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Adult Fiction

Imps!

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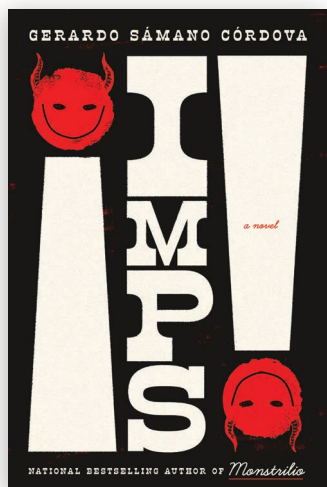
The Distinct Pleasure
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PUB DATE

February 23, 2027

IMPRINT

Tin House

FORMAT

Hardcover

CATEGORY

Fiction

TRIM SIZE

5.5" × 8.25"

PAGE COUNT

208

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Translation

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 Catalan (Més Llibres), French (Monsieur
 Toussaint Louverture), German (Festa
 Verlag), Greek (Ediciones Carnívora),
 Hungarian (Helikon), Italian (La
 Bottega dell'Invisibile), Serbian
 (Publik Praktikum), Spanish (Planeta),
 Portuguese in Brazil (DarkSide), Polish
 (Znak), Portuguese (Infinito Particular),
 Turkish (Nara)

Imps!

GERARDO SÁMANO CÓRDOVA

“Deeply original and potent. . . Gerardo Sámano Córdova infuses his worlds with a surreal beauty and a scalding humor and hair-raising twists.” —Laura van den Berg, author of *State of Paradise*

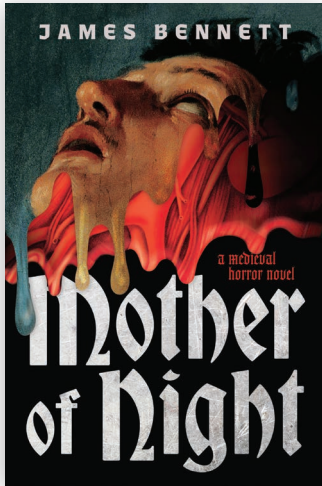
On a quiet morning, Francisca awakens to a rare good day. But when there’s a knock on her door, announcing an odd stranger at her apartment, Francisca, frightened and fascinated, acts on a whim, shattering her peaceful day and predictable life. She can think of only one person to help her with this unexpected, maybe hostile visitor—her estranged twin brother, Pablo.

As Pablo arrives, the day spirals from an awkward reunion into a claustrophobic, feverish confrontation where the thirty-five-year-old twins must reckon with a past they thought they had outrun. Over the course of this peculiar day, Francisca and Pablo realize this man brings devastating questions and a reckoning twenty years in the making.

Gerardo Sámano Córdova brings his trademark blend of strangeness, darkness, humor, and tenderness to *Imps!*, an exploration of imagination, loss, brokenness, and the quest for the extraordinary in everyday life.

AUTHOR BIO

Gerardo Sámano Córdova is the author of the bestselling novel *Monstrilio*. He is currently Writer in Residence at Fordham University. He received his MFA from the Helen Zell Writers’ Program at the University of Michigan. Originally from Mexico, he lives in Brooklyn.


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March 23, 2027

IMPRINT

Evil Twin

FORMAT

Hardcover

CATEGORY

Fiction

TRIM SIZE

6" x 9"

PAGE COUNT

352

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UK & Translation

Mother of Night

JAMES BENNETT

Shipwrecked medieval knights are stalked by human and monstrous threats in this crusader horror, perfect for fans of *The Terror* and *Between Two Fires*.

1192 AD: Jean is a storyteller, eager to bring sense to a world emerging from religious conflict. His companions are survivors of miracles and massacres, desperate to return to England. Shipwrecked on unforgiving shores, they are hunted by vengeful men, as well as something primal, deadly—not meant to walk in this world.

Jean wrestles with suspicion of an unknown threat. His love for his master has survived many years and miles; now it will see them through the dangerous trek home. If they do not make it, a legendary king will fall, a priceless relic will be destroyed, and Jean will lose the person who holds his heart. For his master, Jean would walk into hell itself.

In the cold, dizzying heights of an isolated mountain road, these men will discover that heroes are merely human and monsters are very real.

AUTHOR BIO

James Bennett is the British author of the Ben Garston novels (Orbit Books, 2016–19). The first volume, *Chasing Embers*, was shortlisted for Best Newcomer at the British Fantasy Awards 2017. His short fiction has appeared in anthologies and magazines, including *The Dark* magazine. He won the 2022 British Fantasy Award for Best Short Fiction. He lives in Spain.



Beth March Returns from the Dead

EMILY ST. JAMES



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March 30, 2027

IMPRINT

Crooked Media Reads

FORMAT

Hardcover

CATEGORY

Fiction

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6" x 9"

PAGE COUNT

368

RIGHTS AVAILABLE

UK & Translation

From the “dazzling” author of *Woodworking* (*VOGUE*) comes a *Little Women*-inspired novel that upends expectations and celebrates the power of love to defy definition.

Beth March was supposed to be the only son in a family of girls, but then she came out as trans. Dead to her family, she took the name because, well, Beth March dies. But now, she's home for Christmas for the first time in a decade, hoping the holiday season offers a chance to heal old wounds.

Tom Vega is the boy next door who broke Beth's heart, back when he couldn't face his own queerness. Tom is barely scraping by, stuck in his childhood home and struggling to connect with his daughter since his wife passed away.

Then Beth and Tom meet for the first time in years, and sparks fly.

With charm and wit and the spirit of Louisa May Alcott, *Beth March Returns from the Dead* is a brilliantly fresh romance from a writer ever more “deserving of [her] place in the transfeminine literary canon” (PEN America).

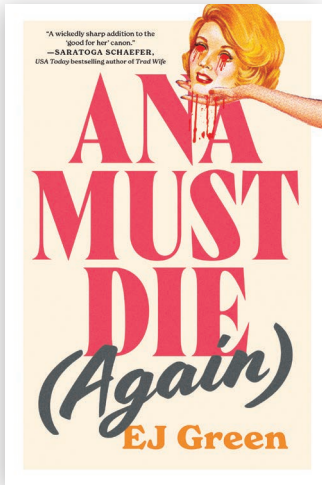
AUTHOR BIO

Emily St. James is a writer and cultural critic. Her journalism and criticism have appeared in the *New York Times*, Vox, and The A.V. Club, and her writing for television has been featured on the Emmy-nominated series *Yellowjackets*. She lives in Los Angeles.



ALSO AVAILABLE

Rights sold: Thai (P.S. Publishing),
Portuguese in Brazil (TAG)



Ana Must Die (Again)

EJ GREEN

A queer *Thelma and Louise* meets a modern-day *The Stepford Wives* after a woman wakes up buried alive—with her head severed—in this visceral yet campy feminist horror novel that tears apart the patriarchy . . . literally.

Some women are too angry to stay buried.

Daisy claws her way out of a shallow grave with one devastating realization: Her head isn't attached to her body. Desperate to find answers and with no memory of her past, Daisy ventures on a road trip with an ex-professional fighter and seamstress, who knows not only how to sew Daisy's head back on, but also the way into Daisy's heart.

Five hundred miles west in the Utah desert, the Sons of Lazarus compound hides a deadly secret: they murder defiant women and raise them from the dead as obedient wives. As cult member Grace notices their way of life isn't the perfect fantasy she's been told to believe, she confronts what's truth and fiction, discovering she may already be marked for death and resurrection too.

As Daisy and Grace's paths converge toward a bloody confrontation, the women prove that the undead make better revolutionaries than the living, and that Sons of Lazarus made one fatal miscalculation: you can kill a woman's body . . . but her rage, that comes back hungry.

AUTHOR BIO

EJ Green's work has appeared or is forthcoming in Hobart, HAD, Wigleaf, Juked, Pidgeonholes, FOTD, The Doctor T.J. Eckleburg Review, McSweeney's Internet Tendency, Necessary Fiction, Fwiction: Review, Punchnels, and others. They read for *Philadelphia Stories* and co-host the supernatural history podcast *Slaying Monsters* with M. Scott Johnston. They are the author of *Confessions of a Curious Bookseller* (Lake Union, as Elizabeth Green). EJ lives in a suburb just outside of Philadelphia with their husband and two cats. When they are not writing, EJ trains in aikido and rock climbing. They also crochet and knit.

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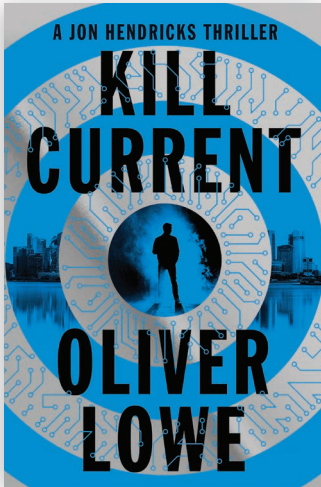
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UK & Translation

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May 11, 2027

IMPRINT

Zando

FORMAT

Hardcover

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Fiction

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PAGE COUNT

320

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UK & Translation

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Bulgarian (Hermes Publishing House)

Kill Current

OLIVER LOWE

A former spy-turned-professor is pulled back into the fray in this sharp, cinematic geopolitical thriller that combines the international settings of Daniel Silva with the modern tech of Tom Clancy.

CIA Agent Jon Hendricks left the field after a mission went awry and his asset ended up dead. But when his former protégé goes missing, his handler convinces him to return for one last case.

As the body count climbs, Jon and his new partner, Gloria Zhao, learn that all the victims are tied to a mysterious piece of tech: a revolutionary microchip. It has the ability to enhance nearly every electronic device across all industries. In the wrong hands, it would upend the balance of global technology and power.

Unraveling the cyber mystery across nightclubs in Berlin, shootouts in Shanghai, and volcanoes in Costa Rica, Jon and Gloria work to unwind the conspiracy before more end up dead and the world order shifts irrevocably.

Compulsive, taut, and full of exhilarating twists, *Kill Current* reveals the massive stakes of our current technological cold war, a spy thriller for the modern era.

AUTHOR BIO

Oliver Lowe is the pen name for Casey Stegman. His fiction has been published by Shotgun Honey, Cowboy Jamboree, *Punk Noir Magazine*, and more. He also writes the "Murder in the First" column at *Mystery Tribune*. *Kill Current* is his first novel.


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May 25, 2027

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Slowburn

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Fiction

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UK & Translation

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German (Lübbe)

What If I Do

LUCY KEATING

In this what-if summer romance perfect for fans of Ashley Poston, a 32-year-old woman is thrown ten years back in time, where she has a chance to pursue her childhood best friend she's always harbored feelings for—that is, until she realizes that her grumpy, lifelong nemesis looks better than she remembers.

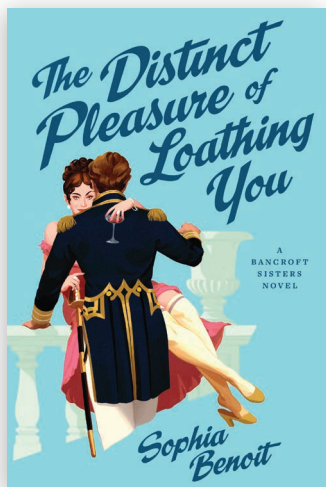
Maggie has always wondered what would have happened if she'd told her childhood best friend, Walker, how she really felt about him—but ten years later, she's flying into the small New England beach town she fled years ago to watch Walker marry someone else.

So, Maggie does the only rational thing: She hooks up with her nemesis, Lucas, gets spectacularly drunk, and hides out in the strange, abandoned satellite tower that looms over the coast . . . only to wake up in the past.

It's the summer after college, before everything changed. Now that she has the chance to do it all over again, Maggie is convinced she can finally get it right. What if this time, it's Maggie who gets the man she always wanted?

AUTHOR BIO

Lucy Keating is a contemporary romance author living in Massachusetts. *What If I Do* is her adult debut on the shelf alongside her three young adult novels *Dreamology*, *Literally*, and *Ride with Me*.



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Slowburn

FORMAT

Trade paperback

CATEGORY

Fiction

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PAGE COUNT

304

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Translation

RIGHTS SOLD

UK (Piatkus), Danish (Flamingo),
Italian (Mondadori Libri)

The Distinct Pleasure of Loathing You

A Bancroft Sisters Novel

SOPHIA BENOIT

Emily Henry meets *Bridgerton* when a daring woman must share her home with a grumpy captain in the second volume of this sexy, refreshing, and hilarious Regency romance series.

Philippa, the oldest and boldest of the Bancroft sisters, has been enjoying widowhood. She's been out of mourning and in men's beds for the last half of a year.

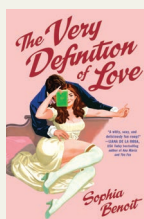
All of that changes when her late husband's estate is finally settled and the new Baron Ellerton arrives.

From the moment he walks into his new drawing room and finds Philippa *in flagrante delicto* with a neighboring vicar, the two are destined to clash.

Captain Benedict Hayes has little use for a title and none for the shocking widow who seemingly comes with it. His new position draws far too much attention as it is. He's determined to avoid scandal and to marry quickly in order to keep a long-held secret of his quiet, while Philippa is dead-set on making a spectacle of them both.

AUTHOR BIO

Sophia Benoit is the author of *Well, This Is Exhausting*, writes regular columns in *GQ* and *Bustle*, and has written for *WSJ*, *The Guardian*, *The Cut*, *Fatherly*, *Insider*, *Refinery29*, *Allure*, *PS*, and more.

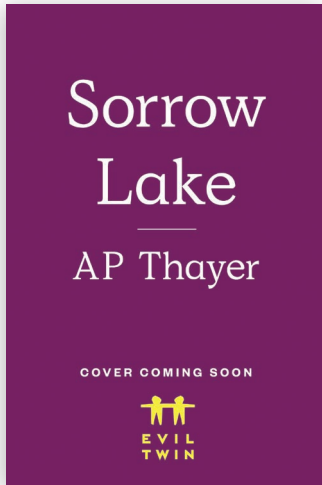


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Danish (Flamingo), Italian
(Mondadori), Portuguese in
Brazil (Rocco)

Sorrow Lake

AP THAYER



PUB DATE

September 21, 2027

IMPRINT

Evil Twin

FORMAT

Hardcover

CATEGORY

Fiction

TRIM SIZE

5.5" x 8.25"

PAGE COUNT

288

RIGHTS AVAILABLE

UK & Translation

For fans of Silvia Moreno-Garcia and Stephen Graham Jones, family bonds are tested in this monstrous horror novel about transformation, identity, and the fight for bodily autonomy against those who would deny it

It's his body. It's his blood. His homecoming is their communion.

With his sleep paralysis growing worse and consistent ICE raids against his business and Los Angeles community, Alex is struggling to trust the world around him, especially himself. When he learns of his brother's death, he's forced to return to Sorrow Lake. A town he swore would forever be in his rear-view mirror.

Back in the mountains, Alex quickly realizes that much like him, Sorrow Lake has transformed. What was once a decaying backwater town on the shore of a polluted lake, is now an overly manicured utopia, under the stern guidance of the local priest, Alex's father figure. Alex witnesses the priest faith-healing one of the townspeople, leaving him disoriented. After one of the best nights of sleep he's had in years, Alex wakes covered with dirt and blood.

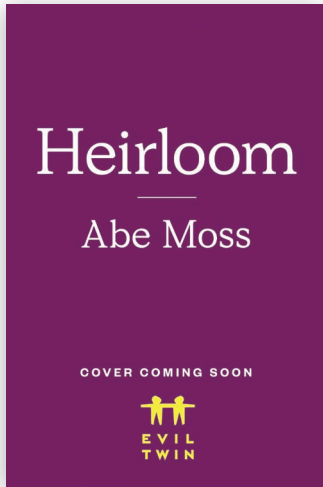
Now, with Alex losing time at night and the discovery that there is more to his brother's death than he was told, Alex must find out the truth about Sorrow Lake before he is consumed by its religious secrets and his own horrible transformations.

AUTHOR BIO

AP Thayer is a queer, Mexican American author based out of Los Angeles who writes cross-genre speculative fiction. His work has been featured in *Dark Matter Magazine*, *Space Fantasy Magazine*, *Uncharted Magazine*, and several anthologies. He is also a full member of SFWA and HWA.



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PUB DATE

October 12, 2027

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Evil Twin

FORMAT

Trade paperback

CATEGORY

Fiction

TRIM SIZE

5.5" × 8.25"

PAGE COUNT

320

RIGHTS AVAILABLE

UK & Translation

Heirloom

ABE MOSS

A family hides more than skeletons in their closet in this hair-raising supernatural horror novel perfect for fans of *Hereditary* and Michael McDowell's *The Elementals*.

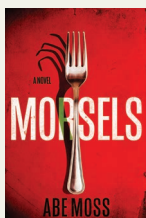
Reeling from the loss of his mother, with royalties from his controversial one-hit-wonder all but bone dry, biographer Graham Foster needs a win. When he's offered a job writing for the reclusive, world-renowned painter Sigmund Kane, he accepts the offer sight unseen.

Arriving at the artist's secluded estate, however, Graham discovers more than he bargained for. Sigmund Kane is on his deathbed. His two adult children, ballet dancer Ida and aspiring pop singer Kasper, circle like bloodthirsty vultures. Their family legacy is up for grabs, and they intend to claim what's theirs.

But as Graham begins recording the life of his subject, he senses more than greedy heirs waiting in the wings. More than memories stalking the shadowy halls. Something sinister has its claws in the old man. And as the presence turns its dark gaze upon him—as the lines between fact and fiction bleed—Graham knows it's only a matter of time before this life story threatens to be the end of his.

AUTHOR BIO

Abe Moss has been writing horror stories for as long as he can remember and hopes to never stop. With each book he writes, he hopes to try something a little different. The possibilities are endless and that's what he really loves about storytelling. He hopes you'll enjoy his stories too!

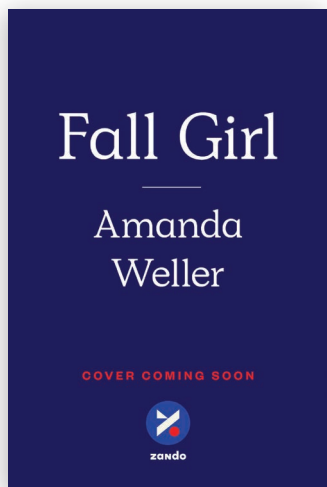


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Fall Girl

AMANDA WELLER



PUB DATE

November 9, 2027

IMPRINT

Zando

FORMAT

Trade paperback

CATEGORY

Fiction

TRIM SIZE

6" x 9"

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304

RIGHTS AVAILABLE

UK & Translation

Before Hollywood had action heroes, it had Helen Gibson. Amanda Weller's *Fall Girl* brings to life the rodeo rider turned silent-film star, pioneering producer, and first stuntwoman in Hollywood history—a woman who critics have called a “trailblazing pioneer,” now imagined from the inside in a propulsive novel.

It's 1920, and Helen Gibson is at the peak of her fame and the edge of losing everything. She's twenty-eight, freshly separated from her ex-husband and longtime co-star, and has just made the riskiest bet of her career: producing and starring in her own studio's first film, *No Man's Woman*. If it fails, so does she.

With her crew on the verge of mutiny and funds quickly running dry, every day on set means another stunt no one has attempted before, with no safety net and no one to catch her if it goes wrong. *Fall Girl* is the story of the woman who did it anyway—a rodeo trick rider turned daredevil movie star turned Hollywood's first professional stuntwoman, fighting to build something of her own in an industry that was never built for her.

Vivid, fast-paced, and full of the danger and glamour of early Hollywood, *Fall Girl* brings a daredevil back to the spotlight she built with her own two hands.

AUTHOR BIO

Amanda Weller is the author of *Fall Girl*, her historical fiction debut. When she's not writing, she's a costume designer working on Broadway and around the world. Born and raised in Florida, she now considers New York City home, and she lives with her family and cats in Brooklyn. Under the pen name Amanda Weaver, she's written over a dozen contemporary and historical romances.

Fallen Acolyte

Lo Hargrove

COVER COMING SOON



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November 30, 2027

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Slowburn

FORMAT

Trade paperback

CATEGORY

Fiction

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6" x 9"

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432

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UK & Translation

Fallen Acolyte

LO HARGROVE

An acolyte is torn between two gods in this blood-drenched, sexy, and shadow-filled dark romantasy for fans of *Alchemised* and *Phantasma*.

An obsessive ruler.

An exiled trickster.

And the rebellious acolyte torn between them.

Vallena Rooke has been in jail since she was twelve. Apprehended for murder, she was sentenced to serve as one of the lowest-ranking acolytes to the God of Bones. With her sentence up in two years, Vallena is determined to keep her head down until she is free.

But when she is chosen for a rare and deadly sacrifice, Vallena flees, becoming marked with an unbreakable tether to the God of Bones. She finds herself in the court of the exiled God of Souls, Sylvan, where the two strike an unlikely deal. Sylvan will help Vallena break her bond, if only she'll act as a spy to aid his return to power.

With her heart and body torn between two deadly gods, Vallena must make the ultimate choice in this dark, transportive romantic fantasy.

AUTHOR BIO

Lo Hargrove is a writer of dark romantic fantasy who spent much of her childhood wandering through the woods. She has a BA in English Literature from Baylor University, as well as an MS in Publishing from New York University. When not writing, Lo can be found traveling to new places (searching for magic, of course) or doing the bidding of her beloved feline overlord.



Adult Nonfiction

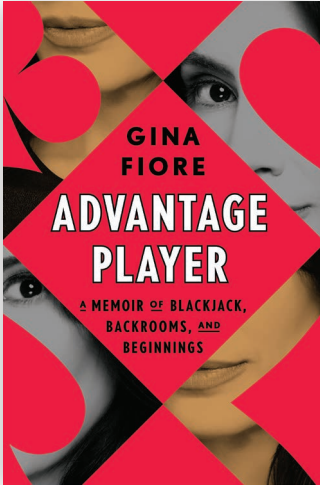
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Gillian Flynn Books

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Hardcover

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UK & Translation

Advantage Player

A Memoir of Blackjack, Backrooms,
and Beginnings

GINA FIORE

In this gripping and fast-paced memoir, Gina Fiore forges her way as a young professional gambler, creating multiple identities and working with an elite team to make a profit from casinos all over the country.

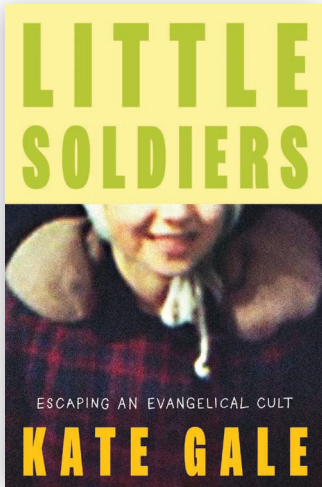
Growing up in Reno, Nevada, Gina Fiore saw her mother's life consumed by gambling. She vowed to avoid the trap that so many had fallen into, but eventually she couldn't resist the magnetic pull of the fast-paced and high-stakes world. After trying her hand at dealing, Gina quickly realized there's much more money to be made on the other side of the table. But Gina didn't want to just play—she wanted to win.

Advantage Player follows Gina's journey to becoming one of the most successful advantage blackjack players in the world. She spent years picking up new skills like card counting, hole carding, and edge sorting, none of which are illegal, but that didn't matter to the casinos who relied on their own heavy advantage to maintain their edge—and their profits. With a team of skilled misfits, geniuses, and savants, Gina took over the advantage scene. But her success didn't come without risks, constantly trying to avoid being "backroomed," handcuffed, and losing everything she's won.

Gina finally pulls back the curtain on her years living on the edge and how her ability to reinvent herself has allowed her to survive when the cards have always been stacked against her.

AUTHOR BIO

The subject of the 2023 film *Miss Brown*, **Gina Fiore** has been a professional gambler for over twenty years. She now writes and consults for film and television, hosts gambling master classes, and competes as an advantage player. Gina is originally from Reno, Nevada.



Little Soldiers

Escaping an Evangelical Cult

KATE GALE

In this provocative memoir, publisher Kate Gale shares the harrowing story of her upbringing in a religious cult where she faced abusive living conditions until her escape at age eighteen.

When Kate Gale was four years old, her mother gave her to an “intentional community,” a cult of people who built unseaworthy boats to ride out the Rapture. She would spend her entire childhood there, trapped amongst monsters and followers, where kids were often starved, beaten, and forced into labor. While Kate mimicked the religiosity of those around her, she secretly stashed away books from the confiscated belongings of new members. Reading became her salvation and link to the outside world.

Through deeply emotional recollections, Gale sheds light on the trauma, abuse, and censorship she faced, as well as her journey to assimilate into modern society in her twenties. With crackling wit and stunning prose, this is her story of survival, escape, and forging herself anew through literature.

AUTHOR BIO

Kate Gale is the co-founder and managing editor of Red Hen Press. She is the author of seven books of poetry and several librettos. Kate received a PhD in English Literature from Claremont Graduate University. Kate served as the President of PEN America from 2005–6. Since 1989, she has taught writing and publishing at various universities. Currently, she teaches publishing and poetry at Chapman University.

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March 2, 2027

IMPRINT

SJP Lit

FORMAT

Hardcover

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UK & Translation

Uprooted

A Forager's Search for Wonder,
Resilience, and Home

VANESSA HUA

Blending nature writing, reporting, and personal narrative, this debut memoir explores how foraging has the power to revitalize our lives, bolster resilience, and kindle joy

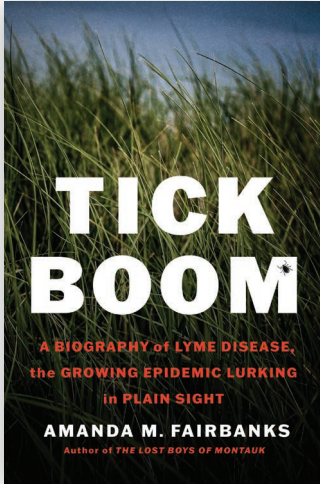
In the early weeks of the pandemic, housebound with her young twins, husband, and elderly mother, Vanessa Hua escapes her dread by fleeing into the hills east of Berkeley. She encounters an unfamiliar plant, inviting both curiosity and fear. Here, her journey into the world of foraging begins.

Hua finds abundance in overlooked places: bay nuts scattered along the road and chanterelles erupting in a damp forest. Against a landscape marked by migration, colonialism, capitalism, and climate change, she examines who gets to feel safe outdoors, how immigration and displacement shape ideas of what is native, and how to harvest with reciprocity and respect.

Foraging renews Hua's sense of place and attunes her to the seasons of life. *Uprooted* is a luminous meditation on resilience—how we survive, how we adapt, and how, even amid upheaval, we find our way home.

AUTHOR BIO

Vanessa Hua is the author of the national bestselling novels *A River of Stars* and *Forbidden City*, the story collection *Deceit and Other Possibilities*, and *Coyoteland*. A former columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, her award-winning work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Atlantic* and more. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Tick Boom

A Biography of Lyme Disease,
the Growing Epidemic Lurking in Plain Sight

AMANDA M. FAIRBANKS

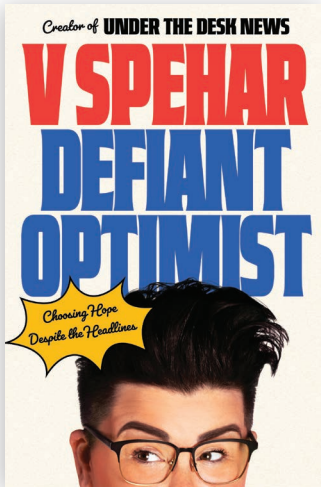
At once a breathtaking work of investigative journalism and a searing memoir, *Tick Boom* tells the story of a disease that hides in plain sight and plagues many: Lyme disease.

Over 500,000 people around the U.S. are diagnosed with Lyme disease every year. But even with these massive numbers and public attention, in the fifty years since the discovery of Lyme, little progress has been made toward understanding this disease.

Amanda M. Fairbanks' *Tick Boom* offers the definitive narrative investigation of Lyme disease, interweaving her own story of struggling to get a Lyme diagnosis and treatment with rigorous boots-on-the-ground journalism, medical expertise, scientific history, and movingly curated patient narratives. *Tick Boom* reveals the dire realities of how Lyme upends lives and careers, and how it reverberates through families and marriages. Fairbanks also uses the story of Lyme to illuminate the broader failures of our healthcare system, the relationship between climate change and the upswing of Lyme cases, and what's at stake if we don't stop the spread.

AUTHOR BIO

Amanda M. Fairbanks is an award-winning journalist and the author of *The Lost Boys of Montauk*. A graduate of Smith College and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where she earned two master's degrees, Fairbanks is also a former Teach for America corps member. The California native lives with her family in Sag Harbor, New York.

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Defiant Optimist

Choosing Hope Despite the Headlines

V SPEHAR

From the creator of *Under the Desk News*, a blend of history, politics, and commentary exploring key issues of America's past to prove there's always hope for a better future.

During the pandemic, V Spehar crawled under their desk to give people a soft place to land in a hard news cycle, breaking down the day's news in a digestible, humorous way. But the more they explored the current turmoil, the more questions arose about how we got there and how we can find our way out.

In *Defiant Optimist*, V is turning their signature empathy and wit to the biggest issues that have long plagued America, past and present: our culture of cruelty, the manosphere and tradwives, white supremacy and sexism, and much more, highlighting how these problems rear their ugly heads across our history, and reminding us how we can combat them.

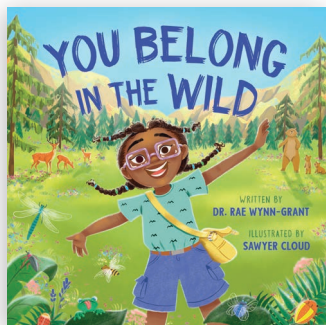
AUTHOR BIO

V Spehar is an award-winning journalist, podcaster, and creator behind *Under the Desk News*. They have interviewed political and cultural leaders including Presidents Biden and Obama, and Vice President Harris. Their work has appeared in outlets such as *The Washington Post*, and they are a frequent contributor on MS NOW and CNN. V is a Webby, Shorty, RTDNA, and GLAAD Award winner and was named one of *TIME*'s 100 Most Influential Digital Voices in 2025. They live in Rochester, NY.



Young Readers

You Belong in the Wild



You Belong in the Wild

RAE WYNN-GRANT
SAWYER CLOUD (ILLUSTRATOR)

In this heartfelt, stunning picture book, a young child with a love for science discovers that while they don't see other people like them working in nature, they do belong there.

Despite loving all things nature, Noa struggles to find her place in the wild. She loves watching nature shows, playing pretend with her stuffed animals, and recounting wildlife facts to her mom. But from what she's seen, the people who work in nature don't look like her. So, Noa must not belong there.

To convince her otherwise, Noa's mom takes her on a journey from the city to a state park, where Noa meets a new park ranger friend who shows her that nature is full of diversity, and she belongs just like anyone else.

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AUTHOR BIO

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Sawyer Cloud is a self-taught artist living in Madagascar, her birth country. She is a passionate artist with a huge interest in the power of dreams and freedom. Previous titles include *The Juneteenth Story* by Alliah L. Agostini and *Sugar Pie Lullaby* by Carole Boston Weatherford, among many others. Sawyer loves music and has a long list of dreams to accomplish, including traveling around the world. Visit her online at sawyer.cloud.



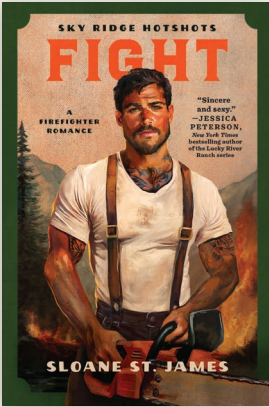
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Sky Ridge Hotshots series

The Librarians of Lisbon

The Radiant Dark

These Kindred Hearts



Fight

SLOANE ST. JAMES

NOVEMBER 2025

A wildland firefighter stumbles into a romance with a secretive EMT in the smoking hot first book of the BookTok viral Sky Ridge Hotshots series.

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Protect

PAISLEY HOPE

DECEMBER 2025

A wildland firefighter reconnects in a second-chance romance with his late best friend's sister, the one that got away, in the scorching-hot book two in the BookTok viral Sky Ridge Hotshots series.

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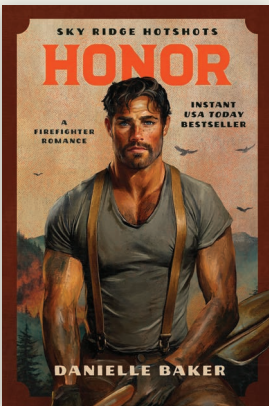
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Honor

DANIELLE BAKER

JANUARY 2026

A wildland firefighter falls for his best friend's widowed sister after she and her kids move in next door, in this flaming-hot book three in the BookTok viral Sky Ridge Hotshots series.

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The Librarians of Lisbon

SUZANNE NELSON

FEBRUARY 2025

Lisbon 1943. As two American librarians are drawn into a city of dangerous subterfuge and unexpected love affairs, they are forced to choose between their missions and the men they love.

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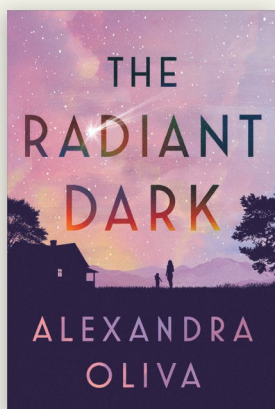
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The Radiant Dark

ALEXANDRA OLIVA

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Following the First Contact, one mother upends her family's life, as humanity reckons with its place in the universe.

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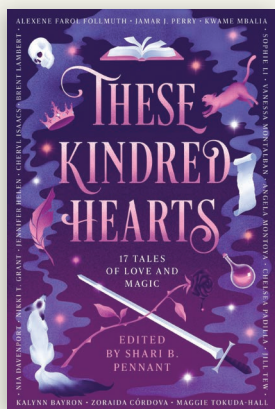
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These Kindred Hearts

EDITED BY SHARI B. PENNANT

JUNE 2026

Seventeen authors from varied backgrounds come together to showcase the diversity of romance and celebrate the wild hearts of teens in this timeless, sweeping YA Romantasy anthology edited by Shari B. Pennant.

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