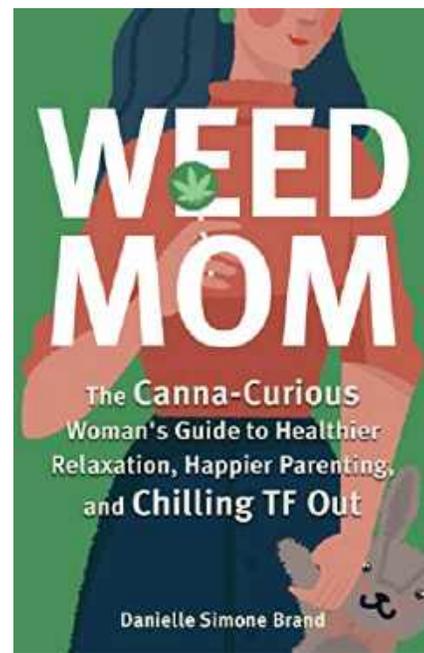
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About the Author:

Danielle Simone Brand writes articles and essays about parenting, cannabis, yoga, and relationships. She holds a BA from Dartmouth College and an MA from American University. Danielle enjoys the endless blue skies and urban canyons in her home city of San Diego with her husband, two children, and a puppy named Pesach.

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Ulysses Press
December 2020

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THE TIN CAN CRUCIBLE

By Christopher Davenport

Sorcery and spirits are things of fiction—but not in Papua New Guinea. There, even today, innocent men and women—sometimes even children—are killed when accused of witchcraft by their neighbors. This is a horror Christopher Davenport knows all too well. Twenty years ago, while in the Peace Corps, he lived with a group of subsistence farmers in Papua New Guinea’s Eastern Highlands. During his time there, the villagers kidnapped and killed a woman accused of sorcery.

Chris has documented this experience in **THE TIN CAN CRUCIBLE**. After arriving on the island, he settled into a village with a host family, began learning the language, and came to love the people there. But when an elder passed away, the distraught villagers accused a woman of killing him by black magic. They kidnapped, tortured, and ultimately murdered her. In the aftermath, Chris was left to face that the people he had grown so close to had the capacity for remarkable kindness and unspeakable brutality. He had to recognize the complexity of humanity. And he had to ask the question: how can we love someone even after they’ve done the unthinkable?

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Christopher Davenport is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. He has served tours in Vietnam, Guatemala and Tajikistan, as well as the Department’s prestigious Operations Center in Washington, D.C. Chris is on tour as Press Attaché at the United States Embassy Tbilisi, Georgia. There, he’s serving as Embassy Spokesperson and primary liaison with the Georgian press, as well as the Ambassador’s principal speech writer. Along with his work in the Foreign Service, Chris earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in narrative nonfiction from George Mason University in 2007. He’s published essays in *The American Scholar* and *Rough Guides*.



Lume Books
December 2020

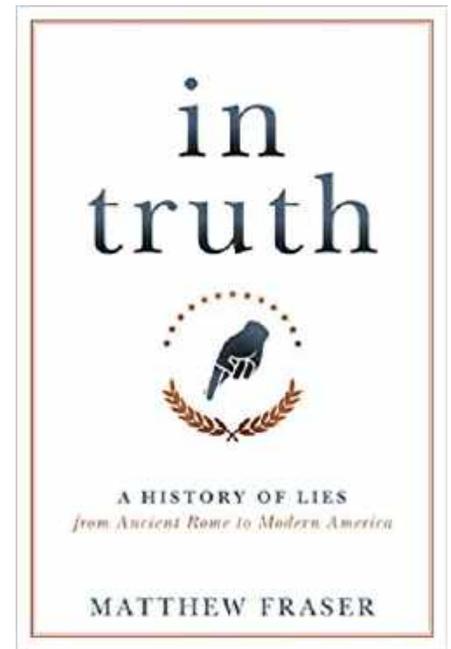
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IN TRUTH

By Matthew Fraser

From ancient Rome to the current Internet age, this sweeping history of ideas explores how different epochs wrestled with the issue of truth and lies. From the ancient Greeks and Romans to the modern era, how have people determined what is true? How have those with power and influence sought to control the narrative? Are we living in a post-truth era, or is that notion simply the latest attempt to control the narrative? The relationship between truth and power is the key theme. Moving through major historical periods, the author focuses on notable people and events, from well-known leaders like Julius Caesar and Adolf Hitler to lesser-known individuals like Procopius and Savonarola. He notes distinct parallels in history to current events. Julius Caesar's publication of his Gallic Wars and Civil Wars was an early exercise in political spin not unlike what we see today. During the English Civil War and the Enlightenment, pamphleteering coupled with the new power of the printing press challenged the status quo, as online and social media does in our time. And "fake news" was already being used by German chancellor Otto von Bismarck in nineteenth-century Europe and by the "yellow journalism" of American newspaper magnates William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer near the turn of the twentieth century. The author concludes optimistically, noting that we are debating and discussing truth more fiercely today than in any previous era. The determination to arrive at the truth, despite the manipulations of the powerful, bodes well for the future of democracy.



**Prometheus
March 2020**

**All Translation Rights
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Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Matthew Fraser is a professor of communications and international politics at the American University of Paris. Formerly, he was a senior research fellow for INSEAD, editor in chief and a columnist for Canada's *National Post*, host of CBC's primetime TV show *Inside Media*, professor of communications at Ryerson University in Toronto, and a reporter for the Montreal Gazette and the Globe and Mail. He is the author of *Throwing Sheep in the Boardroom: How Online Social Networking Will Transform Your Life, Work and World* (with Soumitra Dutta); *Weapons of Mass Distraction: Soft Power and American Empire*; and *Free-for-All: The Struggle for Dominance on the Digital Frontier*. He was educated at Oxford University, the London School of Economics, and La Sorbonne-Panthéon, and holds a PhD in political science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.

GENTELLIGENCE

By Dr. Megan Gerhardt

Complaining about the generations is as old as Socrates who once said, “The children now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households.”

Sound familiar? He could just as easily be talking about Millennials, or how Millennials are frequently portrayed in the media. In her book, **GENTELLIGENCE: THE REVOLUTIONARY APPROACH TO LEADING AN INTERGENERATIONAL WORKFORCE**, Dr. Gerhardt ignores stereotypes and moves beyond the teaching of typical “how to lead Millennial books” to show leaders of all generations how to harness the power of intergenerational partnerships and grow a team that thrives.

Unlike other works on how to understand the different generations, Dr. Megan Gerhardt doesn’t see generational differences as a problem to overcome, but instead an asset the most successful leaders embrace. With Generation Z now entering the workforce, businesses are bracing for even more generational challenges, and this book will help successfully navigate this path.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

As a leadership consultant and professor at the Farmer School of Business at Miami University, **MEGAN GERHARDT** is often asked to speak on intergenerational leadership. Her Tedx Talk has over 10,000 views and her work on Gentelligence has been featured in *The Washington Post, Inc. Magazine, Business Insider, The Chicago Tribune, and MarketWatch* among others.



Rowman & Littlefield
Spring 2021

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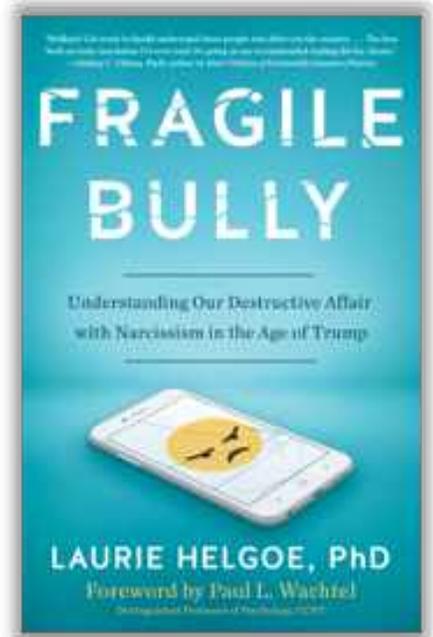
FRAGILE BULLY

By Dr. Laurie Helgoe

Obsessive self-promotion, an aggressive triggering response, and retaliatory rants.

Even before Donald Trump entered America's highest office, an international survey revealed that narcissism is part of the assumed "national character" of Americans. While only a small number actually meet the criteria for Narcissistic Personality Disorder, those exploitive few have a way of gaining center stage in our culture.

Fragile Bully: Understanding Our Destructive Affair With Narcissism in the Age of Trump looks beyond the sound bites of self-aggrandizing celebrities and selfish tweets to the real problem of narcissism. We see past the solo act to the vicious circles that arise in relationships with a fragile bully, and how patterns like this generate both power and self-destruction. We also look at the problem of Echo, how so many of us get hooked by the narcissist, and how variations on the destructive affair leave both partners dehumanized and diminished. Once we recognize the steps in each dance, we can break the cycle and allow and the possibility of true engagement.



Diversion Books
March 2019

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Praise:

"Both sensitive and incisive, beautifully capturing the paradoxical dynamic of narcissism—that the grandiosity and surrounding bravado belies an underlying fragility and brittleness." Kenneth N. Levy, PhD, Associate Professor, Penn State University; Senior Fellow, Personality Disorders Institute, Cornell University

"Brilliant! Get ready to finally understand those people who drive you the craziest. . . The best book on toxic narcissism I've ever read; it's going on my recommended reading list for clients." Lindsay C. Gibson, PsyD, author of *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents*

"A thought-provoking book that reveals what drives the narcissists in our lives, and the dances that keep us engaged with them. . . Given the current political scene and our fascination with reality TV, it has something relevant to offer for everyone." Judith Siegel, PhD, LCSW, author of *Stop Overreacting: Effective Strategies for Calming Your Emotions*.

About the Author:

LAURIE HELGOE, PhD is a clinical psychologist, educator, and author, with a special interest in the relationship between personality and culture. Dr. Helgoe is an Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences at the Ross University School of Medicine. She is also author of the critically acclaimed book, *Introvert Power: Why Your Inner Life Is Your Hidden Strength* (Sourcebooks, 2013, 2008), which is published in six languages. Dr. Helgoe served as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the West Virginia University School of Medicine, and was an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Social Sciences Division Chair at Davis & Elkins College. Dr. Helgoe authors a blog for PsychologyToday.com entitled Introvert Power: Food for the Inner Life.

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THE TRANS SELF-CARE BOOK

By Theo Nicole Lorenz

A Coloring Book and Journal for Trans and Non-Binary People

If you're transgender, non-binary, or any other gender under the wide and wonderful trans umbrella, this book is for you. A creative journal and workbook with a difference, this book combines coloring pages celebrating trans identity, beauty, and relationships, with practical advice, journaling prompts, and space for reflection to promote self-affirmation and wellbeing.

Drawing on CBT and mindfulness techniques, this book covers topics including body positivity and neutrality, coming out, euphoria and dysphoria, building new friendships and navigating relationships with your friends and family, and is the go-to resource for anybody who has ever felt the pressure to conform to a singular definition or narrative.

Praise:

“From the first comforting page to the last joyous exercise, this will help you to discover more about the trans movement and your own heart. Page after page invites you to build a kind accepting relationship with yourself. What a glorious journey!” Jeffrey Marsh, author of *How to Be You*

“Theo Lorenz’s *Trans Self-Care Workbook* is just the gentle friend and fierce ally that you need to guide you through your gender journey. I have so much love for this book.” Meg-John Barker, co-author of *How to Understand Your Gender*, *Life Isn’t Binary*, and *Hell Yeah Self-Care!*

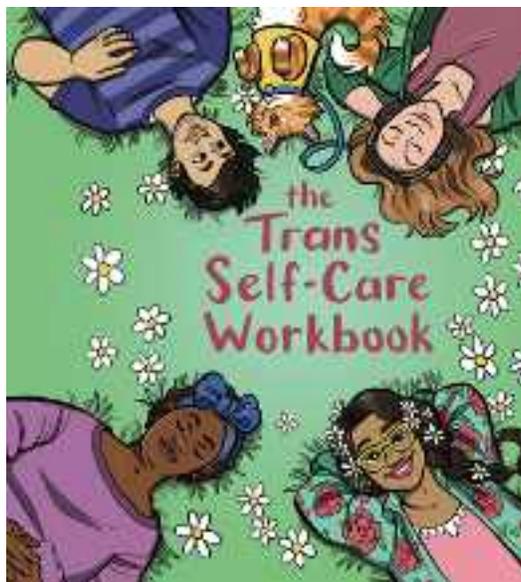
About the Author:

THEO NICOLE LORENZ was born in 1985, weighing only six pounds and yelling a lot. Now many pounds larger and with more than ten delightful all-ages coloring books published, Theo still yells a lot, though mostly at the internet. They make coloring books and sometimes comics in St. Paul, Minnesota. They're the author/illustrator of over 10 books, including *the Trans Self-Care Workbook* and the illustrator of the forthcoming graphic novel about the Stonewall Riots.

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Jessica Kingsley Publishers
October 2020

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PEOPLE YOU FOLLOW

By Hayley Gene Penner

Singer-songwriter Haley Gene Penner tells all in this heartfelt and harrowingly honest memoir of her relationships and life in the music industry.

Hayley Gene Penner's memoir takes a brutally honest yet humorous look at the dark, intimate truths we spend our lives running from and the hidden side of the music industry. Like a map of beautiful fuck ups, Hayley's stories of questionable sexual encounters, artistic aspirations, and emotional abuse trace her coming of age in the music industry.

Hayley explores all her relationships — from her childhood as the daughter of a celebrity, to the destructive and coercive relationship with her boss, to the actor we all know but who mustn't be named — all brought together in a series of sharp, touching vignettes. *People You Follow* straddles the delicate boundary between ethical and unethical behaviour, self-protection and self-destruction, power and weakness, giddiness and despair.

Praise:

"*People You Follow* is a fucked-up *Alice in Wonderland* journey down the rabbit hole of LA's most subtly toxic industry, and it's also funny, brilliant, coy, playful, and wise. I feel so lucky that Hayley is here to express how hard dating in Hollywood is for the bunch of us, and I'm also glad that young women can read about her emotional pratfalls and save themselves the same pain as they work to become artists as skilled as she is." Lena Dunham

"Hayley's journey to find self love is both heartbreaking and humorous. I recognized my own younger self and how we, as women, struggle to find our value through the eyes of others. While Hayley's story may be more dramatic than others, we are rooting for her as she finds herself and the power of 'no'." Cindy Crawford

"This is Hayley in book form. So perfectly written, with her humor giving a light to situations that don't always have one. Beautifully written words for a good laugh and the occasional necessary cry." Kaia Gerber

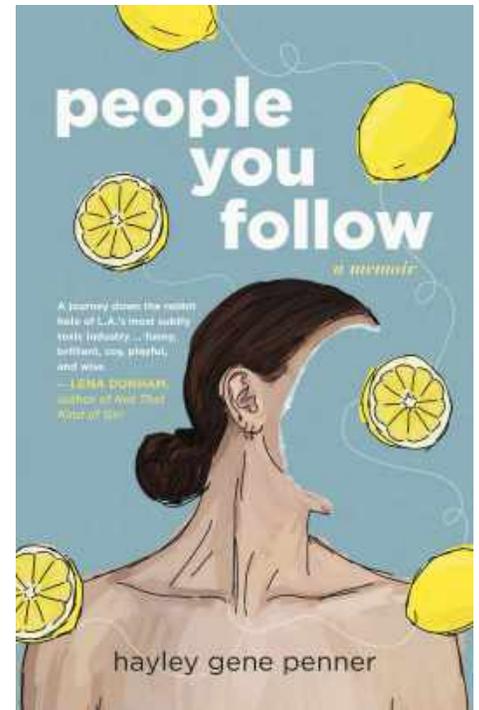
"Hayley's memoir masquerades as a comedic take on a young woman discovering and defining her sexuality. You are so distracted by the breezy comedy of the insane true-life stories that you don't see the gut punches coming." Bill Lawrence, writer/creator of *Scrubs*, *Cougar Town*, *Spin City*

About the Author:

As a teenager and daughter to the legendary Fred Penner (aka Canada's Mr. Rogers), **HAYLEY GENE PENNER** starred in her own show on Canadian television. She's now in her early thirties and is a singer-songwriter in Los Angeles. She's worked on songs for Justin Bieber and the Dixie Chicks, to name a few. Her album, also titled *People You Follow*, releases in conjunction with her book.

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THE MINDFUL MILLIONAIRE

By Leisa Peterson

In the world of personal finance the biggest challenge is the sense that there's never going to be enough. It is this mindset of scarcity, and not the amount spent on lattes, that holds people back the most from achieving their financial dreams.

Using techniques she's developed as a financial planner and spiritual coach, Leisa Peterson guides you to dig deeper and discover the root of your financial thinking to change not just the way you save and spend, but the way you live your life.

Through powerful practices, compelling stories and extensive research, *The Mindful Millionaire* meets you wherever you are in your money journey by exploring:

*Where your current money habits come from and why you feel the way you do about money and success.

*How to break the cycle of fear, grief, and shame that often surrounds your money habits.

*How to write a new money story that inspires joy, satisfaction and prosperity.

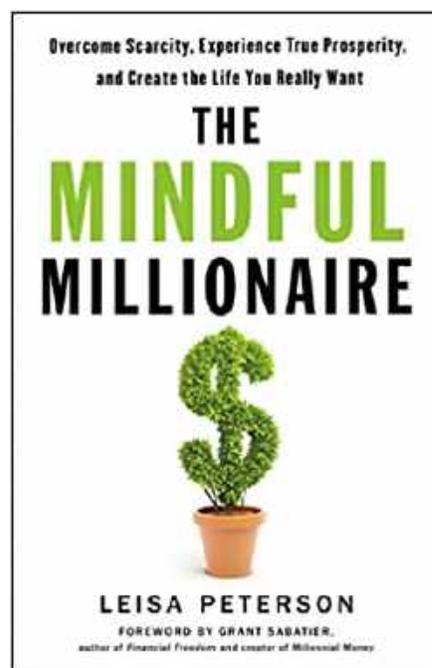
*Why wealth building isn't just about positive thinking and "manifesting" things into reality.

*How to stop financial self-sabotage and procrastination.

*Where practical financial advice misses the mark.

*The most effective tools for changing how you think and feel about money.

*What true financial independence looks like and how to discover the millionaire within.



Macmillan/St. Martin's
Essentials
June 2020

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Praise:

"[A] thoughtful debut... the program is comfortingly therapeutic, and refreshingly, not a quick fix. Not just applicable to millionaires, or even to the modestly prosperous, this practical guide will be a boon to anyone who fears looking at a bank statement because they're 'bad with money'." *Publishers Weekly*

"If you've read other finance books and still felt empty, this is the book you've been waiting for." Joe Saul-Sehy, Creator and Co-Host, *Stacking Benjamins* Podcast

"Leisa Peterson offers a graceful and highly useful weave of spiritual and financial tools." —Vicki Robin, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Your Money or Your Life*

About the Author:

LEISA PETERSON, CFP® is on a mission to help 1,000,000 people elevate their financial consciousness. As a money coach, business consultant and spiritual teacher, Leisa hosts the *Mindful Millionaire* podcast as well as virtual workshops and deep-dive retreats. Her masterful blend of sound financial strategy and mindfulness training helps people break free of patterns of lack, scarcity and money fears, allowing them to finally lead the rewarding, fulfilling, and abundant lives they most desire.

Leisa has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *FastCompany*, *Forbes*, *The Week*, *Huffington Post* and has been featured on many podcasts and radio shows. Prior to starting *WealthClinic®*, LLC, Leisa worked with some of the largest financial and business services companies in the world including Wells Fargo, State Farm Insurance, UNUM Life Insurance, New York Life, Federal Express, Pitney Bowes, Ford Motor Company, and General Motors.

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TOKEN BLACK GIRL

By Danielle Prescod

Danielle Prescod has always been vocal about racism, sizism, and normalizing images of Black beauty, but it was [this Instagram post](#) on Black Lives Matter that received 2.5 million views, and earned her a total of 70,000 Instagram followers.

Part memoir, part narrative nonfiction, **TOKEN BLACK GIRL** explores the negative impact modern media has on underrepresented Black women and girls. Danielle shares her story of working in the predominantly white spaces of fashion and beauty publications where she found herself redistributing the very same media-fueled ideologies that damaged her. It was only after she overcame a decades-long eating disorder that Danielle turned her critical eye off herself and onto the factors that motivated her self-destructive behaviors. She speaks candidly about her fraught relationship with her body, the compulsive exercise, and torturous diets. Along with personal anecdotes, Danielle anchors the book with recognizable media phenomenon like “The Rachel” haircut and Black Hermione. Using her story and insider experience in magazines, Danielle suggests ways we can improve media literacy, and provides actions steps to protect future generations.

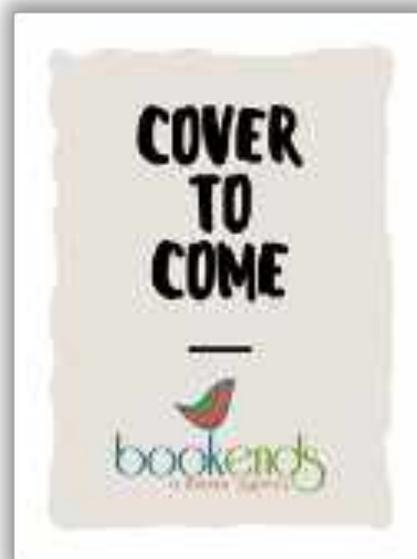
Praise:

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About the Author:

Danielle Prescod, Style Director at [BET.com](#), has worked at magazines like InStyle, Elle, and Teen Vogue. Now, along with her work at BET and as a journalist, Danielle holds weekly anti-racism seminars for influencers and brands that have collective followings in the tens of millions. She’s been interviewed by CNN, Fox, Vogue Business, Business of Fashion, and Glossy about her anti-racism work.

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Fall 2021**

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BRING YOUR WHITE MAN WITH YOU

By Deanna Singh

Just before what was to be the most important presentation of her career, Deanna Singh turned to a friend to ask for advice. The friend said one simple phrase that changed the course of Deanna's life and career, *bring your white man with you*.

It was in that moment that Deanna, a Black woman, realized that all of her degrees, experience and fancy titles meant little. To the people in that room what mattered, what made a difference, was whether or not she looked like them.

What followed was a painful time of self-reflection, examination and research in which Deanna dedicated her career to diversity, inclusion, and equality, working to change an environment where workplaces ask Black people to bring a white man with them. This book is for those people and all companies and leaders who have committed since the killing of George Floyd and the rise of Black Lives Matter to do better.

An already successful speaker and consultant, in the past few months, Deanna's business has exploded with requests from companies and leaders for DEI presentations and workshops. It's that work that leads to Deanna writing BRING YOUR WHITE MAN WITH YOU, a book that calls on leaders to go beyond issuing statements in support of racial justice to changing their everyday procedures to promote diversity, inclusion and equity in the workplace.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Deanna Singh is a recognized authority on leadership, diversity, and inclusion. As a business consultant, speaker and podcaster she has worked with such companies as Starbucks, GE Healthcare, National Federation of State High Schools, and Kohls.

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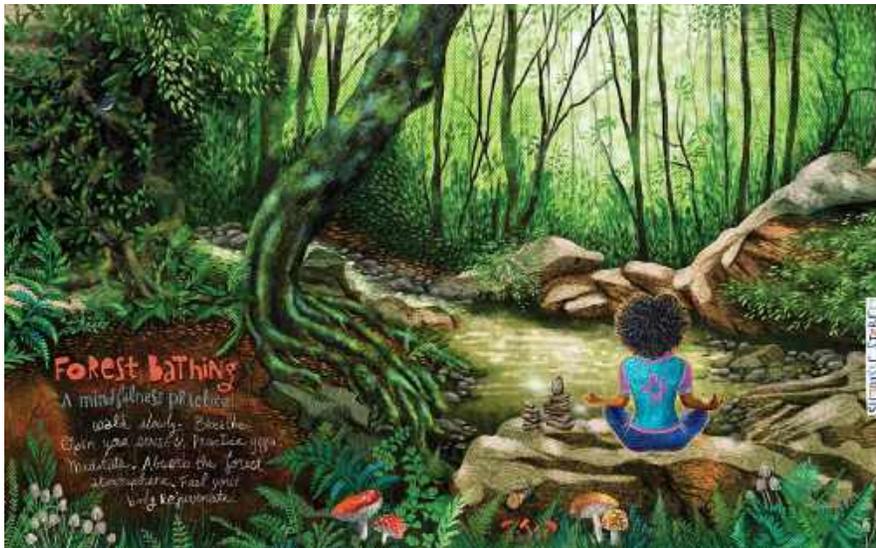
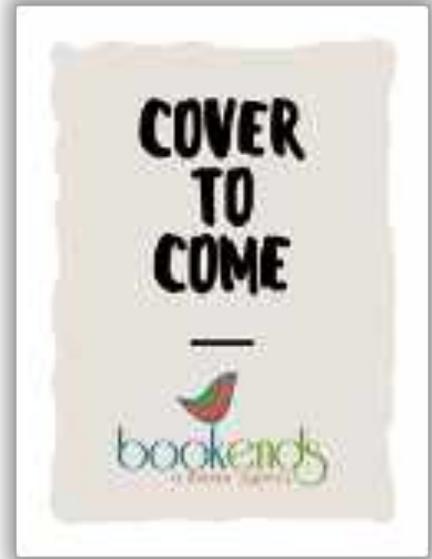
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RISE & ROAR

By Sharisse Steber

Women who are inspired by Cheryl Strayed and Elizabeth Gilbert will love this gorgeously illustrated guided journal. Similar to Meera Lee Patel's work, this vibrant and colorful guide will help women learn how to incorporate the outdoors into their everyday life. A mixture of fun, informative, and thought-provoking prompts will motivate the reader to try a broad range of activities, from backpacking and spelunking to forest meditation and campfire cooking. RISE & ROAR is perfect for both the practiced outdoors woman and those readying themselves for their very first adventure.



**Mountaineers Books
Fall 2021**

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Manuscript available

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Sharisse Steber is an award-winning designer and illustrator. Her client list has included The Nature Conservancy, the Girl Scouts, Discovery Channel, and more. *Rise & Roar* is her first book.

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SEALAND

By Dylan Taylor-Lehman

A swashbuckling tale of international intrigue, armed battles, and Swingin' Sixties radio pirates over a fifty-year history of the world's smallest rebel nation.

In 1967, a retired army major and self-made millionaire named Paddy Roy Bates cemented his family's place in history when he inaugurated himself ruler of the Principality of Sealand, a tiny dominion of the high seas. And so began the peculiar story of the world's most stubborn micronation on a World War II anti-aircraft gun platform off the British coast.

Sealand is the raucous tale of how a rogue adventurer seized the disused Maunsell Sea Fort from pirate radio broadcasters, settled his eccentric family on it, and defended their tiny kingdom from UK government officials and armed mercenaries for half a century. Incorporating original interviews with surviving Sealand royals, Dylan Taylor-Lehman recounts the battles and schemes as Roy and his crew engaged with diplomats, entertained purveyors of pirate radio and TV, and even thwarted an attempted coup that saw the Prince Regent taken hostage. Incredibly, more than fifty years later, the self-proclaimed independent nation still stands—replete with its own constitution, national flag and anthem, currency, and passports.

Featuring rare, vintage photographs of the Bates clan and their unusual enterprises, this stranger-than-fiction account of a dissident family and their outrageous attempt to build a sovereign kingdom on an isolated platform in shark-infested waters is the stuff of legend.

Praise:

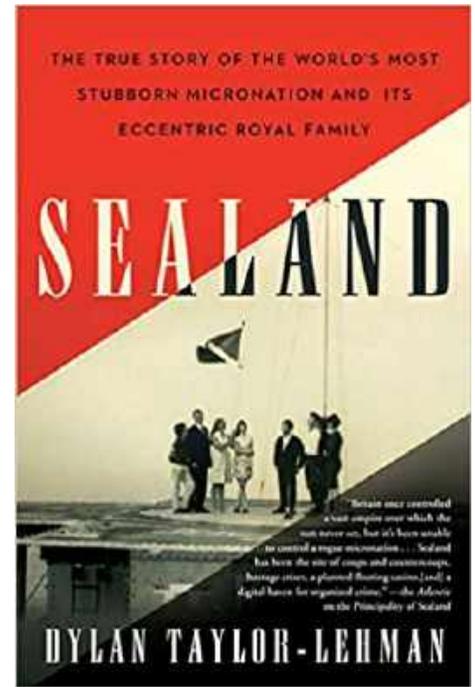
"Taylor-Lehman delivers a memorable portrait of one family's attempt to escape, as Prince Roy Bates puts it, the world's 'damn bureaucracy.' This idiosyncratic history entertains." *Publishers Weekly*

"Dylan Taylor-Lehman deserves an award—or maybe a Sealand title of nobility—for this brilliant tale chronicling a little-known story. *Sealand* is endlessly captivating, like a thriller, and filled with crisp, evocative writing." Bob Batchelor, author of *The Bourbon King*

About the Author:

DYLAN TAYLOR-LEHMAN is a nonfiction writer from Ohio who recently relocated to the endless xenoscape of western Texas. Previously a reporter for the award-winning *Yellow Spring News*, his work has also been published in *Gastro Obscura*, *The Millions*, and *614 Magazine*. Dylan's first book was *Dance of the Trustees*.

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Diversions Books
June 2020

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RAISING LGBTQ ALLIES

By Chris Tompkins

No matter who we are or where we come from, we all play on the same playground. There are certain collective societal messages we hear growing up that we either consciously or subconsciously believe. As a result, we develop certain belief systems from which we operate our lives.

Raising LGBTQ Allies sheds light on the deeper, multi-faceted layers of homophobia. It opens up a conversation with parents around the possibility they may have an LGBTQ child, and shows how heteronormativity can be harmful if not addressed clearly and early. Although not every parent will have an LGBTQ child, their child will jump rope or play tag with a child who is LGBTQ.

By showing readers the importance of having open and authentic conversations with children at a young age, Chris Tompkins walks parents through the many ways they can prevent new generations from adopting homophobic and transphobic beliefs, while helping them explore their own subconscious biases...

Praise:

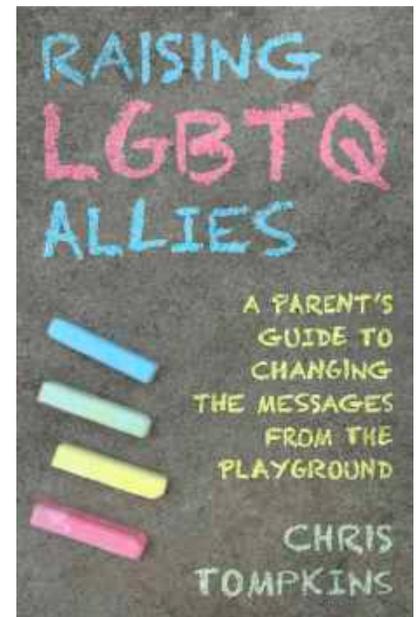
Coming soon!

About the Author:

CHRIS TOMPKINS is a TEDx speaker, teacher, life coach, and an LGBTQ inner-advocate. He teaches throughout Southern California. His writings have been published in *HuffPost*, *Scary Mommy*, *Guide for Spiritual Living*, *Elephant Journal*, among others.

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Rowman & Littlefield
May 2021

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CHILDREN'S -YOUNG ADULT

THUNDER AND MERCY

By Jennifer Robin Barr

In this middle grade novel of unfinished business, secret identities, and found families, the protagonist is thrown into a historical mystery that uncovers the secrets of her new home, Mount Pleasant (a wedding gift from Benedict Arnold to his bride, Peggy Shippen), and the infamous Agent 355—a female member of the Culper Spy Ring who helped to expose Arnold, and whose real life identity remains a mystery.

Also available: *Goodbye, Mr. Spalding*

Praise for previous work:

“(I)nformative, entertaining, nostalgic, and...humorous. Background information and primary source photos about Athletics personnel, Shibe Park, the bleacher community, and the Spalding Baseball Company help readers to better understand the story. This novel works well as a read-aloud and would be a great addition to the history curriculum.” *School Library Connection*, starred review

“This appealing historical middle-grade novel is perfect for fans of beloved baseball-centered novels like Linda Sue Park’s *Keeping Score*. Barr knows her baseball history and brings rich detail to mid-1930s Philadelphia...sports fanatics will eat up the appended material. A sweet debut about friendship and the love of the game.” *Booklist*

“Barr carefully constructs a well-paced adventure...completely accessible to modern readers. All the characters...are well-developed... (and) (q)uotes from the 1934 Sporting News...further illuminate the actual events. Life lessons, baseball, and good friends; it's all here.” *Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author:

Jennifer Robin Barr is a writer from the Philadelphia area, spending her days on a college campus working with students, and her free time writing for children and middle grade readers.

At the start of her writing journey, Jennifer spent a short career writing how-to style guide books, publishing *The Complete Idiot’s Guide To Bridal Showers* in 1999 and *The Everything Scrapbooking Book* in 2002. She then joined SCBWI, found a great writing group, and has been writing stories for children ever since.

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**Boyd's Mills & Kane
Spring 2022**

**All translation rights
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Manuscript available

WILD JASMINE

By Chris Clarkson

WILD JASMINE is a literary leaning debut told in dual POV (and #ownvoices on the black and gay representation within). In this loose retelling of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* set in modern day New Orleans, Chris explores the economic disparity between black and white people through a romance and flawed, yet lovable diverse ensemble cast in this complicated, yet magical city.

White teen Tennessee Williams, named by his mother who had one successful novel in her heyday and a string of flops afterwards, lives in the Garden District and has his choice of the top private schools. Even with his mom's literary failures, he is still wealthy and privileged. Tennessee finds he doesn't have to "try" to be someone he's not like at home, when he meets a black teen waitress from the Quarter named Jessamine.

While Jessamine comes off as bubbly and optimistic, what few people know is that Jessamine comes from an area of New Orleans that the tourists don't frequent, where poverty and violence are a daily part of life. Nobody like Tennessee could ever understand that, even if he has stars in his eyes and caters to her whims like a fool.

The more they try and stay apart, the more their friends and hearts intertwine. But neither knows how this works. Tennessee needs to figure out how to love someone who wants to be loved on her own terms. Jessamine needs to figure out how to let someone love all sides of you. Or maybe, they can figure it out together.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Debut author Chris Clarkson lives in New Orleans with his boyfriend and uses the complicated, yet magical city to fuel his Southern Gothic writing. This is his favorite genre, because it requires you to strip preconceived notions, look at the world and dig deeper, including the ugly and the good while blurring the lines.

Chris studied English literature at the University of Maryland, where he earned his Bachelor's degree. Chris now works as an outreach coordinator for the Louisiana Bar Association. Along with many other responsibilities in this role, he regularly assists with the implementation of diversity initiatives.

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**Lee & Low
Spring 2022**

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**Unedited manuscript
available**

THE SKY BLUES

By Robbie Couch

Sky's small town turns absolutely claustrophobic when his secret promposal plans get leaked to the entire school in this witty, heartfelt, and ultimately hopeful debut novel for fans of *What if it's Us?* and *I Wish You All the Best*.

Sky Baker may be openly gay, but in his small, insular town, making sure he was invisible has always been easier than being himself. Determined not to let anything ruin his senior year, Sky decides to make a splash at his high school's annual beach bum party by asking his crush, Ali, to prom—and he has thirty days to do it.

What better way to start living loud and proud than by pulling off the gayest promposal Rock Ledge, Michigan, has ever seen?

Then, Sky's plans are leaked by an anonymous hacker in a deeply homophobic e-blast that quickly goes viral. He's fully prepared to drop out and skip town altogether—until his classmates give him a reason to fight back by turning his thirty-day promposal countdown into a school-wide hunt to expose the e-blast perpetrator.

But what happens at the end of the thirty days? Will Sky get to keep his hard-won visibility? Or will his small-town blues stop him from being his true self?

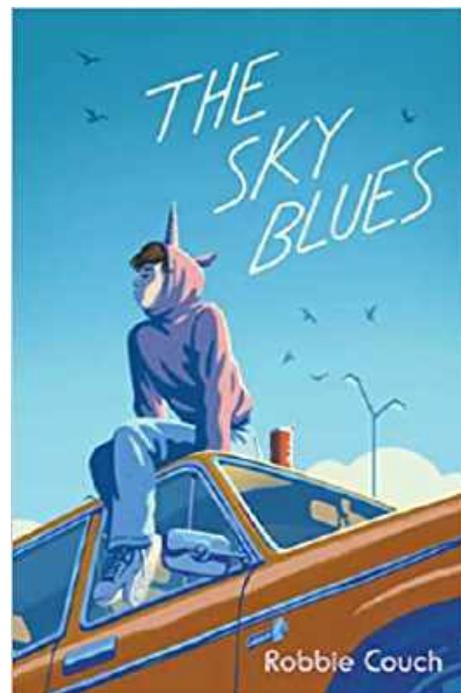
Praise:

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About the Author:

Robbie Couch grew up in small-town Michigan—where the blues really are bluer—and has been published in *HuffPost*, *Upworthy*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*, among other outlets. Robbie holds a degree in journalism from Michigan State University and lives in Los Angeles, where he remains in constant fear of aggressive birds and on the prowl for his next bowl of noodles. *The Sky Blues* is his debut novel.

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Simon & Schuster
April 2021

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Manuscript available

Warrior Princess By Author/Illustrator Sally Deng

Khutulun, great-great granddaughter of Genghis Khan, was living proof that princesses could rule on the battlefield as well as – or better than - any soldier. Treated like the brothers that came before her, she learned how to ride horseback, shoot arrows at full gallop and, most important, to wrestle. Eventually, Khutulun was wrestling boys twice her size and was ready to join her father and brothers in battle.

Despite her brilliant military victories, she was still plagued by rumors. *Why hadn't the princess married yet? What was wrong with the Khan's daughter?* She vowed to marry any man that could defeat her at wrestling – but if they lost, they had to give her 10 horses.

Undefeated, her herd grew to 10,000 horses.

When a well-respected prince wagered 1,000 horses to wrestle her, she agreed to throw the match to end the rumors and restore honor to her family. But in the heat of battle, would she – *could* she – lose the match and become a wife instead of a warrior?

Sally Deng's WARRIOR PRINCESS is an inspiring tale of a princess who realizes that sometimes the best way to serve one's community is to stay true to oneself.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Sally Deng is the author-illustrator of *Skyward: Women Pilots in WWII* (Flying Eye Books, 2018) and illustrator of the forthcoming *Yusra Swims* (Creative Editions, 2020) and a book with Chronicle. She was chosen as a [2020 Forbes 30 under 30](#) and her illustrations have appeared in various publications including the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, NPR, *Vice*, *The New Yorker*, and *Condé Nast Traveler*.

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**Macmillan/Farrar, Straus
and Giroux
Winter 2022**

**Spanish rights to Oceano
Mexico**

**All other translation
rights available**

Dummy available

THE OCTOBER GIRL

by Matthew Dow Smith

Life hasn't turned out the way Autumn Ackerman expected. She grew up believing in fairies and magic and princesses that battled dragons. Now, at eighteen, she's stuck behind the counter of her local coffee shop and realizing the world is a lot less magical she dreamed of as a little girl.

Until Barnaby, her imaginary friend from childhood, walks into her life as a living, breathing thing. Drawn into the world of the Night Folk, Autumn soon befriends fantastic characters that should only exist in the pages of myths and legends. But these creatures are real. However, not everyone welcomes Autumn with open arms. As she navigates this strange world, the mysterious Mr. Balloon dogs her every move and is hell-bent on destroying her. Apparently, everyone else knows more about her connection to the Night Folk than she does. Autumn's world has become a lot more interesting—and dangerous—than she ever could have imagined.

Also available: 2 more in the series

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

MATTHEW DOW SMITH is an Eisner-nominated, Harvey-nominated, and Bram Stoker Award-winning writer and artist who has worked for nearly every major American comic book publisher. He is the writer/artist of THE OCTOBER GIRL graphic novel series forthcoming from Insight Comics and is currently in development in Hollywood.

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Insight Comics
Fall 2020

Translation Rights Available
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France, Italy & Israel

Proposal available

I AM ODD

By Benjamin Giroux, illustrated by Roz Maclean

Poet Laureate and Ambassador for the National Autism Association Benjamin Giroux's *I Am Odd*, based on his viral poem that has received vast media attention. This picture book, illustrated by Roz Maclean, ponders the questions that arise while growing up with autism.

Praise:

Coming soon!



Schiffer
Winter 2021

All translation rights
available

Dummy available

About the Author and Illustrator:

Benjamin Giroux's viral poem *I AM ODD* caught the attention of the whole world when he wrote it for a school project. Calling attention to the social challenges neurodiverse children face, Benjamin's poem has been praised by millions. Benjamin was named Poet Laureate of the town of Plattsburgh, NY, and has been interviewed for television news programs, as well as featured by Huffington Post, the Today Show and Good Morning America. He has also been the face of the National Autism Association's antibullying campaign. Illustrator **Roz Maclean** is the author of *The Body Book* (2016, Promontory Press, winner of IBPA children's picture book award) and *Violet's Cloudy Day* (2014, Promontory Press, Eric Hoffer Award honorable mention). Roz has many short publications and frequently makes author visits to schools. She has experience working with the deaf/mute community as well.

THE GRAVE THIEF

By Dee Hahn

Twelve-year-old Spade loves it when the graveyard is quiet at night, not a soul around. That's when he does his best work, digging up dead bodies and stashing their hidden jewels while his raven watches for cemetery guards and creatures of the night. All alone in the dark, no one calls him the slur *Joolie*, and no one makes fun of his limp.

Until his notorious dad sends him to rob a graveyard that's never been robbed before: the royal cemetery of Wyndhail Castle.

Spade and his little brother get caught in a royal trap. Brought before the court for punishment, the queen offers a deal. Spade can earn his brother's freedom, if he can save her kingdom from a nightmarish creature—the terrible, legendary Woegan.

Known as a hunter of children, the Woegan is the last thing Spade wants to face. If that wasn't bad enough, the queen's niece Ember, a girl who can sniff out a lie a mile away, has plans of her own to capture the Woegan and prove her worth to the queen— even if it means tricking Spade into bringing her with him.

Now, Spade must hunt the deadly creature alongside his stubborn, royal accomplice and somehow keep them both from the Woegan's claws.

In a world where magic is more than it seems and secrets are buried deep, Spade is about to unearth truths about himself and his kingdom that might just save a nation.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Dee Hahn began writing when her three children begged for bedtime stories. As a Junior High teacher, she is well-positioned to market her book to young readers through speaking events, library, and school visits. She has been longlisted for CANSCAIP's Writing for Children Competition in both 2017 and 2018, becoming a finalist with this novel in 2018. This book will appeal to readers of Jonathan Auxier's *The Night Gardener*, or Robert Beatty's *Serafina and the Black Cloak*.

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**Tundra Books
Spring 2022**

**All translation rights
available**

Audio to Blackstone

**Unedited manuscript
available**

YOUNG CAPTAIN NEMO

By Jason Henderson

Armed with his wits, his friends, and his Nemotech submarine, a twelve-year-old descendant of Jules Verne's famous antihero is determined to help make the ocean a safer place one adventure at a time in Jason Henderson's *Young Captain Nemo*, first in a new middle-grade series.

Gabriel Nemo is not your typical 12-year-old. A descendant of the famous Captain Nemo, he spent the first years of his life living in obscurity, isolated in his parents' peaceful underwater research lab. But with his older sister off following in their ancestor's footsteps, sinking whalers and running away from vengeful navies, Gabriel decides it's time to forge his own path, and use his Nemotech legacy for good.

Armed only with his wits, his friends, and his Nemotech submarine, Gabriel embarks on a series of daring rescues and exciting undersea battles. But when Gabriel's sister suddenly appears with proof of previously undiscovered sea creatures—giant beasts inhabiting wrecked war planes and ships—Gabriel and his new friends must face their biggest and most dangerous mission ever!

Also available: 2 more in the series

Praise:

"There's both futuristic and classic steampunk appeal here, admirably mixing Jules Verne lore with 007-level gadgetry. Stakes are high, the pace is fast, and there are excellent (and surprisingly subtle) messages of coping with childhood loneliness and the importance of taking care of our planet's oceans." *Booklist*

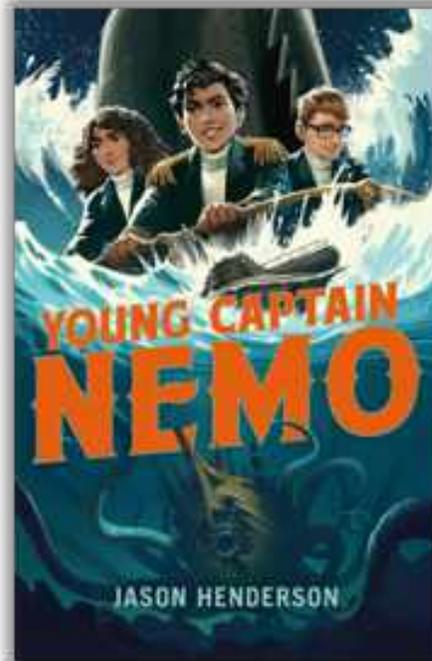
"Fractured retelling of 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA...that will have Jules Verne fans geeking out.... However, a reader who's never even heard of *The Nautilus* will devour this timely STEM / sci-fi adventure story." *KidLit Underground*

About the Author:

Jason Henderson is the author of the Alex Van Helsing series from HarperCollins/HarperTeen, which was named by the Texas Library Association to the Lone Star Reading List, a list of the top 20 books published in the previous year for young readers. He lives in Colorado with his wife and two daughters. An active writer of comics and games, his most recent comic series is IDW and Cartoon Network's Ben 10. His most recent game screenplay was for Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles for 3DS, and he was nominated for a WGA Screenwriting Award for his script for Activision's Singularity.

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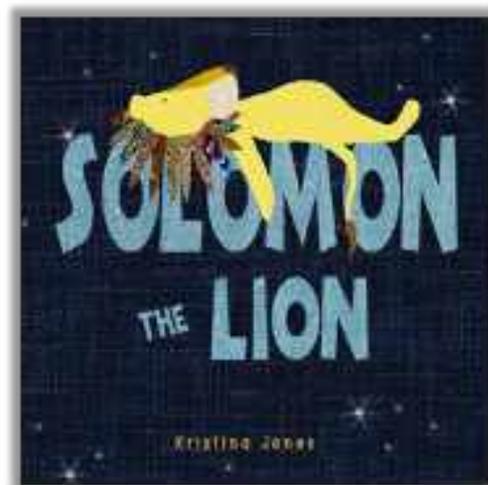
SOLOMON THE LION

By Author/Illustrator, Kristina Jones

Solomon is a young lion who can't fall asleep. He tries sleeping in a tree like the bats, but that's not quite right. He tries a snooze in the pond with the hippos, but that doesn't quite fit either. Will Solomon realize that it's not where you sleep, but who tucks you in at night?

A charming story about feeling safe and peaceful with those you love, SOLOMON THE LION is sure to be a new bedtime favorite.

Illustrated using shweshwe fabric, this book has more of the charming animals found in Kristina's debut!



**Penguin Random House
South Africa
Fall 2020**

**All translation rights
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Praise:

“There’s an exciting world of words waiting to be discovered through this educational alphabet book, which will help to expand your child’s vocabulary and encourage him to read. Each illustration is accompanied by a sentence, introducing the different animals. The sentence structure is the same for each animal, because the best way for kids to learn is through repetition.” Living and Loving on THE AMAZING AFRICAN ANIMAL ALPHABET

About the Author:

KRISTINA JONES is a Canadian illustrator currently living and working in Swaziland. She holds a BA (Hons) in Illustration and has worked for many years as a fine artist.

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DOWN WITH THIS SHIP

By Katie Kingman

Kole Miller is the best writer at the prestigious Crystal Lake High. But no one knows it—not her creative writing classmates, or even her academic arch nemesis Colin (aka Mr. Valedictorian). That's because Kole's best work is a secret fanfic based on The Space Game, her favorite show.

When Kole's fanfic wins a major contest, her readership skyrockets. Suddenly, Kole finds herself stuck in the heated ship wars, as her new readers pair characters from the show together as romantic couples. Worse yet, Kole's classmates discover that she's the fanfic's author. Now it isn't just The Space Game everyone is arguing about: they start shipping Kole with her classmates.

With her romantic life in shambles and her anxiety through the roof, Kole must face both her inner demons and the ones at her school. She has one chance to reclaim her fanfic—and the guy that Kole now realizes she's shipped herself with since episode one of the school year.

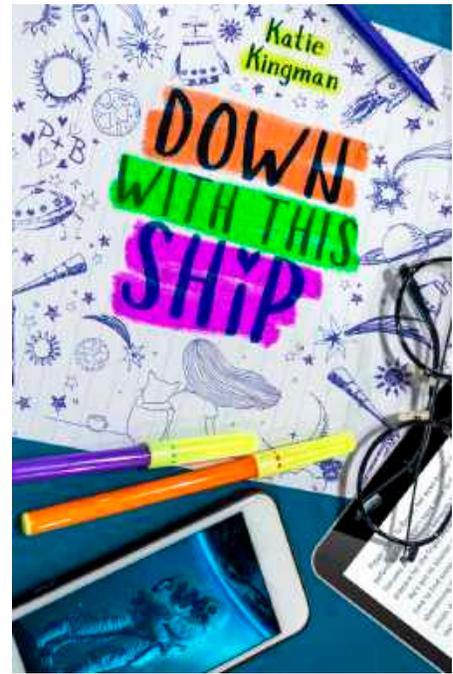
Praise:

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About the Author:

Katie Kingman has wanted to be a writer since freshman year when her English teacher read her story out loud. The experience was mortifying, but it led to a lifelong love of writing fiction and classic literature. She now lives, teaches, and geeks in Phoenix, Arizona, with her husband, two kids, and five cats. When not writing, she can be found gardening and scrolling Netflix for a new OTP.

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**Flux
June 2021**

**All translation rights
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Audio to Dreamscape

**Edited manuscript
available**

A CUBAN GIRL'S GUIDE TO TEA AND TOMORROW

By Laura Taylor Namey

Love & Gelato meets Don't Date Rosa Santos in this charming, heartfelt story following a Miami girl who unexpectedly finds love—and herself—in a small English town.

For Lila Reyes, a summer in England was never part of the plan. The plan was 1) take over her abuela's role as head baker at their panadería, 2) move in with her best friend after graduation, and 3) live happily ever after with her boyfriend. But then the Trifecta happened, and everything—including Lila herself—fell apart.

Worried about Lila's mental health, her parents make a new plan for her: Spend three months with family friends in Winchester, England, to relax and reset. But with the lack of sun, a grumpy inn cook, and a small town lacking Miami flavor (both in food and otherwise), what would be a dream trip for some feels more like a nightmare to Lila...until she meets Orion Maxwell.

A teashop clerk with troubles of his own, Orion is determined to help Lila out of her funk, and appoints himself as her personal tour guide. From Winchester's drama-filled music scene to the sweeping English countryside, it isn't long before Lila is not only charmed by Orion, but England itself. Soon a new future is beginning to form in Lila's mind—one that would mean leaving everything she ever planned behind.

Praise:

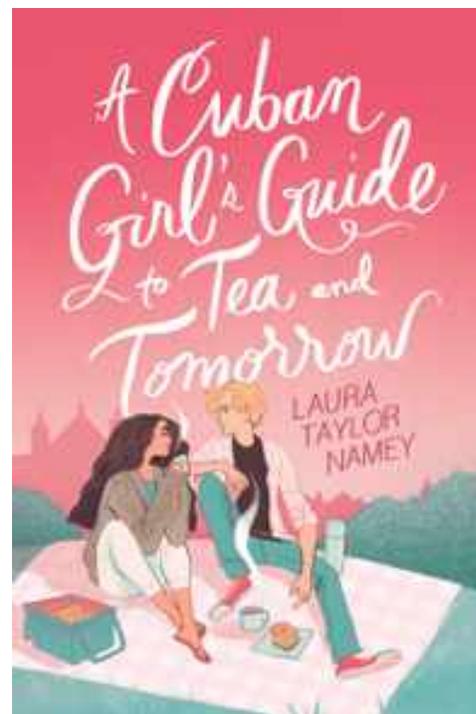
"Part romance, part foodie heaven, the warm atmosphere will make readers want to cook and dance and love." *Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author:

Laura Taylor Namey is a Cuban-American Californian who can usually be found haunting her favorite coffee shops, drooling over leather jackets and wishing she was in London or Paris. She lives in San Diego with her husband, two superstar children and her beloved miniature schnauzer/muse. Her debut novel, *The Library of Lost Things*, was released in 2019 with Inkyard Press.

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**Simon & Schuster/Atheneum
October 2020**

All translation rights available

THESE FEATHERED FLAMES

By Alexandra Overy

Three Dark Crowns meets *Wicked Saints* in this queer #ownvoices retelling of “The Firebird,” a Russian folktale, by debut author Alexandra Overy.

When twin heirs are born in Tourin, their fates are decided at a young age. While Izaveta remained at court to learn the skills she’d need as the future queen, Asya was taken away to train with her aunt, the mysterious Firebird, who ensured magic remained balanced in the realm.

But before Asya’s training is completed, the ancient power blooms inside her, which can mean only one thing: the queen is dead, and a new ruler must be crowned.

As the princesses come to understand everything their roles entail, they’ll discover who they can trust, who they can love—and who killed their mother.

Also available: Book 2 in the series

Praise:

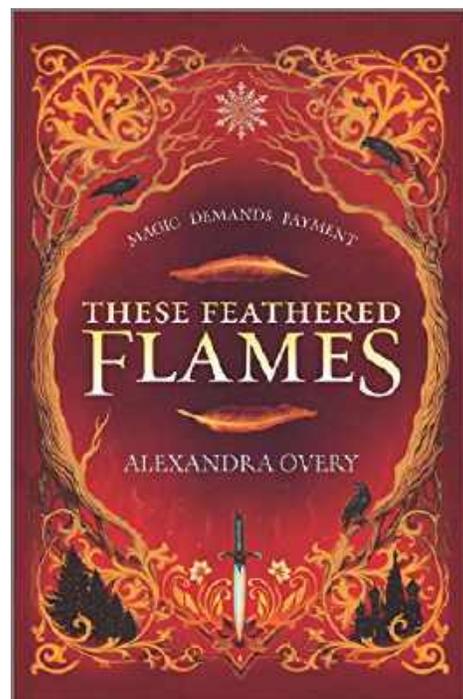
Coming soon!

About the Author:

Alexandra was born in London, England. Ever since she was little she has loved being able to escape into another world through books. She currently lives in Los Angeles and is completing her MFA in Screenwriting at UCLA. When she’s not working on a new manuscript or procrastinating on doing homework, she can be found obsessing over Netflix shows or eating all the ice cream she can.

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