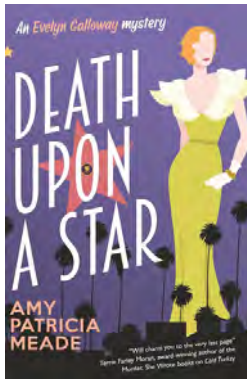
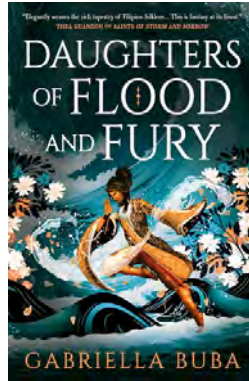
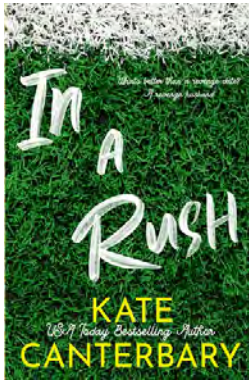




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## The Frost Witch (The Covenants of Velora 1) Emberly Ash

Witches are not born. They are made.

Outcast by her coven more than three hundred years after her resurrection, Koryn faces certain doom. Without her coven's magic to sustain her, she will wither away to nothing. But earning back their trust means betraying the last living member of her family—the family whose downfall came at Koryn's own hands.

Offered a bargain she cannot refuse, Koryn must make a desperate final bid to save Velora—and herself—by passing each test posed at the Seven Gates. Nothing less will prove her worth to her coven or save her family.

For every gate she conquers, Koryn's world grows more precarious. A deadly warrior turned bonded protector and forbidden lover. An adolescent dragon entrusted to her care. A powerful male from her past calling in a debt she is not ready to pay. And vengeful gods who demand their due, and force the frost witch to choose—her coven, her love, her dragon... or her soul.

### About the Author

Emberly Ash is the author of the Secrets of the Faerie Crown series and *A Single Captive Spark*, forthcoming from 47North in 2026. Her books are dark, twisty, and not for the faint of heart.

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## The Bond That Burns (Bloodwing Academy 2 of 4) Briar Boleyn

At Bloodwing Academy, blood is currency, but a dragon's legacy is priceless—and as dangerous as fire.

I thought surviving my first year in Bloodwing's deadly halls would be enough. I was wrong.

I accidentally woke a dragon—a creature of myth, of death, of fire.

Now every highblood house wants control over me and the dragon's legacy I carry. But here's the truth: I have no control. I'm bluffing my way through every encounter, trying to keep everyone from realizing that I'm not the one pulling the dragon's strings.

And then there's Blake Drakharrow. I thought he was on my side, that I might even be able to trust him. But he betrayed me. Now I'm his only blood source. How messed up is that? In a place like Bloodwing, where power and survival are everything, this bond may well be the death of us both. Unless I can find a way to end it.

In this world of vampires, dragons, and lies, there are no happy endings. Just legends—and the darkness it takes to make them.

### Praise for *On Wings of Blood*

**Viral Booktok Sensation**

**Instant Bestseller!!!**

***New York Times/US* (#2 Hardcover & #5 Combined Print & Ebook)**

***USA Today/US* (#4)**

***Sunday Times/UK* (#3 Hardcover)**

***Globe & Mail/Canada* (#2 Canadian Fiction & #3 Hardcover)**

### About the Author

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## Bloodsinger (The Fire That Binds 2 of 3) Juliette Cross

Lela Bihari's village was invaded on her wedding night, her betrothed murdered right in front of her. While her sisters were either dragged away or escaped, Lela was sold to Valerius, a consul of Rome.

When she tried to kill Valerius her first night as his slave, her bloodsinger gift manifested... and she was punished for it. Now she's paraded in front of the other senators for their amusement.

But Trajan Tiberius, the newly elected tribune to the senate, is different. He has no love for the brutality around him. When he frees Lela from enslavement and hides her, Lela is set on a path of vengeance, and using her gift puts her in more danger than ever before.

Now trapped inside the walls of Rome while deathriders circle the skies, how can she possibly trust a Roman dragon? Especially when it is clear Trajan has ulterior schemes of his own? As her powers grow stronger, danger draws closer, and Lela realizes it isn't just her life at stake, but also her heart.

### Praise for *Firebird*

**Instant Bestseller: *New York Times* (#3 Hardcover & #5 Combined Print & Ebook) and *USA Today* in the US; *Sunday Times* in the UK (#2 Hardcover), and *Globe & Mail* (#1 Hardcover) and the *Toronto Star* (#4 Original Hardcover) in Canada**

"Readers of dark romantasy will get lost in this fantasy" —*Bookpage*

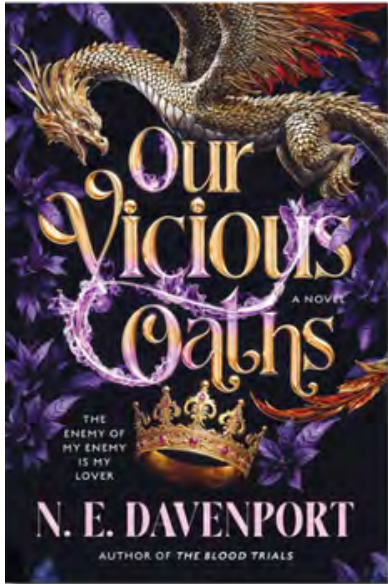
"Cross mixes royal debauchery, political machinations, and hot sex in her new epic romantasy." —*Library Journal*

### About the Author

Juliette Cross is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and international bestselling author of over 30 fantasy, paranormal, and contemporary romances. As a native of Louisiana, she is inspired by the moss-laden trees and slow-moving bayou of her home as well as the Gothic setting of nearby New Orleans.

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## Our Vicious Oaths N.E. Davenport

Princess of the Aether Dominion, Kadeesha wants nothing to do with fae politics. But bound since infancy to be betrothed to the Hyperion High King, ruler of all Dominions, she has no choice but to do what men have chosen for her.

She spends one last night of freedom in the arms of the dangerous Malachi who takes her to sexual heights she's never experienced before...but who is only using Kadeesha to set a trap for the High King.

On Kadeesha's wedding day, Malachi and his special forces attack. Her father is killed, and Malachi wounds the High King, ultimately taking Kadeesha as hostage back to his land. But she is no true hostage. The two form a pact: she will help lure the High King so Malachi can kill him once and for all, and he in turn will not harm Kadeesha or the Aether people. And as much as Kadeesha hates politics, she is now the Queen of her folk. Fae bonds are unbreakable... and so, perhaps, is the attraction Kadeesha and Malachi feel for each other. For even as they must publicly display their connection to provoke the High King's jealousy, they struggle to resist the powerful allure between them in order to achieve their ultimate goals.

### Praise

"An immersive world, knife-to-throat enemies to lovers, morally grey characters wading through messy politics, and SEXY GOOD TIMES. Do yourself a favor and pick this one up! An instant romantasy classic!" — **Katee Robert, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author**

"Truly, *Our Vicious Oaths* delivers the unapologetically Black fae fantasy we've all been waiting for." — **Tigest Girma, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Immortal Dark***

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## The Heartless One (Gravesinger 2 of 3) Emma Hamm

Princess Jessamine and Elric's story continues after she has brought him back to full physical form in this second book in a romantasy trilogy from *USA Today* bestselling author Emma Hamm, perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas.

She won the heart of Death... now she must fight for the hearts of her people.

Jessamine never expected to be on the Deathless One's side—let alone be in love with him. But now that Elric has returned to his corporeal form and Jessamine has joined the coven of witches that sustain his power, the two are stronger than ever.

But the kingdom is still in turmoil. Jessamine and Elric must prepare their coven of witches to meet the kingdom's forces in battle—before the man who's usurped her throne learns how to harness the power of Elric's fellow gods. How can Jessamine accept that to fight for her kingdom, she might have to fight against it?

### Praise for the Gravesinger Trilogy *USA Today* Bestseller

"The mutual exploration of new magics between Jessamine and the god makes for a supportive relationship... a romantic slow burn." —*Library Journal*

"Hamm's writing shines in Jessamine and Elric's electric chemistry." —*Publishers Weekly*

"A romantasy that perfectly blends desire and vengeance. For readers who like their romance with an edge." —*USA Today bestselling author Elise Kova*

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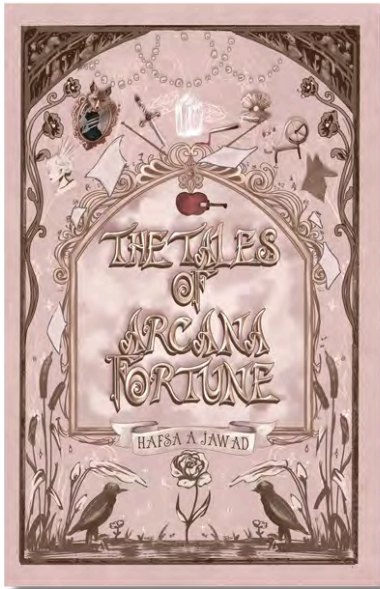
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## The Tales of Arcana Fortune

### Hafsa A. Jawad

Serena Rose has always dreamed of fairy tales, but the chances of finding true love living alone in a cottage in the woods are...slim. So instead she spends quiet days chasing down mischievous woodland creatures, brewing tonics, and taking care of her family's ancient library.

But her little life is upended when she is approached by a dark haired stranger searching for a book in her family's collection. When the pair accidentally free a malicious immortal sealed within an ancient spell, Serena finds herself cursed. Trapped in a different fairy tale each night, she must find a way through her trials all while trying not to lose her life, her freedom, or her heart.

*With internal illustrations done by the author-illustrator herself!*



Having Mama trick her into meeting a few of them was exactly why she was not answering her family's letters or following up on her promise to visit.



He was young, probably around his early to mid-twenties; a few years older than her. His hair was dark and messy, falling rakishly into his eyes.

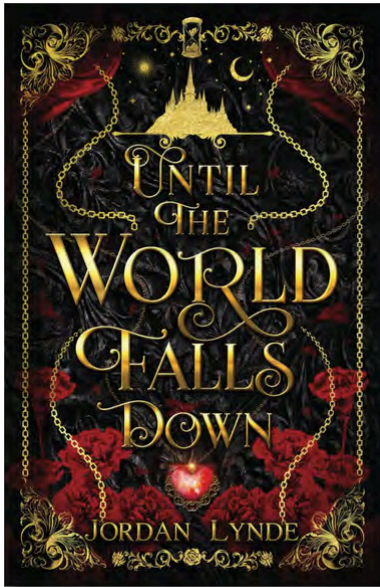
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## Until the World Falls Down

### Jordan Lynde

*Labyrinth* meets *Beauty and the Beast* in this spellbinding, sexy romantasy debut about a woman with a broken heart, the seductive immortal who imprisons her, the magical labyrinth that may be her salvation, and the dangerous attraction that could destroy them both.

Her freedom or her heart...in forty-eight hours, she'll lose one forever.

When a brutal betrayal leaves Nell heartbroken and alone, she makes a desperate wish for love, recklessly offering anything in exchange.

Her plea is heard by Enver, an immortal as wicked as he is beautiful. He sweeps Nell away to his castle that seems to exist out of time and presents her with a bargain: escape his labyrinth within forty-eight hours or surrender to eternity as his lover.

Nell vows to conquer the labyrinth, despite the dangerous attraction she feels for its monstrous ruler. But every stolen moment with him leaves her craving more. And every step deeper into the castle reveals hidden truths about herself...and the curse that holds Enver captive.

Torn between her desire for love and the dark being incapable of loving her, Nell faces an impossible choice. And her time is running out.

***USA Today* Bestseller**

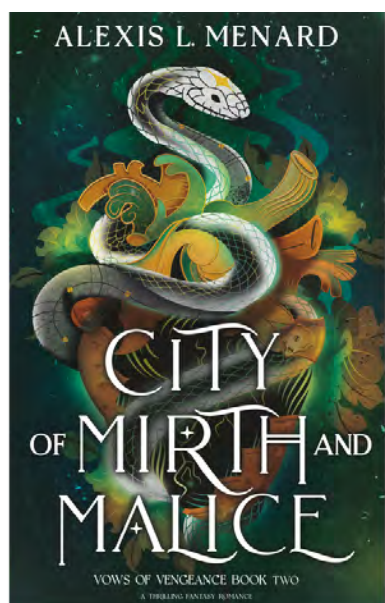
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## City of Mirth and Malice (Vows of Vengeance 2 of 2) Alexis L. Menard

Some debts are not so easily repaid—or forgiven.

Nicolai Attano has achieved everything he's ever wanted: full control over the Iron Saint Railway. Never did he imagine he'd want anything more than power—not until his wife, Camilla Marchese.

When Camilla is abducted, he'll do anything to get her back. But with a city that's been poisoned against him, he's forced to seek the aid of a disreputable black-market dealer to ensure his wife's rescue. Despite the cost being higher than ever, Nico doesn't think twice. The collateral? His life.

Meanwhile, Camilla fights to gain control over her newfound powers and save herself, if her magic doesn't destroy her first. The only light in the hellish prison and brutal trials her alchemist captor puts her through is the hope of once again seeing her family . . . and the husband who stole her heart.



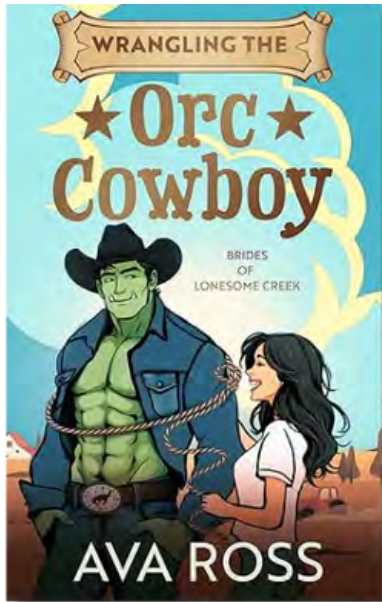
Set in a post-industrial age magical Isle, *Peaky Blinders* meets *Shadow & Bone*'s Grishaverse in the fantasy romance *House of Bane and Blood*, the first book in the Vows of Vengeance Duet, where a contract marriage brings two enemies together but threatens to burn their city to the ground.

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## Wrangling the Orc Cowboy (Brides of Lonesome Creek Orcs 1 of 3) Ava Ross

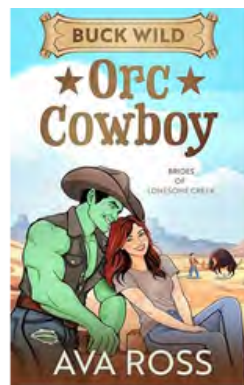
Escaping her past is tough. Staying immune to one sweet, bumbling orc cowboy's heart-melting charm might be impossible.

For Gracie, escaping her old life as a reality TV star was supposed to be a fresh start, not a one-way trip to a dusty Wild West town with a fake saloon, real orcs, and a pet raven who meows.

But when she takes a job at Lonesome Creek, a Western-themed orc tourist destination that desperately needs social media help, she finds herself dodging pink ostrich-chickens, wrangling content, and falling hard for one broody orc cowboy who makes muffins like a dream and kisses like he means it.

She came here to fix a brand, not catch feelings. But if she can't figure out how to make this work, she might lose more than just a paycheck.

She might lose the best thing I've ever found.



### About the Author

*USA Today* Bestselling Author Ava Ross fell for men with unusual features when she first watched *Star Wars*, where alien creatures have gone mainstream. She lives in New England with her husband, three kids, and assorted pets.

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## Vow Forever Night (To the Cruel Gods 1) May Sage

I didn't think I'd ever see her again, then she barged into my life and shattered it.

Kleos disregards every rule, all common sense that dictates she shouldn't trust me. I'm a dark sorcerer, comfortable with murder, torture, and not entirely opposed to world domination. She's the sweetheart of Highvale. We make no sense.

I can't say I care.

Our city. Our families. Our entire world. It doesn't matter what I'll have to destroy to keep her. They told her I was bad news from the start. She should have listened.

A sensual, dark, steamy paranormal romance in a world where everything that goes bump in the night exists, *To the Cruel Gods* is unsuitable for sensitive readers.

### About the Author

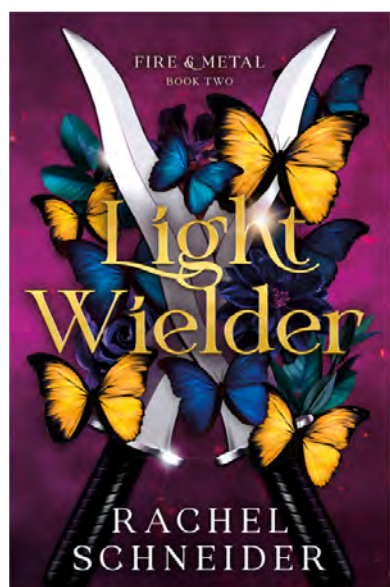
May Sage is a *USA Today* Bestselling Author who recently moved to The Hague, in the Netherlands. She writes many sub-genres of romance; mainly fantasy, paranormal and contemporary. You're signing up for strong, sassy, kick-ass women and swoon-worthy alpha protagonists.

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Lenka Jones





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 Macmillan/Saturday Books (US)  
 Hachette/Orion (UK)  
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 (IBIS); **Czech** (Albatros);  
**Danish** (Politikens); **Dutch**  
 (Love Books); **French** (De  
 Saxus/Eilean); **German** (PRH  
 Velagsgruppe); **Greek**  
 (Kastaniotis) **Hebrew** (Tchelet);  
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**Portuguese** (Bertrant);  
**Romanian** (Bookzone); **Russia**  
 (EXEM) **Slovak** (Zeleny Kocur)  
 Spanish (Planeta); **Turkish**  
 (Juno Kitap); **Ukrainian**  
 (Family Leisure Club)  
 All Other Translation  
 Available  
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## Light Wielder (Fire & Metal 2 of 3) Rachel Schneider

It's been four years since Jovic betrayed Acker, fracturing their relationship. Her decision to take King Edmond's magic, sparing his life at Acker's request, has sparked a brutal war. The Kenta and Strou forces ally against the Roison and Alaha, with Maile perched dangerously on the edge of their battles.

Jovic is determined to keep the innocent Maile people from a conflict she helped start—even if it means suppressing the Matching Bond and sacrificing any hope of repairing her relationship with Acker. Yet, visions of him continue to haunt her dreams.

Acker is resigned to aid in his father's war while in an arranged marriage with a wife who detests him. Though still pained by Jovic's deception, he can't stop his thoughts from turning to her. And Acker has found a way to slip into Jovic's dreams despite her attempts to stifle the Matching Bond. There he watches her, torn between his loyalties and desire.

When he discovers the chilling reason behind the return of his father's magic, as well as Edmond's dangerous new alliance, Acker must finally decide which war he wants to fight: one for his king or his heart.

### Praise for *Metal Slinger*

*Sunday Times* Bestseller

*USA Today* Bestseller

Instant BookTok Sensation

Amazon Bestseller

"So many twists and turns—never a dull moment. The way everything connects at the end is quite frankly, insane... The author is a mastermind. Romantasy is back!" —*WhatEmmyReads*

### About the Author

Rachel Schneider lives in South Louisiana with her husband and only daughter. She loves to write wherever her imagination takes her, which includes fantasy worlds, thrilling surprises, and complex romance with a touch of heat.

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Agent: Rachel Brooks  
Macmillan/Bramble  
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## Huntsman (Hunted Kingdom 1 of 3) Naima Simone

The Huntsman is after me. But he will be mine first.

Nine years ago, my aunt took everything from me. My world. My throne. My mother. I've bided my time since then, serving under her in the Mwuaji crime family, but she's crossed another line. She put a price on my head, sending the legendary assassin the Huntsman, Malachi Bowden, after me.

The Huntsman's never failed a contract before, but I know everything there is to know about him. It's finally time for me to take my revenge and finish the war my aunt started. The Huntsman might be my death. But Malachi Bowden? He's my weakness.

### Praise

"Filled with blood, violence, and heat, this book kicks off Simone's gritty, fairy-tale-inspired "Hunted Kingdom" mafia romance series. Perfect for fans hungry for more Navessa Allen and Tate James." —**Library Journal**

"A fast-paced, intoxicating thrill-ride. Simone goes hard with *Huntsman*—a dark fairytale retelling like no other. This is a brand new spin on mafia romance." —**New York Times bestselling author Juliette Cross**

"*Huntsman* blew me away and gripped me from page one. The characters leapt off the page and I couldn't help but wrap myself in the world building. This is a fairy-tale reimagined at its very best!" —**New York Times bestselling author Carrie Ann Ryan**

"An utterly fearless book. Naima Simone is at her best with this sexy dark romance that swings for the fences and doesn't miss. One of my favorite reads of the year!" —**New York Times bestselling author Kathee Robert**

### About the Author

Naima Simone is a *USA Today* bestselling author of over 50 romances, spanning every heat level. Her books have been praised by *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Washington Post*, *Oprah*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and more. She currently resides with her family in Alabama.

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Sean Evans Photography



Agent: Emily Forney  
Bookouture/Second Sky  
April 2025

Wicked Games Rights Sold:  
**Brazil** (Intrínseca); **Bulgarian**  
(Ciela Norma); **Czech**  
(Dobrovsky); **Danish** (Gyldendal);  
**Dutch** (De Bezige); Finnish  
(Otava); **French** (Addictives);  
**German** (Aufbau); **Greek**  
(Anubis); **Hungarian** (Muvelt  
Nep); **Italian** (Rizzoli); Latvian  
(Zvaigzne); **Lithuanian**  
(Leidykla); **Polish** (Filia);  
**Portuguese** (Infinito Particular);  
**Romanian** (Bookzone); **Russian**  
(Eksmo); **Slovak** (Zeleny Kocur)  
**Slovenia** (Učila) **Spanish**  
(Hidra); **Thai** (Amarin); **Turkish**  
(Indigo); **Ukrainian** (Laboratory)  
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Final MS Available

## Enchantra (Wicked Games 2 of 4) Kaylie Smith

When Genevieve Grimm's mother dies, she's left with questions no one can answer—until she receives an invitation to Enchantra, a cursed palace in Italy, frozen in time and shrouded by forbidden fruit. But when hostile and sinfully handsome Rowin Silver greets her at the door, he refuses to let her inside. And though Genevieve finds her own way in... she soon realizes her mistake.

For Enchantra is a twisted labyrinth, carved from gleaming marble and silver—where devils and illusions reign and Rowin's family is trapped forever in a deadly game. One hunts, the others hide...until a single survivor remains.

Genevieve now must win or die.

Rowin tells her he's the deadliest of the Silvers. That he always wins. That her only chance is to compete as his wife... so they must convince his family that they're desperately in love. And while Genevieve's willing to do whatever it takes to survive the fatal trials ahead, she knows she can't trust Rowin. As they hunt and hide together, she tries to ignore the desire burning between them. Genevieve cannot fall for this man. Cannot forget that she's pretending to be in love. Because while Genevieve's heart says Rowin will honor their deal—her head says he'll betray her. That this is just another lethal game.

### Praise

**#1 New York Times Bestseller**  
**USA Today Bestseller**  
**BookTok Viral Sensation**  
**Amazon Bestseller**

### About the Author

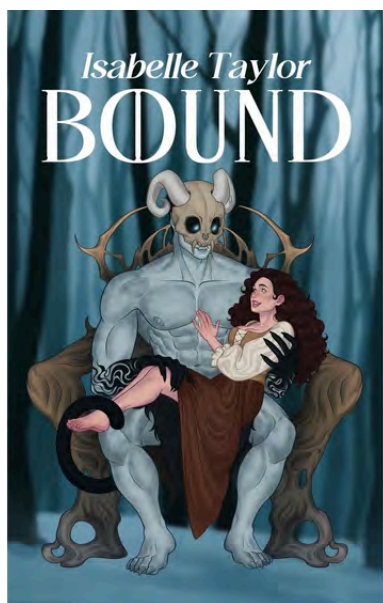
Kaylie Smith is the #1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* Bestselling Author of dark fantasy romance books. She grew up in Louisiana where she frequently haunted bookstores and practiced her writing craft, though she now resides in South California.

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## Bound (Skullstalker Brides 1) Isabelle Taylor

Sweet witch Ruby Waterstone would do anything to protect her town—even open a portal and offer herself to a Skullstalker, a monster who lures lost travelers into his shadowy void to be devoured.

But the void she steps into is shockingly beautiful despite its darkness. The Skullstalker is even more so. Ruby finds herself reluctantly charmed—even after the mysterious Skullstalker reveals what she must do to protect her town.

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Slate is too busy sleeping away the centuries to concern himself with mortal affairs. That is, until a stray witch appears in his void, begging him to fix the failing ward protecting her town. In return, she will give him whatever he wants.

Unbeknownst to her, the ward can only be replenished by a mating ritual. And Skullstalkers can't mate with mortals without practice. Thorough, repeated practice.

But it's not as if he's confining her to his nest. There's a sinister reason the ward is failing, and they must venture deep into his void to find it.

Both are surprised to discover how much Ruby thrives in his dark realm. As they get closer to fulfilling the ritual, Slate starts to realize what he wants from her when all this is over:

Her heart.

### About the Author

Isabelle Taylor writes adult romance that often (but not always) skews towards cozy and paranormal. She works in a bookstore in New Zealand and has a Creative Writing Masters from the International Institute of Modern Letters.

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Emma Sidnam





Agent: Sophie Sheumaker  
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## Devour (Dangerous Creatures 1 of 3) Stacey Trombley

The death cult known as Drak'yn have devastated everything west of the Morterres desert, with a reputation of violence and cruelty. And I have just been captured.

I am bound and dragged inside the caverns that make up the death cult's underground city, where I expect to be sacrificed to their demon goddess.

Instead, I am claimed by one of the warriors— a massive man covered in scars and hiding beneath a black mask. He takes me into his personal den, deep below the skeleton filled catacombs.

I am now his.

Yet, despite the blood of the innocent crusted beneath his nails, despite the scars covering his strong body, and horrifying black magic he wields—he is kind.

There may be something different about this specific monster, but that won't stop me from doing anything in my power to escape this nightmare dungeon.

See more from Stacey:



## About the Author

Stacey Trombley is a Casino pit boss by night, paranormal and dark romance author by day. Her places to travel list is almost as long as her to-read list. She has worked as a freelance developmental editor, Pitch Wars mentor and blogger with Middle Grade Minded.

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Agent: Amanda Jain  
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## Bride of Ashes (Kingdom of Shadow and Ruin 1) Alaya Wells

To broker peace between two far kingdoms, I agree to marry the king of Evergorne Court, a union built on duty, not desire. I'm doomed to a life without love.

Onboard the king's ship, I meet his bodyguard, Lore, a brooding shadow of a man who's maddeningly arrogant and too handsome for his own good. He ignites something wild and dangerous inside me, something I must resist at all costs.

My new husband, King Merrick, is equally stunning. He makes me laugh, and to my surprise, he makes me hope. He offers me kindness, a chance to heal my wounded soul, and he ignites feelings I thought had died with my lost love.

Yet, beneath the intoxicating beauty of Evergorne Court, darkness festers. Secrets weave a web of intrigue, leaving me tangled in a treacherous game where trust is scarce, and desire is lethal.

Love could be my fiercest weapon, or, instead, the very thing that tears me apart.

### About the Author

Alaya Wells is a romantic fantasy author who loves spinning tales about brooding heroes falling for fierce, independent heroines. Expect spicy romance, touch her and I'll hurt you heroes, and a guaranteed happily ever after.

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# R O M A N C E





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 HarperCollins/Canary  
 Street Press  
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 (MGV)  
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## Love is an Open Book Chandra Blumberg

Mia Brady never imagined her romance novels would become bestsellers, much less inspire a hit TV show. However, after signing a deal to write the final book of the series, she's struck by a serious case of writer's block. Her fans are clamoring for a passionate payoff, but Mia's own experience with heartbreak—and current lack of real-life romance—is getting in the way. Do friends who become lovers ever truly have a happy ending?

Gavin Lane would like to think so. As Mia's ride-or-die BFF, he's been by her side through it all and convinced himself his crush on her is a thing of the past. He's not about to let his feelings ruin their friendship, and never will. But that doesn't stop him from pitching a bold idea to help save Mia's career: testing out tried-and-true love story tropes...together.

### Praise

#### One of the *Boston Globe's* Best Summer Reads!

"Blumberg totally understood the assignment when she set out to write one of romance's favorite type of stories. Her tale of best friends [...] is a frisky delight." —*Los Angeles Times*

"The vibe is breezy and the metafictional nods to romance tropes add some fun. Readers looking for an easy, G-rated beach read will be pleased." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Chandra Blumberg writes a heartfelt, witty, swoonworthy romance! This friends-to-lovers romance is full of tension, yearning, and flirty banter. With an insider's look into writing and romance tropes galore, this contemporary romance is a lighthearted and sweetly passionate must-read!" —**Danielle Jackson, author of *Accidentally in Love***

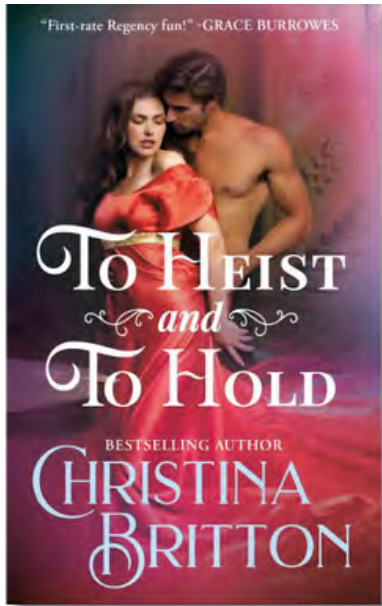
### About the Author

Chandra Blumberg is the author of funny, heartwarming love stories. Her novels have received rave reviews from *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, and *Booklist*. When not writing, she is spending time with her family in Chicago.

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Maia Rosenfeld Photography



Agent: Kim Lionetti  
Hachette/Forever  
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## To Heist and to Hold (Wimpole Street Widows Society 1 of 3) Christina Britton

A vigilante widow and a casino owner are both trying to bluff their way to a winning hand.

Heloise Marlowe has always forged her own path. As a former blacksmith and fencing instructor, she wasn't just going to sit around knitting after her husband died.

The Wimpole Street Widows Society, a secret group dedicated to balancing the scales of justice, was a much better fit for her skills. Her newest mission: seduce the owner of the club Dionysus and gain access to the den's inner workings.

She didn't mind putting her body on the line, but she wasn't prepared to gamble her heart.

Ethan Sinclair has worked hard to clean up his club after the betrayal of his brother. But now, rumors are swirling that his club is just as crooked as before.

He won't let anyone destroy what he's built, so when Heloise starts poking around, he decides to go all in, hoping she'll show her hand.

Enjoying her company is the easy part. Keeping himself from falling—that's a whole different card game.

### Praise

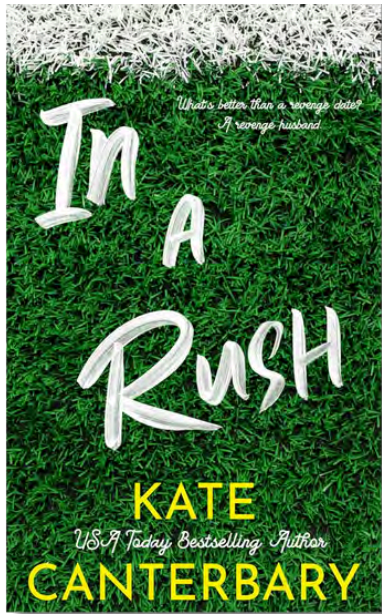
"First-rate Regency fun!" —**Grace Burrowes**

### About the Author

Christina Britton developed a passion for writing romance novels shortly after buying her first at the tender age of thirteen. Though for several years she put brush instead of pen to paper, she has returned to her first love and is now writing full time. She spends her days dreaming of corsets and cravats and noblemen with tortured souls.

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## In a Rush (Friendship, RI 2 of 4) Kate Canterbury

What's better than a revenge date?

A revenge husband.

Pro quarterback Ryan Ralston has always known two things. First, he's desperately in love with his best friend Emme Ahlborg. Second-and most importantly-he still has no idea how to tell her.

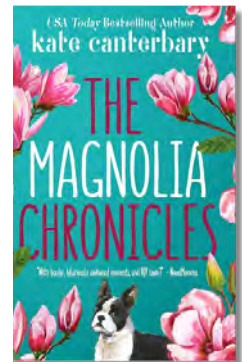
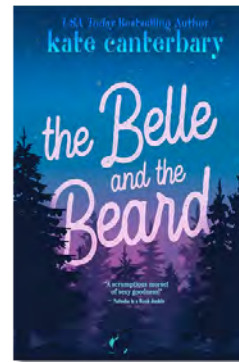
The marriage pact they made in their senior yearbook was the closest he ever came. Years passed and Emme forgot about their promise. Ryan never did, especially not on his thirtieth birthday.

Emme can't catch a break. Always unlucky in love, her cheating ex is a groomsman in her best friend's wedding—and there's no way she's showing up alone.

Ryan offers her the one thing better than a wedding date: a revenge husband. And he's not just any fake husband but the NFL's brightest star... and in need of serious reputation rehab.

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See more from Kate:



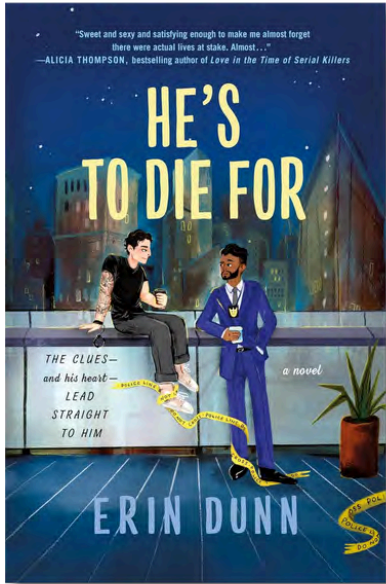
## About the Author

*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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## He's to Die for Erin Dunn

At 29, Detective Rav Trivedi is the youngest member of the NYPD's homicide squad, and his future looks bright. He may be a bit of an outsider in the department—an ivy-league educated gay Brit with a weakness for designer suits—but his meteoric rise and solve rate prove he belongs.

So when his CO assigns him lead on the high-profile murder of a record executive, Rav is ready for action. He won't be distracted by TV crews, tabloids, or what's trending on social media, nor by the ridiculously hot rock star with a clear motive and no alibi.

This is it, his shot, and he is not going to screw it up—certainly not by falling in love with his number one suspect...

### Praise

"With plenty of panache and great precision, Dunn skillfully creates a work of romantic suspense by walking the line between an intriguing procedural mystery in the manner of Ed McBain's 87th Precinct books and a sizzling romance à la Casey McQuiston's *Red, White, & Royal Blue* (2019), all while writing with a sense of dry wit so sharp it could be considered a weapon in its own right." —**Booklist**, starred review

"Mystery and romance play equal parts in this fast-paced cozy, which revs up on its way to a truly surprising twist ending." —**Publishers Weekly**

"At times suspicious and brooding, other times sultry and steamy with sexual tension, the writing nimbly treads the line between genres without missing any trope beats...This witty, sexy, and mysterious debut is certain to satisfy both whodunit fans and romance lovers." —**Library Journal**

### About the Author

Erin Dunn loves twisty mysteries and swoony rom-coms, so she decided to combine the two. A native of Calgary, Canada, Erin has lived in Brooklyn long enough to officially call herself a New Yorker, or so she is informed. When she's not writing, you can find her playing music, cooking, or sampling other people's cooking.





Agent: Jessica Alvarez  
 Harper/Harlequin/Canary  
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## Only Lovers in the Building

### Nadine Gonzalez

After her legal career comes to a sudden and humiliating end, Liliane Lyon books a restorative summer rental. She's soon enchanted by the colorful community, including university professor Benedicto Romero—resident tortured poet, whose sole intention for sabbatical is to indulge in brooding introspection.

When they discover a shared passion for romance novels, Lily and Ben start spending hours reading together by the pool, the spark between them unwittingly giving the other residents the impression that they're experts in matters of the heart...no matter that IRL their disastrous love lives bear little resemblance to the stories they're reading.

It's the summer of taking chances, but a word to the wise: Miami isn't the place for growth and rebirth. It's the place to get messy.

### Praise

*USA Today* bestseller

One of the *Boston Globe's* Best Summer Reads!

"This sultry standalone...makes clear the instant attraction and physical chemistry between Ben and Lily while taking her time to explore the complexity of their emotional relationship. The tropical Miami backdrop lends an escapist feel to this winning love letter to the romance genre."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"This is the beach and pool read of the summer! Fun and sexy with a delicious slow-burn that revolves around a lovable cast of characters."

—Karen Booth, author of *Not So Fast*

"Well-written and engaging, this superb novel from Gonzalez (*Miami Marriage Pact*) will find plenty of fans."

—*Library Journal*, starred review

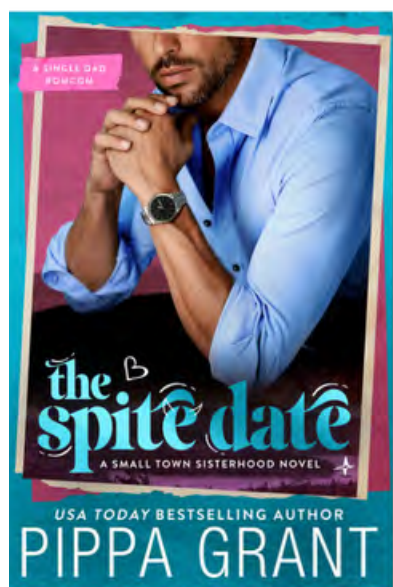
### About the Author

From Manhattan to Miami, *USA Today* bestselling author Nadine Gonzalez writes modern love stories for today's romance readers. Of Haitian descent, she prizes stories with wide cultural diversity. She is the author of eight previous books, including *Scandal In The VIP Suite* and *What Happens In Miami*.

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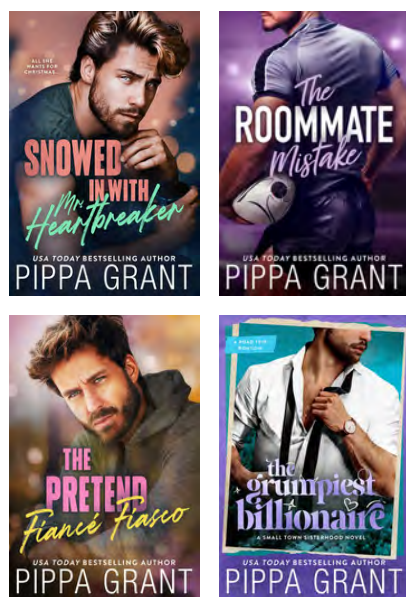


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See more from Pippa:



## The Spite Date (Small Town Sisterhood 1 of 3) Pippa Grant

From *USA Today* and #1 Amazon Bestselling romcom author Pippa Grant comes a feel-good romance featuring an unforgettable revenge date between a hot British single dad and a small-town girl.

After Beatrice Best's ex stole the restaurant she designed and planned with him, she's left with a hatred of men and a burning desire for revenge. She just didn't expect that revenge to come in the form of Simon Luckwood, Hollywood's hottest leading man and the newest part-time resident of her little hometown.

When Simon's teenage twins accidentally get her arrested, Bea jumps at his offer of an apology date. One night, one date, one very loud public scene at her ex's grand opening, and then she can wash her hands of men forever.

It's not like she'll fall in love and ruin everything, Right?

### Praise for Pippa Grant

"Grant brings both passion and wit to this love story, with genuine characters... This is sure to put a smile on any romance lover's face."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"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*

"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

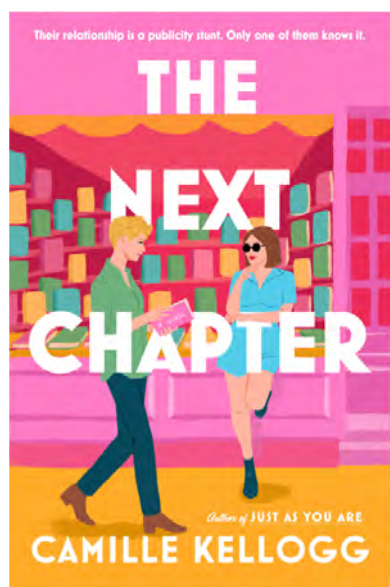
Pippa Grant is a *USA Today* bestselling author who writes romantic comedies that will make tears run down your leg. When she's not writing, she's raising her three hilariously unpredictable children with her real-life hero.

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Briana Snyder with Knack Video + Photo





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## The Next Chapter Camille Kellogg

Katrina Kelly might have eight million Instagram followers and a multipage IMDB listing, but she also has a completely stalled-out career and some major questions about her sexuality, which seems to be moving closer to raging lesbian every week. But maybe she can solve both of those issues at once... After all, rebranding as a queer icon is a great way to jump-start an acting career.

Jude Thacker is fine. Completely fine, so please stop asking. Has the queer bookstore where she works been taken over by a boss who'd rather sell branded tote bags than books? Yes. Does she have a panic attack every time she has to leave her comfort zone? Maybe. Has she been on a single date since her heart was shattered two years ago? Absolutely not.

When Kat and Jude cross paths, Kat realizes that their meet-cute might just be a meet-opportunity. But what's meant to be a publicity stunt quickly turns into real feelings for both women. As the media scrutiny intensifies, each must decide what's real, what's not, and if true love is worth losing everything they believe is keeping them safe.

### Praise

"Riffing on rom-com classic Notting Hill, Kellogg (*Just as You Are*) offers up a sweet sapphic romance about growing into oneself. . . . There's a gentle coming-of-age feel to the heroines' arcs and the largely queer supporting cast adds heart. This is a charmer."—**Publishers Weekly**

"Camille Kellogg is a must-read talent. Every one of their books is fresh, poignant, and deeply romantic. *The Next Chapter* is phenomenal."  
 —**Hannah Bonam-Young, USA Today bestselling author of *Out on a Limb***

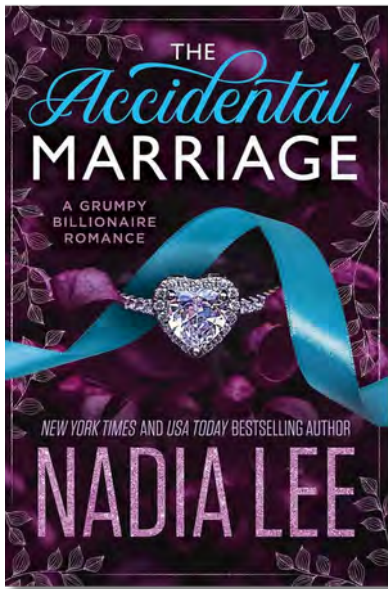
### About the Author

Camille Kellogg is the author of *Just As You Are* and *The Next Chapter*. They're based in New York City, where they work as an editor for children's and young adult books. They're passionate about queer stories, cute dogs, and bad puns.

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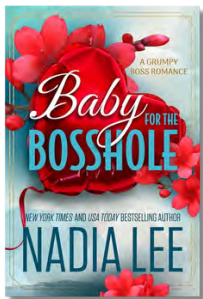


Sylvie Rosokoff



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See more from Nadia:



## The Accidental Marriage (The Huxleys 1 of 3) Nadia Lee

Having been kidnapped by his mother at age ten and left to die in a fire, billionaire lawyer Ares Huxley trusts no one. But he needs a wife to get a critical promotion at his law firm, and wakes up the morning after a friend's bachelor party to find that he's somehow married to an eccentric blonde he doesn't even remember meeting!

He immediately plans to annul, but it turns out she needs a husband to receive her inheritance. They have nothing in common, but if he plays along, she promises to be his dream wife.

The rules are simple: Share the marital bed every night, no real feelings, and the marriage ends in six months when they both have what they want.

But living with this accidental wife doesn't produce the respectfully indifferent marriage he envisioned. Despite her innocence, she's feisty both in and out of bed. His family adores her, and when he learns that her family treats her badly, he finds himself wanting to protect her. And maybe more.

Ares can't stop thinking about his unexpectedly adorable, irresistible, and wonderful fake wife. But despite his evolving intentions—and emotions—she abides by their fake marriage rules a little too well.

Ares realizes the one thing his wife wants from him is the one thing he can no longer do: Let her go.

### About the Author

*New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Nadia Lee writes sexy, emotional contemporary romance. Born with a love for excellent food, travel and adventure, she has lived in four different countries, kissed stingrays, been bitten by a shark, fed an elephant and petted tigers.

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## Rage (Wildcats 1) Nia Myst

In this dark romance, Korean-American real-estate mogul Dominic Park is enraged when his sister is raped by three men in masks. He vows to find the perpetrators— but the police are no help, and months pass with no leads. That is until Dominic is slipped a card that leads him to the only people who may be able to get his sister justice.

The Wildcats.

Five powerful woman who operate on the outskirts of the law, hunting, maiming, and killing the perpetrators of violence against women. They readily agree to the task of finding the rapists Dominic is hunting and Samaira, the strongest of the Wildcats, finds herself immediately drawn in by the handsome billionaire.

As Samaira and Dominic team up to hunt his sister's attackers, they fall fast and hard for one another. But love can't protect them in the dark world they're working in, and this dangerous game brought them together, it could just as easily get them both killed.

### About the Author

Nia Myst is a dark romance author. She loves writing strong, powerful heroines and alpha heroes who are obsessed with them. Her books are full of spice, action, humor, and heart-melting, swoon-worthy romance.

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## Luv unArranged (Luv Shuv 3) N.M. Patel

Kriti Pandya is the eldest daughter of the Pandya family, and she has just three nonnegotiable conditions for marriage:

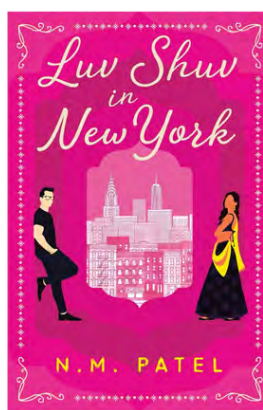
She will continue working after marriage

She won't sleep with her husband for the first six months.

She will have full control over the money she earns

After being rejected and ridiculed by countless men for her "unreasonable" demands, she meets him—Aakar Mishra, the eldest son of the Mishra family. The first man who not only agrees to her conditions, but thinks they're perfectly reasonable.

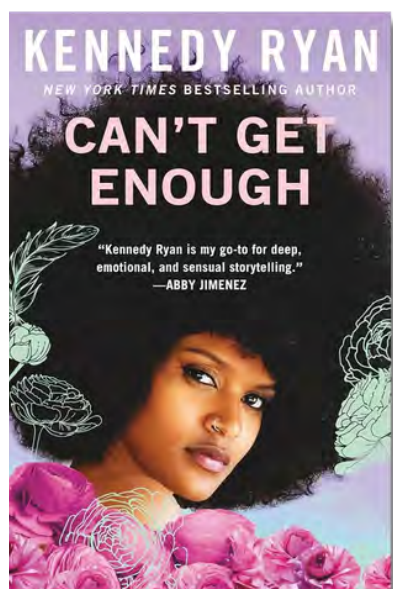
He bends the unwritten rules of arranged marriage to truly get to know her, takes her on dates, lives in a joint family of fourteen, and expects her to move in with his family after they get married—yikes. Kriti's not sure that last one is going to work. Can this arranged marriage really bring her the love she's always longed for?



## About the Author

N.M. Patel is a passionate author who writes romance novels inspired by her love of Bollywood movies. Her books are filled with humor, steam, and plenty of love, featuring strong heroines and swoon-worthy heroes.

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## Can't Get Enough (Skyland 3 of 3) Kennedy Ryan

Hendrix Barry is a woman with goals, dreams, ambitions—always striving upward. And in the midst of everything, she's facing her toughest challenge yet: caring for an aging parent. Who has time for romance? From her experience, there's a low return on investment on relationships. Anyway, she hasn't met the man who can keep up with her. Until...him.

Tech mogul Maverick Bell is a dilemma wrapped in an exquisitely tailored suit and knee-melting charm. From their first charged glance at the summer's hottest party, Hendrix feels like she's met her match. Only he can't be. Mav may be the first to make her feel this seen and desired, but he's the last one she can have. Forbidden fruit is the juiciest, and this man is off limits if she plans to stay the course she's set for herself.

### Praise

"Intoxicating...Ryan's ability to blend steamy forbidden romance, complicated family dynamics, strong female friendships, and frank explorations of misogynoir remains unparalleled. This is an author at the very top of her game." —*Publishers Weekly*

"*Can't Get Enough* balances brutal emotion, whip-smart humor, and delicious spice. Moving, romantic, and thrumming with life, this is Ryan's best work yet." —*Talia Hibbert, New York Times bestselling author*

"Kennedy Ryan pours her whole soul into everything she writes, and it makes for books that are heart-searing, sensual, and life affirming." —*Emily Henry, #1 New York Times bestselling author.*

### About the Author

*New York Times* bestselling author Kennedy Ryan writes for women from all walks of life, empowering them and placing them firmly at the center of each story and in charge of their own destinies. She's an BONY Power 100 Honoree, an executive producer for her Skyland series, which is currently in development for television at Peacock, and the cofounder of LIFT 4 AUTISM.

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## Ready to Score (Bet on It 3 of 3) Jodie Slaughter

The only thing standing between Jade Dunn and her dream head coach spot is years of small-town good 'ol boy politics. When she scores an invite to a highly coveted monthly poker game perfect for networking, she jumps at the chance for a seat at the table. Only to find the one person with the ability to shake her there.

Francesca Lim never thought she'd be happy in a small town. But two years ago, the promise of forever love had her leaving behind a burgeoning coaching career for a new life—only for it to burst into flames. Now, she has a chance to gain back what she left behind. The only one standing in the way? Jade.

Jade and Francesca can't afford to give in to the iron-hot attraction that simmers beneath their biting interactions, so they try to ignore it. Too bad their hearts don't seem to be as on board with the game plan.

### Praise

"Ridiculously romantic and utterly sexy." —*Library Journal*, starred review

"This fabulous football romance... is a delightful read with plenty of humor and emotion." —*Booklist*

"A funny, smart, sexy romance for football fans, this story had me cheering for these characters from page one. *Ready to Score* will leave its readers ready to fall in love." —**Ashley Herring Blake**, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Iris Kelly Doesn't Date*

"*Ready to Score* is an unforgettable sapphic sports romance." —*Culturess*

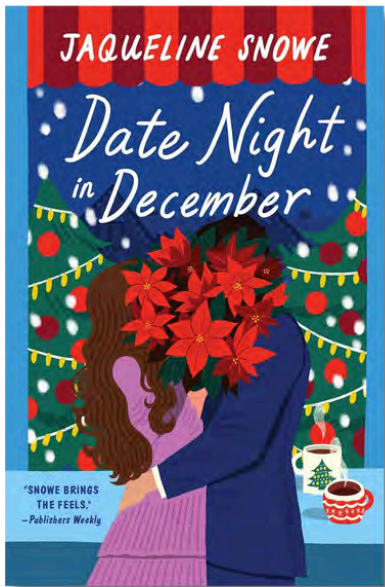
### About the Author

Jodie Slaughter is a traditionally and indie published romance author with one major goal: to make readers completely immerse themselves in the stories she writes. Whether she's making them laugh with witty one-liners or swoon over magical first kisses, she wants her novels to be so full of passion and complexity that they're impossible to put down.

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## Date Night in December Jaqueline Snowe

'Tis the season for second chances in this charming and delightful festive romcom—perfect for fans of Maggie Knox and Jenny Bayliss.

He has one month to make a Christmas miracle happen.

Laney Reynolds knows there's only one place that can help her heal a broken heart: Cherrywood Creek. The small town where she grew up, with its holiday festivals and snow-covered streets, is exactly where she needs to be this December. It feels good to leave the bustling city, where her husband was too busy climbing the corporate ladder to notice the growing distance between them. But she's got his attention now . . .

Connor received his wake-up call loud and clear when Laney left, and there's no way he's giving up on his marriage. If that means dropping everything and trading high-rises for gingerbread houses to sweep his wife off her feet in her hometown, then so be it. This time, he's listening; but it'll take more than hot chocolate dates and even hotter nights to win Laney back. Can he prove that being a CEO is nowhere near as important as being her husband?

### About the Author

Jaqueline Snowe lives in Arizona where the "dry heat" really isn't that bad. She prefers drinking coffee all hours of the day and snacking on anything that has peanut butter or chocolate. She is the mother to two fur-babies who don't realize they aren't humans and a mom to the sweetest son and daughter. She is an avid reader and writer of romances and tends to write about athletes.

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# Sugar

(Saddlebrook Falls Book 3 of 5)

## Michaela Jean Taylor



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Kasey Bennett has done his best to keep the train on the tracks when it comes to his family's rescue ranch, but after one brother loses everything and another gets him in hot water with the law, the last thing he needs is his estranged uncle trying to gain control of the land that's not rightfully his. According to the inheritance trust, the only thing that would stop Uncle Huck from taking over the deed to the ranch is a marriage—an honest-to-god, non-fraudulent marriage.

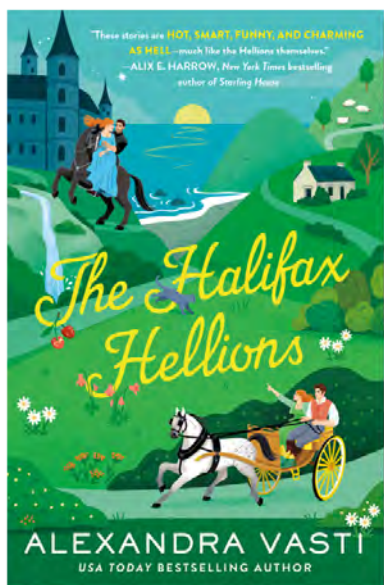
When Ava Jones, the sheriff's daughter, suddenly reappears after a decade, she's all too willing to give Kasey exactly what he needs: her hand. But Kasey and Ava have been down this road before, and their last rendezvous left him utterly heartbroken. He can't figure out why the hell she's returned to Saddlebrook Falls, but he knows one thing for sure—she's hiding something. Do they have what it takes to convince everyone, including her no-nonsense father, that they've picked up right where they left off on that beach ten years ago? Or will they keep bucking against each other so hard it ruins everything . . .?



## About the Author

Michaela Jean Taylor is a hopeless romantic from the western desert who writes grippingly tender romance novels featuring diverse characters and messy, beautifully relatable storylines.

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## The Halifax Hellions (The Halifax Hellions 1-2) Alexandra Vasti

From the day of their debut, when Matilda smoked a cheroot and Margo tied a cherry stem in a knot with her tongue, the Halifax twins have flouted convention at every turn. But when Matilda runs off with the dangerous Marquess of Ashford—who has every reason to hate her—she may have gone a bit too far.

Determined to stop Matilda's inexplicable elopement, Margo turns to her oldest friend for help: starchy solicitor Henry Mortimer, who is ardently, wildly, miserably in love with Margo beneath his buttoned-up exterior. But the road to Scotland is paved with secrets, and Matilda and Ashford's relationship too may not be quite what it seems.

Between salacious engravings, secret identities, and feral cats, nothing about the journey goes as planned. With the Halifax Hellions at the reins, a week in a carriage is exactly enough time to turn the world upside down . . . and, maybe, find love they never expected.

For the first time ever in print, *The Halifax Hellions* brings together Margo and Matilda's novellas, along with a swoony new epilogue. The third novella in the series, *In Which Winnie Halifax Is Utterly Ruined*, is also available for translation.

### Praise

"These stories are hot, smart, funny, and charming as hell—much like the Hellions themselves. I've read them each twice." —**Alix E. Harrow**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Starling House*

"Delightful, truly scrumptious—like if Lisa Kleypas and Tessa Dare had a sexy baby. Alexandra Vasti is my favorite writer, full-stop." —**Mazey Eddings**, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Well, Actually*

### About the Author

Alexandra Vasti is a British literature professor by day and *USA Today* bestselling romance writer by night. After finishing her PhD at Columbia University, she moved to New Orleans with her family. Her books have been featured in the *New York Times*, NPR, *Entertainment Weekly*, and elsewhere.

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## A New Leaf (The Hemlock Series 1 of 2) Samm Wilde

### *Charlie*

Returning to my hometown was never part of my plan. Suddenly, I find myself back where I grew up and taking over my late parents' beloved plant store. With a permanent scowl and zero customer service skills, I have no idea how to run a business—or keep plants alive. One night, a wild dog crashes into my store, creating an absolute mess in his path. The owner? Confident, charismatic, and utterly captivating. He's determined to break down my carefully constructed walls one brick at a time.

### *Finn*

Burnt out, exhausted, and a bit directionless, no one warned me that moving forward could feel like moving backward. After leaving my stressful corporate job, I packed up my life and returned to my home state of Oregon, eagerly chasing my dream of opening a coffee shop. One night, my overly energetic dog barrels into a quaint plant store, causing a complete disaster. The owner? Grouchy, gorgeous, and guarded. She's exactly what I've been searching for all along.

Although our paths collide in a hectic disaster, we embark on a journey to discover the true meaning of turning over a new leaf.

## About the Author

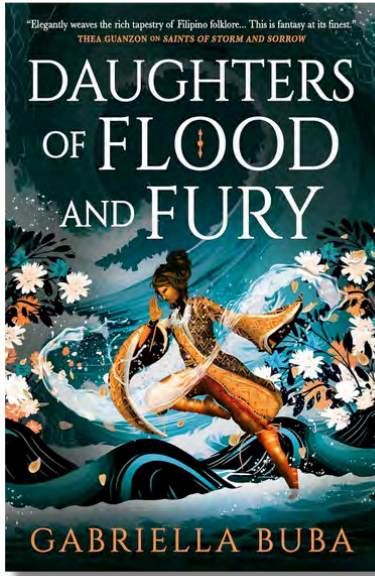
Samm Wilde is a romance author who weaves words into worlds filled with humor and heart. When she isn't obsessing over word count, second-guessing plot points, or anxiously deciding between synonyms, you can find her lying on the ground with her dog or eating emotional support cake. Samm writes to remind us all that love, even with all its imperfect quirks, is a feeling worth embracing.

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## Daughters of Flood and Fury (Stormbringer Saga 2 of 2) Gabriella Buba

This powerful sequel to Filipino-inspired fantasy *Saints of Storm and Sorrow* brims with unruly magic and pirates, moon-eating dragons, and sizzling sapphic romance.

Five years after the fall of the Palisade in Aynila, the Codiciáns are closing in with a vast armada to retake the jewel of their empire. Lunurin and Alon have been working desperately to solidify their alliances across the archipelago, but petty rivalries, suspicion, and conflicted loyalties threaten to undermine their efforts. To stand any chance, they must unify the disparate factions of their forces at the festival of the eclipses, when the Iaho will swallow the moon, and the festival of the islands' magic will be at its strongest.

Inez has been training as a tide-touched healer, but the gentle side of her goddess's gift does not come naturally to her. When rumors reach her that her sister, Catalina, has returned to the archipelago, Inez embarks on a dangerous journey over the sea, determined to prevent Cat from ever hurting Aynila or her family again. Aboard a pirate ship, Inez meets the fierce firetender Captain Umali, who burns brighter than anyone else she has ever known. Yet Inez fears her untamed, hungry magic may prove too much even for a pirate, and with the threat of the Codiciáns' return, the past hangs heavy over her head.

Three goddesses stand ready to fight. But without human allies, even their power may not be enough to keep Aynila and the archipelago free.

### About the Author

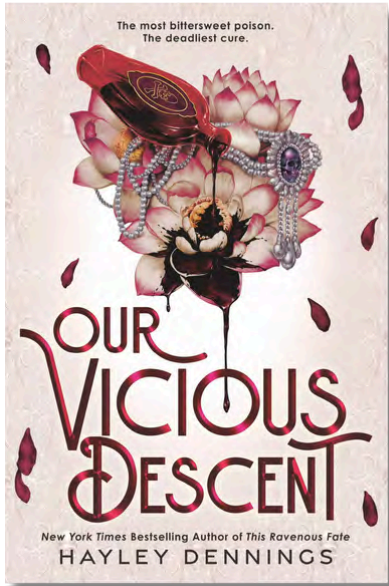
Gabriella Buba is a writer and chemical engineer who likes to keep explosive pyrophoric materials safely contained in pressure vessels or between the covers of her books. She writes adult romantic fantasy for bold, bi, brown women who deserve to see their stories centered.

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## Our Vicious Descent (This Ravenous Fate 2 of 2) Hayley Dennings

In this stunning conclusion to the *Ravenous Fate* duology, Elise Saint and Layla Quinn must discover the truths behind an alluring poison and the monstrous new presence ravaging New York City.

In 1927, shocking upheavals have rocked Harlem's most powerful factions and left Elise Saint estranged from the reaper she loves, Layla Quinn. The Saint family empire is in decline, gangster-run blood houses peddle debauchery, and a dangerous reaper-venom drug has become all the rage with wealthy thrill-seekers. Elise is desperate to find her beloved little sister, Josi, who has gone missing in the chaos. Meanwhile, Layla contends with shifting alliances in the New York underworld, including Karine, an ancient reaper, and the gangster Nicoletta—both with scores to settle.

And then a terrifying new threat: a beast making swift, murderous rampages through the city, keeping to darkness while hunting reapers and humans alike. Layla and Elise are joined in purpose when they suspect the monster's origins are related to a far deeper mystery that involves Josi, Karine, and a disquieting new future for reapers. Soon, they will risk everything to unearth these secrets, where the shadowy boundaries between the dead and the living are even more treacherous than they imagined.

### Praise for *This Ravenous Fate*

“The vampire romance I’ve been waiting for” —Ava Reid, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Study in Drowning*

“ragically romantic... an intense gore-fest.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

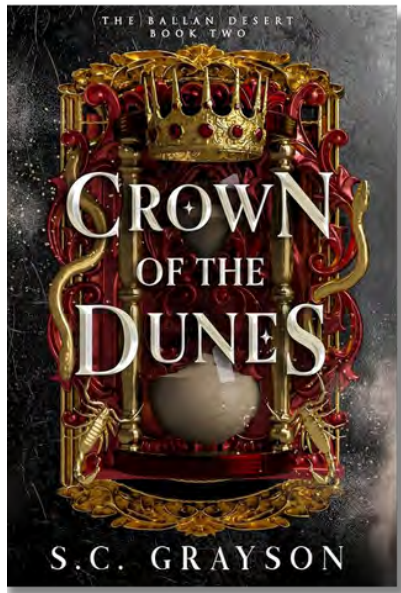
### About the Author

Hayley Dennings is a recent graduate from Loyola Marymount University. She resides in the Bay Area in California, working as an editorial and marketing associate for Fable. In her free time, she manages her YouTube channel and TikTok accounts, which together boast over 100K followers.

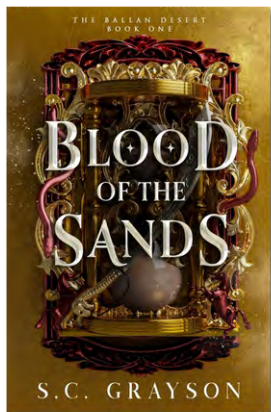
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Hayley Dennings



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## Crown of the Dunes (Ballan Desert 2 of 3) S.C. Grayson

Back in Kelvadan after narrowly escaping death, former exile Keera is now hailed as a hero for protecting the Great City against the lord of the clans. Forced to lie low as her injuries heal, she discovers the city's position is more precarious than ever. Now, she faces an impossible choice: betray the city that offered her a home, or be the Champion Kelvadan needs. Worst of all, the enemy forces are led by the man to whom she has given her heart.

After spending his life running from his destiny, Erix finds himself thrust into leadership after the death of his cruel mentor. With the clans of the desert at his command and Keera ripped from his grasp, he wants nothing more than to march on the city that took her—but the desert has other plans. As the Ballan Desert continues to punish those who fractured her magic, sowing division among the clans, Erix desperately seeks to restore the dunes he swore to serve and exact revenge on those who stole Keera away.

Left to navigate ever-changing sands and even more quickly shifting alliances, Erix and Keera must fight to find their way back to each other, even when the desert seems determined to keep them apart.

### About the Author

S.C. Grayson has been reading fantasy novels since she was a little girl, and that has developed into a love of writing and storytelling. She is currently focused on fantasy and paranormal romance.

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## The Carousel of Forgotten Places S. Hati

For nearly 500 years, Ryka has lived by a few golden rules.

Unravel the time knots, don't interfere with the timelines, and avoid at all costs being left alone with the annoyingly sexy time god who oversees her work, Everest. Ryka runs a magical fair outside the space-time continuum, surrounded by ghosts and bound to her duties as immortal timekeeper after she struck a deal to save her best friend's life—searching all the while for a way back to her original timeline.

When the carousel at the heart of the fair begins to show signs of time rot, threatening the fabric of the space-time continuum, and a mysterious woman falls out of it, Ryka must break her third golden rule and partner up with Everest to investigate. As they jump in and out of time trying to determine where the woman came from, Ryka finds Everest isn't as overbearing as she initially thought, and 500 years of working together makes for some long brewing feelings.

As the clock winds down on the growing time rot, Ryka will need to embrace the family she's built, both alive and dead, magical and not, to get to the root of the issue—even if it means abandoning her chances of ever going home.

### Praise for S. Hati

"Hati perfectly balances plot and character elements in her sci-fi fantasy [*And the Sky Bled*], exploring the potential for rage and trauma to break the world. . . . This compelling stand-alone fantasy explores both personal and societal costs of reliance on a dwindling resource." —***Library Journal*, starred review**

"A thought-provoking climate fantasy. . . . *And the Sky Bled* is already drawing comparisons to the work of N. K. Jemisin and Fonda Lee." —***Paste Magazine***

### About the Author

S. Hati is a speculative fiction writer, currently residing in the Bay Area. She writes about brown girls who can't seem to stop getting themselves in trouble, usually of the magical sort. She is the author of *And the Sky Bled* (Bindery, 2024) and *Morbid Curiosities* (F&F, 2026).

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Sudeshna Hati





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## Longing for Liberty Wendy Higgins

Before World War III, Liberty Carson remembers what it was like to chase her dream and become a writer. She vividly recalls the feeling of her three precious children crowding her lap and her husband's smiling face when he used to laugh. She still dreams of eating international street food in Baltimore. And sometimes, she envies this newer generation who never knew the taste of freedom.

Libby cannot forget what her country was like when it was still fifty states. Before the war turned half of the U.S. to dust and radiation. Before three men rose to power and sanitized what was left into their macabre version of America. Long before making a living meant taking whatever job they chose for her.

Now, she's entering the penthouse of one of those powerful men, wearing her maid's uniform, woefully unprepared to be in the presence of the unnervingly handsome Amos Fitzhugh, who gives off the distinct dark energy of domination. Libby distrusts everything about this man and what he stands for. She hates how he looks at her and how she can't help but react, even in the face of her marriage vows.

If he plans to use her, she will return the favor, all the while stoking the ashes of the raging phoenix inside her soul, intent on revolution. Caught in a devious web of power, desire, and deadly secrets, Liberty will get one shot to burn it to the ground.

### Praise for Wendy Higgins

"Higgins draws characters that are interesting and nuanced [and] refreshingly diverse..." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Higgins weaves a powerful tale that includes magic, mystery, suspense, sacrifice, and love. Highly recommended." —*School Library Journal on The Great Hunt*

### About the Author

Wendy Higgins is the *USA Today* and *New York Times* bestselling author of young adult and adult genre fiction. She is a former high school English teacher who now edits full-time and writes when the muse strikes. Wendy lives in Virginia.

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Anastasia Gowen



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Cycle Trilogy  
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## An Unlikely Coven (The Green Witch Cycle 1 of 3) AM Kvita

The outcast daughter of a powerful family of witches returns home to New York City and is immediately embroiled in a supernatural power struggle in this wickedly funny fantasy debut from AM Kvita.

After seven long years Joan Greenwood is finally returning home. Unfortunately, her family totally forgot about it.

Joan's homecoming is lukewarm at best, but soon turns disastrous when news hits that someone has created a spell that can turn an ordinary human into a powerful witch, threatening the balance of the magical world and the Greenwood's place at the top of it.

When her best friend confesses that he has secretly, accidentally, saved this human-turned-witch from an uncertain fate, Joan is thrust headfirst into a desperate race to undo the spell before it does permanent damage to its unwilling host.

Soon, Joan finds herself drawn deeper into the heart of the city's magic, into an uncertain alliance with a (very attractive) family rival, and far beyond the limits of everything she thought her own magic capable of.

### Praise

"With an extensive and diverse supporting cast, the narrative reads like a love letter to friendship and community while raising age-old questions about the balance of right and wrong. This packs a paranormal punch."

—***Publishers Weekly*, starred review**

"Hand Kvita's debut to fans of witchy reads, especially those looking for fantasy featuring queer and BIPOC characters." —***Library Journal***

### About the Author

AM Kvita is a speculative fiction writer, artist, and worldmaker who writes about restless gods and, if you're lucky, kissing. When they're not writing, they're usually loudly lamenting the state of their garden.

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## The Gods Must Burn

### T.R. Moore

War hero Basuin doesn't know what to believe in anymore. All Basuin knows is life as an army captain and the pain, loss, and disgrace it has brought him. Demoted and humiliated by his legion commander, he is led into the forest for one more mission: capture a god.

But when his commander uses innocent wolf pups as bait, Basuin dies saving them. The Wolf God, impressed by his sacrifice, deifies Basuin to protect the forest and its beautiful, sharp-tongued god from the legion's deforestation.

To the Forest God, Basuin is nothing more than one of the men sent to burn her forest down. Betrayed by humans too many times, she rejects him, working alone to protect the spirits of the forest as her home disappears around her. To save the god he is growing to love, Basuin must untangle the feelings between them.

### Praise

“A deftly rendered eco-fantasy featuring a timeless, mythology-steeped story. Fans of *Princess Mononoke* will appreciate the vicious bite of the romance alongside its more tender moments.” —**Yejin Suh, author of *The Last Soldier of Nava***

“T.R. Moore weaves a spellbinding tale of trauma and healing that’s lush, lyrical, and dark, with a slow burn love that does indeed burn—like a forest fire.” —**Eli Snow, author of *The Divine Gardener’s Handbook***

### About the Author

T. R Moore is a queer fantasy, horror, and sometimes romance writer who mostly writes about feminine rage and god complexes. She got her start as a poet, and her books tend to feature Korean main characters, fat positive representation, and mental health issues written responsibly.

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## A Viper Among Kings Sydney Olivia

In the twisted city of Amaris, magic spawns from chaos.

Prone to driving humans mad, it can only be wielded safely by the seven immortal beings currently bound to the king—Esme among them.

She has spent the last century forced to kill on behalf of the nation that stole her from her homeworld, searching for a way home and doing her best to build a secret life for herself and her wife away from the violence.

That is, until the current king turns up dead, leaving behind a magical will that demands his successor be chosen via tournament.

Esme cannot break the magical shackles that bind her, but she will suffer no more tyrants—now is her chance to rig the tournament in favor of her chosen candidate, the seemingly kind General Balthazar whose righteous spirit she can't help but fall for, and who can free her once he's king.

As Esme weaves together the threads of the court on Balthazar's behalf amid a strange tide of sentient magic in the city and a growing war on the horizon, she will come face to face with Balthazar's bloody past, troubled present, and countless betrayals.

He isn't the man Esme thought he was—but she was born to make and break kings.

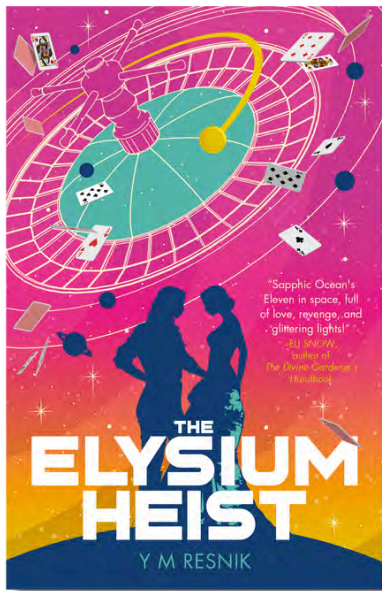
### About the Author

Sydney Olivia is a writer from Baltimore City who went to way too many old school science fiction and fantasy conventions as a kid. When she's not ten feet deep in a story, you can find her stalking the stray cats around her apartment complex, begging them to let her pet them. This has yet to work.

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Erin Cowan



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## The Elysium Heist

### Y.M. Resnik

Psalome Shipmen is a Dazzler, a hostess working on the gaming floors of The Elysium, the galaxy's most decadent space casino. But she is also a prisoner to the debt she inherited from her deadbeat father, with years of service ahead of her until she can earn her way out.

Kiyokimora GoldWeaver is a disgraced heiress looking to rescue her family business with an audacious scheme to rob the casino. To pull it off, she needs Psalome on board. When they team up, it looks like a simple job—until Psalome meets Ilaria, the jewel in Kiyo's master plan, and sparks begin to fly.

With a recovering alcoholic card counter and Psalome's little sister—who happens to be dating The Elysium's artificial intelligence—as part of the crew, they might still beat the odds... or learn that the house always wins.

### Praise

"Sapphic *Ocean's Eleven* in space, full of love, revenge, and glittering lights! These bright, complex characters will have you on the edge of your seat, with a plan that can only go wrong and sky-high stakes." —**Eli Snow**, author of *The Divine Gardener's Handbook*

"The women of *The Elysium Heist* are beautiful, cutthroat, and utterly charming. Resnik wields her immaculate control over prose with a grace similar to this group of unforgettable women who gamble with their lives—a perfect heist novel that you can't put down." —**T.R. Moore**, author of *The Gods Must Burn*

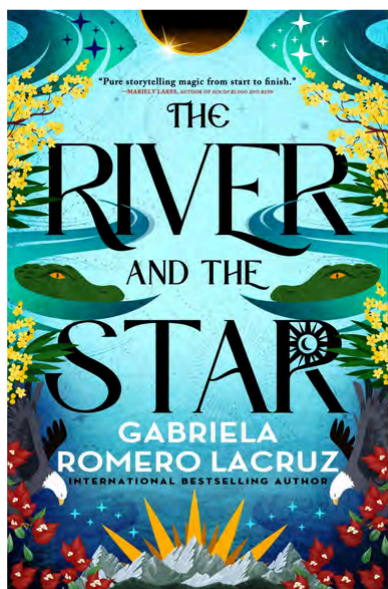
### About the Author

Y.M. Resnik is a scientist and writer from the New York area. While she loves creating new worlds and re-imagining Jewish folklore, her main goal is simply to brighten your day with a story. Her work has appeared in *Cast of Wonders*, *Worlds of Possibility*, and *khōréō*, among other places.

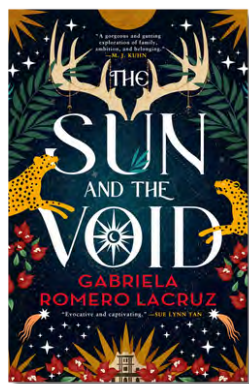
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## The River and the Star (The Warring Gods 2 of 2) Gabriela Romero Lacruz

Reina is full of hope. At long last, she has the peace she's been searching for on the idyllic islands of Tierra'e Sol with the lover she's always wanted and in service to the god of the sun. But she can't quite trust how long this will last. When monstrous creatures of the Void appear on the isle's shores, she is certain she knows who is behind the attacks. Reina will stop at nothing to protect the woman she loves, but it could cost her everything she's fought so hard for.

Eva is cherished. Finally reunited with her father, the Liberator, Eva struggles to prove herself worthy of being his heir while keeping secret her alliance with the god of the Void. As destruction, both human and magical, tears across the lands, Eva is thrust into a power struggle she's ill-prepared for. Confronted with the limits of her own ambition, Eva must fight to save herself from the powerful corruption of the Void before she loses the family she holds dear.

The warring gods are returning and the only thing between them and absolute power are two young women. But for the first time in their lives, Reina and Eva have something to fight for. And they won't back down.

### Praise

"A ferocious sequel to a fantastic debut, full of heartbreak and blood-soaked magic and unbreakable sapphic love." —**Sunyi Dean, author of *The Book Eaters***

"This book held me in its radiant, dangerous grip from the very first page. Gabriela Romero Lacruz deftly builds on her debut's warring gods, feuding family, dark magic, and love stories. A thrilling finish, *The River and the Star* delivers in every way." —**Vaishnavi Patel, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Kaikeyi***

### About the Author

Gabriela Romero Lacruz is a multidisciplinary artist and author of the #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling novel, *The Sun and the Void*. She graduated with a BS in chemical engineering from the University of Houston and runs The Moonborn, a clothing, accessories, and stationery brand featuring her own illustrations.

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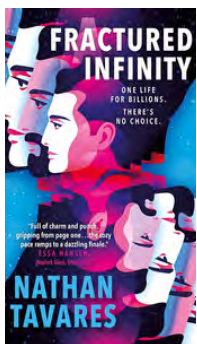






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See more from Nathan:



## The Disco at the End of the World Nathan Tavares

In 1977—a world where America launched its space program shortly after WWII—Mitch Ward is a grunt in the US Spaceguard. Stationed in a backwater base on the Moon, his only friends are Gloria, who performs “Lady Stardust” for fellow soldiers, and Flynn.

Following a visit from an unseen, terrifying, but also maybe euphoric being, they find themselves quickly discharged from the army, and sent back to Earth. Moving to Los Angeles to chase their dreams, Mitch and Gloria scrape by, finding their joy at the discos in the city.

But when Flynn crashes back into their lives, claiming to be the host for a traveler and emissary of a utopian civilization, he comes with an offer for Mitch—to join him, and claim power so that he and his friends across the queer community never have to live in the shadows or face oppression again.

As the forces of prejudice and oppression seek to push their community back into hiding, keeping them out of sight and oppressed, it's down to this community of disco-loving outcasts to stand up for what is beautiful and right.

### Praise for *A Fractured Infinity*

"A very beautiful, tender portrait of a romance, its unremarkable mundanity made precious against the backdrop of so many iterations...It's a delightful, spiraling, idiosyncratic book that uses the language and techniques of filmmaking to structure a more interesting reading experience." —*New York Times*

"Populated by some of the best sci-fi has to offer ... The multiverse trope offers an easy and entertaining vehicle for very deep philosophical lessons about what it takes to grow up at any age." —*New Scientist*

### About the Author

Nathan Tavares is a writer from Boston, Massachusetts. He grew up in the Portuguese-American community of southeastern Massachusetts and studied English in college. His editorial work celebrates queer culture and historically excluded communities, with pieces appearing in *GQ*, *Out*, and elsewhere.

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## House of Margins Tlotlo Tsamaase

Anaya Sebeya is missing.

Before her disappearance, Anaya was a brilliant writer, a rising star. Invited to a prestigious writing residency at Günter Huis, an eerie colonial mansion on the slopes of Devil's Peak, Anaya was supposed to craft the next great African literary masterpiece—and so were four other young, emerging writers, all competing for the grand prize. But Anaya never made it home.

When a sensationalized true-crime podcast about Anaya emerges, claiming to reveal everything that happened at Günter Huis, her sister Ranewa is both skeptical and furious. But with each surreal episode, Ranewa begins to piece together a truth worse than she ever could have imagined...At Günter Huis, Anaya's nightmares consume her. Time slips away from her. Günter Huis inflicts distorted visions and terrible supernatural visitations, pushing Anaya to tell a story no one dares. But exorcising the house's endless cycle of evil requires a sacrifice that neither Anaya nor her fellows are ready to make.

In *House of Margins*, award-winning Motswana author Tlotlo Tsamaase delivers a mesmerizing story of a young generation facing colonialism's cultural legacy in Africa.

See more from Tlotlo:



### Praise for *Womb City*

"This Afrofuturist novel's twisty plot has a lot to say about inequality – and complicity." –*Los Angeles Times*

"The body horror and sci-fi elements work together beautifully, melding into a thrilling and thought-provoking page-turner. Tsamaase is a writer to watch." –*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Enjoyably terrifying." –*New Scientist*

### About the Author

Tlotlo Tsamaase is a Motswana author whose short fiction has been widely published. She is a Caine Prize finalist, a 2017 Rhysling Award nominee, the joint winner of the Nommo Award for Best Short Story (2021), and a 2011 Bessie Head Short Story Award winner.

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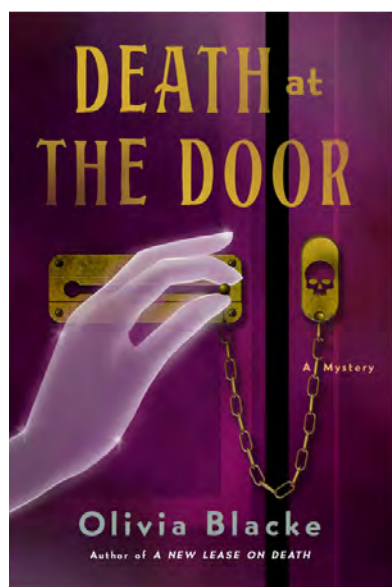


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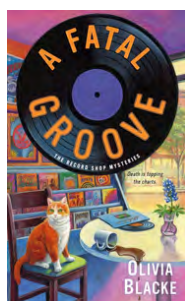
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See more from Olivia:



## Death at the Door (The Ruby and Cordelia Mysteries 2 of 3) Olivia Blacke

Ruby Young is slowly adjusting to her new life in Boston, and that she's been able to befriend her unexpected roommate—Cordelia Graves, the ghost of the woman who lived there before and who thinks that's still her apartment, with Ruby being a somewhat unwanted guest. They're both happy they've managed to become friends, which is a miracle considering they struggle to communicate with each other. Cordelia even set Ruby up with her old job.

When Ruby discovers the body of a delivery guy at work, the new life she's been building hangs in the balance. The last time Cordelia dragged Ruby into a murder investigation, it almost ended with two ghosts living in the apartment. Determined to protect Ruby, Cordelia tries to shield her from the investigation, but Ruby has other ideas. It will take both of them working together to navigate the fine line between the dead and the living to bring a killer to light.

### Praise for *A New Lease on Death* Anthony Award winner for Best Paranormal Mystery

"This pair of amateur detectives just works, and readers will root for them and the friendship they're building." —*Booklist*

"This clever take on hauntings . . . and the newer television series *Ghosts*, puts both hunter and hauntee into some unique and entertaining situations. . . This novel is by turns funny and tingly scary, with a bit of gumshoe work thrown in." —*New York Journal of Books*

"A fun, supernatural mystery." —*Red Carpet Crash*

"Droll, a touch maudlin, and featuring two outstanding characters."  
—*First Clue*

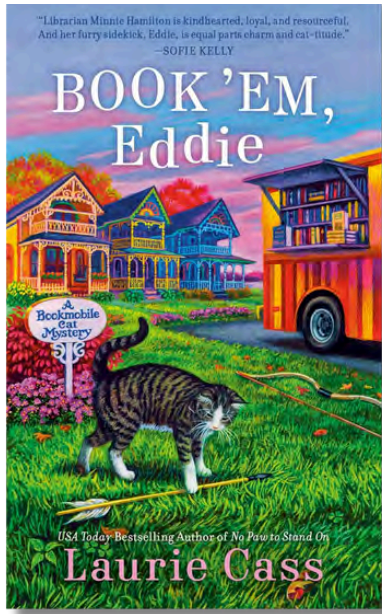
### About the Author

Armed with a Criminology degree, Anthony Award Nominee Olivia Blacke channels her love of the supernatural and passion for writing into darkly humorous supernatural mysteries. She is the author of the Ruby and Cordelia Mysteries, as well as the cozy Record Shop Mysteries and the Brooklyn Murder Mysteries.

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Olivia Blacke



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## Book 'Em Eddie (Bookmobile Cats Mysteries 13) Laurie Cass

When cat-astrophe strikes, Minnie and her trusty rescue cat, Eddie, will have to read between the lines to solve a murder in the newest Bookmobile Cat Mysteries installment.

The Chilson library bookmobile has a new stop on its route: Honey Hollow Adult Foster Care. When Minnie learns that Honey Hollow is just down the road from an enclave of gorgeous Victorian homes, she decides she has to take a look, especially after she learns about identical houses that stood side by side and were owned by twin siblings. But when Minnie and Eddie and the bookmobile take their scenic detour, Eddie uncharacteristically escapes from the bookmobile—and finds a woman in the woods, horribly wounded with an arrow.

Though Minnie desperately calls emergency all too soon she realizes she was too late. The police seem ready to call the death a hunting accident, but Minnie can't shake the feeling that foul play was involved, particularly given the woman's final whispered words. With evidence lacking, Minnie and Eddie will have to claw their way through a thicket of suspects to find the truth.

### Praise for the Bookmobile Cats Mysteries series

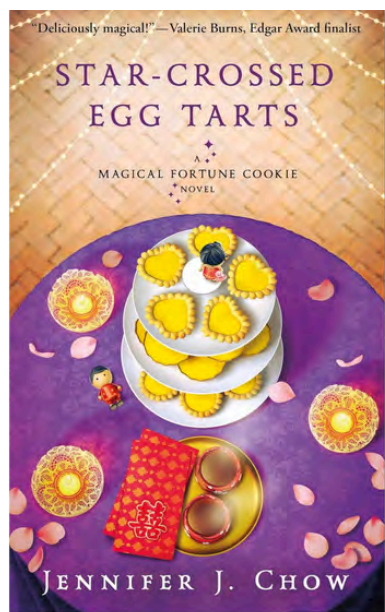
"Librarian Minnie Hamilton is kind-hearted, loyal, and resourceful. And her furry sidekick, Eddie, is equal parts charm and cat-titude. Readers who are fans of cozy mysteries—and cats—will want to add this whodunit to their must-read lists."—**Sofie Kelly, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Magical Cat mysteries**

"Minnie is a delight as a heroine, and Eddie could make even a staunch dog-lover more of a cat fan."—**RT Book Reviews**

### About the Author

Laurie Cass grew up in Michigan and graduated from college in the 80's with a (mostly unused) degree in geology. She turned to writing in the late nineties. A short 13 years later, her first book was published.





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## Star-Crossed Egg Tarts (Magical Fortune Cookie 2 of 3) Jennifer Chow

Felicity Jin returns in the second book in the heart-warming and deliciously mysterious Magical Fortune Cookie series from Lilian Jackson Braun Award-nominee Jennifer J. Chow.

Jin Bakery has been asked to cater the Lum-Wu outdoor wedding at Pixie Park. The wedding goes smoothly—until cake cutting time when Felicity finds missing groomsmen Miles' dead body beneath the table with her egg tarts display, stabbed by the florists gardening shears. With the detective's sights on the gardener, Felicity starts sleuthing away to prove his innocence, revealing dark secrets about all the wedding's attendants. To make matters worse, Felicity's powers of prediction are on the fritz thanks to the emotional turmoil of a surprise visit from her estranged father. Will her magic return in time to save the day?

### Praise for the Magical Fortune Cookie Series

"Good things lie ahead in this series." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"The story itself is light, sweet, and delectable. The ensemble of interesting characters adds a crispy texture to the narrative, and, true to the cozy mystery genre, a central mystery—the ill-fated fortune—keeps readers engaged from start to finish." —*The Big Thrill*

"This first in a new series featuring a likable Chinese American heroine will appeal to fans of Jenn McKinlay, Eve Calder, or Joanne Fluke."

—*Booklist*

"Chow smoothly mixes intrigue, romance, and humor. Cozy fans will have fun." —*Publishers Weekly*

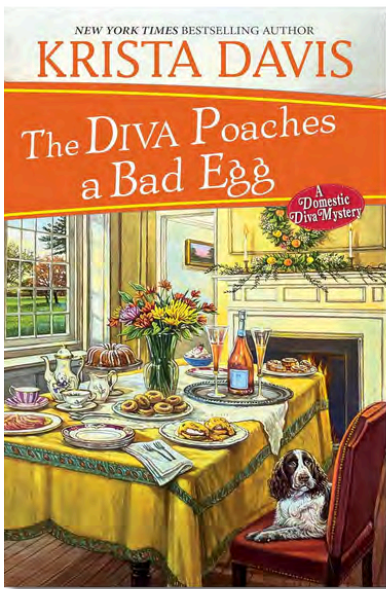
### About the Author

Jennifer J. Chow writes cozies filled with hope and heritage. She has been a finalist for the Agatha, Anthony, Lefty, and Lilian Jackson Braun Memorial awards. She is a past president of Sisters in Crime and an active member of Crime Writers of Color and Mystery Writers of America.

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## The Diva Poaches a Bad Egg (Domestic Diva Mysteries 18)

Krista Davis

Stylish brunches are all the rage this autumn in Old Town Alexandria, and everyone's posting their parties on social media. But while Domestic Diva Sophie Winston juggles her event-filled calendar, she's approached by local designer Mitzi Lawson—who is afraid someone is following her. The very next day Mitzi loses her best friend and business partner, Denise, who died unexpectedly while they were renovating a generations-old house. Mitzi fears it was murder.

Sophie agrees to help Mitzi involve the police. Then she receives a panicked phone call from Mitzi, and when she rushes to the old house, Mitzi is nowhere to be found. Now Sophie's appetite for investigation is piqued even more than her appetite for eggs Benedict and mimosas.

Includes delicious recipes and fabulous DIY decorating tips!

### Praise for the Domestic Diva Mysteries series

"With recipes, ghost kitchens, and family secrets, the follow up to *The Diva Says Cheesecake!* will entertain fans of this long-running cozy mystery series."

—*Library Journal on The Diva Delivers on a Promise*

"Rewarding for its ongoing antics and recipes." —*Kirkus Reviews on The Diva Delivers on a Promise*

"The nicely delineated setting and sympathetic characters are reminiscent of Joanne Fluke's Hannah Swensen cozies, which also include baking and a group of close friends working together to solve crimes." —*Booklist on The Diva Says Cheesecake!*

### About the Author

New York Times bestselling mystery author Krista Davis lives with an assortment of dogs and cats in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Like her Domestic Diva protagonist, Sophie Winston, Krista loves to entertain friends and family, but would just as soon leave cleaning to someone else.

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## A Cold Whisper Casey Dunn

Catch your breath. It might be your last . . . A bone-chilling, terrifying story about two sisters and secrets hiding beneath the snow.

A raging blizzard isn't enough to keep fourteen-year-old Rose and seven-year-old Lily in their abusive home for another night. But their escape plan goes wrong when Rose disappears and Lily wakes up in the snow-covered woods, terrified and alone. She never sees her sister again.

Twenty-five years later, Lily is a social worker with a skill for finding missing children—and a deep fear of the cold. When a foster child she works with is found frozen to death in the snow, Lily is forced to confront her past trauma. What happened to Rose, and why did she abandon her sister in the snow? As terrible secrets are finally dug up, the truth takes a bone-chillingly dark turn.

Told in alternating viewpoints of Lily and Rose, this chillingly atmospheric, dark novel of suspense with jaw-dropping twists is perfect for fans of *Cold as Hell* by Kelley Armstrong, *The Child Finder* by Rene Denfeld, and *The Overnight Guest* by Heather Gudenkauf.

### Praise

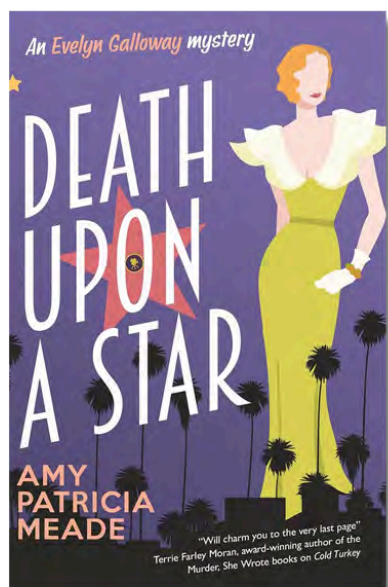
“Will leave readers with bone-deep shivers” —*Booklist*

### About the Author

Casey Dunn is a mother, author, and small-farm owner based in Southern Oregon. Her critically acclaimed debut thriller, *Silence on Cold River*, was selected as an Editor's Pick by Amazon and a book of the month by the Southern Book Review. The audiobook was nominated for the 2023 Audie Awards.  
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## Death Upon a Star (Evelyn Galloway Mystery 1) Amy Patricia Meade

1939, Los Angeles. Evelyn Galloway can't believe her luck! On her first day in LA, she lands her dream job of script supervisor, and on the hottest film in town - Hitchcock's adaptation of *Rebecca*. But her good fortune quickly changes when a legendary actor cancels their lunch the following day and is then found murdered at his bungalow.

Evelyn realizes she could be a witness to the crime, having passed the bungalow's grounds on her way home the night before. Who was the man looking upset in a gazebo nearby? And why was movie starlet Madeleine Nabors running wildly away from the scene?

When the tabloid reports contradict what Evelyn saw with her own eyes, she soon finds herself pitted against powerful studio bosses and unscrupulous journalists as she attempts to uncover the truth.

### Praise

"Nostalgic, sweet, and glamorous . . . A pleasure to read" —*Booklist*

"A charming, well-plotted series launch . . . Delightful" —*Publishers Weekly*

"The presence of actual famous stars and studio heads adds glamour to a complex mystery" —*Kirkus Reviews*

### About the Author

Author of the critically acclaimed Marjorie McClelland Mysteries, Vermont Country Living Mysteries, and Tish Tarragon Mysteries, Amy Patricia Meade is a native of Long Island, NY, where she cut her teeth on classic films and books featuring Nancy Drew and Encyclopedia Brown.

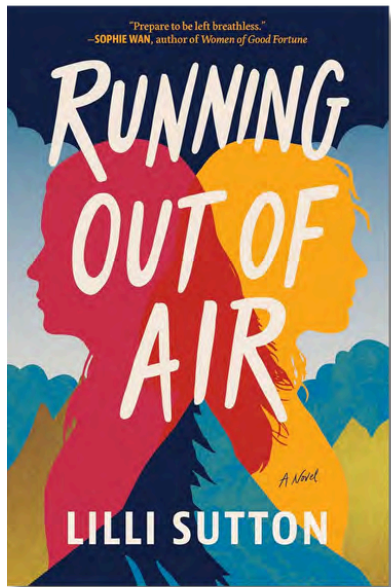
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# GENERAL FICTION





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## Running Out of Air

### Lilli Sutton

Evelyn and Sophie were known as one of the climbing world's strongest teams—but that was before Evelyn had an affair with Sophie's husband. Now they can't even be in the same room together. That is, until they're both offered a mountaineer's dream: a chance to summit the eight-thousand-meter peak Yama Parvat.

Sophie has been aimless since Evelyn's betrayal, and this trek offers a chance to reestablish herself as a top climber before her sponsors withdraw their funding. Evelyn has been happy with Miles since he left Sophie, but guilt continues to shadow her. Now she's willing to gamble everything for the chance to be part of the first team to summit this as-yet unclimbed mountain and prove herself a capable leader.

Stranded during a devastating storm on top of the world, Evelyn and Sophie are forced to climb together. Whether or not they make it off the mountain alive hinges on their trust in one another—something lost years ago—as they face down the question of how much they're willing to sacrifice to get it all back.

### Praise

"Thrilling . . . an adventure worth taking."—*Publishers Weekly*

"This novel was a thrilling treat. I felt like I was there with the climbers, going from camp to camp. But *Running Out of Air* isn't just an exhilarating adventure, it's also a tale of estranged sisters who have much more at stake than summitting a mountain." —*Zoje Stage, USA Today bestselling author of Baby Teeth and Dear Hanna*

"Beyond this book's chilling portrayal of the brutal world of mountaineering is a haunting story of sisterhood and the sacrifices we make for the ones we love. Prepare to be left breathless."—*Sophie Wan, author of Women of Good Fortune*

### About the Author

Lilli Sutton writes contemporary adult fiction. She holds a BA in English from Shepherd University. From Maryland, she now lives in Colorado. She draws inspiration for her writing from the natural world and the intricacies of human relationships. [www.lillisutton.com](http://www.lillisutton.com)





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## A Certain Kind of Starlight

### Heather Webber

Everyone knows that Addie Fullbright can't keep a secret. Yet, twelve years ago, Addie was entrusted with a devastating truth. One so shattering that she left her hometown of Starlight, Alabama, to keep from revealing it. But when her beloved aunt gets a shocking diagnosis and asks her to return to help run the family bakery, Addie knows it is time to go home again.

Tessa Jane Wingrove-Fullbright has always been able to see the lighter side of life but lately darkness has descended. 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

"Webber skillfully weaves real magic into the everyday magic of the connections between family and friends. Women's fiction readers searching for a subtly fantastical story will want to snatch this up."

—Publishers Weekly

"Lyrical, magical and as sweet and rich as one of Aunt Bean's cakes, Heather Webber's latest deserves a place in your home and heart. That glow you feel when you finish? It's your soul thanking you for reading *A Certain Kind of Starlight* and for always choosing the light over the dark."

—Viola Shipman, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Page Turner*

### About the Author

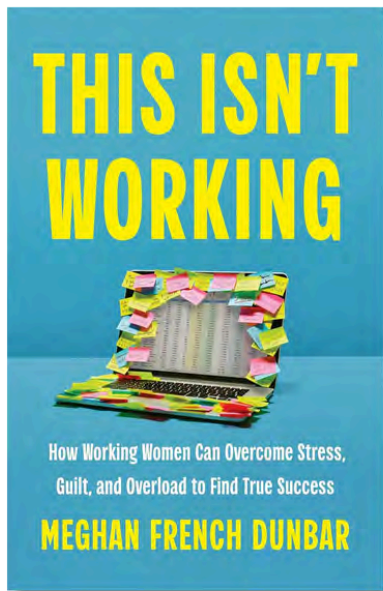
*USA Today* bestselling author Heather Webber has written more than thirty novels and has been twice nominated for the Agatha Award. She loves to read, drink too much coffee and tea, birdwatch, crochet, and bake. She currently lives near Cincinnati, Ohio, and is hard at work on her next book.

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## This Isn't Working Meghan French Dunbar

From leadership expert Meghan French Dunbar, “a timely and necessary book” (Deepa Purushothaman, author of *The First, The Few, The Only*) that shows business leaders and workers how to boost performance while improving workplaces for women, and, ultimately, everyone.

Lean in. Rise and grind. Work smarter, not harder. Many books for women promise tips and tricks to achieve wealth and success in a business world made by men. But on the way to the top, most women leaders (and many men, too!) struggle with anxiety, stress, guilt, and burnout. Playing by the rules in a male-dominated game isn't working—for anyone.

*This Isn't Working* inspires women to reexamine how we do business and shows there are much healthier, more fulfilling ways to succeed in the business world that don't require sacrificing ourselves. In this book, Meghan French Dunbar shares the insights, frameworks, and practical advice she has learned from over a decade of work with impactful women business leaders, from start-up founders to multinational CEOs. She argues that it's time to move beyond business cultures marked by competition and aggression and instead embrace healthier leadership and workplace practices, which are proven to yield better results.

*This Isn't Working* provides readers with an empathetic and honest business playbook for improving individual and business performance so that everyone can thrive.

### About the Author

Meghan French Dunbar is an entrepreneur, business journalist, speaker, thought leader, and women's leadership expert whose work focuses on making business better for all. She has founded numerous ventures, including Conscious Company magazine, the World-Changing Women's Summit, the Conscious Company Leaders Forum, TideTurn Labs, and Stakeholder Business.

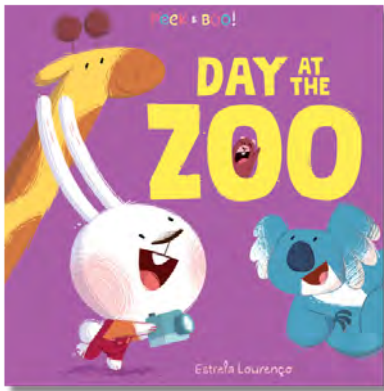
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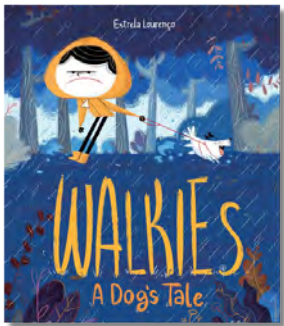


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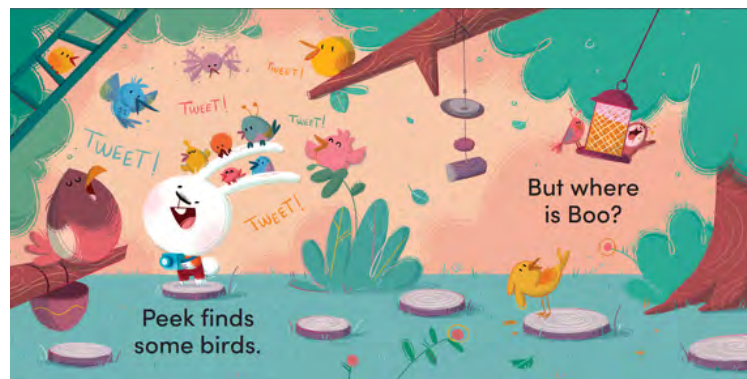
## Peek and Boo: Day at the Zoo (Peek and Boo 2) Estrela Lourenço

Help Peek find her best friend Boo as she explores the zoo in this adorable peek-a-boo adventure!

Peek is ready for a fun day at the zoo, but she can't find her best friend Boo anywhere! Where is he hiding? Maybe the elephants have seen him? Maybe he's watching the turtles play? Help Peek search for the small guinea pig as he has silly fun around the zoo. Can you find him before the day is over?

### ***Why Readers Will Love Peek & Boo:***

- Features two adorable best friends baby animals
- Fun settings to explore and exciting adventures to go on
- Bright, colorful art and fun simple text keep little ones engaged again and again!
- Introduces new routines and early-language vocabulary
- Makes a wonderful baby shower, birthday or Valentine's Day gift; holiday stocking stuffer or Easter basket stuffer



## About the Author

Estrela Lourenço is a Portuguese professional children's book author and illustrator, and also a storyboard artist for animation. She has been living in Ireland since 2009 where she loves creating new stories and enjoying family time with her daughter, partner and silly dog.

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## Sunny Parker is Here to Stay Margaret Finnegan

Sunny Parker loves the Del Mar Garden Apartments, the affordable housing complex where she lives. And she especially loves her neighbors. From her best friend, Haley Michaels, to Mrs. Garcia and her two kids—developmentally disabled son AJ and bitter but big-hearted daughter Izzy—every resident has a story and a special place in Sunny’s heart.

Sunny never thought living at the Del Mar Garden Apartments made her different—until the city proposes turning an old, abandoned school into a new affordable housing complex and the backlash of her affluent neighborhood teaches Sunny the hard way that not everyone appreciates the community she calls home. Her dad, the Del Mar’s manager-slash-handyman, wants Sunny to lay low. But as hurtful rhetoric spreads and the city’s public hearing approaches, Sunny realizes that sometimes there’s too much at stake to stay silent.

With her friends behind her, Sunny Parker is determined to change the narrative—because she and her community are here to stay!

### Praise

A Kansas NEA Reading Circle List Junior Title  
A Junior Library Guild Selection

“Though the story thoughtfully tackles serious topics such as domestic violence and structural racism, Sunny’s hopeful perspective and commitment to community care enhance the swiftly paced narrative . . . Sunny’s journey is a celebration of the power of empathy, intergenerational friendships, and collective action.” —*Horn Book Magazine*

“The book uses its diverse cast to sensitively address poverty, community, racism, and autism. Sunny is a spunky young girl who finds the courage to stand up for what she believes in.” —*Booklist*

### About the Author

Margaret Finnegan is the author of the Junior Library Guild Selections *Sunny Parker Is Here to Stay*, *New Kids and Underdogs*, *Susie B. Won’t Back Down*, and *We Could Be Heroes*, which was a *USA Today* bestseller. Her other work has appeared in *FamilyFun*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Salon*, and other publications.

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## A Method for Magic and Misfortune Craig Kofi Farmer

12-year-old Marcus Pennrider feels far from magical. He's trying his best to balance school, a part-time job, and familial responsibilities that include looking after his little sister. On top of that, he's settling into living with his aunt in the vibrant city of Grand Park, after healing from his experience with his abusive father.

When Marcus discovers a secret magic flows through the streets of Grand Park, everything seems to start changing for the better. Even Mr. O, the local corner shop owner and beloved leader in the community, takes Marcus under his wing to teach him how to use magic. Maybe if Marcus becomes a Divinator, he can prove to the world that he's not just a burden—that he's nothing like his father.

But as Marcus strays farther from his family and into the strange world of Divination magic, he becomes entrenched in a rigorous magical training program and increasingly dangerous relationship with Mr. O. It'll be up to Marcus to discover who his true family is, and that perhaps the real magic of Grand Park might lie in something much closer to home.

### Praise

"Farmer's strong character development and worldbuilding bolster this fantasy story that centers on a majority Black cast and feels firmly anchored in realistic concerns." — *Kirkus Reviews*

"In a heartfelt novel that examines themes of family and motivation, Farmer empathetically addresses abuse and loss." — *Publishers Weekly*

"This thrilling, thoughtful story is far more than a magical mystery; it's also a careful contemplation of the forms that tyranny and abuse can take...It's an extraordinary exploration of the aftermath of abuse and the power in discovering one's own special brand of magic." — *Booklist*

### About the Author

Craig Kofi Farmer is a Prince George's County native, with two Bachelor of Science degrees from Towson University and one Master of Education degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. He works in higher education administration, helping students achieve work-life balance and self-actualization.

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## The Last Rhee Witch and the Nine Tailed Fox (The Last Rhee Witch 2) Jenna Lee-Yun

A true friendship survives the test of time. But what about surviving a nine-tailed fox?

Last summer, Ronnie Miller's world turned upside down. She'd never believed in ghosts, or witches, or magic—until her time at Camp Foster, where she learned she was a witch. Magic was real. And some of it wanted to kill her.

Now back at Camp Foster for winter break, Ronnie and her friends Jack, Olivia, and Sam can't wait to enjoy all that winter camp has to offer. They're excited to be back together, enjoying camp without worrying about mysterious forces that want to kill them. But when campers begin inexplicably falling ill, Ronnie and friends suspect the supernatural is at play.

A gumiho—a nine-tailed fox spirit who feeds on people's life energy—is stalking the grounds at Camp Foster. And she's hungry.

### Praise

"[A] deftly crafted, page-turning narrative . . . Rich in Korean mythology and suspense; will keep readers guessing." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"A tale of friendship, family, and finding faith in the one percent. I couldn't put the book down, and was rhyming spells long after the last page was turned." —**Graci Kim, New York Times best-selling author of the *Gifted Clans***

"[A] perfect mix of the thrill of a ghost story told around a crackling fire and sweet s'mores full of heart. I instantly devoured this perfect eerie tale!" —**Julie Abe, author of the *Eva Evergreen* series**



### About the Author

Jenna Yun is a Clinical Psychologist, an active member of SCBWI, and a Round 8 Author Mentor Match mentee. She resides in the beautiful Pacific Northwest with her husband, son, daughter, and dog.

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## An Encantadora's Guide to Monstros and Magic (Encantadora 1 of 2) Sarah J. Mendonca

Rosa Coelho has spent her whole life hunting monstros, wandering the city streets with her best friend Tiago, and dreaming of a better life for herself and her grandmother. In her society, every piece of knowledge comes with a hefty price, even the most basic books Rosa's family needs to trap monstros.

So when the powerful Ministério dos Monstros threatens her family's struggling Encantadora shop, Rosa only has two weeks to scrape together the money for their debts. It seems like an impossible task... until Rosa tricks her way onto an infamous thief crew as their magical safecracker.

Thrust into the world of high class luxury and betrayal, Rosa is pulled into a scheme with the highest possible stakes: stealing from the Ministry itself. She must learn to trust her magical abilities and her crew—for if the heist goes wrong, everything she loves is forfeit.

### Praise

"A phenomenal debut with smooth execution, exciting capers, and heaps of originality." -**Kirkus, starred review**

"Debut author Mendonca's characters are a standout feature of the novel; Rosa's difficulty balancing personal desires and familial loyalties alongside unflinching depictions of harsh financial realities resonates throughout this unique, complex fantasy adventure whose world-building draws inspiration from Portuguese origins." -**Publisher's Weekly, starred review**

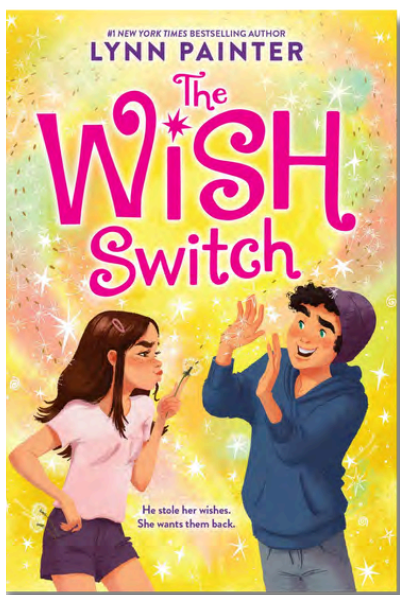
"An endlessly imaginative and enchanting debut [...] is sure to snare readers with its fierce friendships, daring, and edge-of-your-seat secrets." —**Tracy Badua, author of *Freddie Versus the Family Curse***

### About the Author

Sarah J. Mendonca is a Portuguese-American author of magical books about misfits finding their own way in the world. Raised on her father's bedtime stories, Sarah started writing about monsters at age eight and hasn't stopped since. *An Encantadora's Guide to Monstros and Magic* is her debut novel.

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## The Wish Switch Lynn Painter

Magic and mayhem collide in beloved #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lynn Painter's hilarious children's book debut, perfect for fans of Sarah Mlynowski and Wendy Mass.

Emma Rockford knows it will take bonafide magic to make middle school everything she wants it to be. Luckily, before Emma's beloved Nana died, she left detailed instructions on how to access an ancient, secret, magical wishing well. Emma follows each step and plans out every moment...except for the one where the obnoxious new kid, Jackson, tosses in wishes of his own that literally knock her wishes off course. When seventh grade starts, Emma discovers that her wishes are starting to come true, alright. But not for her...for Jackson.

Which, the two quickly discover, could have disastrous consequences for both of their families, and cost Emma her best friends. Can they set everything straight in time to prevent full-blown catastrophe?

With the trademark wit and heart that have earned her legions of fans, Lynn Painter delivers a laugh-out-loud story of friendship, family, and wishing—with a delightful dash of magic.

### Praise

"In a playful middle grade debut, Painter ... capture[s] the joys and heartaches of adolescent physical, mental, and social shifts. Steadfast narration and organically rendered relationships deftly ferry messages of perseverance, faith, and acceptance in this sweet take on growing up."—*Publishers Weekly*

"A light fantasy that offers worthy lessons in friendship."—*Kirkus Reviews*

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### About the Author

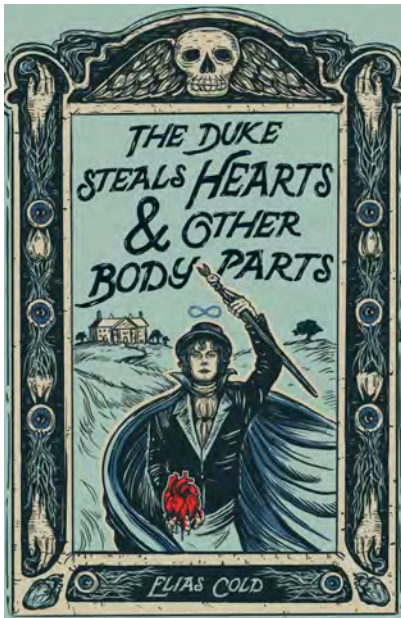
Lynn Painter writes romantic comedies for both teens and adults. She is the author of *Better Than the Movies*, *Mr. Wrong Number*, *The Do-Over*, *Betting on You*, and *Nothing Like the Movies*, as well as a number of novels for adult readers. She is also a regular contributor to the *Omaha World-Herald*.

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## The Duke Steals Hearts and Other Body Parts Elias Cold

Wielding a magic that allows him to pop off limbs, con artist Phyllis steals body parts and his partner Lucent ransoms them. But when a mark can't afford ransom for his missing nose, Phyllis loses his resolve. The man claims his sister, Adeline, was taken, and without her money he can't pay until she's found.

Intrigued, Phyllis investigates Adeline's disappearance, but she is not the only missing girl in their seedy city. To gain answers from the nobility, Phyllis masquerades as a duke—Lord Phillip of Rabbiton—and begins to fall in love with both stories of Adeline and the man he's becoming to try and find her.

When he finally finds Adeline with another missing girl, it turns out they're not dead—but undead. To win Adeline's heart and break from his toxic past, Phillip will have to scheme to keep his title and master his evolving magic.

### Praise

"[A] quirky, macabre trans romcom about embracing your power (and getting the gradually decaying dead girl)." —**BCCB**

"I found myself tearing through the book to uncover every twist Cold delivers in their distinctive, delightful voice. The Duke stole my heart right out of my chest, and he'll steal yours too." —**S. Hati, author of *And the Sky Bled***

"Delightfully gruesome. Part murder mystery, part Regency romp, Elias Cold's queer horror-tinged tale kept me hooked to the very last page. I loved it." —**Alicia Jainska, author of *The Midnight Girls* and *This Fatal Kiss***

### About the Author

Elias Cold is a speculative fiction writer, editor, and former medical geneticist, based in rural Australia with their two cats. Their work aims to centre queer and neurodivergent characters

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## We Were Never Here Sophia Hannan

In July, Georgia Perry and Jules Park—secret girlfriends, covert art thieves, and cohosts of a popular YouTube ghost hunting show—step into a haunted house to steal a priceless painting. A few short hours later, there's a knife in Jules's chest and Georgia is waking up in a pool of blood with no memory of how she got there.

Now it's October, and Georgia is underwater. She hasn't been to class in weeks, she's avoiding her old crew and only friends like the plague. But when the three remaining thieves get a call from the man who paid a hefty sum to keep them out of jail, demanding that they return to finish the job, Georgia has no choice but to return to her old life.

As the estranged friends scramble to steal the painting with no cover story and no leader, they quickly realize that something is very, very wrong, and it's not just the suffocating memory of Jules or the prying eyes of their viewers. Between the strange shadows that begin to trail them and the nightmares plaguing Georgia's sleep, only one thing is certain: Something followed them home from De Lys manor, and it will do anything to keep them from going back.

### Praise

"WE WERE NEVER HERE resurrects the best parts of the horror genre. Equal parts devastating and hopeful, Sophia Hannan paints a hauntingly beautiful portrait of grief and learning how to heal amongst the ghosts of the past. This is a ghost story that bravely weaves together bittersweet coming of age elements with unsettling horror and profound insight into the love that survives death." —**Hayley Dennings, *New York Times* Bestselling author of *This Ravenous Fate***

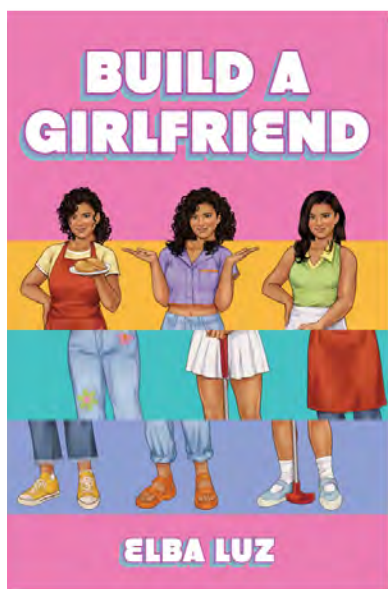
### About the Author

Sophia Hannan is a Canadian author of YA fiction. When she's not writing about ghosts and the girls they haunt, she can be found studying English literature and forcing her friends to watch horror movies with her. *We Were Never Here* is her debut novel.

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## Build a Girlfriend Elba Luz

To the surprise of no one, Amelia Hernandez is once again single. It's her family curse at work; whether it's by heartbreak, scandal, or even accidental death, every romantic relationship that a Hernandez woman has will meet its demise eventually. And that may be fine with Amelia's sisters, mom, and aunts, but definitely not with Amelia.

So, convinced that she is the problem, Amelia decides to embark on an "Ex Retrospective": tracking down her exes, finding out where she went wrong, and using that information to finally become un-break-up-able for whenever her next relationship comes along. Because Amelia is determined to be free of the family curse...and her family.

However, when Amelia is unwillingly reunited with Leon, the ex to end all exes, she can't resist having a little revenge on the side, too. After all, what better way to test out her new persona of perfect girlfriend traits than on the boy who broke her heart?

But old loves die hard, and as Amelia's feelings grow more complicated, she suspects that she may be in for more than she bargained for.

### Praise

"Using friendly prose and witty banter, debut author Luz emphasizes one teen's struggle managing her mental health and personal desires while also crafting an organic portrayal of what it means to grow up in a household where 'women are the pillar'." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Luz debuts her first YA romantic comedy, filled with plenty of hilarious moments and family drama. Readers will also get a kick out of the uplifting relationship advice from the aunts and sisters in the Romance Boot Camp journal. A powerful mantra for graduates that having a "family should be a gift, not an obligation." —*Booklist*

### About the Author

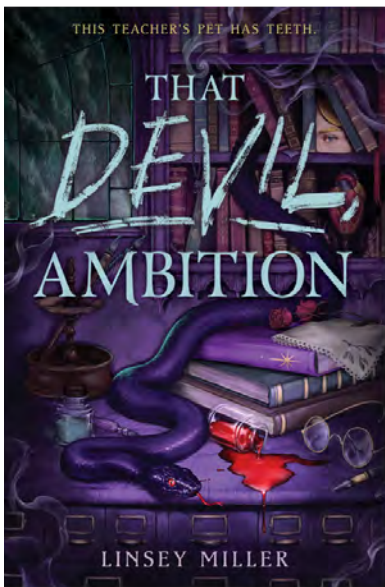
Elba Luz is a lover of stories, whether in the form of anime, manga, video games, or, of course, books. A failed astrophysicist turned publishing professional in New York City, she can be found annoying people with facts about space or lounging about with her adorable pitbull Stormy. She writes romance for adults and teens.

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## That Devil, Ambition Linsey Miller

There is only one school worth graduating from, and it creates as many magicians as it does graves...First in his class and last in his noble line, Fabian Galloway's only hope of a good future is passing his elite school's honors class. It's only offered to the best thirteen students, and those students have a single assignment: kill their professor.

If they succeed, all of their student debt is forgiven. However, if an assassination attempt fails or the professor is alive at the end of the year, the students' lives are forfeit. And dealing with the professor, a devil summoned solely to kill or be killed, is no easy task.

Fabian isn't worried, though. He trusts his best friends—soft-hearted math genius Credence and absentminded but insightful Euphemia—to help. After all, that's why he befriended them. As the months pass and their professor remains impossibly alive, the trio must use every asset they have to survive. Or else failure will be on their academic records, and their tombstones, forever.

### Praise

"Miller's text is richly written without weighing down the narrative, and the characters shine against the dark academia backdrop. The suspense rises subtly as the year progresses, and the storytelling is engrossing in this stunning novel."  
**—Booklist, starred review**

"[Miller] devises a fresh, physics- and chemistry-driven magical system and utilizes cerebral close-third-person storytelling and biting narration to confront the twisted politics of dark academia." **—Publishers Weekly**

"Premise is fun, and the pacing makes for a delightful binge read. VERDICT Small doses of gore and horror heighten the stakes of this magical survival story." **—School Library Journal**

"The premise has all the elements dark academia readers wish for: magic, politics, a gothic-tinged setting, and swoonworthy romance." **—Kirkus Reviews**

### About the Author

Linsey Miller holds an MFA in fiction and is the author of Lambda-nominated dark fantasy *What We Devour*. Her other works include the *Mask of Shadows* duology, *Belle Révolte*, *The Game*, and the first three books in the *Disney Princes* series. She can be found in Texas writing about science and magic.

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## Bound by Fury (Book 1 of 3) Noelle Monét

Sixteen-year-old Harper loved summers at her grandmother's house, listening to her stories about pretty brown girls with magic in their blood. When she suddenly dies, Harper expects the different stages of grief. But she doesn't expect the static of power building beneath her skin, or a dream on the night of her grandmother's funeral revealing an ominous message and a mysterious symbol.

When Harper learns that her grandmother secretly enrolled her into an elite boarding school in the Blue Ridge Mountains, she decides to follow the clues laid out for her. There Harper runs into her former best friend turned mortal enemy, who seems hell-bent on getting her to quit school and go back home. But as Harper becomes desperate for answers about her new powers, she discovers that her late grandmother's tales weren't just stories, and she uncovers the truth of a local legend.

One hundred years ago, twelve Black witches were hung from a cliff, and the same symbol from Harper's dreams was painted on the sacks covering their faces. When Harper starts receiving threatening messages, it's clear someone doesn't want her digging for answers, but as more school secrets resurface from the grave and awaken a century-old prophecy, Harper will have to decide how far she's willing to go to connect the dots of her own identity.

### Praise

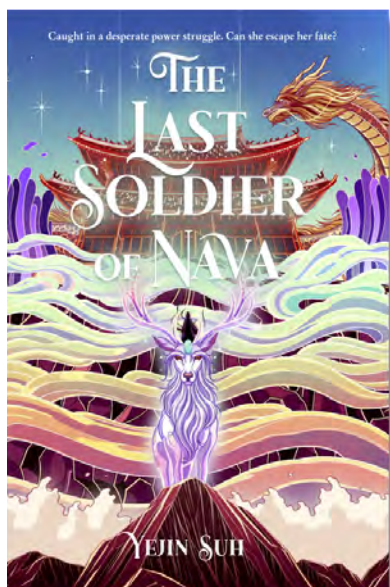
"Bound by Fury is a masterpiece of a debut that weaponizes grief, rage, and emotion and makes it the very heart of the power wielded by the unforgettable main character. With stunning prose, fascinating lore, and incredible twists, this book will leave you starry-eyed in more ways than one." —**Kamilah Cole, Lodestar & Lambda Award finalist and bestselling author of the *Divine Traitors* duology**

### About the Author

Noelle Monét is a Queer, Jewish, Black-biracial registered nurse and author living in the South of the US. In the summers she co-owns a beachside ice cream store with her partner. In the off-season, she spends her time with her three children playing in the dirt and hunting down the perfect grilled cheese.

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## The Last Soldier of Nava Yejin Suh

According to legend, the Soldier drowned entire kingdoms in darkness.

Yet, the Soldier was only a girl, robbed of her will and raised as a weapon for her power-hungry father. When she awakens years later, freedom takes the form of a hidden life and a new name: Shadow.

As war brews and magical dead zones devour the natural world, Shadow is captured and pulled back into court life by her immortal father's new prodigy, Scarlet, a diabolical woman obsessed with her sister's murder. A murder Shadow herself committed in a past life.

Shadow's control over darkness holds the key to restoring the balance of their world, but a serpentine court hides greed, corruption, and her father's new plot to resurrect his fading magic.

If she's to survive and save her nation, Shadow will have to hide her past and rely on the woman who captured her—even as they unwind the legends that brought them together and face their growing attraction.

### Praise

"Yejin Suh weaves together Korean mythology and sweeping fantasy with vibrant creativity, and pens the riveting island nation of Ik-Song—along with its inhabitants—with beautiful Mastery." — **Sophie Kim, author of *The God and the Gumiho***

### About the Author

Yejin Suh is a Korean-American author based in New Jersey who recently graduated from Princeton University with a degree in English literature. She has spent time studying and living abroad in the UK, South Korea, France, and Nepal

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# BOOKENDS HIGHLIGHTS



**PHANTASMA** by Kaylie Smith, the first in the four volumes of the Wicked Games series was an instant Booktok sensation. The book went on to be a **USA Today** bestseller right at publication (to date, it's been on the list for over 30 weeks) and made the **#5 on the *Der Spiegel* bestseller list** in Germany when it was published this past summer.

**FIREBIRD** by Juliette Cross, the first in the Fire That Binds Trilogy, became an instant bestseller across the English-speaking world, hitting bestselling lists all over: ***New York Times*** (#3 Hardcover & #5 Combined Print & Ebook) and ***USA Today*** in the US; ***Sunday Times*** in the UK (#2 Hardcover), and ***Globe & Mail*** (#1 Hardcover) and ***Toronto Star*** (#4 Original Hardcover) in Canada



It all happened fast for Briar Boleyn and her Bloodwing Academy series! After the independent edition went viral on BookTok, the series was sold in a 7-figure deal to Harlequin. **ON WINGS ON BLOOD** hit bookshelves last August and went straight to bestselling lists all over: ***New York Times*** (#2 Hardcover & #5 Combined Print & Ebook), ***USA Today*** (#4), ***Sunday Times*** (#3 Hardcover) ***Globe & Mail*** (#2 Canadian Fiction & #3 Hardcover).

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