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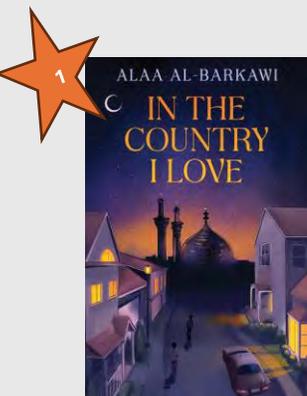
Two teens connect through their high school poetry club and the power of the written word tears down the walls they've built around their hearts. A beautifully written and compelling debut that will appeal to fans of *The Sun is Also a Star*, *Far from the Tree*, and *The Poet X*.

Sixteen-year-old Jae Amevi knows one thing: eventually, everyone leaves. Like her mother, who left slowly and then left for good. When Jae moves in with her uncle, she does all she can to stay on his good side, but she has a past her uncle can't seem to forgive. Things get harder when an incident in the school bathroom threatens her reputation. She finds a haven in the school poetry club until the newest member, Derek, shows up.

When Derek and Jae are tasked with finding a venue for the year-end poetry reading, he's desperate to keep his broken family a secret, and she's desperate to protect her heart from the boy her uncle thinks is no good. Soon their pasts resurface, and they struggle to trust themselves and each other, and fight for the love they want the most.

Themes: Love & Romance, Poetry, Coming of Age, Poetry Month
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Writers House
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★ "A touching, vulnerable romance navigating gut-wrenching conflict to deliver the ultimate relief of catharsis." - *Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review*



May 26, 2026

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IN THE COUNTRY I LOVE

Alaa Al-Barkawi

Two Iraqi American best friends—a struggling teen father and the community's golden boy—confront dark truths about their families in the wake of a devastating crime in this heartrending YA debut.

As a seventeen-year-old single dad and a soon-to-be high school drop-out, Yassir Al-Azzawi's lapsed Shia faith is just another thing convincing his parents he's a failure. One more mistake, and they'll send him back to their homeland, a war-torn Iraq. Khaled Al-Hakim is perfect on paper: devout in his faith, a straight-A student, and captain of the debate team. But beneath the surface, Khaled is no saint either, and his worst sin yet is ignoring his parents' command to stay away from Yassir.

When their secret friendship is exposed, the consequences set off a series of events that cause family secrets from both sides to come to light, and neither Yassir nor Khaled are prepared to learn the stains that taint their family names.

Themes: Immigrant Experience, Racism & Prejudice, Friendship, Forgiveness, Coming of Age
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** BookEnds Literary
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★ "A heart-rending and unforgettable novel written with texture and profundity, this debut is the next great read that fans of Sabaa Tahir's *All My Rage* (2022) and Tahereh Mafi's *An Emotion of Great Delight* (2021) have been waiting for." - *Booklist Reviews, Starred Review*



April 27, 2027
PB | 5¼ x 8 | 384 pages | Ages 14+

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VESUVIUS
Cass Biehn

The end is coming. The gods are watching. This thrilling historical fantasy set in the days before Mount Vesuvius destroys Pompeii is a meet cute with an explosive fallout.

Clever thief Felix slips from city to city to survive the present and escape a past he can't remember. When Felix steals a divine artifact—Mercury's helmet—from a temple in Pompeii, pieces of his forgotten past begin to surface.

Loren, an ambitious temple attendant, has seen Felix in his apocalyptic nightmares for years. The last thing Loren expects is for his dream to stumble headfirst through his temple doors, moments after an earthquake rocks the city.

When Felix shows Loren the helmet, Loren sees the world coming to an end. He knows they have mere days to uncover Felix's ties to the relic and to Loren's visions if they have any hope of saving the city. But Ancient Rome is ruled by bloody politics and unstoppable destinies, and now that Loren and Felix are intertwined, their lives aren't all they risk losing. When all has turned to ash and rubble, the boys will have to piece together their fates to make it out of a burning city alive.

Themes: Love & Romance, LGBTQ, Ancient Worlds, Fantasy, Survival
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Ladderbird Literary Agency
Previous rights sold: French; Spanish; UK

★ "Debut author Biehn weaves political intrigue into impressively researched Roman history and mythology." — *Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*



May 19, 2026
HC | 6 x 9 | 368 pages | Ages 14+

THE LUSTROUS DARK
Loretta Chefchaoui

For fans of Sabaa Tahir and Guillermo del Toro comes *The Lustrous Dark*, a sweeping YA fantasy inspired by a Moroccan folktale, in which a young midwife's apprentice rises up to take back the power that's been stolen from women.

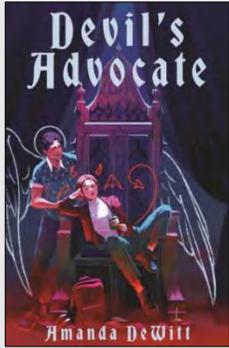
Orphaned as a baby, Shay has spent her life training as the midwife's apprentice. Her role grants her stability, yet Shay has always yearned for more. Namely, motherly affection and answers regarding her mysterious birth—neither of which the midwife deems practical to provide.

After Shay discovers her birth mother, Hind, is still alive and addicted to a magical drug called Snow, she determines to get the woman clean. But when Hind betrays Shay to get her hands on more Snow, Shay's abandoned within a deadly forest and forced to rely on a band of monstrous ghouls for safety.

Shay's realm has long stood on the brink of war between the men who control magic and the revolutionaries who want to eliminate it. But in the forest, Shay hears the pleading call of ancient spirits who claim that not only has magic been stolen, she has the power to return it. With the help of a spit-fire revolutionary and a boy capable of winning her heart, Shay discovers the horrific truth of who produces Snow and will have to decide for herself whether to heed the spirits' charge or fade into obscurity.

Themes: Fantasy, Horror & Ghost Stories, Fairy Tales & Fables, Girl Interest, Love & Romance, Women's History Month
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Ultra Literary
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★ "This is a rich, immersive tale about growing up, choosing trust after heartbreak, and discovering family in unexpected places... Deeply relatable and beautifully written. Hand this to mature readers who are fans of Sabaa Tahir's books or folktales." - *School Library Journal, Starred Review*



October 06, 2026

HC | 5¼ x 8 | 320 pages | Ages 14+

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

The Anti-Divine Comedy

Amanda DeWitt

Apocalyptic dark humor meets the pulse-pounding competition of *Thieves' Gambit* in a rich blending of comedy, supernatural-elements, and teen moral dilemmas from the acclaimed author of *Wren Martin Ruins It All*.

It's true what they say: the devil went down to Georgia and started a media conglomerate. Ada Faust's dad isn't just kind of an asshole, he's the devil, and after another pantheon tries to take the latest apocalypse out from under him, he's starting to shift his attention away from business and toward Armageddon.

Ada doesn't really want the world to end, but she wants to disappoint her dad even less. There can only be one antichrist, and suddenly her and her half-siblings are all poised to compete for the coveted spot as their dad's right hand. As the youngest, no one takes Ada seriously. While they clamor to insert themselves in the presidential campaign on behalf of Nelson Campbell, an oil executive-turned-politician, Ada gets herself an internship with Senator Perry Harlow, his competition. They want to help a bad guy? She's going to sabotage a good one.

Themes: Science Fiction, Government & Politics, Humor, Supernatural

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Harvey Klinger

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January 19, 2027

HC | 5¼ x 8 | 416 pages | Ages 14+

MORNSOUL

Caitlin Foley

In this epic romantic fantasy adventure from debut author Caitlin Rose Foley, two young heroes from opposing realms discover a startling truth about their past lives in a heart-wrenching and demon-infested tale.

Lua has lived 99 lives. As the Mornsoul, she is blessed to reincarnate, the same soul in a new body and with new memories. Every time she returns, she and her similarly-reincarnated Guardian have one gods-given mission: seal the broken gateway to the underworld and permanently lock away the underworld's villainous ruler, the demigod First Prince, Valrian. When the First Prince kills the blessed duo, Lua goes to her death assured that she and her Guardian, her best friend Artair, will reincarnate together. But Lua doesn't die. Instead, she wakes up 20 years later, still the 99th Mornsoul and still 19 years old. Her 100th Guardian, a man named Kellen, may share Artair's soul but has retained none of his memories, nor his love of Lua. Regardless, Lua is desperate to succeed in their mission.

When Kellen is killed in front of Lua at a masquerade ball, she becomes desperate and turns to the only person who offers to help: Valrian, the First Prince himself. He believes a ritual sacrifice from Lua and the Guardian can save his isolated kingdom from ruin, but he needs them both alive to complete it, and he's unwilling to wait until the next Guardian is born. Lua agrees to make the forbidden journey to the underworld with Valrian, praying they can retrieve Kellen's soul, her shared memories with Artair, and any comfort from her past.

As they work together, Lua discovers that Valrian is not a demigod, but a man, cursed to reincarnate alongside the Mornsoul and the Guardian to save his people. When the two uncover long-buried betrayals from their shared reincarnations that blur the lines between enemy and ally, they must decide who they can trust, and whether the past must define the future, before scheming gods, demons, and crazed zealots tear both their kingdoms apart.

Themes: Fantasy, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Love & Romance, Adventure

Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **UK/Aus, Dramatic:** FinePrint Literary Management

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May 05, 2026
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BETWEEN SUN AND SHADOW

Laura Genn

Hades and Persephone reimagined on a tidally locked planet, for fans of queer romance, mutant superpowers, eccentric robots, and speculative tech—featuring fun and stylish case art beneath the hardcover dust jacket!

Sixteen-year-old Kori struggles to be a dutiful heiress to the Daylands, a post-cataclysmic society reliant on chip implants to retain memory. With a strict routine and overly cautious mother, Kori's only friend is Aspect—a nonbinary industrial robot she's repurposed as a friend. Determined to awaken sentience in her metal companion, Kori crash-lands in enemy territory while hunting for a memory that might do the trick.

Ravaged by radiation from a meteorite, citizens of the Shadowlands have evolved into beast-like creatures with supernatural abilities. Adria, a winged mutant, has wrested control of the Shadowlands from her bloodthirsty parents—but not everyone is so willing to embrace her leadership. What better way to instill confidence in her court than by capturing a foreign princess and demanding ransom?

Themes: Science Fiction, Adventure, Love & Romance, LGBTQ, Mystery & Suspense, Pride Month

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** The Seymour Agency

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★ "While a romance at its heart, Genn's debut doesn't lack action, with punchy fight scenes and violent moments of well-placed horror..." - *School Library Journal, Starred Review*

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August 18, 2026
 PB | 5¼ x 8 | 384 pages | Ages 14+

HOLLOW

Taylor Grothe

Don't Let the Forest In meets The Whispering Dark in a queer YA cult horror following a recently diagnosed autistic teen who becomes enmeshed in a community of outcasts harboring sinister secrets.

After a meltdown in her school cafeteria prompts an unwanted Autism diagnosis, Cassie Davis moves back to her hometown in upstate New York, where her mom hopes the familiarity will allow Cassie to feel normal again. Cassie's never actually felt normal, but she craves the ease she used to have with her old friends. Cassie's friends aren't so eager to welcome her back. Though they extend an olive branch by inviting her on their backpacking trip to Hollow Ridge, in the upper reaches of the Adirondacks. But when a fight breaks out their first night, Cassie wakes to a barren campsite—her friends all gone.

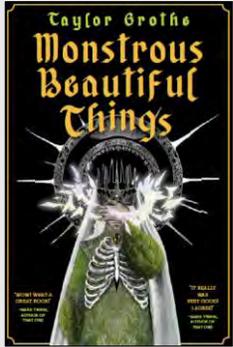
With severe weather approaching and nearing sensory overload, Cassie is saved by a boy named Kaleb, who whisks her away to a compound of artists and outcasts he calls the Roost. As Kaleb tends to her injuries, Cassie begins to feel—for the first time in her life—that she can truly be herself. But as the days pass, strange happenings around the Roost make Cassie question her instincts. Noises in the trees grow louder, begging the question: Are the dangers in the forest, on the trail, or in the Roost itself?

Themes: Horror & Ghost Stories, Supernatural, LGBTQ

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Jill Grinberg Literary Management

Previous rights sold: UK

★ "Folk horror meets survival thriller in Grothe's harrowing debut... Visceral third-person narration closely follows Cassie, rendering her complex emotions palpable, while a tender queer romance adds heart." —*Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*



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February 09, 2027

HC | 6 x 9 | 384 pages | Ages 14+

MONSTROUS BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Taylor Grothe

A darkly gothic and beautifully unsettling, sapphic body horror fantasy steeped in medieval history, perfect for fans of Ava Reid and The Starving Saints.

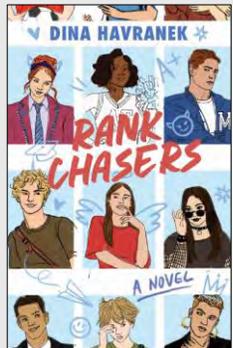
Plagued by sick headaches that are considered an ill portent in her superstitious village, Ediva has begged the Goddess Warmth for a cure, but the Goddess has never answered. Too ill to marry and too weak to farm, and with her family barely scraping by on the fringes of society, Ediva prays for relief, desperate to contribute to her family's survival. When her prayers are finally answered, it isn't by the Goddess, but by the Vivari, learned men from the North. They not only promise a cure for Ediva, they claim her pain makes her *special*. All she has to do is forsake the Goddess Warmth and repay the Vivari in lymph, a fluid which they claim is the source of Ediva's pain.

If the Vivari can heal Ediva and end her family's suffering, she would risk any Goddess's wrath. Upon their orders, she begins to traverse the shimmering auras that appear with her sick headaches to the Otherworld—a plane that is both beautiful and strange. There, Ediva is free of pain yet haunted by many-limbed beasts, knit of bone. Pursued by horrors, Ediva meets a hard, fearsome girl, Brigid, who claims the Vivari aren't trying to take away their pain but to give it purpose. As Ediva explores the Otherworld, the more her feelings for Brigid grow, and the more she suspects the Vivari's promises of power will only be offered to the one who survives. Will she make the ultimate sacrifice to save the girl she loves? Or will she retreat to a world where her pain means nothing at all? Either way, Ediva must become like the monsters she desperately fears.

Themes: Horror & Ghost Stories, Fantasy, LGBTQ, Love & Romance, Historical Fiction

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Jill Grinberg Literary Management

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February 23, 2027

HC | 5¼ x 8 | 352 pages | Ages 14+

RANK CHASERS

Dina Havranek

Mean Girls but make it academic sabotage. A scathingly funny and timely suspense following the "Top 10" of a graduating high school class when, due to disastrous circumstances, their rankings get scrambled, igniting a war in the race to "get ahead."

Kasey Golden is content being a rank 8 student. But when a hurricane floods her school, she and the rest of her senior class are forced to combine with another school that calculates rank differently. Overnight, Kasey ascends from rank 8 to rank 3, putting her within distance to claim valedictorian by the end of the year. At her new school, she now has a big target on her back. At home, her parents amp up the pressure, hoping to now get Kasey into the Ivy Leagues.

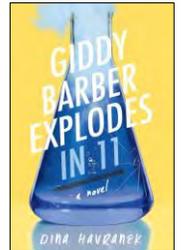
Over the coming months, Kasey and her classmates face sabotage in the form of stolen assignments, hacked accounts, school vandalism, a poisoning, hall fights, a fake social media page, and a teacher bent on giving Kasey low marks so her class favorite can take the lead. Things come to a head when two of the saboteurs approach Kasey, threatening to take her down if she doesn't help them sabotage the current rank 1. Thus begins Kasey's own dark path. It starts small—some blackmail, stealing a boyfriend, starting rumors. But as the descent progresses, Kasey is forced to ask herself how much is she willing to lose in the race to get ahead?

Themes: School, Humor, Thriller

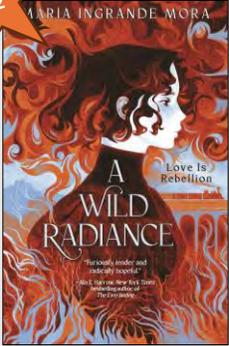
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January 20, 2026
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A WILD RADIANCE
 Maria Ingrande Mora

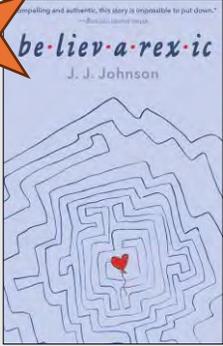
A searing and romantic fantasy adventure about an oligarchic state on the verge of a magical industrial revolution—perfect for fans of Arcane, Wicked, and Iron Widow!

Josephine Haven is about to find out exactly where she fits into the march of Progress. Her outbursts are infamous at the House of Industry, the school for children who can wield radiance, an electricity-like magic. She's tried to follow the rules, but her fiery nature is at odds with the core tenet of the House: Never form attachments. If she is meant to feel nothing, why are her emotions so volatile? No one is surprised when, upon graduation, Josephine is banished from the city to a remote Mission. In Frostbrook, she must work under standoffish Julian, the former golden boy of the House of Industry who seems determined to watch her fail. And then there's Ezra, the flirtatious stranger who's a little too curious about how the Mission operates.

But there are bigger problems than Julian and Ezra's secrets. A deadly disease is spreading across the countryside, and in Frostbrook, not everyone is eager to embrace Progress. As Josephine questions the system that raised her—and gives in to desire she's been taught to suppress—she must decide what she's willing to sacrifice to expose not just corruption within the House but the devastating truth about the radiance in her core.

Themes: Fantasy, LGBTQ, Ecology & Conservation
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Aevitas Creative Management, LLC
Previous rights sold: German; UK;

★" This fast-paced, romantic, abundantly queer, historical fantasy explores the intertwined pain, fear, joy, and beauty of self-discovery in defiance of oppression from an authoritarian society. Alluring and electrifying magic." — *Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review*

June 09, 2026
 PB | 5½ x 8½ | 480 pages | Ages 14+

BELIEVAREXIC
 JJ Johnson

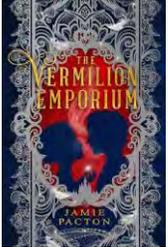
Asking for help is only the first step.

Jennifer can't go on like this—binging, purging, starving, and all while trying to appear like she's got it all together. But when she finally confesses her secret to her parents and is hospitalized, her journey is only beginning.

As Jennifer progresses through her treatment, she learns to recognize her relationship with food, and friends, and family—and how each is healthy or unhealthy. She has to learn to trust herself and her own instincts, but that's easier than it sounds. She has to believe—after many years of being a believarexic.

Themes: Self-Esteem, Family & Relationships, Friendship, Emotions & Feelings, Health/Nutrition/Phys Fitness
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree
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★" ... Perfect for fans of Laurie Halse Anderson's *Wintergirls* (2009), *Believarexic* is a raw, memorable reading experience." — *Booklist, Starred Review*

 <p>June 02, 2026 HC 5¼ x 8 368 pages Ages 14+</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE HYACINTH LABYRINTH Jamie Pacton</p> <p>A fantasy adventure through Fae full of whimsy, magic, peril, and sapphic slow-burn friends-to-lovers—for fans of <i>Sorcery of Thorns</i> and Emily Wilde's <i>Encyclopedia of Faeries</i>.</p> <p>All Magic Begins in Stories. That's what Fae princess Hyacinth has always been told. As the unmagical daughter of Queen Mab, Hyacinth has never fit in at her mother's court. She hopes that if she can learn more about her father, who disappeared fifteen years ago, maybe she can finally learn more about herself, too.</p> <p>When Hyacinth and her friend Chloe—a human stable hand trapped in Fae—sneak off to a riverside market, Hyacinth discovers a magical book sent to her by her father. Through the book, he reveals that he's trapped inside a library at the heart of a treacherous labyrinth.</p> <p>With the help of Chloe and a tiny dragon named Coffee, the two friends defy Queen Mab's orders and set off into the wilds of the Moonshadow Kingdom. Along the way they face bandits, magical creatures, a centuries-old human who has traded all his stories to the Fae, as well as their own growing feelings for each other.</p> <p>Themes: LGBTQ, Fantasy, Love & Romance, Supernatural UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Dramatic: KT Literary All rights available ★ "This is a compelling and sweet must-read for all teen romantasy readers who want a cozy but adventure-packed story. - <i>School Library Journal, Starred Review</i></p>	<p>Also available</p>  <p>Rights sold: Italian, Russian, Spanish</p>
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 <p>September 15, 2026 PB 5¼ x 8 400 pages Ages: 14+</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AJW 03: COMPOUND FRACTURE Andrew Joseph White</p> <p>Bestselling and award-winning author Andrew Joseph White returns with a queer Appalachian thriller, that pulls no punches.</p> <p>On the night Miles Abernathy—sixteen-year-old socialist and proud West Virginian—comes out as trans to his parents, he sneaks off to a party, carrying evidence that may finally turn the tide of the blood feud plaguing Twist Creek: Photos that prove the county's Sheriff Davies was responsible for the so-called "accident" that injured his dad, killed others, and crushed their grassroots efforts to unseat him.</p> <p>The feud began a hundred years ago when Miles's great-great-grandfather, Saint Abernathy, incited a miners' rebellion that ended with a public execution at the hands of law enforcement. Now, Miles becomes the feud's latest victim as the sheriff's son and his friends sniff out the evidence, follow him through the woods, and beat him nearly to death.</p> <p>In the hospital, the ghost of a soot-covered man hovers over Miles's bedside while Sheriff Davies threatens Miles into silence. But when Miles accidentally kills one of the boys who hurt him, he learns of other folks in Twist Creek who want out from under the sheriff's heel. To free their families from this cycle of cruelty, they're willing to put everything on the line—is Miles?</p> <p>Themes: Thriller, Neurodiversity, LGBTQ, Government & Politics UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Dramatic: Jennifer De Chiara Literary Agency Previous rights sold: Italian; UK; Ukrainian ★ "White's latest is a stunning testament to the intertwining realities of politics and queerness, as well as community focused ideologies and the impact of those ideals in the face of oppression." - <i>Publishers Weekly, Starred Review</i></p>	
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AJW 04: YOU'RE NO BETTER

Andrew Joseph White



October 20, 2026

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Bestselling author Andrew Joseph White's latest YA, in which Morgan Slaughter must contend with his fame-hungry mother, a true crime-obsessed classmate, and his own destructive impulses to prove he is nothing like his serial killer father.

Morgan Slaughter, a seventeen-year-old trans boy with autism, put his serial killer father in prison years ago. Despite that, everyone thinks that Morgan will grow up to be just like his dad—including his volatile mother, the crew producing the documentary about his father, and maybe himself. So Morgan latches onto his father's final victim, believing that if he identifies her, he'll finally prove he's better than the man who hurt him.

But this decision puts Morgan in the crosshairs of classmate Felicity Keating, who blackmails him into letting them help. They say if he doesn't, they'll tell everyone that not only was Morgan bait for his father's victims, but he also spent his childhood participating in the torture those victims endured. And the worst part is? They'd be telling the truth.

As Morgan fights against his mother's aggression, the documentary crew's manipulation, and deteriorating mental health as he spends more and more time with the source of his trauma, Morgan's ugly but carefully-controlled world crumbles. Not only are he and Felicity more tightly intertwined than either of them can stomach, but Morgan's mother is desperate to see the documentary succeed...even if it means sacrificing her own child at the altar of the true crime industry.

Themes: Thriller, Horror & Ghost Stories, Neurodiversity, Coming of Age, LGBTQ

UK/Aus, Audio: Peachtree; **Translation, Dramatic:** Andrea Brown Literary Agency

Previous rights sold: UK

THREADS OF FATE

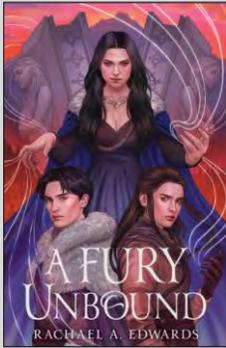
A heretical storyteller partners with an ancient spirit to undo the magic that subjugates her to the crown, in this chilling debut fantasy filled with monsters, forbidden rituals, and corrupt deities.

Series Overview: From Rachael A Edwards, *Threads of Fate* is a dark fantasy duology set in a wintry, monster-filled empire with corrupt deities and sinister cultists. Rooted in mythological lore and told in dual POV, this chilling narrative follows Lena, a heretical storyteller, as she struggles against the ancient magic that binds her to Dimas, the next emperor. But as Lena dabbles in forbidden ritual and Dimas confronts a troubling imperial history, they're both set on a dangerous path to challenge the gods and confront fate itself.

Themes: Fantasy, Adventure, LGBTQ, Love & Romance, Myths, Legends & Folklore

Translation, Audio: Peachtree | **UK/Aus, Dramatic:** Bell Lomax Moreton

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Threads of Fate 02: A FURY UNBOUND

Rachael A. Edwards

The second entry in Rachael A. Edwards' dark fantasy duology, *Threads of Fate*, comes to a thrilling conclusion in an adventure filled with power, betrayal, and destiny.

After severing her magical bond from Prince Dimas and defeating an evil spirit, Lena can feel her magic growing weaker as she and her companions flee in exile from a kingdom overrun by bloodthirsty cultists. Guided by the handsome smuggler Casimir, the group traverses treacherous mountains teeming with vicious monsters. Finding sanctuary under Queen Anja in the free lands of Verlong, Lena plots to restore balance in her home country of Wyrecia by finding and freeing the Lost Sisters of Fate. She'll have to move quickly as Dimas's cousin, Iska, has been empowered by the corrupt deity Næbya and is mobilizing an attack on bordering nations. If Lena cannot bring down the goddess herself, Queen Anja will be forced to surrender Lena and Dimas to save her own people.

Meanwhile, Dimas battles with lingering shadows poisoning his mind and nearly loses control of himself after the group is tracked down and confronted by the cult's militia. After gathering an army of fellow women blessed with magical powers, Lena battles Iska in an epic showdown and uncovers the Lost Sisters imprisoned on another plane of existence. To rid the world of Næbya's corruptive magic and cure Dimas of his affliction, Lena must join the Lost Sisters to defeat an evil goddess that has gone unchallenged for far too long.

September 15, 2026

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— ABOVE THE BLACK —

Plummet into a kill-or-be-killed competition where a scrappy underdog hell-bent on revenge must battle colossal monstrosities and claw his way to the top.

Series Overview: In this YA fantasy trilogy, *Above the Black*, debut author Marc J Gregson delivers a postapocalyptic world set in the clouds with high stakes, betrayal, and plenty of surprising twists to keep you racing toward the finish!

Themes: Fantasy, Science Fiction, Adventure

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree

Rights sold in series: dramatic; French; Spanish; Portuguese (BRAZIL); Russian; Turkish; Ukrainian



March 17, 2026

HC | 5¼ x 8 | 528 pages | Ages 14+

Above the Black 03: DOWNFALL

Marc J Gregson

The riveting fantasy adventure from New York Times bestselling author Marc J Gregson comes to an explosive conclusion in Book Three of the *Above the Black* fantasy trilogy.

Mayhem has erupted in the Skylands. Uncle's iron-fisted grip has eroded peaceful governance, and the Meritocracy hovers on the brink of civil war. Disowned once again, teenage hero Conrad is sent to invade the Below's colonies—a perilous mission with almost no chance of survival, where Conrad is left for dead.

Rescued by an old enemy and escaping capture by sky pirates, Conrad finds shelter on a faraway island in the Eastern Airs. Under the guise of a new identity, Conrad undergoes training from the King's enemies and takes to the dueling pits where he competes for the status to challenge Uncle once and for all. Can a dead prince rise again, or will Conrad succumb to the brutal horrors of his world? To rally support and overthrow a despot, Conrad will have to prove the Meritocracy won't be trading one feckless tyrant for another.

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This romantasy duology, teems with magic, mischief, and polyamorous romance.

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Alicia Jasinska



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Fall in love all over again with Alicia Jasinska's enchanting spirit world steeped in Slavic folklore. This second entry in the queer romantasy duology, *Spirits and Saints*, teems with magic, mischief, and polyamorous romance.

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After a kiss from Kazik, the town's grumpy exorcist, restores Gisela's humanity, she is finally free to leave the magical spa town of Leśna Woda and return to her mortal family. But a dark revelation roots her in place: Aleksey, the other boy she has fallen for, is possessed by a forest demon.

Tension flares between Gisela and Aleksey are forced to team up to help rescue a sky nymph, and Gisela finds herself torn about whether to spill Aleksey's secret to Kazik. Would the exorcist destroy the demon to rescue the boy he's possessed? And could Gisela bear to lose the Aleksey she's fallen in love with?

When an old friend of Kazik's forces Aleksey to reveal himself, Gisela is spirited away to the forest realm with Aleksey. There, she uncovers startling truths about the demon—and a plot to wrest control of Leśna Woda's magical waters. Are all forest spirits wicked and bloodthirsty? Or are reparations and a mortal reckoning long overdue?

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