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“Mrs. Nash’s Ashes was a total joy to read. Witty, beautifully-written, and laced with sexual tension and suspense that tightens with each twist of Hollis and Millicent’s road trip, I expected that I’d be enjoying one romance, but ended up falling in love with two. Extraordinary storytelling.”

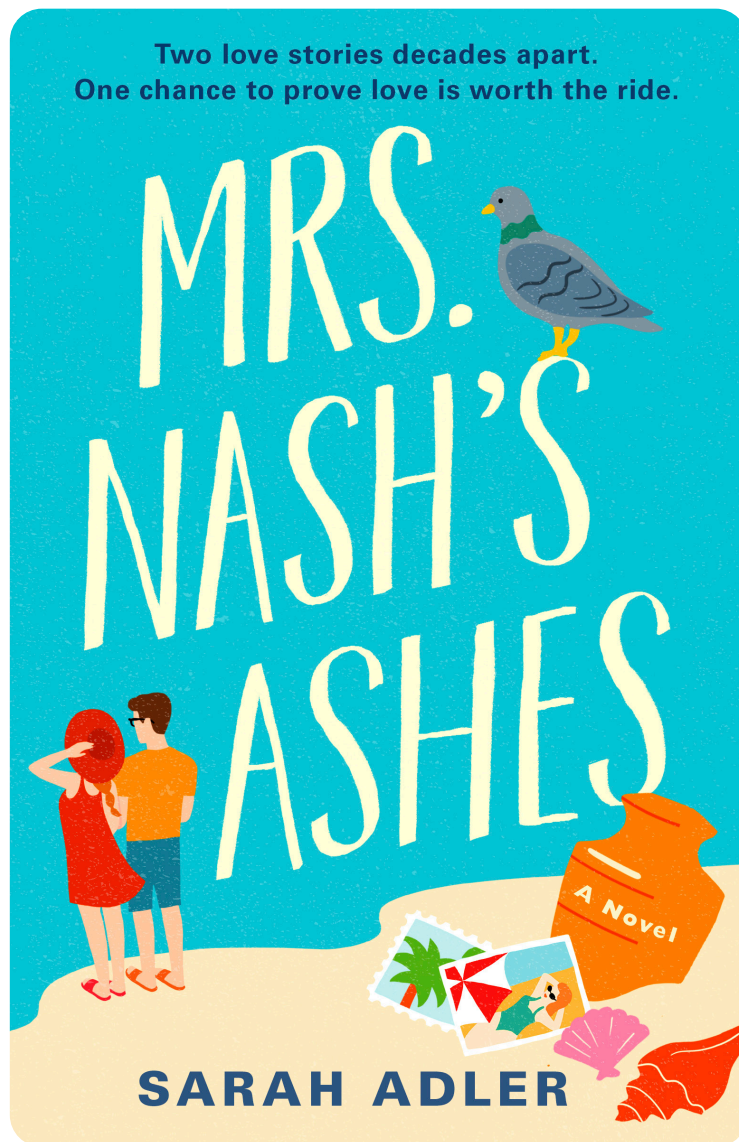
—**Sarah Hogle, author of Just Like Magic**

Millicent Watts-Cohen is on a mission. When she promised her elderly best friend that she’d reunite her with the woman she fell in love with nearly eighty years ago, she never imagined that would mean traveling from D.C. to Key West with three tablespoons of Mrs. Nash’s remains in her backpack. But Millie’s determined to give her friend a symbolic happily-ever-after, before it’s (really) too late—and hopefully reassure herself of love’s lasting power in the process.

She just didn’t expect to have a living travel companion.

After a computer glitch grounds flights, Millie is forced to catch a ride with Hollis Hollenbeck, an also-stranded acquaintance from her ex’s MFA program. Hollis certainly does not believe in happily-ever-afters—symbolic or otherwise—and makes it quite clear that he can’t fathom Millie’s plan ending well for anyone.

But as they contend with peculiar bed-and-breakfasts, unusual small-town festivals, and deer with a death wish, Millie begins to suspect that her reluctant travel partner might enjoy her company more than he lets on. Because for someone who supposedly doesn’t share her views on romance, Hollis sure is becoming invested in the success of their journey. And the closer they get to their destination, the more Millie has to admit that maybe this trip isn’t just about Mrs. Nash’s love story after all—maybe it’s also about her own.



**Berkley, May 2023**

**Rights Sold:**  
Arqueiro, Brazil

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“I laughed. I sobbed. I loved it! Soft, sweet, and utterly enchanting, Mrs. Nash’s Ashes by Sarah Adler is a delightfully funny and poignant romance that sticks with you like a warm and gooey cinnamon roll.”

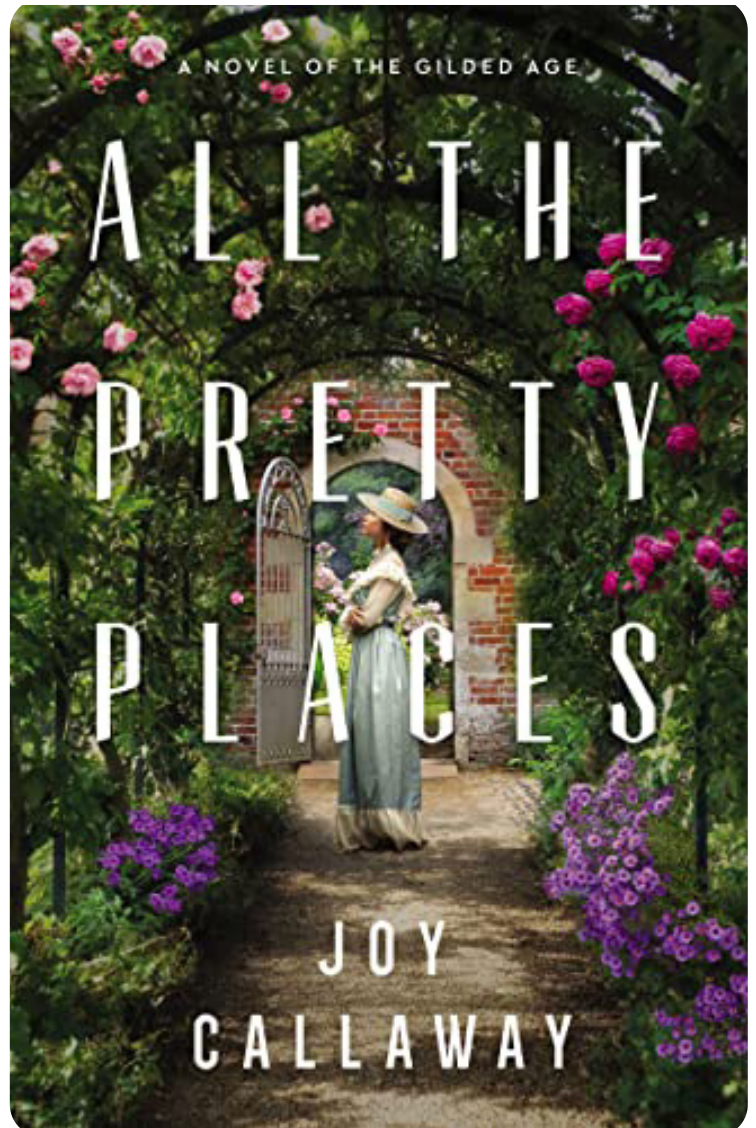
—**Ashley Poston, New York Times bestselling author of The Dead Romantics**

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**A captivating story of a strong woman in a striking setting, examining the life-changing effects of the beauty of nature and how that splendor is restricted to the rich and privileged in the Gilded Age.**

1893: In the little town of Rye, New York, it seems everyone—like the rest of the country—is in an economic panic. Once acclaimed for its rare and exotic plant species, Rye Nurseries—the largest nursery on the East Coast—is the supplier of choice for the most respected landscape architects, but now businesses in the community seem to close by the handful weekly. The threat to her family’s livelihood keeps twenty-two-year-old Sadie Fremd up at night. Her father seems unconcerned by the crisis and is determined to pass the nursery on to one of his sons—despite Sadie’s ardent study of horticulture. Her dreams are all wrapped up in the nursery, a company on the brink of closing, which would leave hundreds of people out of jobs and Sadie’s dream lost forever.

Sadie encourages her father to seek partnerships with big names of the day—the Rockefellers, Goulds, and Starins, among others—to help their nursery remain stable. As she becomes more involved in the business of natural beauty, she begins to notice something. Outside the gates of mansions owned by the elite, people linger—the mourning, the poor, the struggling. Sadie is forced to reckon with whether only the privileged deserve a right to the beauty she helps inspire. Then a conversation with a man who lost everything changes Sadie’s perspective forever and prompts her to make a choice that has the potential to leave the nursery, her family, and her dreams in ruins.



**Harper Muse, May 2023**

Joy Callaway is the author of *The Grand Design*, *The Fifth Avenue Artists Society*, and *Secret Sisters*. She holds a BA in journalism and public relations from Marshall University and an MMC from the University of South Carolina.

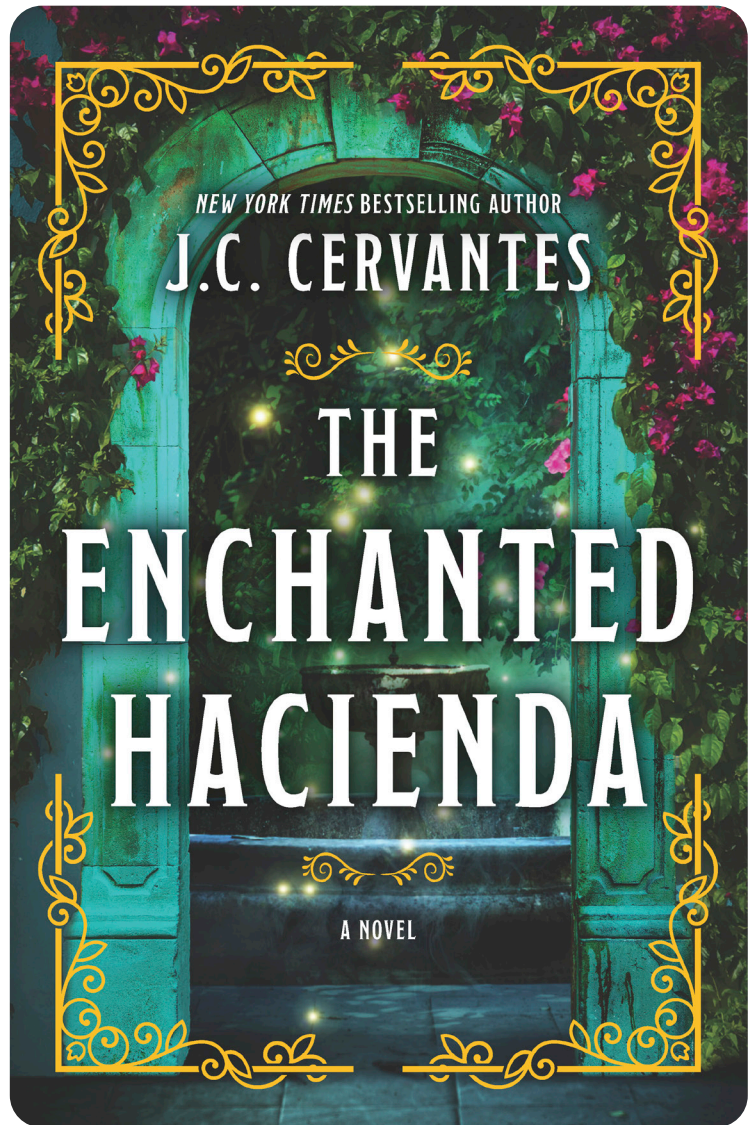
She resides in Charlotte, North Carolina, with her husband, John, and her children, Alecia and John.

**Like Water for  
Chocolate meets  
Crazy Rich  
Asians**

When Harlow Estrada is abruptly fired from her dream job and her boyfriend proves to be a jerk, her world turns upside down. She flees New York City to the one place she can always call home—the enchanted Hacienda Estrada.

The Estrada family farm in Mexico houses an abundance of charmed flowers cultivated by Harlow's mother, sisters, aunt, and cousins. By harnessing the magic in these flowers, they can heal hearts, erase memories, interpret dreams—but not Harlow. So when her mother and aunt give her a special task involving the family's magic, she panics. How can she rise to the occasion when she is magicless? But maybe it's not magic she's missing, but belief in herself. When she finally embraces her unique gifts and opens her heart to a handsome stranger, she discovers she's far more powerful than she imagined.

With unforeseen twists, romance, and a heavy sprinkle of magic, *The Enchanted Hacienda* is a captivating coming-of-age debut exploring identity, unconditional family love, and uncovering the magic within us all.



**Park Row/HarperCollins, May 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Artemis, Turkey

Ciela Norma, Bulgaria

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**When there's magic  
all around you, the  
possibilities are  
endless...**

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“In this breezy paranormal rom-com from bestseller Clare (Holly Jolly Cowboy), an intense young woman trying to pay off family debts finds a job with unexpected erotic side benefits. Fans of Katie MacAlister and Annette Blair will be pleased.”  
—**Publishers Weekly**

Penny Roundtree wants nothing more than to be a familiar to a witch. She's been a member of the Society of Familiars ever since she was old enough to join the Fam. There's just a small problem—no one's hiring. Witches and warlocks are so long-lived that there are far more familiars available than witches to train them. So when an unorthodox arrangement to apprentice under the table to a forbidden warlock presents itself, she takes it.

Willem Sauer is banned from having a familiar due to past transgressions, thereby limiting his magic-casting abilities. Unfortunately for the surly, Prussian warlock, he has no choice but to work with enthusiastic Penny as a familiar. They immediately clash like dried roan horsehair and honeycomb gathered by moonlight (it's a terrible spell combination, ask anyone).

Casting spells has delightful perks Penny never could have dreamed of, but also greater dangers. Someone is targeting Penny. Willem and Penny must work together to catch their enemy, and if their ploy requires a little kissing on the side, who is to question the rules of magic?



**Berkley, April 2023**

- Amazon's Best Romances of April
- Goodreads' Most Anticipated April Romances
- BookRiot's Best Books of the Week
- PopSugar's Romance Novels for When You Need a Little Spice
- Culturess' April Romance to Have on Your Spring TBR



# THE VIRAL TIK TOK SENSATION!



**The international publishing phenomenon *Ice Planet Barbarians*, now in a special print edition with Berkley!**

“The perfect blend of sweet, sexy romance and a riveting, high-stakes survival story.”

—**Kirkus, starred review**

#### **Berkley**

**Book 1: November 2021**

**Book 2: January 2022**

**Book 3: July 2022**

**Book 4: September 2022**

**Book 5: February 2023**

**Book 6: July 2023**

**Book 7 & 8: 2024**

#### **Rights Sold:**

AST, Russia

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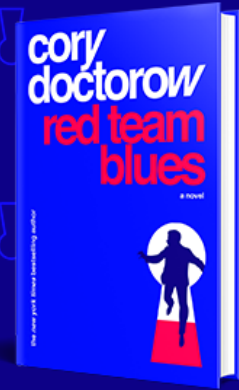
Piper Verlag, Germany

Planeta Mexico, Spanish



“Rapidly emerging as the  
**William Gibson** of his generation.”

—*Entertainment Weekly*



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Martin Hench is 67 years old, single, and successful in a career stretching back to the beginnings of Silicon Valley. He lives and roams California in a very comfortable fully-furnished touring bus, The Unsalted Hash, that he bought years ago from a fading rock star. He knows his way around good food and fine drink. He likes intelligent women, and they like him back often enough.

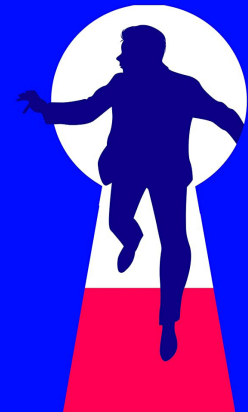
Martin is a—contain your excitement—self-employed forensic accountant, a veteran of the long guerilla war between people who want to hide money, and people who want to find it. He knows computer hardware and software alike, including the ins and outs of high-end databases and the kinds of spreadsheets that are designed to conceal rather than reveal. He’s as comfortable with social media as people a quarter his age, and he’s a world-level expert on the kind of international money-laundering and shell-company chicanery used by Fortune 500 companies, mid-divorce billionaires, and international drug gangs alike. He also knows the Valley like the back of his hand, all the secret histories of charismatic company founders and Sand Hill Road VCs. Because he was there at all the beginnings. He’s not famous, except to the people who matter. He’s made some pretty powerful people happy in his time, and he’s been paid pretty well. It’s been a good life.

Now he’s been roped into a job that’s more dangerous than anything he’s ever agreed to before—and it will take every ounce of his skill to get out alive.

# cory doctorow red team blues

a novel

the new york times bestselling author



**Tor Books, April 2023**

**Head of Zeus, UK & Commonwealth**

“Cory Doctorow is  
one of our most  
important science  
fiction writers.”

—**Kim Stanley Robinson**  
on *Walkaway*

“One of the  
internet’s most  
interesting  
authors.”

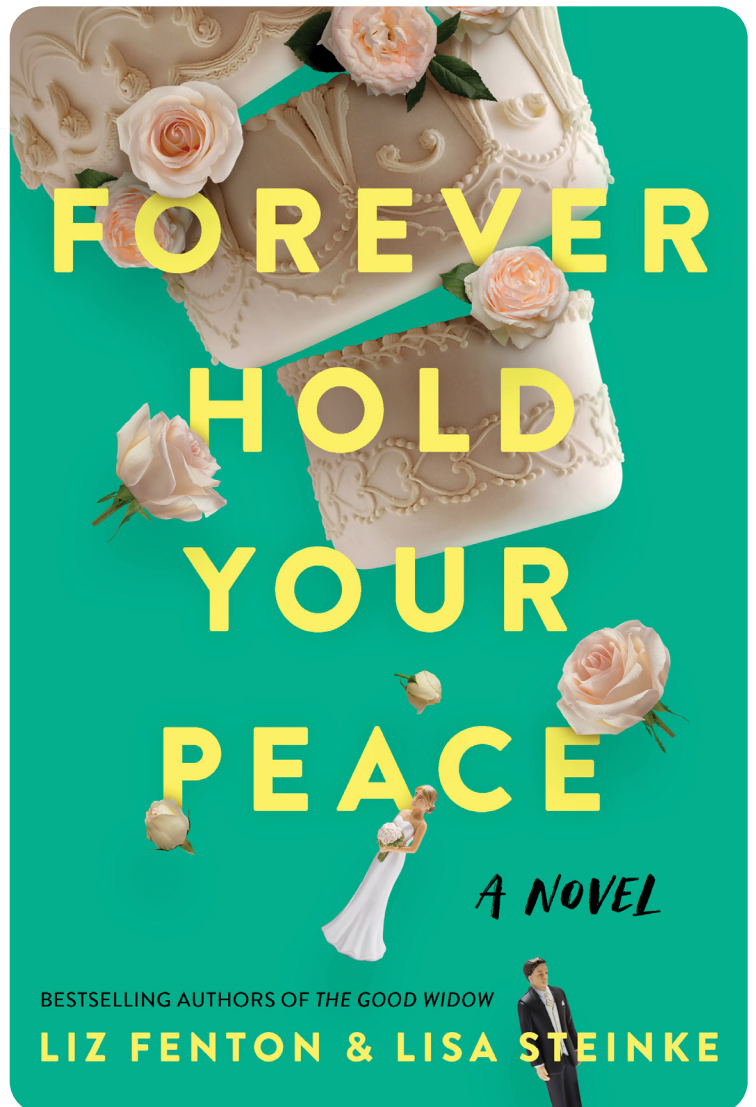
—**Edward Snowden**

# ***Father of the Bride meets Bride Wars***

When their newly engaged kids ask all four divorced parents to meet each other over brunch, everyone RSVPs yes--secretly hoping someone at the table will get to the bottom of the bottomless mimosas fast enough to say what they're all thinking: that this engagement, coming after a whirlwind romance between two people barely out of college, is too much too soon.

But at that brunch it's not the impulsive couple's decisions that end up under the microscope, as it turns out June, mother of the bride, and Amy, mother of the groom, certainly do know each other--they're ex-best-friends who haven't spoken since their explosive falling out more than twenty-five years ago. Reeling from their unwanted reunion and eager to shift the spotlight off their past as decades-old secrets and rivalries come to light, the two moms battle it out for the prize of Most Enthusiastic About This Wedding.

But when their history—and their present-day shenanigans—threaten to crack the foundations of the happy couple's future, June and Amy find themselves becoming unexpected allies in an all-hands-on-deck effort to get their kids (and themselves) a happily-ever-after two generations in the making.



**Alcove Publishing, July 2023**

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“With pitch-perfect writing, complicated friendships, and characters you can’t help but root for, you’ll want to shout I DO! to this layered and hilarious walk down the aisle.”

—**Allison Winn Scotch, New York Times bestselling author of *The Rewind***

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**THE #1 INTERNATIONAL  
BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

**CARLEY FORTUNE'S WORK  
HAS BEEN NAMED TO:**

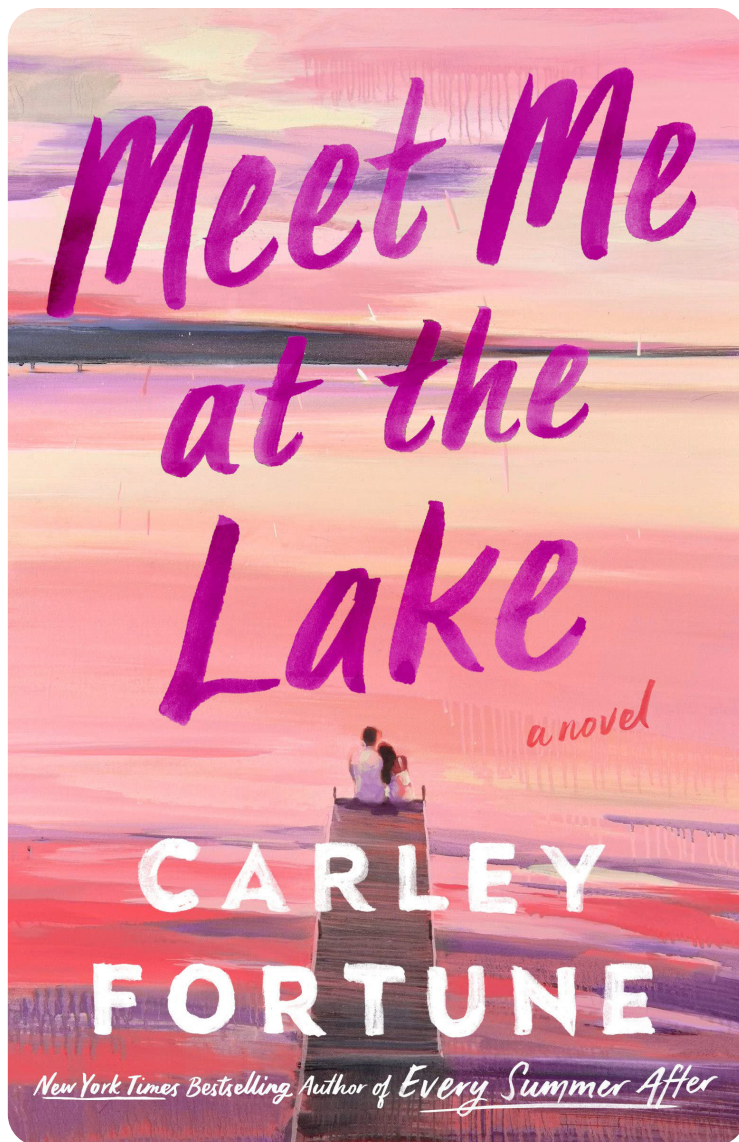
Hottest Reads of Summer 2022 by  
Today · Parade · PopSugar · USA  
Today · SheReads · BuzzFeed ·  
BookBub · Bustle ·and more!

Fern Brookbanks has wasted far too much of her adult life thinking about Will Baxter. She spent just twenty-four hours in her early twenties with the aggravatingly attractive, idealistic artist, a chance encounter that spiraled into a daylong adventure in the city. The timing was wrong, but their connection was undeniable: they shared every secret, every dream, and made a pact to meet one year later. Fern showed up. Will didn't.

At thirty-two, Fern's life doesn't look at all how she once imagined it would. Instead of living in the city, Fern's back home, running her mother's lakeside resort—something she vowed never to do. The place is in disarray, her ex-boyfriend's the manager, and Fern doesn't know where to begin.

She needs a plan—a lifeline. To her surprise, it comes in the form of Will, who arrives nine years too late, with a suitcase in tow and an offer to help on his lips. Will may be the only person who understands what Fern's going through. But how could she possibly trust this expensive-suit wearing mirage who seems nothing like the young man she met all those years ago. Will is hiding something, and Fern's not sure she wants to know what it is.

But ten years ago, Will Baxter rescued Fern. Can she do the same for him?



**Berkley, May 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Tammi, Finland

Buzz Editora, Brazil

Ediciones B., Spain

Bookzone, Romania

PRH Grupo, Portugal

Aurora, Slovak Republic

Penguin Verlag, Germany

Analog Books, Macedonia

Dobrovsky, Czech Republic

Unieboek Het Spectrum, The Netherlands

**Previous Work, *Every Summer After*, Sold in 23 Languages**

**A remote winery.**

**A missing friend.**

**And a bunch of  
sour grapes.**

It should have been the perfect spring break. Five girlfriends. A remote winery on the Oregon coast. An infinite supply of delicious wine at their manicured fingertips. But then their center—beautiful, magnetic Vanessa Morales—vanished without a trace.

Emily Fischer was perhaps the last person to see her alive. But now, years later, Emily spots Vanessa's doppelganger at a local café. At the end of her rope working a lucrative yet mind-numbing gig on a network sitcom, Emily is inspired to finally tell the story that's been percolating inside her for so long: Vanessa's story. But first, she needs to know what really happened on that fateful night. So she puts a brilliant scheme into motion.

She gets the girls together for a reunion weekend at the scene of the crime under the guise of reconnecting. There's Brittany, Vanessa's cousin and the inheritor of the winery; Paige, a former athlete, bullish yet easily manipulated; and Lydia, the wallflower of the group.

One of them knows the truth. But what have they each been hiding? And how much can Emily trust anything she learns from them... or even her own memories of Vanessa's last days?

# **SCENES OF THE CRIME**

**Jilly Gagnon**

**Bantam, September 2023**

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**An ambitious  
screenwriter tries  
to solve her friend's  
disappearance by  
recreating their  
fateful final girls'  
trip in this riveting  
locked-room mystery**

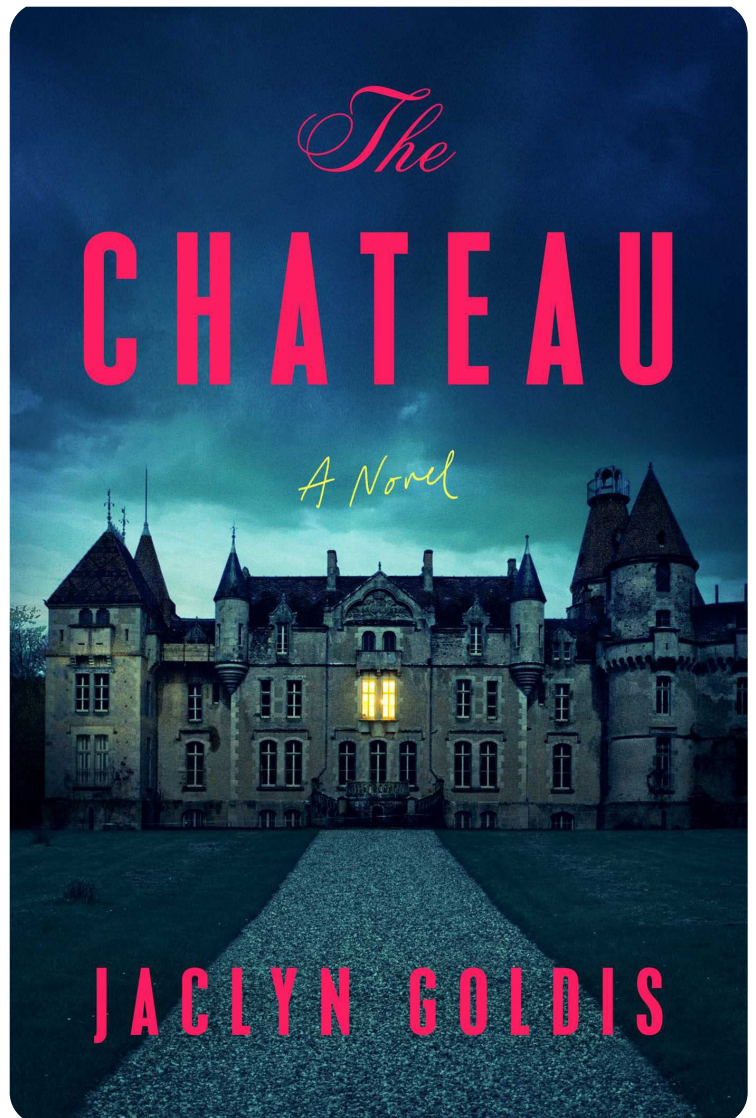
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“Come for the gorgeous setting; stay for the escalating tension, high-stakes drama, and dark revelations. With its labyrinth of secrets and intersecting mysteries, THE CHATEAU is a mesmerizing story of betrayal and revenge.”

**-Megan Collins, author of THE FAMILY PLOT**

“This twisting, serpentine novel has all the ingredients for an addictive read: a girls’ trip, a picturesque setting, and a shocking murder mystery.

Prepare to get totally lost in this rich, complex story, with its complicated female friendships, where nothing is quite as it seems. THE CHATEAU is sophisticated, surprising, and equal parts delicious and devious.” -- **Laurie Elizabeth Flynn, author of THE GIRLS ARE ALL SO NICE HERE**



Atria/Emily Bestler Books, May 2023

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***A dream girls trip to a luxurious French chateau devolves into a deadly nightmare of secrets and murder in this stylish, twisty thriller for fans of Lucy Foley, Ruth Ware, and Lisa Jewell.***

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**A sweeping  
celebration  
of resilience,  
motherhood,  
and love.**

Paris, 1939: Young mothers Elise and Juliette become fast friends the day they meet in the beautiful Bois de Boulogne. Though there is a shadow of war creeping across Europe, neither woman suspects that their lives are about to irrevocably change.

When Elise becomes a target of the German occupation, she entrusts Juliette with the most precious thing in her life—her young daughter, playmate to Juliette’s own little girl. But nowhere is safe in war, not even a quiet little bookshop like Juliette’s *Librairie des Rêves*, and, when a bomb falls on their neighborhood, Juliette’s world is destroyed along with it.

More than a year later, with the war finally ending, Elise returns to reunite with her daughter, only to find her friend’s bookstore reduced to rubble—and Juliette nowhere to be found. What happened to her daughter in those last, terrible moments? Juliette has seemingly vanished without a trace, taking all the answers with her. Elise’s desperate search leads her to New York—and to Juliette—one final, fateful time.



**Gallery/Simon & Schuster, June 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

GADS, Denmark  
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Swiat Ksiazki, Poland  
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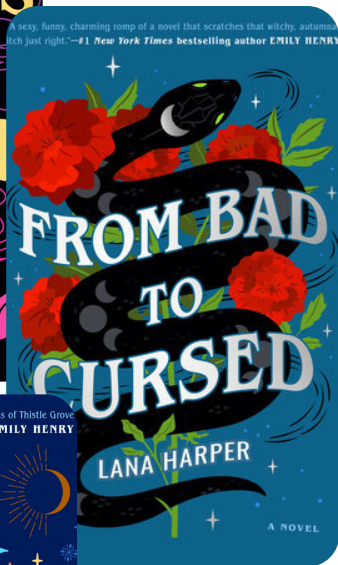
“A gorgeous, gut-wrenching read!”

**-New York Times bestselling author Kate Quinn**

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“The sexy Sapphic modern Gothic I didn’t know I needed...fresh, sharp, and often frankly hilarious...a perfect winter read, highly recommended for one of the longest nights of the year.”

—The New York Times Book Review  
(on *Payback’s a Witch*)



**Berkley, August 2023**

**Series Rights Sold:**

Eksmo, Russia

Piper Verlag, Germany

Czarna Owca, Poland

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***A witch struggling to regain what she has lost casts a forbidden spell—only to discover much more than she expected, in this enchanting new rom-com by New York Times bestselling author Lana Harper.***

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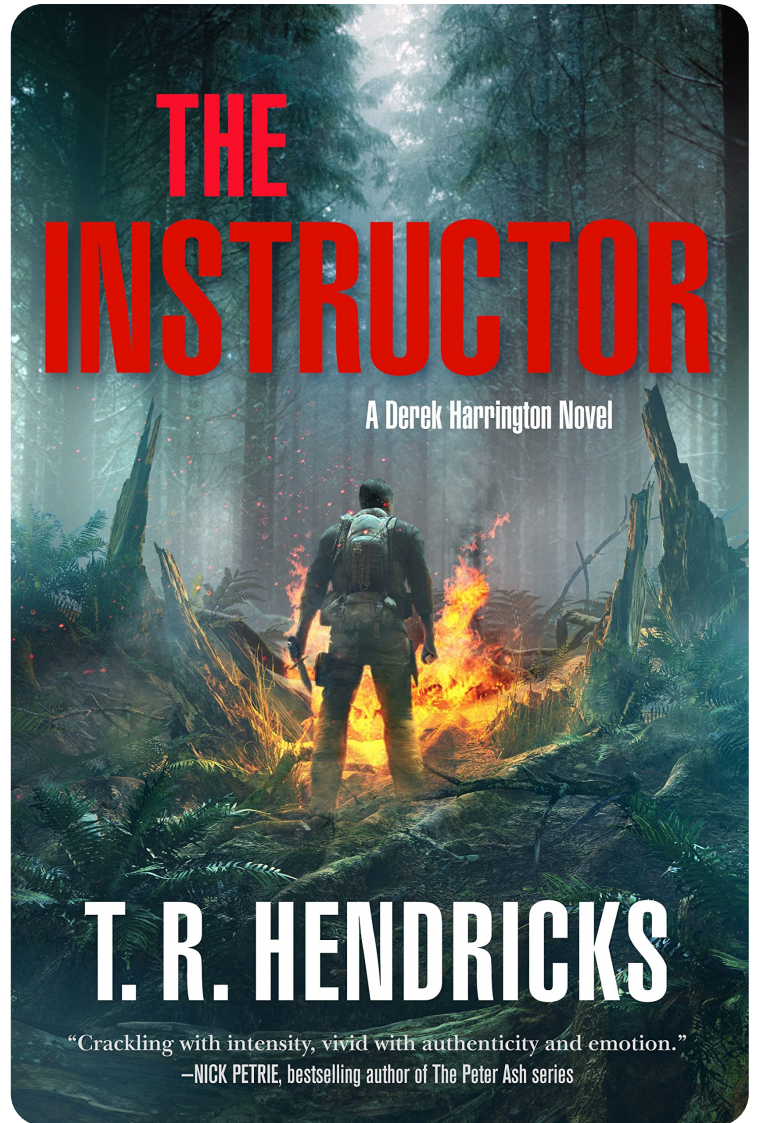
“A pulse-pounding thriller...  
Hendricks delivers on all  
cylinders!”

—**Simon Gervais,**  
**former RCMP**  
**counterterrorism**  
**officer and bestselling**  
**author of *The Last***  
**Protector**

Derek Harrington, retired Marine Force Recon and SERE instructor, is barely scraping by teaching the basics of wilderness survival. His fledgling bushcraft school is on the cusp of going out of business and expenses are piling up fast. His only true mission these days? To get his ailing father into a full care facility and to support his ex-wife and their son.

When one of his students presents him with an opportunity too good to be true—\$20,000 to instruct a private group for 30 days in upstate New York—Derek reluctantly takes the job, despite his reservations about the group’s insistence on anonymity. But it isn’t long before the training takes an unexpected turn—and a new offer is made.

Reaching out to an FBI contact to sound his concerns, Derek soon finds himself in deep cover, deep in the woods, embroiled with a fringe group led by a charismatic leader who will stop at nothing to get what he wants. When what he wants becomes Derek’s head, the teacher is pitted against his students as Derek races against time to stop what could very well be the first attack of a domestic terrorist cell.



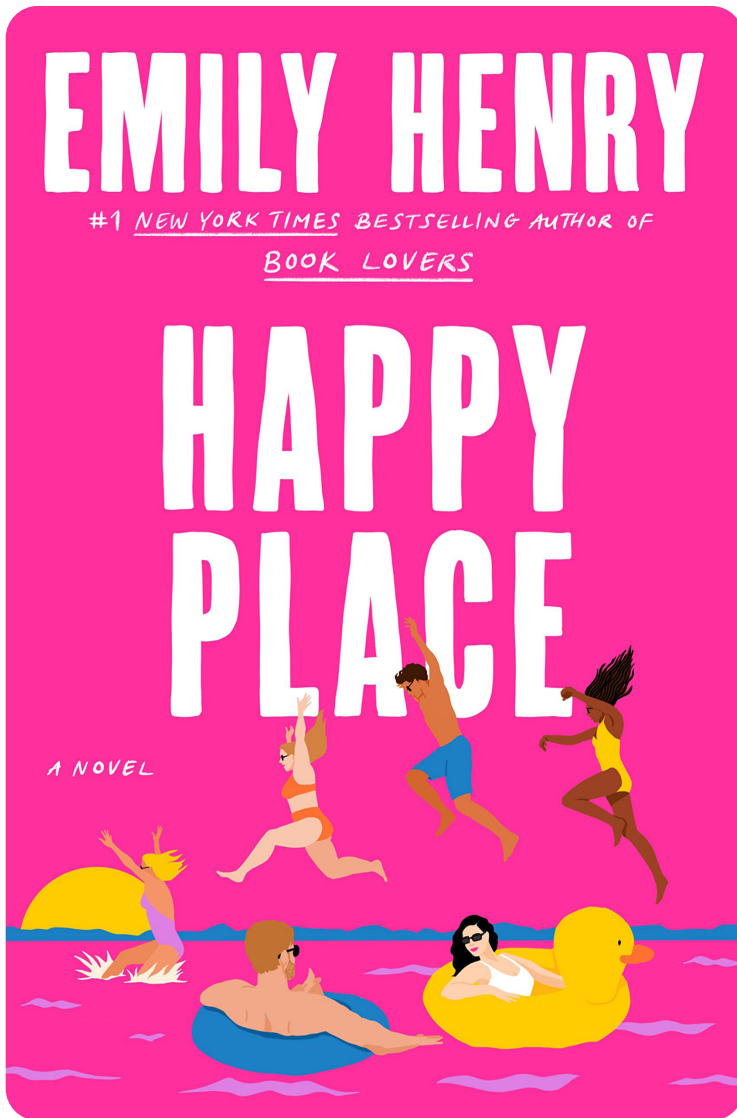
Forge/Macmillan, April 2023

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***Jack Reacher* meets**  
***Survivorman*, the**  
**first novel in the**  
**Derek Harrington**  
**series!**

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**Berkley, April 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Verus, Brazil

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Dioptra, Greece

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ArtBooks, Ukraine

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Lavender Lit, Sweden

Droemer Knaur, Germany

Nha Nam Publishing, Vietnam

**THE #1  
BESTSELLING  
AUTHOR:**

- Published in 40 Languages
- Named to More Than 40 Best-Of Lists
- Combined Works with More than 100 Weeks on The New York Times Bestseller List
- 3.5+ Millions Copies Sold

“This has the makings of a rom-com classic.”

—**Publisher’s Weekly,  
Starred Review**

A couple who broke up months ago pretend to still be together for their annual weeklong vacation with their best friends in this glittering and wise new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Emily Henry.

“Adriana Herrera is once again here to upend any outdated notions of historical romance.”

—**Entertainment Weekly**

**One last summer.**

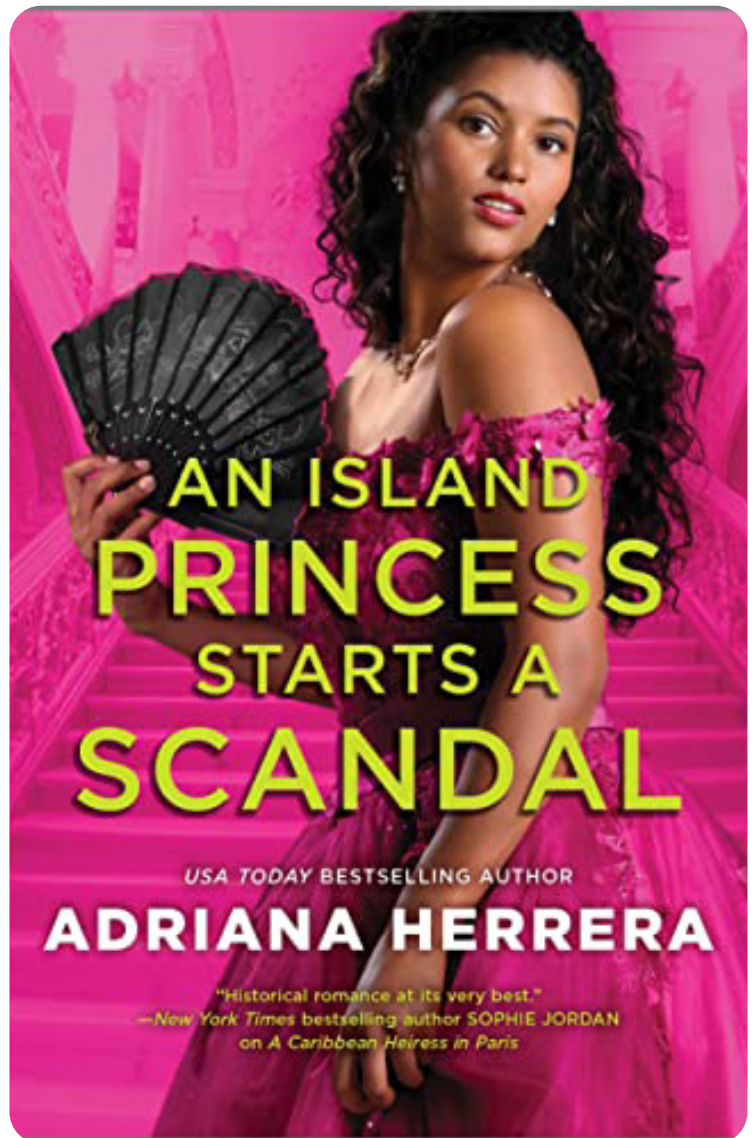
For Manuela del Carmen Caceres Galvan, the invitation to show her paintings at the 1889 Exposition Universelle came at the perfect time. Soon to be trapped in a loveless marriage, Manuela has given herself one last summer of freedom—in Paris, with her two best friends.

**One scandalous encounter.**

Cora Kempf Bristol, Duchess of Sundridge, is known for her ruthlessness in business. It’s not money she chases, but power. When she sees the opportunity to secure her position among her rivals, she does not hesitate. How difficult could it be to convince the mercurial Miss Caceres Galvan to part with a parcel of land she’s sworn never to sell?

**One life-changing bargain.**

Tempted by Cora’s offer, Manuela proposes a trade: her beloved land for a summer with the duchess in her corner of Paris. A taste of the wild, carefree world that will soon be out of her reach. What follows thrills and terrifies Cora, igniting desires the duchess long thought dead. As they fill their days indulging in a shared passion for the arts and their nights with dark and delicious deeds, the happiness that seemed impossible moves within reach...though claiming it would cause the greatest scandal Paris has seen in decades.



**Canary Street/HarperCollins May 2023**

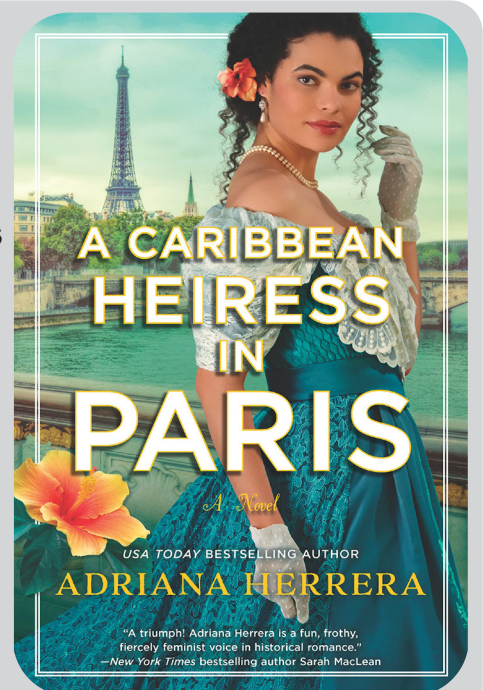
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**The New York Times - Editor's Choice**

**Audible - Top Romance Title of 2022**

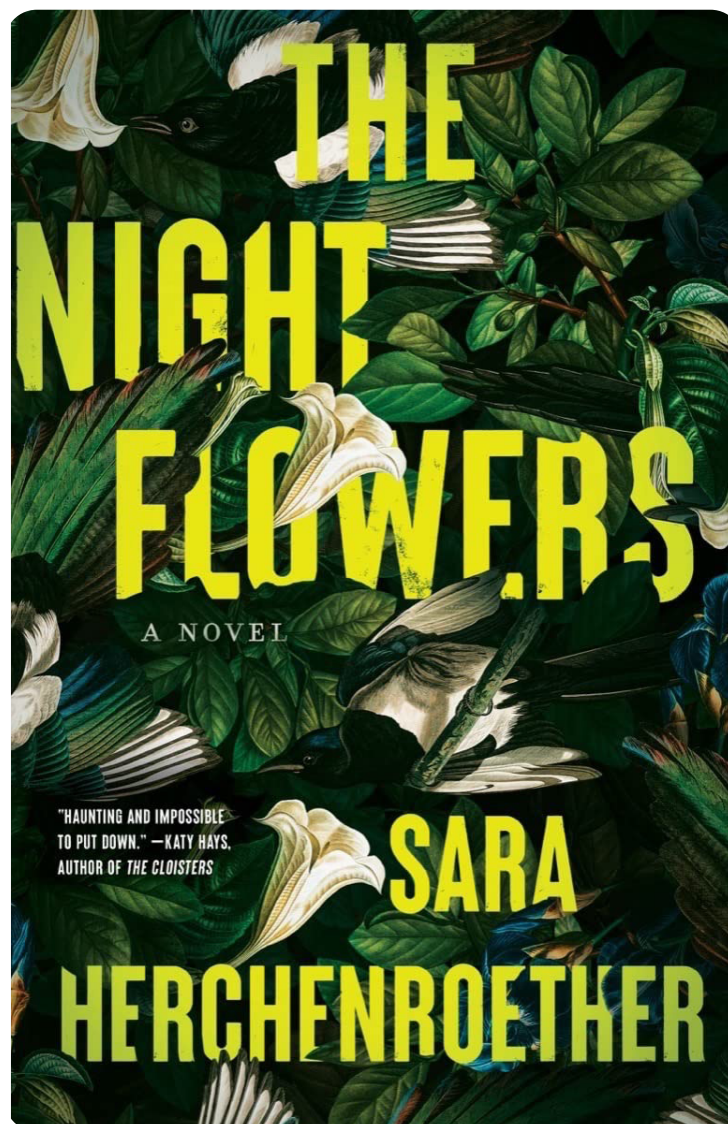
**Kirkus - Best Fiction of 2022**



**A haunting debut thriller  
written with pulse-  
pounding precision and  
a deep understanding  
of the psychology of  
violence and the tenacity  
of those who combat it.**

In 1983, deep in New Mexico's Gila National Forest, the bodies of a young woman and two children were found. Who were they? How did they get there?

Thirty years later, two women find themselves drawn to the cold case. Librarian Laura MacDonald begins her own investigation as a way to distract herself from breast cancer treatments and becomes consumed by her search for answers. Jean Martinez is a veteran detective determined to keep working cold cases for the Sierra County police force even as her family begs her to retire. With only fragments from dusty case files and a witness who doesn't want to remember, this unlikely duo is determined—no matter the cost—to uncover the truth behind the murders. And with their help, the woman in the woods is finally able to tell her story on her own terms and summon the power to be found.



**Tin House Books, May 2023  
LEAD TITLE**

**Rights Sold:**  
Dioptra, Greece

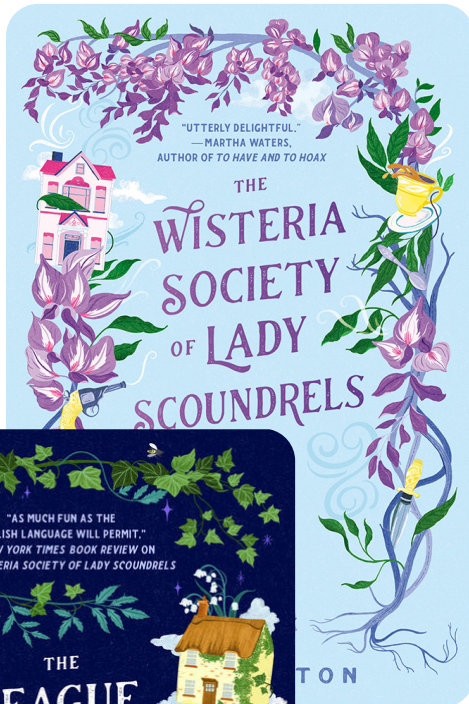
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***“The Night Flowers is so many things: a murder mystery, a ghost story, a meditation on violence and the fragility of the body. Compelling, insightful, and evocative.”***

***— Jane Pek, author of The Verifiers***

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**One of BuzzFeed's  
Romance Books To  
Look Out For In 2023!**



**Berkley, April 2023**

**Rights Sold:**  
J'ai Lu, France

**THE SERIES:**

- **One of the New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2021**
- **An Indie Bestseller**
- **One of Bustle's Best New Books Out June 2021**
- **A Popsugar Best Summer Read of 2021**

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“Holton is having as much fun as the English language will permit — the prose shifts constantly from silly to sublime and back, sometimes in the course of a single sentence. And somehow in all the melodrama and jokes and hilariously mangled literary references, there are moments of emotion that cut to the quick — the way a profound traumatic experience can overcome you years later.”

**—New York Times Book Review**

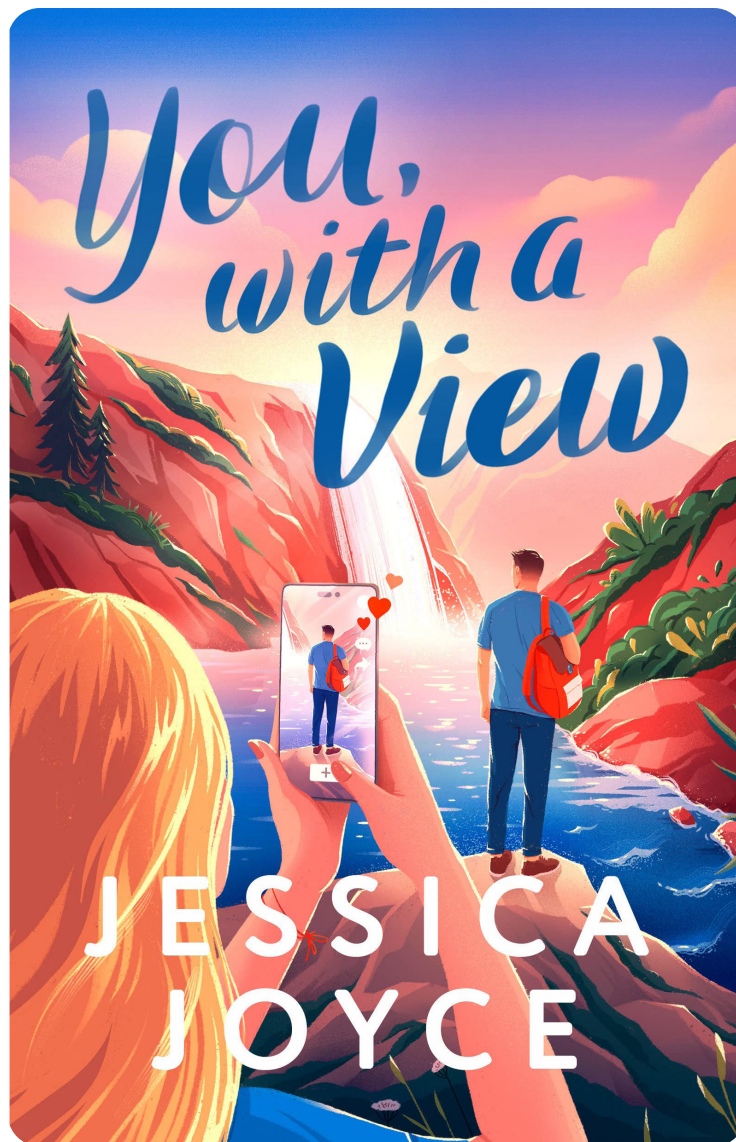
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**Two high school enemies must reunite for a road trip inspired by their grandparents' broken engagement in this electric debut romance.**

Noelle Shepherd is unemployed, living with her parents, and grieving the loss of her beloved grandmother when she discovers decades-old photos of Gram and a smitten man, tucked alongside a love letter. She creates a TikTok to search for the mystery man, which goes viral, and she's shocked when his grandson responds—a man who happens to be her high school nemesis, Theo Spencer.

Noelle refuses to let Theo's annoying accomplishments in adulthood—or his sexy smirk—stand in the way of meeting his grandfather and unlocking the secrets he knew about her gram as a young woman. When she learns that their plans to elope were thwarted, Noelle decides to take the honeymoon road trip they planned but never got to carry out. There's a catch, though: Paul, Theo's grandfather, asks to come with her, and he insists that Theo join them.

It'll be a miracle if they make it through the trip without Noelle throwing Theo out of the moving car—or the bed they end up sharing. As the miles tick by, the tension simmers hotter between them...until she discovers that Theo's hiding a secret that could cause their tenuous relationship to end before it can restart.



**Berkley, July 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Rocco, Brazil

HarperCollins, Germany

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“Sometimes all it takes to get back on track is a road trip with your oldest rival . . . Jessica Joyce’s debut, *You, with a View*, stole my heart and had me absolutely sweating at the chemistry between Theo and Noelle. I will never see a vintage red Bronco, a TikTok travel video, or a man’s thighs the same way again.” --**Alicia Thompson, national bestselling author of *Love in the Time of Serial Killers***

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**The #1  
internationally  
bestselling author  
duo**

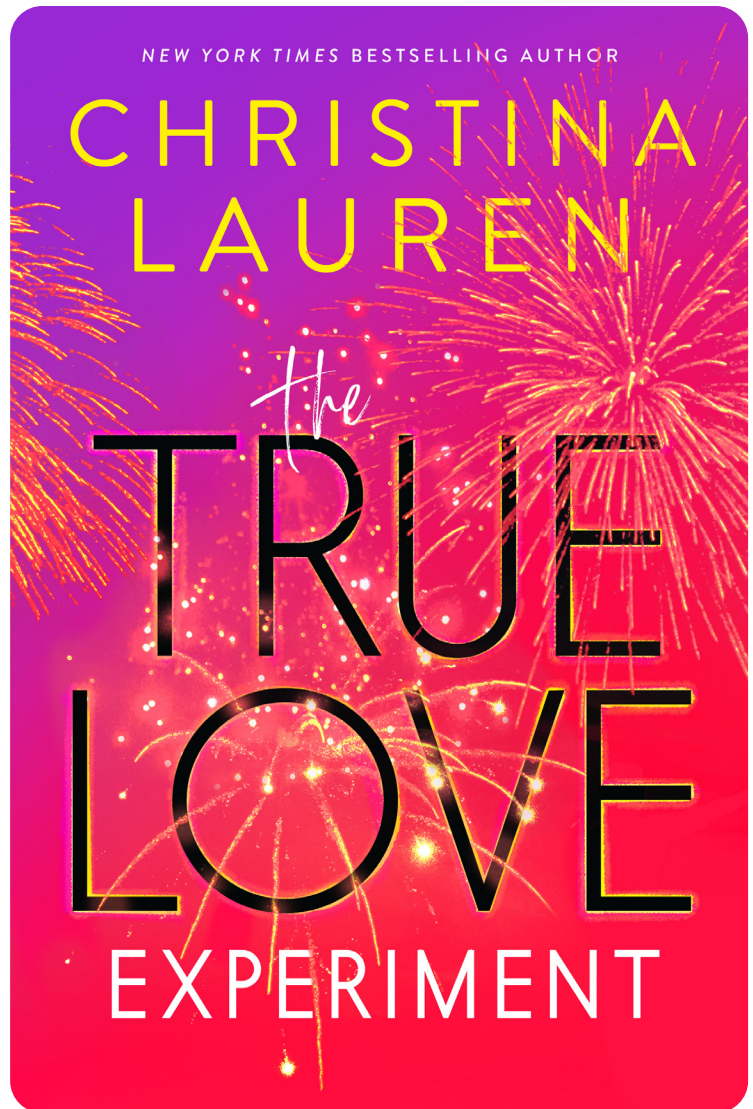
**“reigning romance  
queens” -PopSugar**

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*“The True Love Experiment is my favorite kind of book to devour: something that manages to be hot and intense, yet still the very best comfort food. The divine Christina Lauren has created the ultimate reality dating show, and like all its fictional viewers, you’ll fall for Fizzy.”*

**-Jodi Picoult, NYT bestselling  
author of MAD HONEY**

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**Gallery/Simon & Schuster, May 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

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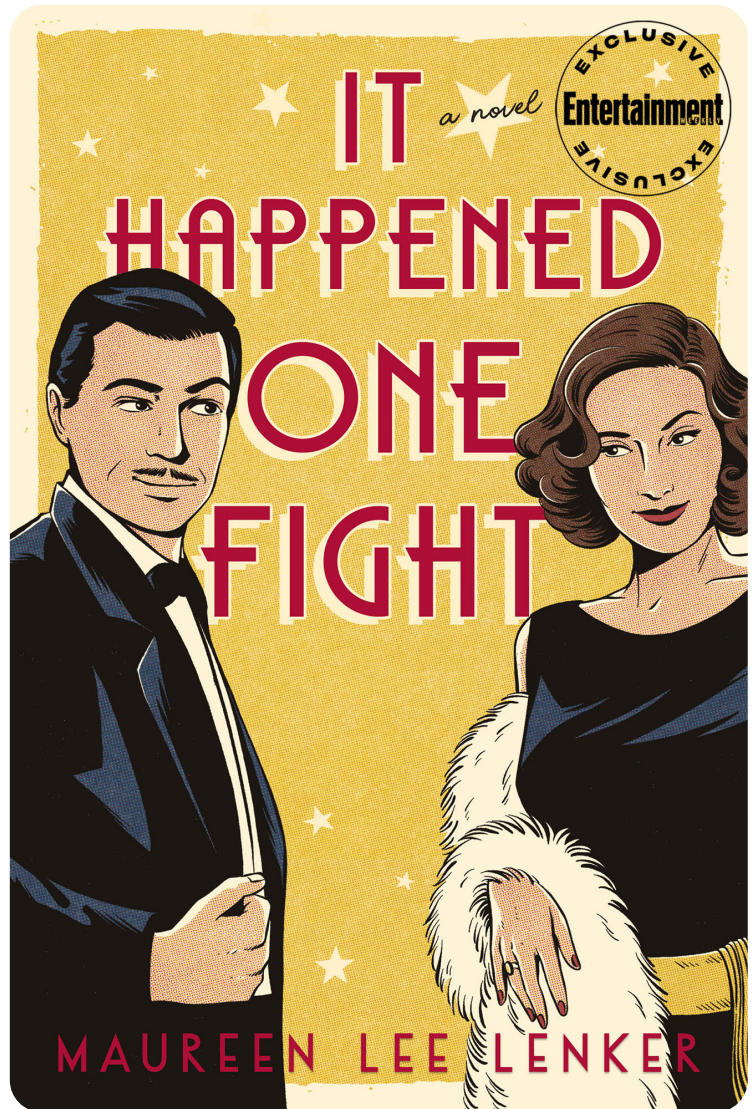
XXI Szazad/21st Century. Hungary

*The True Love Experiment* is the book fans have been waiting for ever since Fizzy’s debut in the New York Times bestselling *The Soulmate Equation*. But when the lights come on and all eyes are on her, it turns out the happily ever after Fizzy had all but given up on might lie just behind the camera.

**From Entertainment Weekly writer Maureen Lee Lenker comes a swoony romantic comedy set in the world of 1930s film.**

Joan Davis is a movie star, and a damned good actor, too. Unfortunately, Hollywood only seems to care when she stars alongside Dash Howard, Tinseltown's favorite leading man and a perpetual thorn in Joan's side. She's sick of his hotshot attitude, his never-ending attempts to get a rise out of her—especially after the night he sold her out to the press on a studio-arranged date. She'll turn her career around without him. She's engaged to Hollywood's next rising star, after all, and preparing to make the film that could finally get her taken seriously. Then, a bombshell drops: thanks to one of his on-set pranks gone wrong, Dash and Joan are legally married.

Reputation on the line, Joan agrees to star alongside Dash one last time and move production to Reno, where divorce is legal after a six-week residency. But between on-set shenanigans, fishing competitions at Lake Tahoe, and intimate moments leaked to the press, Joan begins to see another side to the man she thought she had all figured out, and it becomes harder and harder to convince the public—and herself—that her marriage to Dash is the joke it started out as.



**Sourcebooks Casablanca, July 2023  
Three-Book Deal**

## **FUN FACT:**

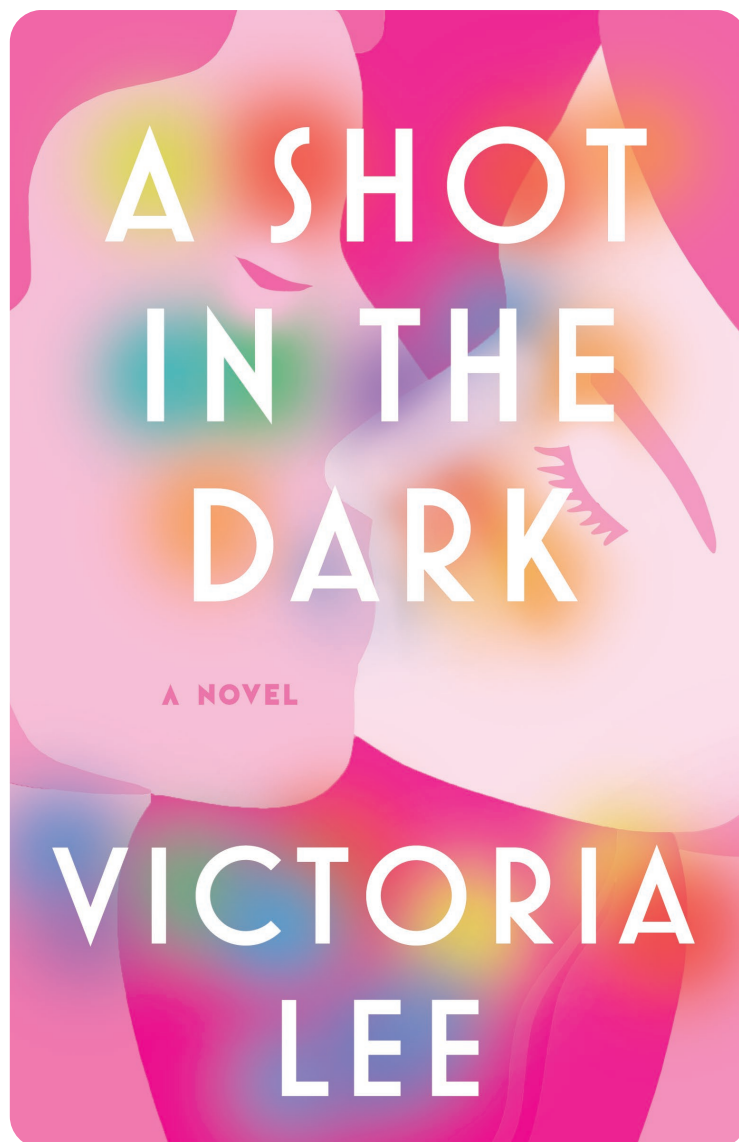
The initial idea for this book came from an interview Maureen did with Winona Ryder and Keanu Reeves, in which Winona infamously blurted out that she thought she and Keanu really got married on the set of *Dracula*.

**An emotionally powerful romance novel about two people finding love after struggling with addiction—ultimately discovering what it means to be completely and unapologetically themselves.**

Elisheva Cohen has just returned to Brooklyn after almost a decade. The wounds of abandoning the Orthodox community that raised her, then shunned her because of her substance abuse, are still painful. But when she gets an amazing opportunity to study photography with art legend Wyatt Cole, Ely is willing to take the leap.

On her first night back in town, Ely goes out to the infamous queer club Revel for a celebratory night of dancing. Ely is swept off her feet and into bed by a gorgeous man who looks like James Dean, but with a thick Carolina accent. The next morning, Ely wakes up alone and rushes off to attend her first photography class, reminiscing on the best one-night stand of her life. She doesn't even know his name. That is, until Wyatt Cole shows up for class—and Ely realizes that the man she just spent an intimate and steamy night with is her teacher.

Everyone in the art world is obsessed with Wyatt Cole. He's immensely talented and his notoriously reclusive personal life makes him all the more compelling. But there's a reason why his past is hard for him to publicize. After coming out as transgender, Wyatt was dishonorably discharged from the military and disowned by his family. From then on he committed to sobriety and channeled his pain into his flourishing art career. While Ely and Wyatt's relationship started out on a physical level, their similar struggles spark a much deeper connection. The chemistry is undeniable, but their new relationship as teacher and student means desperately wanting what they can't have.



**Dell, September 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Urano, Spain

Piatkus/Little Brown, UK & Commonwealth

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**A deeply romantic adult debut.**

**Stunningly genuine characters**

**A love story that you won't ever forget.**

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**Childhood enemies discover the fine line between love and loathing in this heartfelt reimagining of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.**

Katerina Wilmot and Christopher Petruchio shared backyards as kids, but as adults they won't even share the same hemisphere. That is, until Kate makes a rare visit home, and their fiery animosity rekindles into a raging inferno.

Despite their friends' and families' pleas for peace, Christopher is unconvinced Kate would willingly douse the flames of their enmity. But when a drunken Kate confesses she's only been hostile because she thought he hated her, Christopher vows to make peace with Kate once and for all. Tempting as it is to be swept away by her nemesis-turned-gentleman, Kate isn't sure she can trust his charming good-guy act.

When Christopher's persistence and Kate's curiosity lead to an impassioned kiss, they realize "peace" is the last thing that will ever be possible between them. As desire gives way to deeper feelings, Kate and Christopher must decide if it's truly better to hate than to never risk their hearts—or if they already gave them away long ago.

# BETTER HATE THAN NEVER

CHLOE



**Berkley, Sept. 2023**

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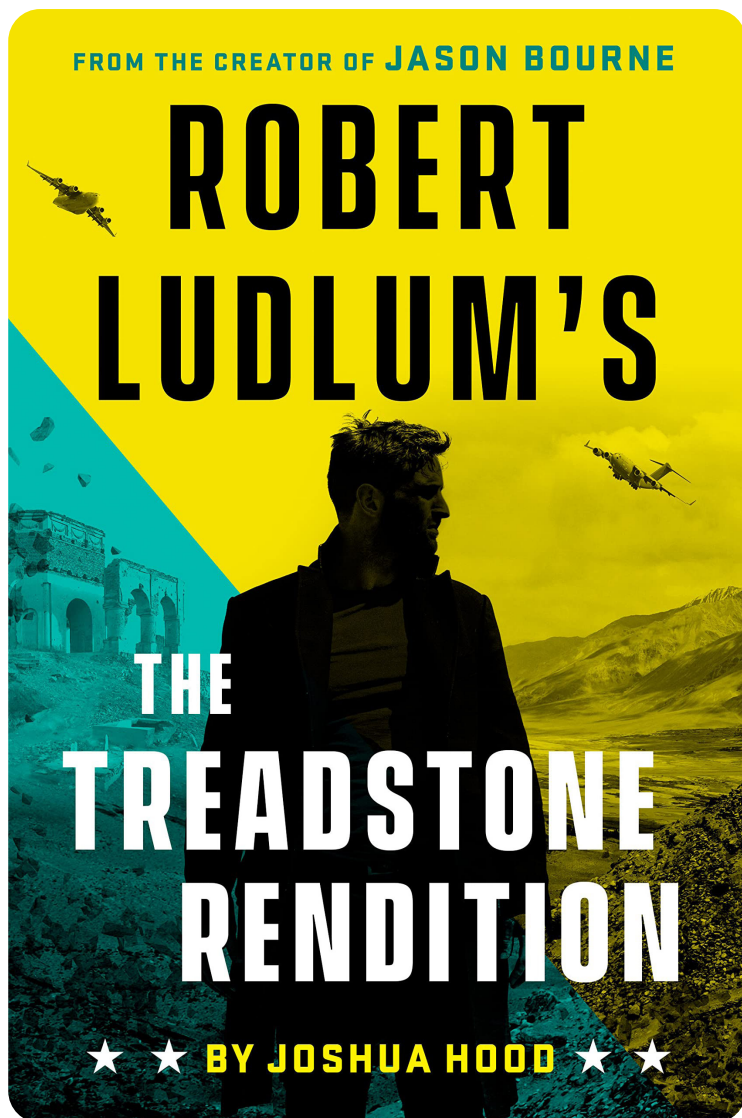
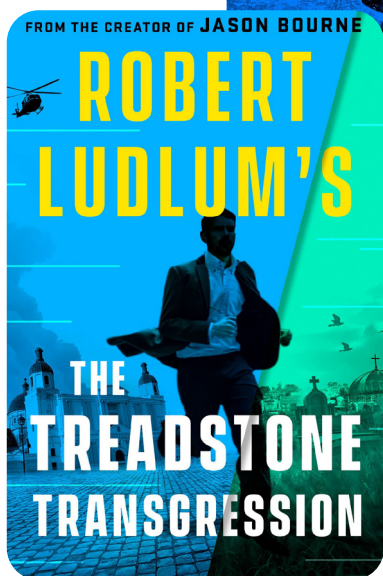
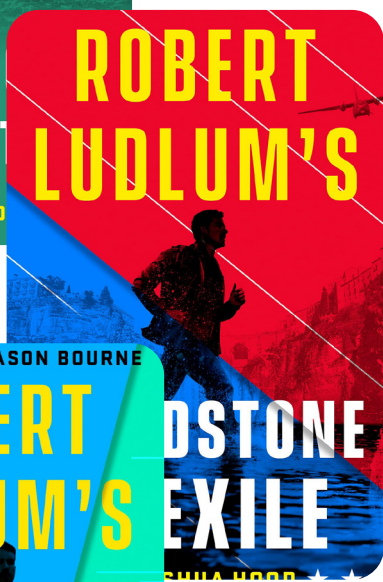
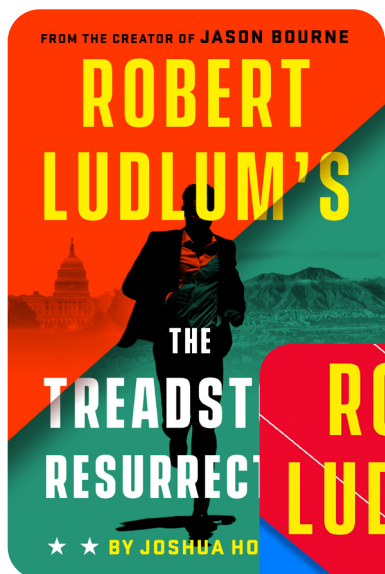
Newton Compton, Spanish

**On *Two Wrongs Make a Right*:**

One of Amazon's Best Romances of 2022!

"Champagne and chocolate in book form. Prepare to be completely swept away."—  
Helen Hoang, New York Times bestselling author of *The Heart Principle*

An unforgettable hero and the shadowy world that forged him... Treadstone made Jason Bourne an unstoppable force, but he's not the only one.



Putnam, April 2023

“This one would be prime thriller fare on its own, even without the Ludlum connection, and action fans will definitely want to stick around to see what Hayes gets up to next.”

—Booklist

“Fast-paced, with death and destruction by a plethora of modern weaponry on nearly every page.”

—Florida Times-Union

**The adult debut of  
#1 New York Times  
bestselling author  
Kerri Maniscalco!!**

**A seductive new  
novel set within  
Kerri Maniscalco's  
fan-favorite *Kingdom  
of the Wicked* world,  
perfect for readers of  
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mystery alike.**

**Kingdom of the Wicked Series:**

- **Published in 20+ Languages**
- **#1 on The New York Times children's series**
- **#1 on The Globe and Mail juvenile list**
- **#1 on the Publisher's Weekly top children's frontlist fiction**
- **#3 on The Wall Street Journal hardcover fiction**
- **#3 on The Wall Street Journal fiction combined**
- **#4 on The Wall Street Journal fiction ebooks**
- **#4 on the USA TODAY overall**
  - **#5 on the Sunday Times**
  - **#5 on the Apple Books Top 10 overall published by the Associated Press**
- **#6 on the Publishers Weekly Top 10 Overall**



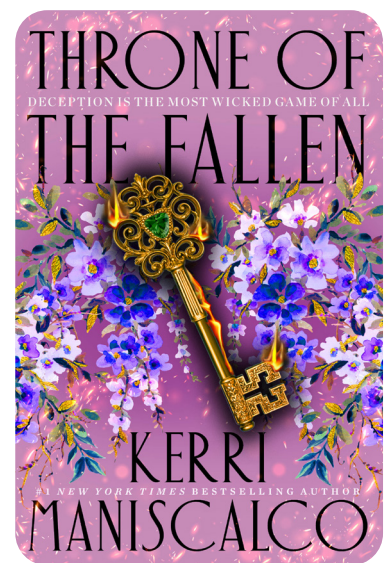
**Little Brown & Company, October 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Umbriel/Urano, Spain

Hodder, UK & Comm.

Piper Verlag, Germany



**Exclusive  
Barnes & Noble  
Cover**

“Bridget Morrissey’s latest leans completely into the sleepaway camp angle, answering a question I bet a number of us have wondered: If I returned to this adolescent time of possibility as an adult, could it show me a new path in life?”—**Paste Magazine**

Garland Moore used to believe in magic, the power of optimism, and signs from the universe. Then her husband surprised her with divorce papers over Valentine’s Day dinner. Now Garland isn’t sure what to believe anymore, except that she’s clearly never meant to love again. When new friends invite her to spend a week at their reopened sleepaway camp, she and her sister decide it’s an opportunity to enjoy the kind of summer getaway they never had as kids. If Garland still believed in signs, this would sure seem like one. Summer camp is a chance to let go of her past and start fresh.

Nestled into the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains, Camp Carl Cove provides the exact escape Garland always dreamed of, until she runs into Mason—the man she had a premonition about after one brief meeting years ago. No matter how she tries to run, the universe appears determined to bring love back into Garland’s life. She even ends up rooming with Mason’s sister Stevie, a vibrant former park ranger who is as charming as she is competitive. The more time Garland spends with Stevie, the more the signs confuse her. The stars are aligning in a way Garland never could have predicted.

Amid camp tournaments and moonlit dances, Garland continues to be pulled toward the beautiful blonde outdoorswoman who makes her laugh and swoon. Summer camp doesn’t last forever, but if Garland can learn to trust her heart, the love she finds there just might.



**Berkley, May 2023**

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## **Buzzfeed’s Romance Books To Look Out For In 2023**

### **Paste Magazine’s Most Anticipated Contemporary Romance Books of 2023**

**Special Promotion:  
A Week at Camp with Bridget!**

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**A witty and wise  
new novel from  
the New York  
Times bestselling  
author of *The Dead  
Romantics*.**

Sometimes, the worst day of your life happens, and you have to figure out how to live after it.

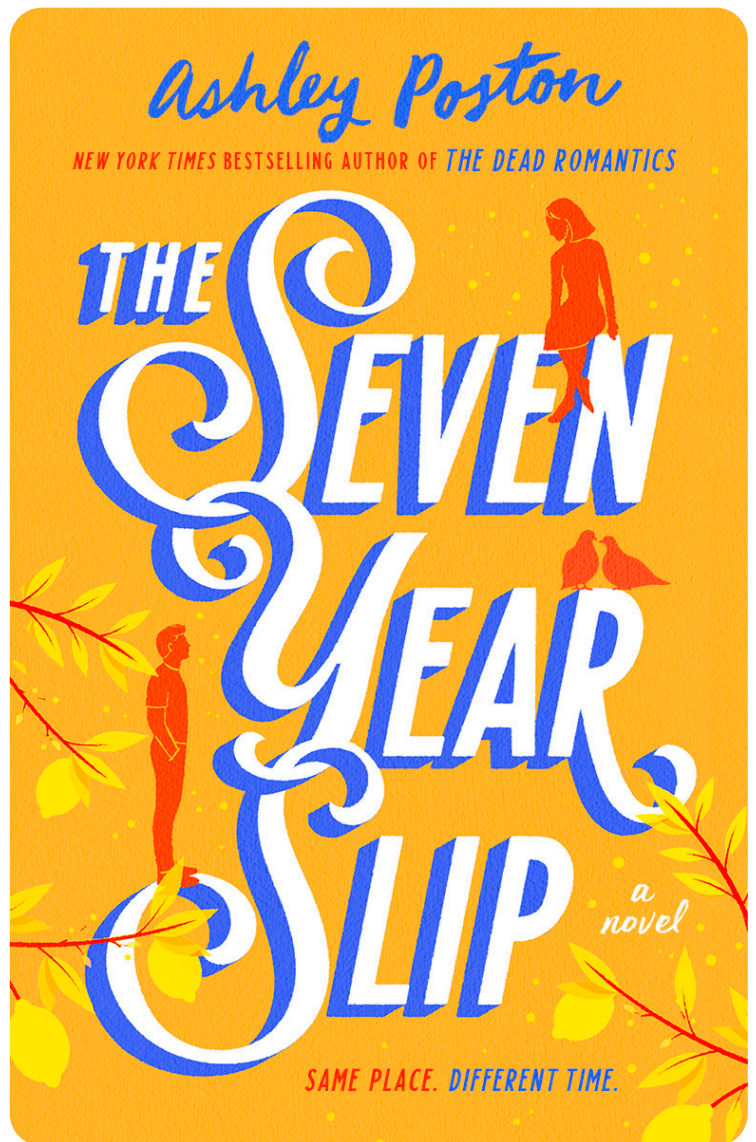
So Clementine forms a plan to keep her heart safe: work hard, find someone decent to love, and try to remember to chase the moon. The last one is silly and obviously metaphorical, but her aunt always told her that you needed at least one big dream to keep going. And for the last year, that plan has gone off without a hitch. Mostly. The love part is hard because she doesn't want to get too close to anyone—she isn't sure her heart can take it.

And then she finds a strange man standing in the kitchen of her late aunt's apartment. A man with kind eyes and a Southern drawl and a taste for lemon pies. The kind of man that, before it all, she would've fallen head-over-heels for. And she might again.

Except, he exists in the past. Seven years ago, to be exact. And she, quite literally, lives seven years in his future.

Her aunt always said the apartment was a pinch in time, a place where moments blended together like watercolors. And Clementine knows that if she lets her heart fall, she'll be doomed.

After all, love is never a matter of time—but a matter of timing.



**Berkley, June 2023**

**Previous Title Sold in 12 Languages**

“I ADORED this book. Ashley is such a talent. The worlds she creates are so warm and specific and beautifully rendered. The Seven Year Slip is a gorgeous love story from one of the finest romance writers out there. I laughed, I cried, I didn't want it to end. Consider me Ashley Poston's greatest admirer!”

—Carley Fortune, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Every Summer After*

**For fans of  
*Practical Magic*  
and *Gilmore Girls***

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**Sadie's fight to retain her power is a powerful metaphor for women in careers, and about the shields we put up around our hearts to retain our magic.**

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**THE  
UNFORTUNATE  
SIDE EFFECTS  
OF HEARTBREAK  
AND MAGIC**

**Breanne Randall**

**Alcove Press, September 2023**

Sadie Revelare has always believed that the curse of four heartbreaks that accompanies her magic would be worth the price. But when her grandmother is diagnosed with cancer with only weeks to live, and her first heartbreak, Jake McNealy, returns to town after a decade, her carefully structured life begins to unravel.

With the news of their grandmother's impending death, Sadie's estranged twin brother Seth returns to town, bringing with him deeply buried family secrets that threaten to tear Sadie's world apart. Their grandmother has been the backbone of the family for generations, and with her death, Sadie isn't sure she'll have the strength to keep the family, and her magic, together.

As feelings for Jake begin to rekindle, and her grandmother growing sicker by the day, Sadie faces the last of her heartbreaks, and she has to decide: is love more important than magic?

**ACQUIRED IN A  
15 MILLION DOLLAR  
DEAL**

**#1 New York Times  
Bestselling Author**

**20 MILLION COPIES  
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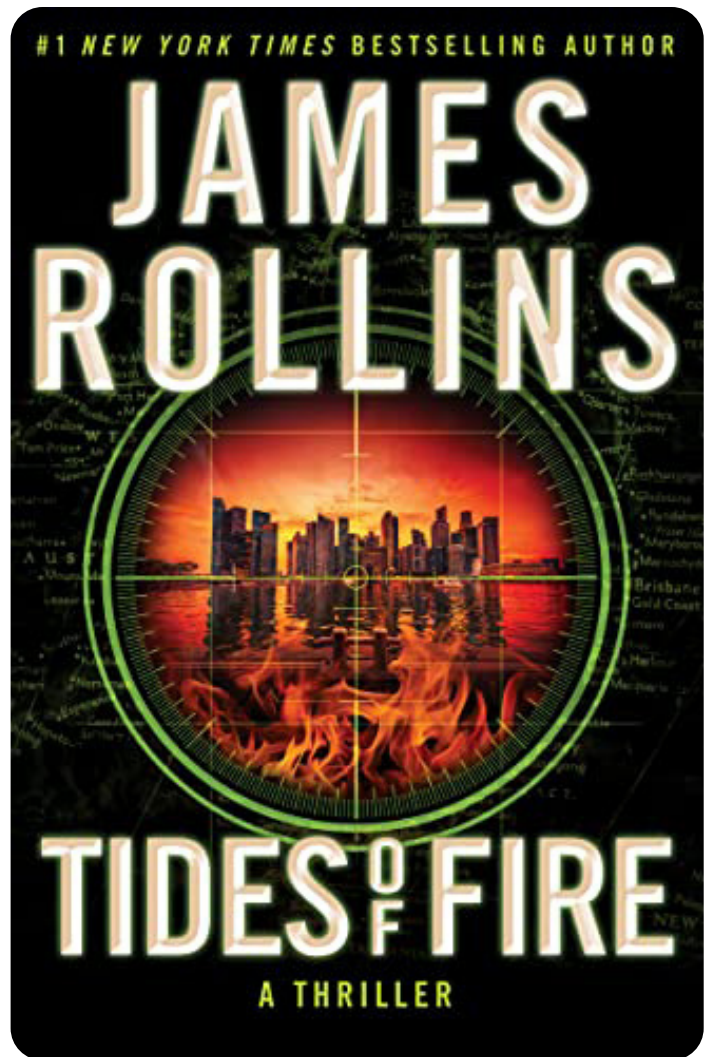
“Rollins is what you might wind up with if you tossed Michael Crichton and Dan Brown into a particle accelerator together.”

**-The New York Times**

“Adventurous and enormously engrossing.”

**-NPR**

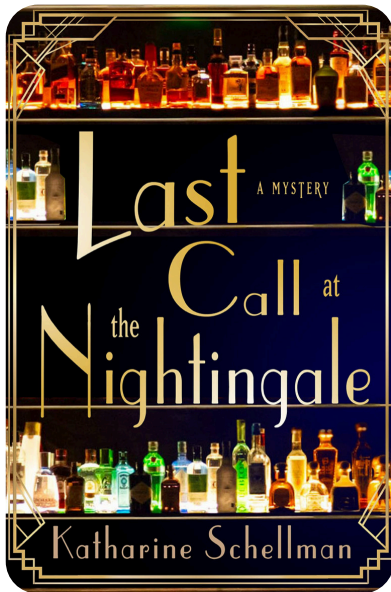
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**William Morrow, August 2023**

**Previous Titles in the Series Sold in  
35 Languages**

In the latest riveting thriller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author, an international research station in the Coral Sea comes under siege during a geological disaster that triggers massive quakes, deadly tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions. To stop the world from burning, it's up to Sigma Force to uncover a secret buried at the heart of our planet.



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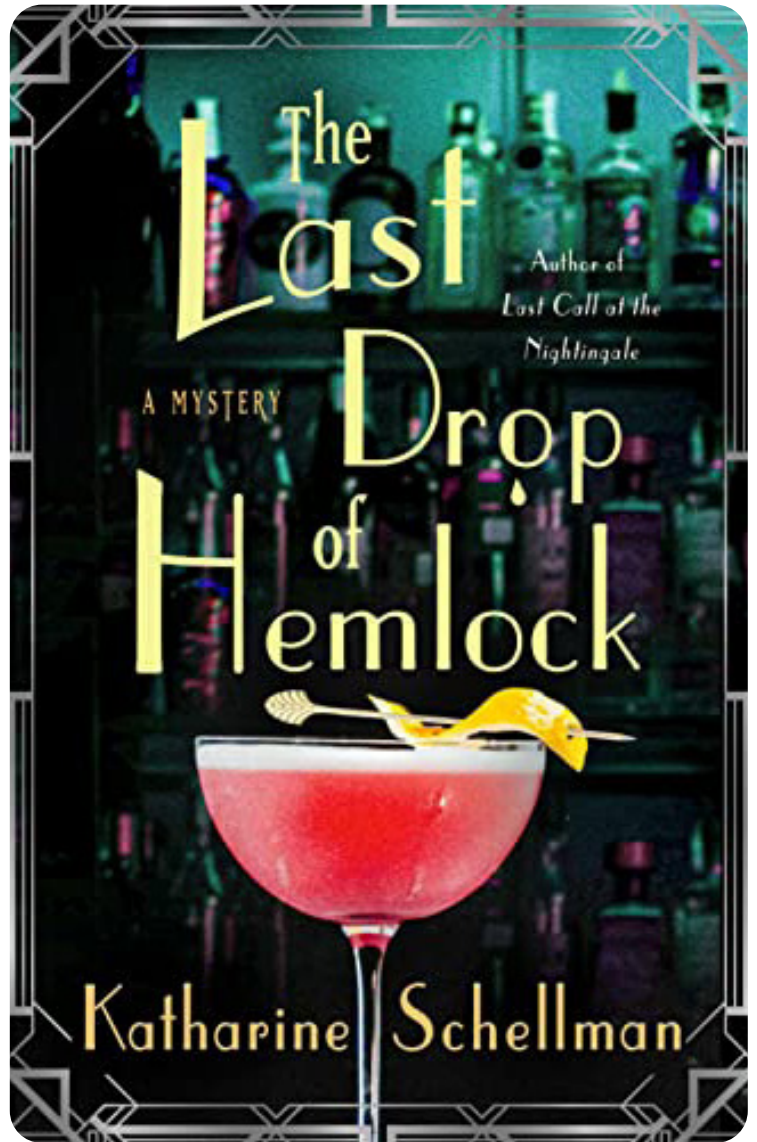
“Excellent . . . Vivian proves to be a most imaginative sleuth. Readers will eagerly await her return.”  
—Publishers Weekly (Starred)

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**A Goodreads’ “Spring Most Anticipated New Mystery”**

**A BookPage “Most Anticipated Mystery & Suspense”**

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**Minotaur/Macmillan, June 2023**

Life as a working-class girl in Prohibition-era New York isn't safe or easy. But Vivian Kelly has a new job at the Nightingale, an underground speakeasy where the jazz is hot and the employees look out for each other in a world that doesn't care about them. Things are finally looking up for her and her sister Florence... until the night Vivian learns that her friend Bea's uncle, a bouncer at the Nightingale, has died.

His death is ruled a suicide, but Bea isn't so convinced. She knew her uncle was keeping a secret: a payoff from a mob boss that was going to take him out of the tenements and into a better life. Now, the money is missing.

Though her better judgment tells her to stay out of it, Vivian agrees to help Bea find the truth about her uncle's death. But they uncover more than they expected when rumors surface of a mysterious letter writer, blackmailing Vivian's poorest neighbors for their most valuable possessions, threatening poison if they don't comply.

Death is always a heartbeat away in Jazz Age New York, where mob bosses rule the back alleys and cops take bootleggers' hush money. But whoever is targeting Vivian's poor and unprotected neighbors is playing a different game. With the Nightingale's dangerously lovely owner, Honor, worried for her employees' safety and Bea determined to discover who is responsible for her uncle's death, Vivian once again finds herself digging through a dead man's past in hopes of stopping a killer.



**THE #1  
BESTSELLING  
AUTHOR OF *THE  
INVISIBLE LIFE  
OF ADDIE LARUE*  
RETURNS WITH  
A BRAND NEW  
TRILOGY!**

It's been seven years since the events of *Conjuring of Light*. Seven years since Osaron unleashed his black magic on Red London. Seven years since Kell, Lila, and Holland combined their powers to defeat him in a battle that shattered Kell's magic and set Holland free. Seven years since Rhy Maresh's parents were both slaughtered, and he ascended to the throne, Alucard Emery at his side.

Seven years, and much has changed.

But one thing stays the same--where magic has a will, it also has a way.....

Meet new champions, fall in love again with familiar faces, and experience the uniquely fascinating charms of Schwab's fantasy world.

# THE FRAGILE THREADS OF POWER

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**Tor, October 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Urano, Spain

Record, Brazil

Mondadori, Italy

Almedina, Portugal

Tor-Fischer, Germany

Meulenhoff Boekerij, The Netherlands

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**Sold in a Multiple  
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**A spine-tingling romance  
full of wishes, witches, and  
hexes gone wrong.**

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**The Instant New York  
Times Bestselling  
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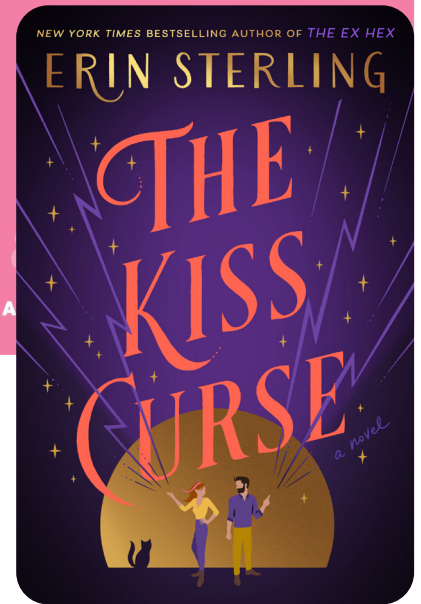
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**Avon/HarperCollins, Fall 2024**

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Kossuth, Hungary  
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Ciela Norma, Bulgaria  
Heyne Verlag, Germany  
Dobrovsky, Czech Republic



“A spooky romantic comedy treat that had me sighing at one page, laughing out loud at the next.  
The Ex Hex is the perfect book for fall.”

— **New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey on The Ex Hex**

“Sterling casts a spell on her readers with this romantic comedy. ... As humorous and fantasy filled as the novel is, it also encourages readers to ponder the idea that the world is a very small place. Sterling puts a wonderful spin on two people who once had each other’s backs to two people who need each other to save a city from destruction. A cute and laughable holiday read to get you through the harsh winter weather.”

— **USA Today on The Ex Hex**

“Filled with delightful witchiness and humor, this playful romantic comedy from Sterling explores second chances and self-discovery. ... Comedic chaos rules the day, with plenty of laughs overlaying just a touch of introspection as the exes realize how much they still mean to each other.

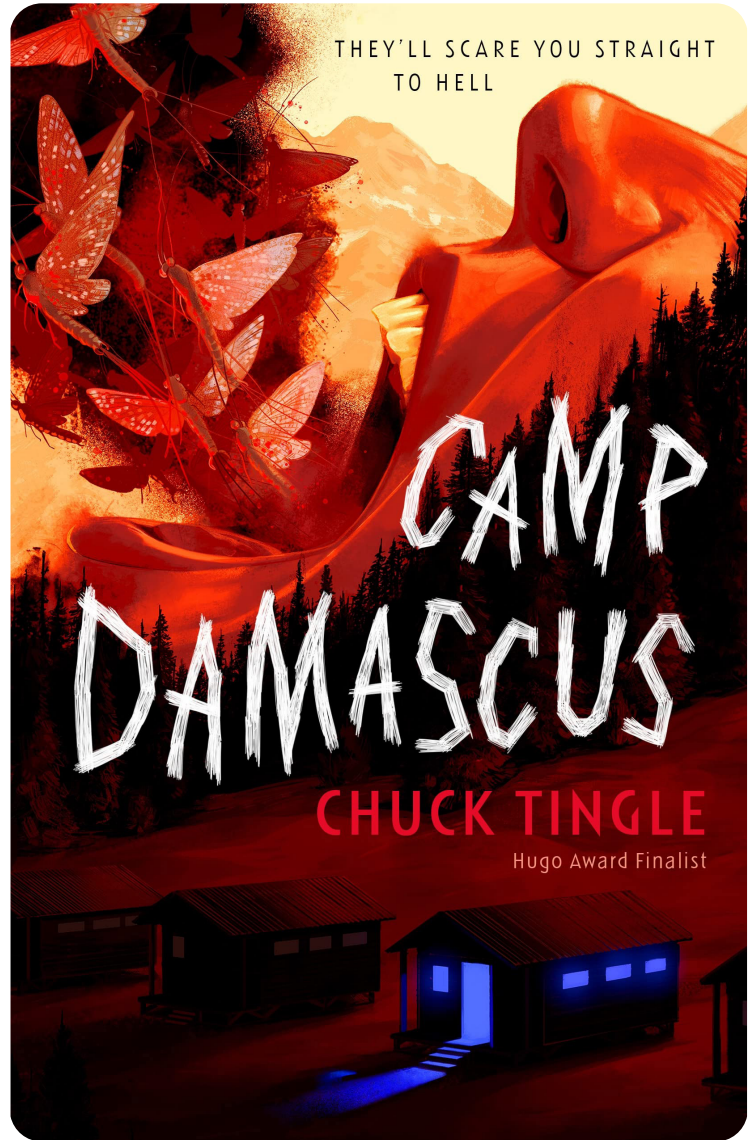
The result is a fluffy Halloween treat.”  
— **Publishers Weekly on The Ex Hex**

From beloved internet icon Chuck Tingle, *Camp Damascus* is a searing and earnest horror debut about the demons the queer community faces in America, the price of keeping secrets, and finding the courage to burn it all down.

“A joyful, furious romp through dark places, Tingle proves he’s as good at fear as he is at love.”

—T. Kingfisher, author of *What Moves the Dead*

“Camp Damascus is a hell of a ride. Tingle is right at home in the horror genre - he delivers all the thrills of a slasher while exploring the deep wounds that can be inflicted by broken systems. This book is worth your time.” —Sarah Gailey, author of *Just Like Home*



**Tor Nightfire, July 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

ConQueer Media, Czech Republic

**CHUCK TINGLE** is a mysterious force of energy behind sunglasses and a pink mask.



Welcome to Nevertown, Montana: home to a God-fearing community with a heart of gold.

Nestled high up in the mountains is Camp Damascus, the self-proclaimed “most effective” gay conversion camp in the country. Here, a life free from sin awaits. But the secret behind that success is anything but holy.

And they’ll scare you straight to hell.

**What would it  
look like if you  
became the main  
character of your  
own life?**

Poppy Banks would rather be writing mysteries than listicles for her dead-end job at Thought Buzz. But after a series of rejections, she's ready to give up all her big aspirations and settle like her mom encourages her to do. The only person not ready to give up on Poppy's dreams is her aunt Margot, whom she has secret lunches with each year.

But everything changes when her beloved aunt Margot dies and her last request is to have Poppy travel to her villa in the French Riviera. There, she'll discover her aunt has laid out an intricate plot—that Poppy can inherit her palatial estate and continue to host the prestigious writers' residency, The Colony, her aunt Margot founded if she finishes a draft of her novel within six months. Uncertain she can live up to her aunt Margot's expectations—and her own—she turns to her aunt's journals for solace.

The brooding Oliver, who thought he was being groomed to take over The Colony, is none too pleased that Margot left her legacy to Poppy. And two tech bros would love nothing more than to buy The Colony from Poppy and turn it into a literary spa. Poppy has six months to decide what to do about the villa and discover if she has the courage to be the main character in her own fantastic life.

# **MAIN CHARACTER ENERGY**

**by**

**Jamie Varon**

**Park Row, September 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Headline Eternal, UK & Commonwealth

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**Perfect for fans of Kate**

**Stayman-London's *One to***

***Watch* and Maddie Dawson's**

***Matchmaking for Beginners.***

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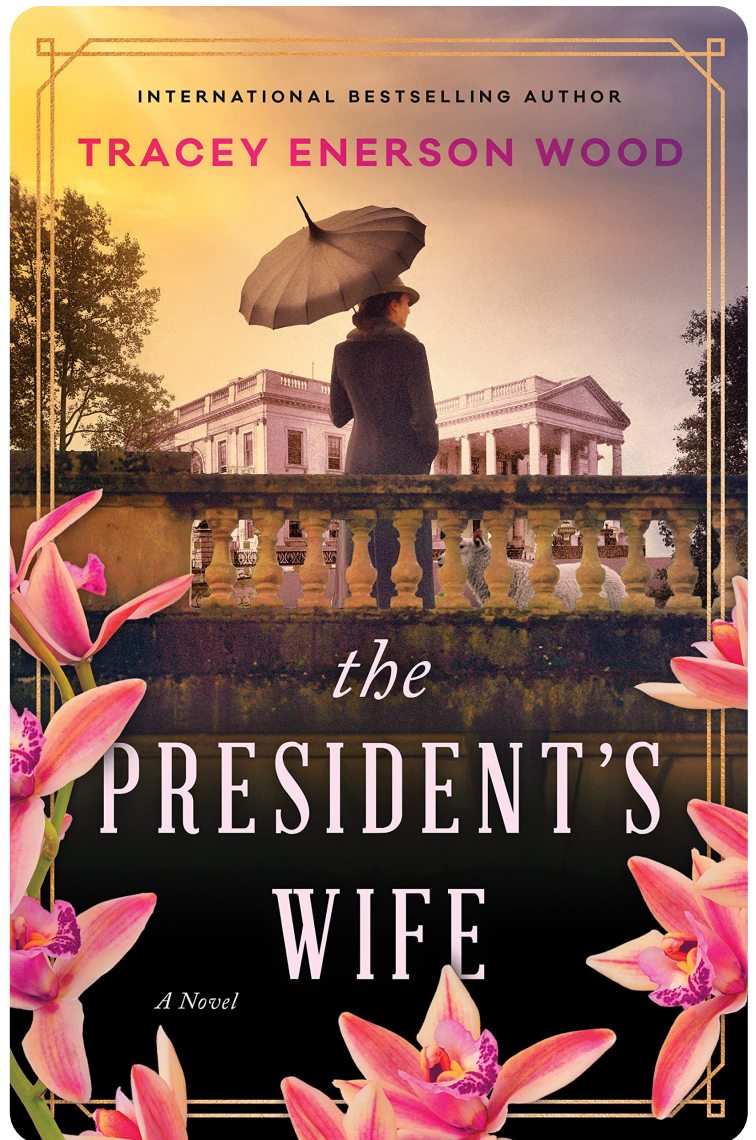
# The incredible story of the First Lady who clandestinely assumed the presidency.

Socialite Edith Bolling has been in no hurry to find a new husband since she was widowed, preferring to fill her days with good friends and travel. But the enchanting courting of President Woodrow Wilson wins Edith over and she becomes the First Lady of the United States. The position is uncomfortable for the fiercely independent Edith, but she's determined to rise to the challenges of her new marriage—from the bloodthirsty press to the shadows of the first World War.

Warming to her new role, Edith is soon indispensable to her husband's presidency. She replaces the staff that Woodrow finds distracting, and discusses policy with him daily.

Throughout the war, she encrypts top-secret messages and despite lacking formal education becomes an important adviser. When peace talks begin in Europe, she attends at Woodrow's side. But just as the critical fight to ratify the treaty to end the war and create a League of Nations in order to prevent another, Woodrow's always-delicate health takes a dramatic turn for the worse. In her determination to preserve both his progress and his reputation, Edith all but assumes the presidency herself.

Now, Edith must contend with the demands of a tumultuous country, the secrets of Woodrow's true condition, and the potentially devastating consequences of her failure. At once sweeping and intimate, *The President's Wife* is an astonishing portrait of a courageous First Lady and the sacrifices she made to protect her husband and her country at all costs.



**Sourcebooks Landmark, August 2023**

**Tracey Enerson Wood is a published playwright whose family is steeped in military tradition. This is her third novel.**

**A mesmerizing  
novel from the  
New York Times  
bestselling  
author of *Spells  
for Forgetting*.**

In the small mountain town of Jasper, North Carolina, June Farrow is waiting for fate to find her. The Farrow women are known for their thriving flower farm—and the mysterious curse that has plagued their family line for as long as anyone can remember. But June is determined to be the last of her name, and in turn, be first Farrow to never find love. The whole town knows of the madness that led to Susanna Farrow's disappearance, leaving her daughter, June, to be raised by her grandmother and haunted by rumors. Everyone in Jasper is certain that it's only a matter of time before she finds the same end, but June hasn't told a single soul that it's already begun.

After her grandmother's death, a series of clues linking her mother's disappearance to the town's grim past emerge, leading June to a mysterious door. Behind it may lay the answer to the mysteries that have always lingered like a dark shadow over Jasper and the Farrows, but the further into the unknown she goes, the more her mind seems to unravel. Upon crossing the threshold, June embarks on a journey that will not only change both the past and the future, but entangle her fate and her heart in a star-crossed love.

# **THE UNMAKING OF JUNE FARROW**

**by  
Adrienne Young**

**Delacorte Press, September 2023**

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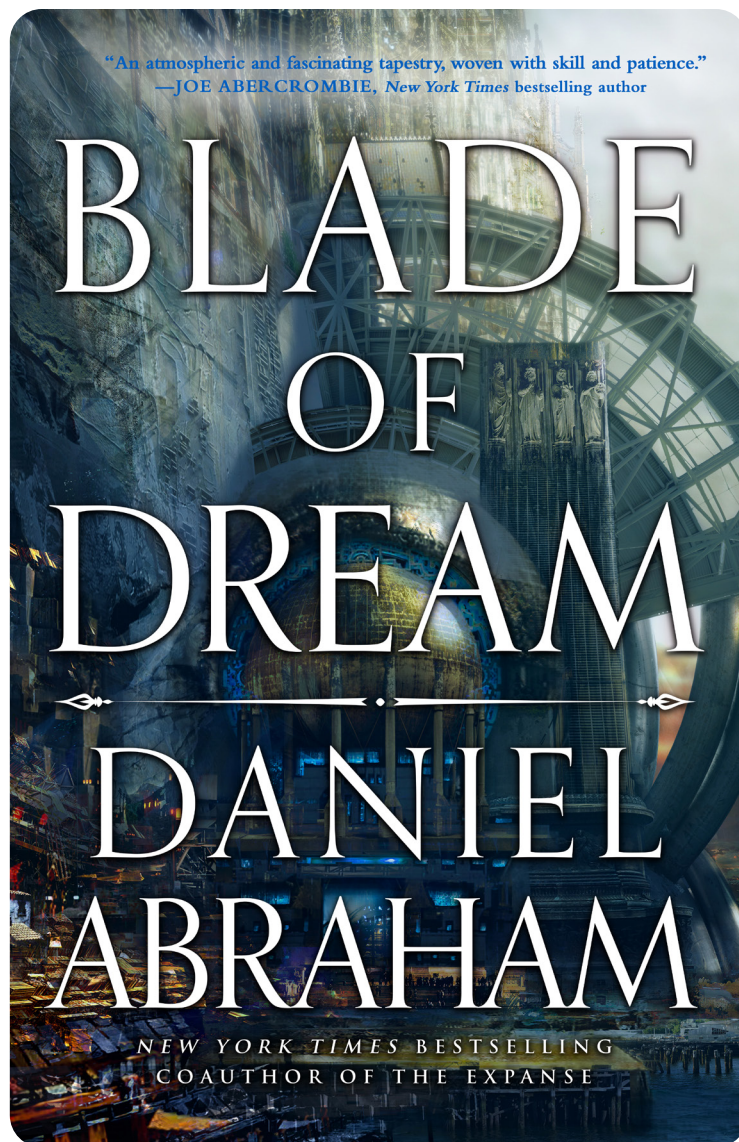
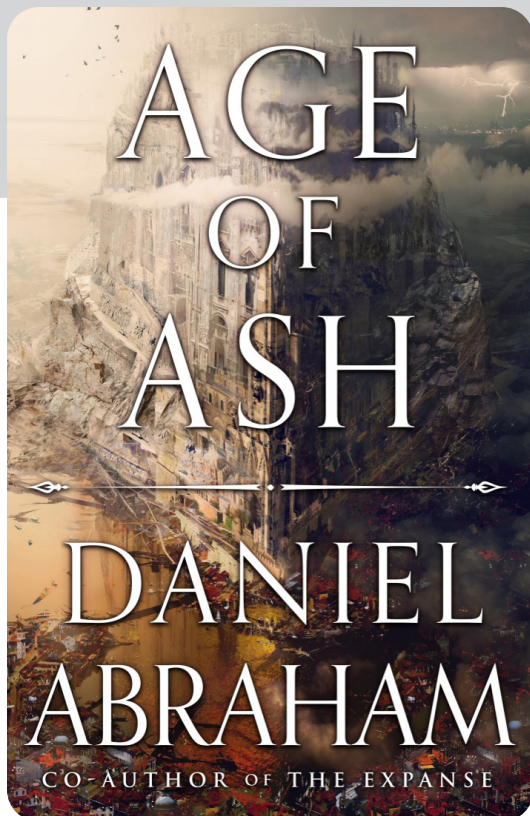
**A brilliant story with  
romance, mystery,  
and a touch of the  
impossible—a story  
you will never forget.**

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# **SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY**

**(Don't be shy non-genre editors, there's  
lots of romance in this section too!)**

**From New York Times bestselling and critically acclaimed author Daniel Abraham, co-author of The Expanse, comes the second novel in a monumental epic fantasy trilogy that unfolds within the walls of a single great city, over the course of one tumultuous year.**



**Orbit, July 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Eksmo, Russia

Mondadori, Italy

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“An atmospheric and fascinating tapestry, woven with skill and patience.”  
– Joe Abercrombie, New York Times bestselling author of **A Little Hatred**

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**A dark and decadent debut fantasy.**

**A witch with the power to walk between the realms of Life and Death finds herself at the center of a magical rebellion—and a dangerous romance—that could destroy her coven and her soul.**

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**Thorns, Tides, Embers, Storms, and Ores. All five covens are bound in servitude to the tyrant High Warden of Halstett.**

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**All it takes is one witch—and one spark—to set the world ablaze.**

# **TONIGHT, I BURN**

by  
**Katharine J. Adams**

**Orbit, November 2023**

Penny Albright is a daughter of the thorn coven, forced to patrol the veil between the realms of Life and Death, keeping it safe and whole. Each night, one thorn witch—and only one—must cross the veil by burning at the stake. Each morning, that witch returns with the help of their magical lifeline. Failure to follow the rules of Death risks them all.

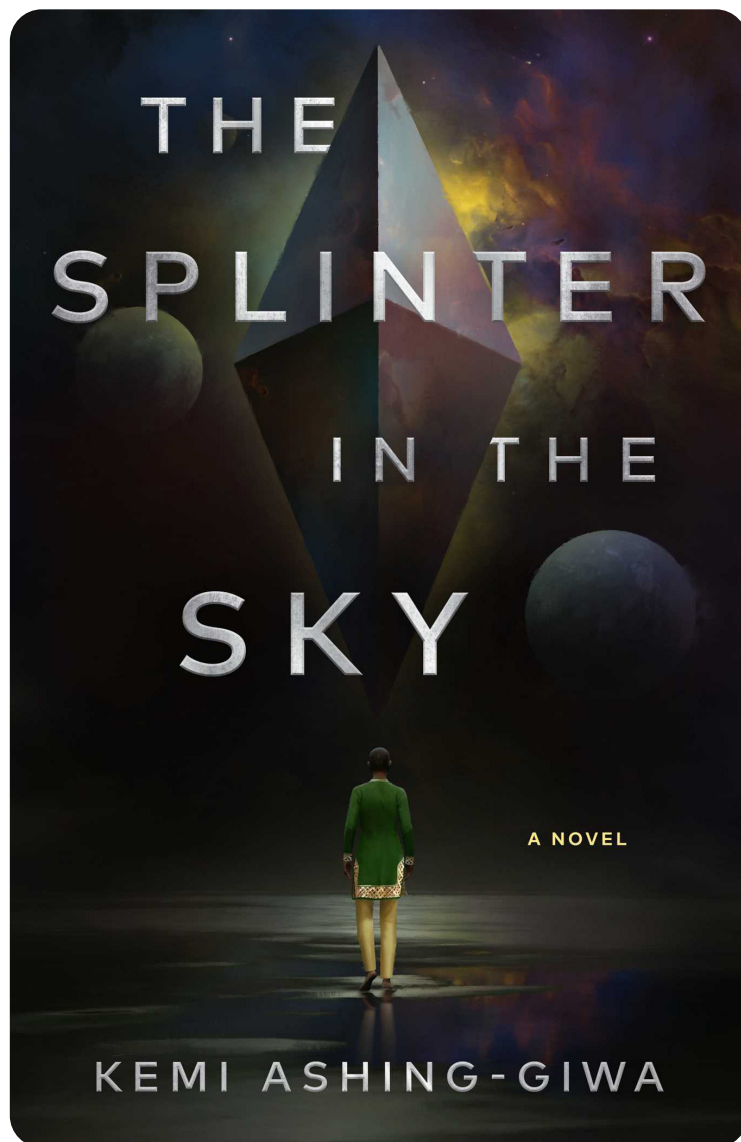
But one morning, Penny's favorite sister Ella doesn't return. And that night, determined to find her, Penny breaks the rules. She burns in secret.

What she finds in Death is a manor that shouldn't exist, home to the devastating Lord Malin, who shouldn't be there. Malin offers Penny a dangerous deal: Ella's freedom in exchange for information about the High Warden.

But all isn't as it seems in Life or Death. Penny's bargain leads her to Alice, a mysterious captive prophet... and to a rebellion brewing in the shadows of their city. And as Penny's world splits between her growing love for the ethereal Alice in Life and her attraction to the seductive Malin, in Death, she'll face a devastating choice.

Because it's not just her sister's life that hangs in the balance. It's the fate of all magic.

**A diverse, exciting debut space opera about a young tea expert who is taken as a political prisoner and recruited to spy on government officials—a role that may empower her to win back her nation’s independence—perfect for fans of N.K. Jemisin and Nnedi Okorafor.**



**Gallery/Saga Press, July 2023**

The dust may have just settled in the failed war of conquest between the Holy Vaalbaran Empire and the Ominirish Republic, but the last Emperor’s surrender means little to a lowly scribe like Enitan. All she wants is to quit her day job and expand her fledgling tea business. But when her lover is assassinated and her sibling is abducted by Imperial soldiers, Enitan abandons her idyllic plans and weaves her tea tray up through the heart of the Vaalbaran capital. There, she will learn just how far she is willing to go to exact vengeance, free her sibling, and perhaps even secure her homeland’s freedom.

**A hero once believed to be the chosen one must find a new path with the help of a band of unlikely allies in the sequel to *The Art of Prophecy*, an epic fantasy ode to martial arts and magic from the #1 New York Times bestselling author Wesley Chu.**

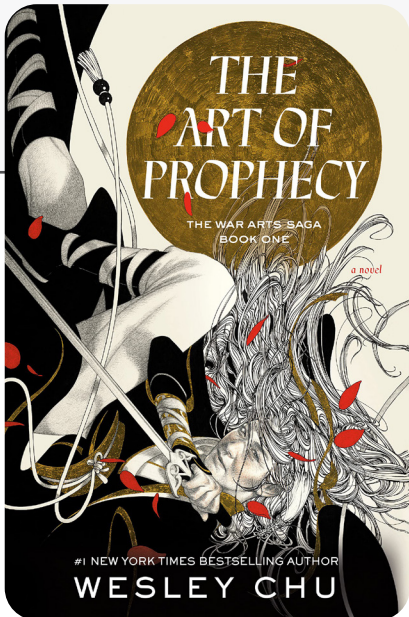
***THE ART OF PROPHECY***

**ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR:**

**Gizmodo**

**Kirkus Reviews**

**The Quill to Live**



# THE ART OF DESTINY

by  
**Wesley Chu**

**Del Rey, August 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Zysk, Poland

Urano, Spain

Mondadori, Italy

Bragelonne, France

Eksik Parca, Turkey

Mann, Ivanov & Ferber, Russia

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“An ambitious and touching exploration of disillusionment in faith, tradition, and family—a glorious reinvention of fantasy and wuxia tropes.”

—Naomi Novik, New York Times bestselling author of *A Deadly Education* (On *The Art of Prophecy*)

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**THE ADULT  
DEBUT FROM THE  
POWERHOUSE  
AUTHOR WHO  
HAS WRITTEN  
ONE OF THE MOST  
SUCCESSFUL YA  
FRANCHISES OF  
ALL TIME.**

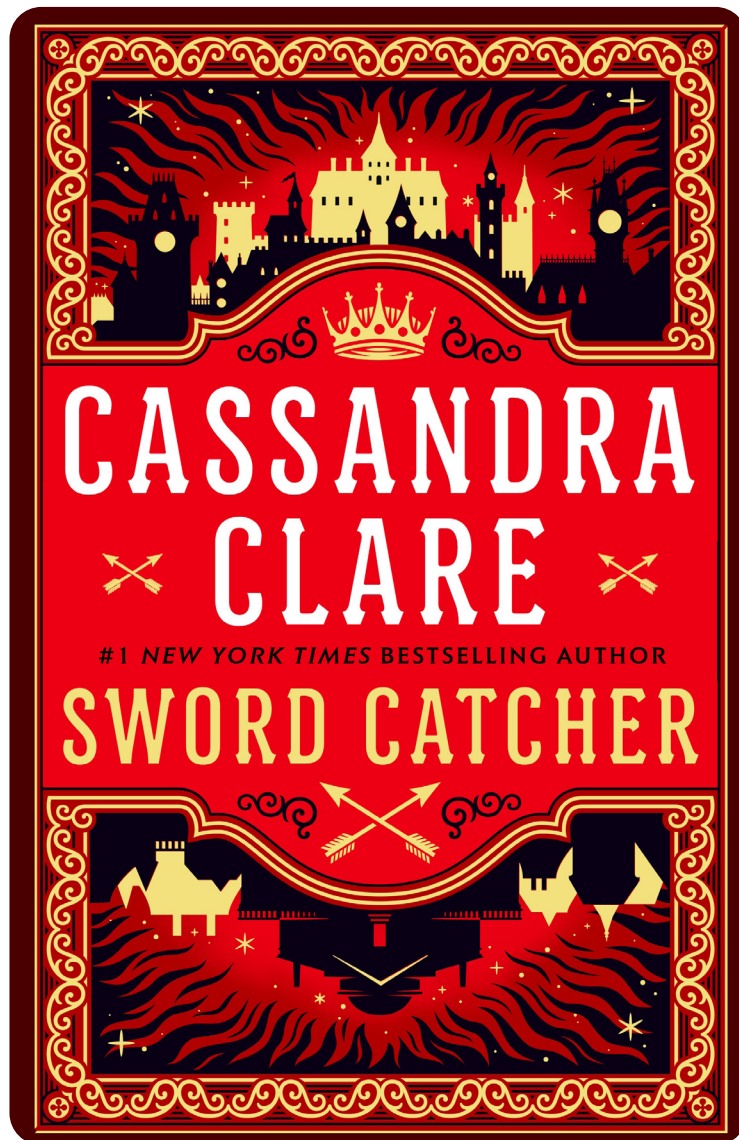
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**Del Rey, October 2023**

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Blanvalet/PRH, Germany  
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Luitingh Sijthoff, The Netherlands

Two outcasts find themselves caught in a web of forbidden love, dangerous magic, and dark secrets that could change the world forever in the start of a riveting epic fantasy series from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Shadowhunter Chronicles.

**A science fiction  
space opera that  
melds elements of  
Scalzi's *Old Man's  
War* with *Edge of  
Tomorrow*.**

“Dewes (the Divide series) continues to demonstrate a gift for superior hard sci-fi with a standalone outing that is simultaneously thoughtful and pulse-pounding. ... Fans of smart military sci-fi will be riveted.”

**—Publishers Weekly**

“A high-octane blend of fast action, fun characters, and deep questions. In *Rubicon*, not even death can set you free.”—**Megan O’Keefe, author of the Protectorate series**



**Tor Books, March 2023**

Sergeant Adriene Valero wants to die.

She can't.

After enduring a traumatic resurrection for the ninety-sixth time, Valero is reassigned to a special forces unit and outfitted with a cutting-edge virtual intelligence aid. They could turn the tide in the war against intelligent machines dedicated to the assimilation, or destruction, of humanity.

When her VI suddenly achieves sentience, Valero is drawn into the machinations of an enigmatic major who's hell-bent on ending the war—by any means necessary.

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**Any society that is your  
utopia will be someone  
else's dystopia.**

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It's thirty years from now. We're making progress, mitigating climate change, slowly but surely. But what about all the angry old people who can't let go?

For young Americans a generation from now, climate change isn't controversial. It's just an overwhelming fact of life. And so are the great efforts to contain and mitigate it. Entire cities are being moved inland from the rising seas. Vast clean-energy projects are springing up everywhere. Disaster relief, the mitigation of floods and superstorms, has become a skill for which tens of millions of people are trained every year. The effort is global. It employs everyone who wants to work. Even when national politics oscillates back to right-wing leaders, the momentum is too great; these vast programs cannot be stopped in their tracks.

But there are still those Americans, mostly elderly, who cling to their red baseball caps, their grievances, their huge vehicles, their anger. To their "alternative" news sources that reassure them that their resentment is right and pure and that "climate change" is just a giant scam.

And they're your grandfather, your uncle, your great-aunt. And they're not going anywhere. And they're armed to the teeth.

# THE LOST CAUSE

by  
**Cory  
Doctorow**

**Tor Books, October 2023**

***The Lost Cause asks:  
What do we do about  
people who cling to  
the belief that their  
own children are the  
enemy? When, in fact,  
they're often the elders  
that we love?***

**Fans of Claudia Gray and Kelly Link will love Hannah Fergesen's wild and poignant debut—a wacky time-traveling sci-fi odyssey wrapped in an elegiac ode to lost friendship and a clever homage to Doctor Who.**

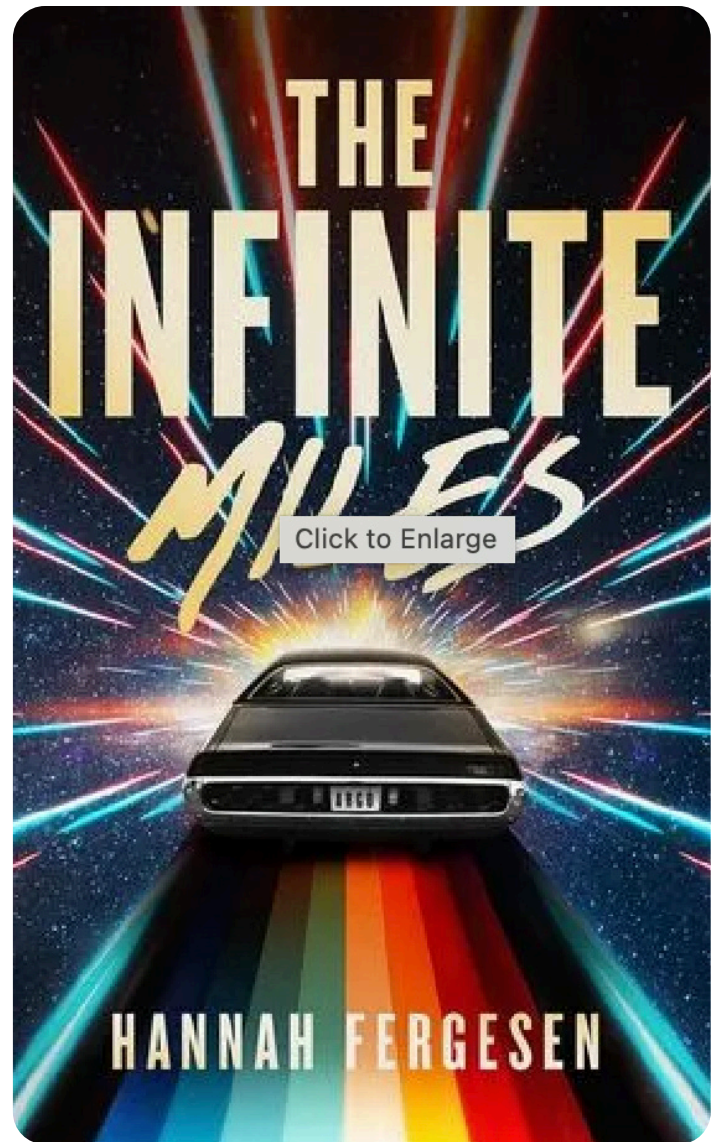
To save the future, she must return to the beginning.

Three years after her best friend Peggy went missing, Harper Starling is lost. Lost in her dead-end job, lost in her grief. All she has are regrets and reruns of her favorite science fiction show, Infinite Odyssey.

Then Peggy returns and demands to be taken to the Argonaut, the fictional main character of Infinite Odyssey. But the Argonaut is just that ... fictional. Until the TV hero himself appears and spirits Harper away from her former best friend. Traveling through time, he explains that Peggy used to travel with him but is now under the thrall of an alien enemy known as the Incarnate—one that has destroyed countless solar systems.

Then he leaves Harper in 1971.

Stranded in the past, Harper must find a way to end the Incarnate's thrall ... without the help of the Argonaut. But the cosmos are nothing like the technicolor stars of the TV show she loves, and if Harper can't find it in herself to believe—in the Argonaut, in Peggy, and most of all, in herself—she'll be the Incarnate's next casualty, along with the rest of the universe.



**Blackstone, June 2023**

“A reality-bending adventure through space, time, and a very particular kind of nostalgia, Infinite Miles is both incredibly fun and incredibly poignant.”

**-New York Times bestselling author of For the Wolf Hannah Whitten**

“Fergesen is the master of atmospheric storytelling. This book will wrap tightly around your soul and haunt you with its beauty. And if you are a fellow author, you will grit your teeth with jealousy because no one weaves atmosphere quite like Fergesen does. I savored this dark beauty slowly and am in need of another Fergesen book soon!”

**-New York Times bestselling author of Dial A For Au Jesse Q. Sutanto**

**For fans of  
TJ Klune and  
Alix Harrow**

A lighthouse stands at the edge of the worlds, guiding voyagers between them and maintaining the balance of the universe. When the Lighthouse Master vanishes without warning, his duties pass to his assistant, Dillon Havelock, and though Dillon shares his mentor's power—the greatest magic in all the realms—he utterly lacks the charisma and charm needed to navigate the tumultuous political affairs of each world. And despite Dillon's every effort to find the Lighthouse Master, the trail has quickly gone cold.

Until disgraced socialite Cassidy Leighton is shipwrecked upon the Lighthouse's island. She comes from a world with no knowledge of other realms or magic. To her, the Lighthouse is a romantic figment from her father's stories, and she gave up on such whimsical, childish notions the day her father was murdered.

Except the other worlds are real. Magic is undeniably, marvelously real. And somehow, her father's death is connected to the Lighthouse Master's disappearance.

In an entanglement of secret societies, fantastical wanderlust, and grandiose destiny, Dillon and Cassidy must find the key Cassidy's father died to protect... before each of the worlds begin to fall.

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*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**AMANDA FOODY**

**Orbit, Summer 2023**

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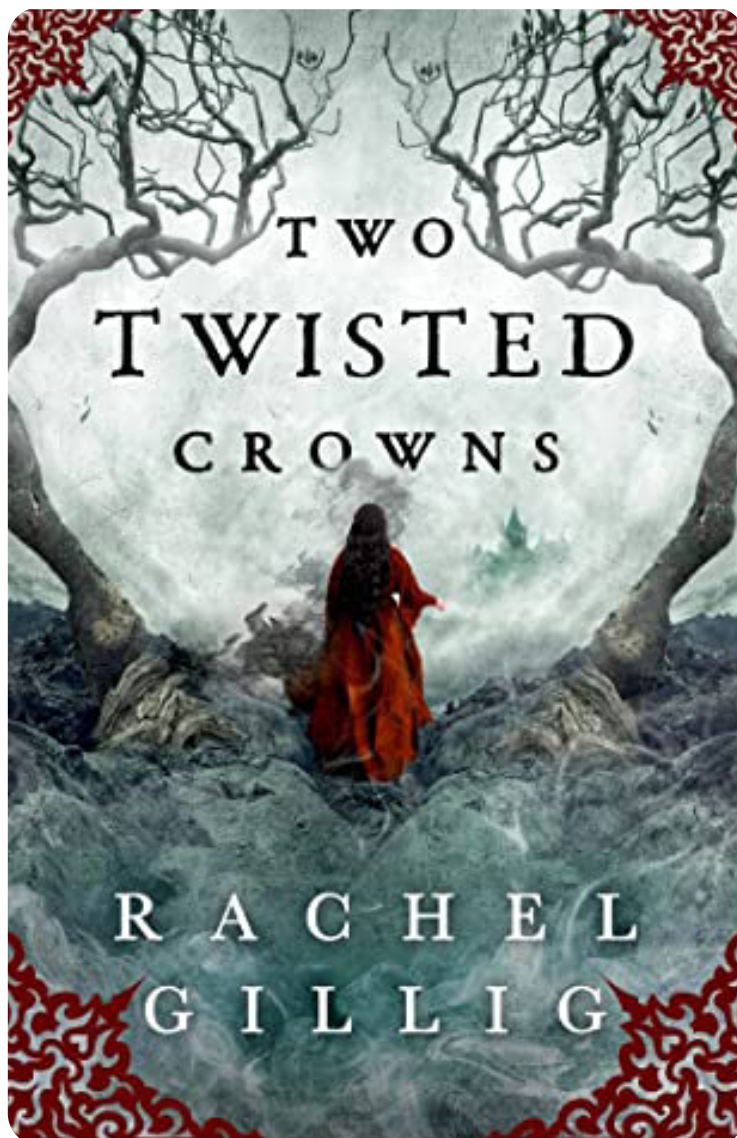
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**A warm, rich, portal fantasy  
trilogy from the New York  
Times and indie bestselling  
author of *All of Us Villains*.**

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**In the luscious,  
dark sequel to  
*One Dark Window*,  
Elspeth must face  
the consequences  
of what she's  
wrought - perfect  
for readers of  
Hannah Whitten's  
*For the Wolf* and  
Alexis Henderson's  
*The Year of the  
Witching*.**



**Orbit, October 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

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Orbit, UK & Commonwealth



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“[T]he steamy romance that emerges between Elspeth and Ravyn delights. Fans of Sarah J. Maas, Naomi Novak, and Hannah Whitten will want to check this out.”

—Publishers Weekly (On *One Dark Window*)

“Spooky, lush...Gillig executes familiar fantasy romance tropes with flair.”

—Paste Magazine

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**A Brand New Novel  
from the Celebrated  
and Bestselling  
Author of *The Ten  
Thousand Doors  
of January***

No one in Eden remembers when Starling House was built. But everyone agrees that it's best to let the house—and its last lonely heir—go to rot.

Starling House is uncanny and ugly and fully of secrets, just like its heir. Opal knows better than to mess with haunted houses or brooding men, but it might be a chance to get her brother out of Eden.

It feels dangerously like something she's never had: a home.

But Opal isn't the only one interested in the house, or the horrors and wonders that lie beneath it. If Opal wants a home, she'll have to fight for it. She'll have to dig up her family's ugly history and let herself dream of a better future. She'll have to go down, down into Underland, and claw her way back to the light.

# STARLING HOUSE

by  
**Alix E. Harrow**

**Tor Books, May 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Mondadori, Italy

Agave Konyvek, Hungary

Le Rayon Imaginaire, France

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***Starling House* is a contemporary  
Kentucky Gothic about a small  
town haunted by the history it can't  
quite seem to bury, and the canny,  
mean, clever young woman who  
finds herself drawn to the house  
that sits at the crossroads of it all.**

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**Inspired by a classic of martial arts literature, S. L. Huang's *The Water Outlaws* are bandits of devastating ruthlessness, unseemly femininity, dangerous philosophies, and ungovernable gender who are ready to make history—or tear it apart.**

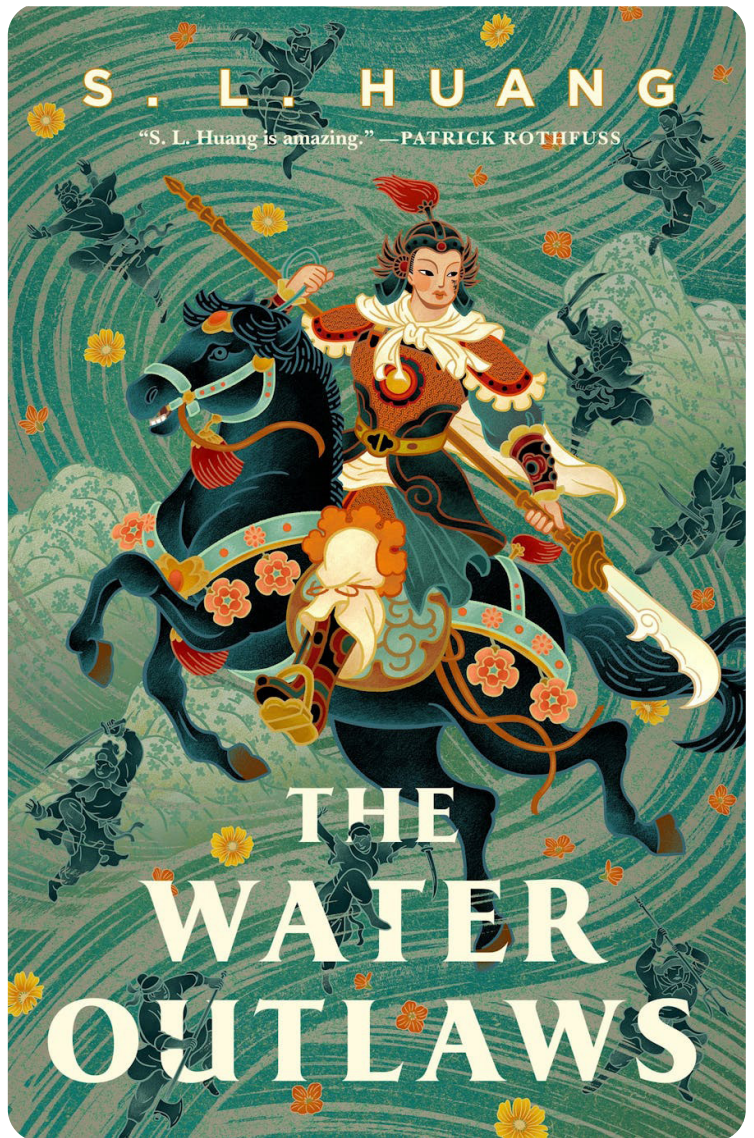
In the jianghu, you break the law to make it your own.

Lin Chong is an expert arms instructor, training the Emperor's soldiers in sword and truncheon, battle axe and spear, lance and crossbow. Unlike bolder friends who flirt with challenging the unequal hierarchies and values of Imperial society, she believes in keeping her head down and doing her job.

Until a powerful man with a vendetta rips that carefully-built life away.

Disgraced, tattooed as a criminal, and on the run from an Imperial Marshall who will stop at nothing to see her dead, Lin Chong is recruited by the Bandits of Liangshan. Mountain outlaws on the margins of society, the Liangshan Bandits proclaim a belief in justice—for women, for the downtrodden, for progressive thinkers a corrupt Empire would imprison or destroy. They're also murderers, thieves, smugglers, and cutthroats.

Apart, they love like demons and fight like tigers. Together, they could bring down an empire.



**Tordotcom, June 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

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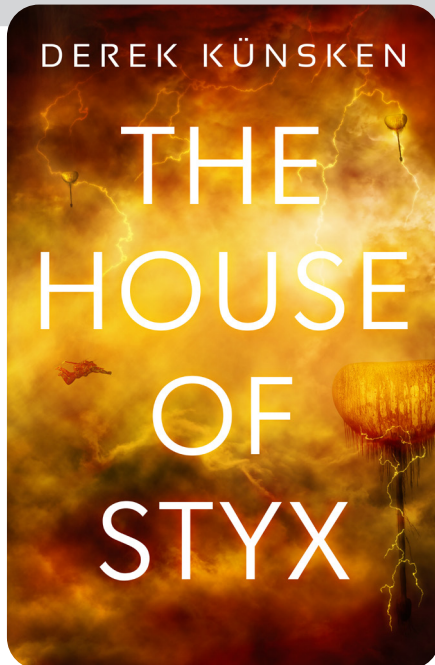
Rebellion, UK & Commonwealth

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**A queer epic fantasy  
full of bandits, heroes,  
and revolution inspired  
by the Chinese classic  
Water Margin.**

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**The Stunning conclusion to the Venus Ascendant series, from the world of The Quantum Magician.**



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“Künsken’s vivid worldbuilding is a knockout... This is a must-read.”

**-Publishers Weekly, Starred Review**

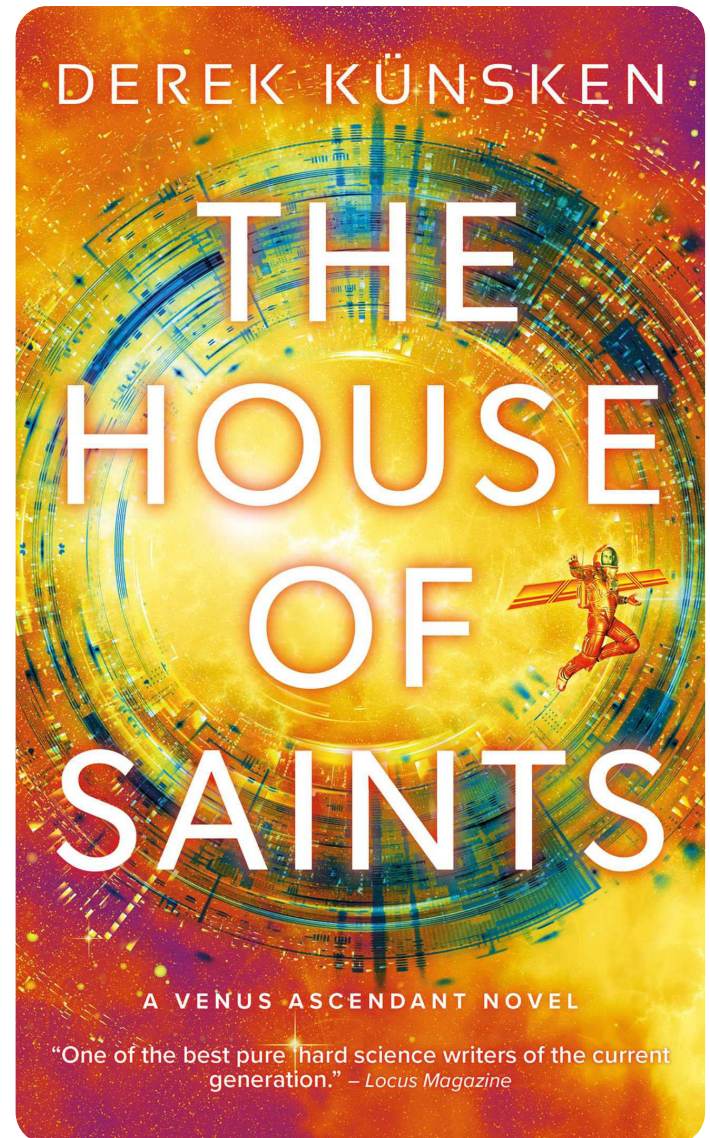
“This electrifying planetary adventure features a hardscrabble family that earnestly addresses issues of addiction, gender, sexuality, and disability while surviving storms of all sorts in the hostile clouds of Venus. Highly recommended.”

**-The Library Journal, Starred Review**

“Technology changes us—even our bodies—in fundamental ways, and Künsken handles this wonderfully.”

**-Cixin Liu**

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**Solaris, June 2023**

George-Étienne and his children have formed The House of Styx, after finding a mysterious artefact on the surface of Venus herself. But with the discovery comes great risk, not only from a planet that kills with its very touch but also from the banks and powers of old Earth, who will stop at nothing to claim this new technology for themselves.

From humble origins, The House of Styx is determined to become one of the most powerful families in the known galaxy or die trying.

**Set in the beloved and New York Times bestselling world of Valdemar, this first book in a new trilogy returns to the tales of the majestic gryphons.**

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### **Praise for Valdemar**

“The high stakes and the dangerous journey keep the story moving at a brisk pace. Lackey’s characters, meanwhile, are admirable as ever as they learn to work together. Series fans will not be disappointed.”

**—Publishers Weekly**

“Eye Spy feels like a present written especially for me. You’re gonna want to read it. This one’s a firecracker.”

**—Tor.com**

“Whether it’s the spellbinding world, the intrigue of the plot, or the simple yet remarkable narrative style—it is impossible to say which of these makes the story so good, but one thing is for sure: Closer to Home marks the beginning of another fantastic Lackey series.” **—RT Reviews**

“Mags remains an engaging character, and makes a very capable spy/investigator.... His adventures still make engrossing reading.” **—Locus**

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# **GRYPHON IN LIGHT**

**A Novel of Valdemar**

**Mercedes Lackey  
& Larry Dixon**

**DAW, June 2023**

**Titan Books, UK & Commonwealth**

On the border between Valdemar and the deadly Pelagirs Forest, the gryphon hero Kelvren returns from a near-fatal self-sacrifice that won him the approval of Valdemar’s ground troops, but caused a diplomatic crisis. Frustrated by his lack of a hero’s welcome, Kelvren is talked into helping with an expedition by his old friend, Firesong.

Firesong struggles with his own age and mortality, and he intends to solve a vast mystery at the center of legendary Lake Evendim as his crowning achievement. Just getting the multicultural fleet underway is a challenge, but what awaits them is a situation none of them could expect.

At CERN, a scientist has just made an incredible discovery - a breakthrough that may answer the deepest questions about human existence.

But what he's found is far more dangerous than he ever imagined.

Dr. Tyson Klein is a quantum physicist who has dedicated his entire life to his research. At CERN, he analyses data generated by the Large Hadron Collider, the world's biggest and most powerful particle accelerator. Now, Ty believes he's found a pattern in its output. It looks like an organised data stream, being broadcast over what he calls a quantum radio.

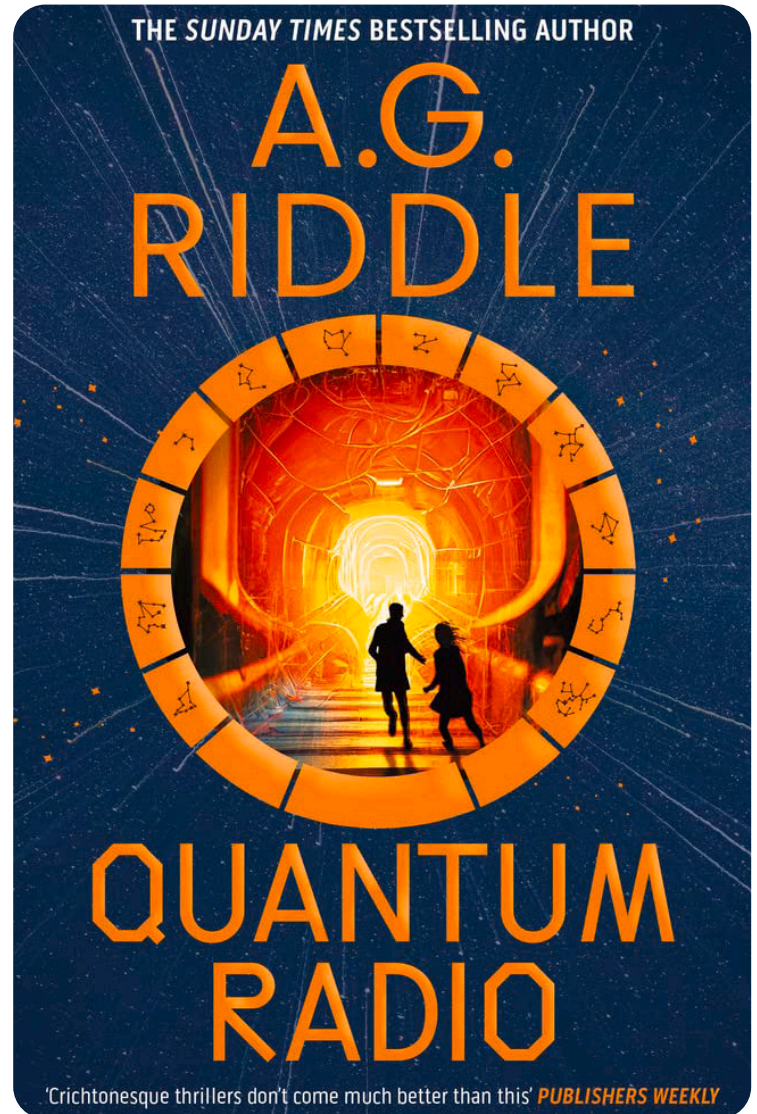
Could it be a signal from another universe? A message sent from the future? Or something else entirely?

As Ty peels back the layers of his discovery, he learns that what he's found isn't what he thought it was. The encoded message is far more profound. It may alter our understanding of human existence and the universe.

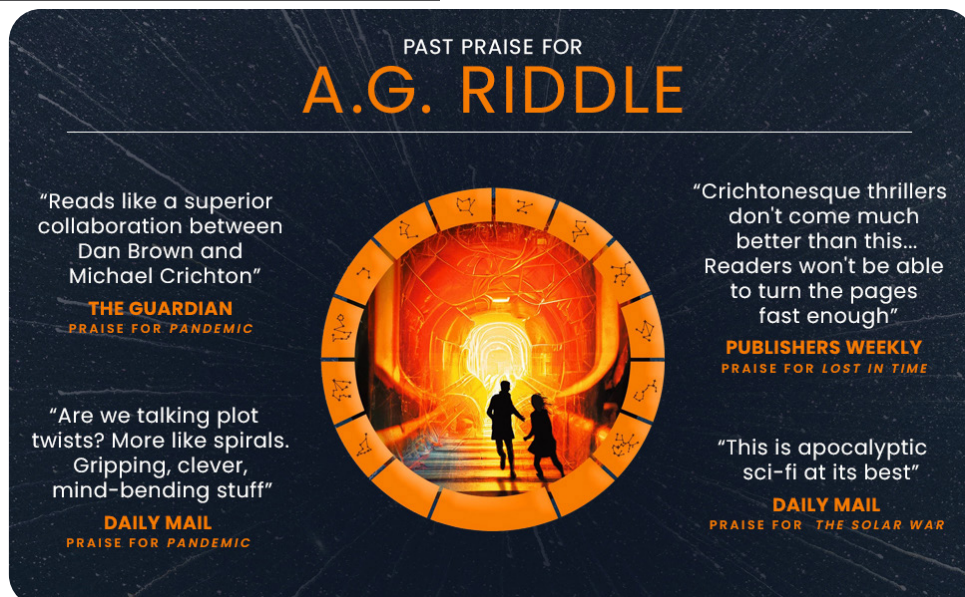
But Ty is not the only one looking for it. Someone has been following his research for a long time. And they'll do anything to prevent him from unravelling what is being broadcast by the quantum radio...

Because the first one to discover the truth may well control the future.

**FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING  
AUTHOR OF LOST IN TIME**



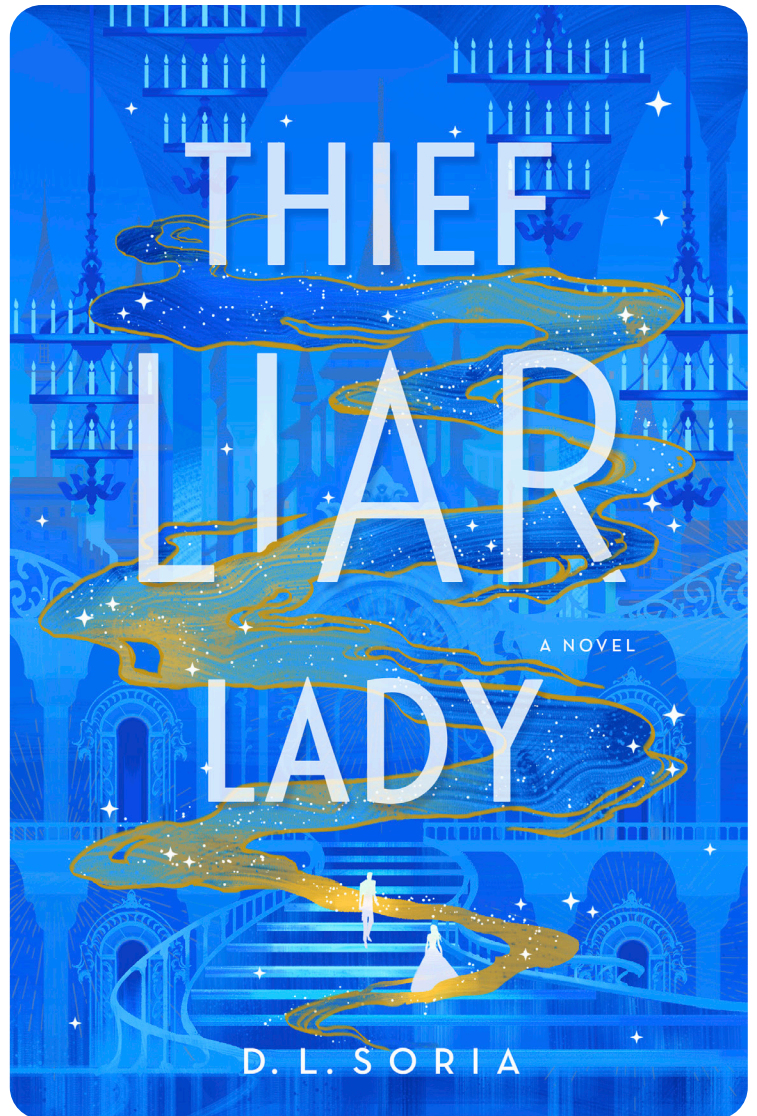
**Head of Zeus, March 2023**



**“Happily Ever After” is a total scam, but at least this time the princess is the one controlling the grift—until her true love arrives and threatens to ruin the whole scheme. Intrigue, magic, and wit abound in this **Cinderella fairytale reimagining**, perfect for fans of Heather Walter and Naomi Novik.**

“D. L. Soria casts a spell of intrigue and romance onto every page of this wonderfully unexpected twist on Cinderella. By turns sharp and sweet, Thief Liar Lady is a lustrous fairy-tale treat.”

—**Alyssa Wees, author of Nocturne and The Waking Forest**



**Del Rey, July 2023**

I'm not who you think I am.

My transformation from a poor, orphaned scullery maid into the enchantingly mysterious lady who snagged the heart of the prince did not happen—as the rumors insisted—in a magical metamorphosis of pumpkins and glass slippers. On the first evening of the ball, I didn't meekly help my “evil” stepmother and stepsisters primp and preen or watch forlornly out the window as their carriage rolled off toward the palace. I had other preparations to make.

My stepsisters and I had been trained for this—to be the cleverest in the room, to be quick with our hands and quicker with our lies. We were taught how to get everything we want in this world, everything men always kept for themselves: power, wealth, and prestige. And with a touchingly tragic past and the help of some highly illegal spells, I would become a princess, secure our fortunes, and we would all live happily ever after.

But there's always more to the story. With my magic running out, war looming, and a handsome hostage prince—the wrong prince—distracting me from my true purpose with his magnetic charm and forbidden flirtations, I'm in danger of losing control of the delicate balance I've created...and that could prove fatal.

There's so much more riding on this than a crown.

From Astounding Award Winner  
and Crawford Award Finalist  
Emily Tesh:

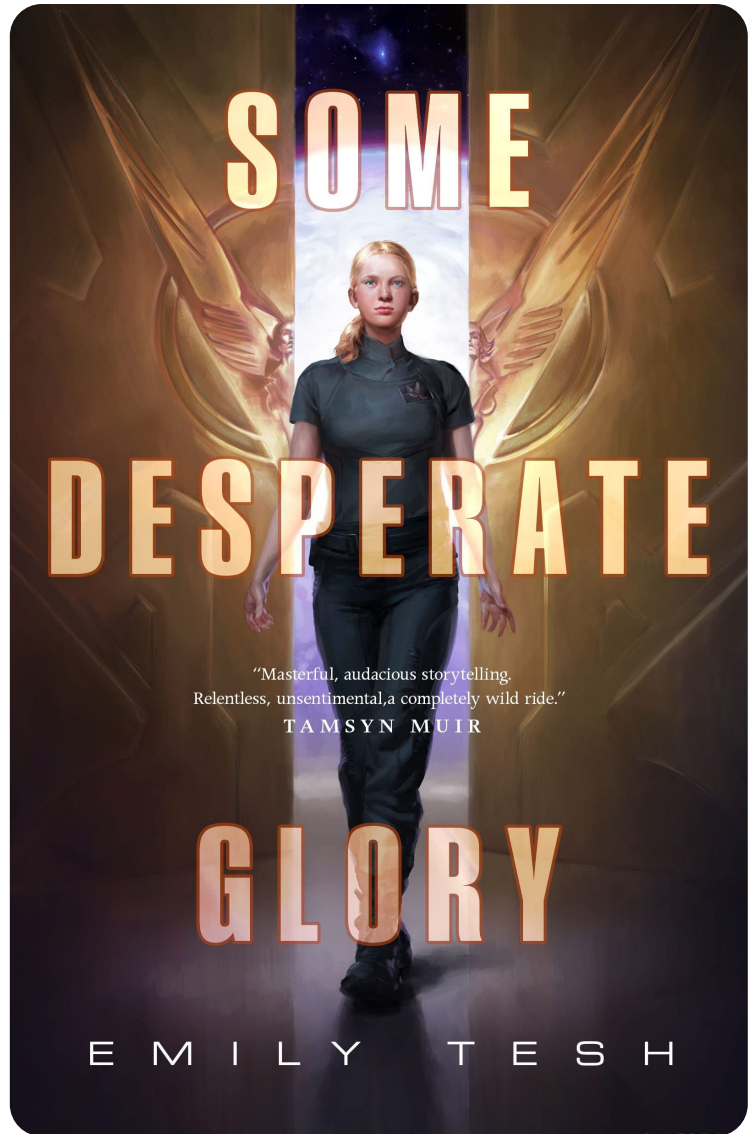
**A thrillingly told queer  
space opera about the  
wreckage of war, the family  
you find, and who you must  
become when every choice  
is stripped from you.**

While we live, the enemy shall fear us.

Since she was born, Kyr has trained for the day she can avenge the murder of planet Earth. Raised in the bowels of Gaea Station alongside the last scraps of humanity, she readies herself to face the Wisdom, the powerful, reality-shaping weapon that gave the majoda their victory over humanity.

They are what's left. They are what must survive. Kyr is one of the best warriors of her generation, the sword of a dead planet. When Command assigns her brother to certain death and relegates her to Nursery to bear sons until she dies trying, she knows she must take humanity's revenge into her own hands.

Alongside her brother's brilliant but seditious friend and a lonely, captive alien, Kyr escapes from everything she's known into a universe far more complicated than she was taught and far more wondrous than she could have imagined.



**Berkley, May 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

Orbit, UK & Commonwealth

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“Masterful, audacious storytelling. Relentless, unsentimental, a completely wild ride.”  
—Tamsyn Muir

“Raw and action-packed. . . . This riveting adventure deserves a space on shelves alongside genre titans like Ursula K. Le Guin and Octavia Butler.”  
—Publishers Weekly, Starred Review

“A monumental journey. . . . An intriguing space opera and study of radicalization, indoctrination, and what happens when one breaks free in the most absolute way.”  
—Library Journal, Starred Review

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**A female John Wick story with dragon magic set in contemporary San Francisco's Chinatown.**

“Ebony Gate is a snarky Harry Dresden meets Shang-Chi, with a dash of Monster Hunter International.”

— **Kevin J. Anderson, New York Times bestselling co-author of Dune: House Atreides**

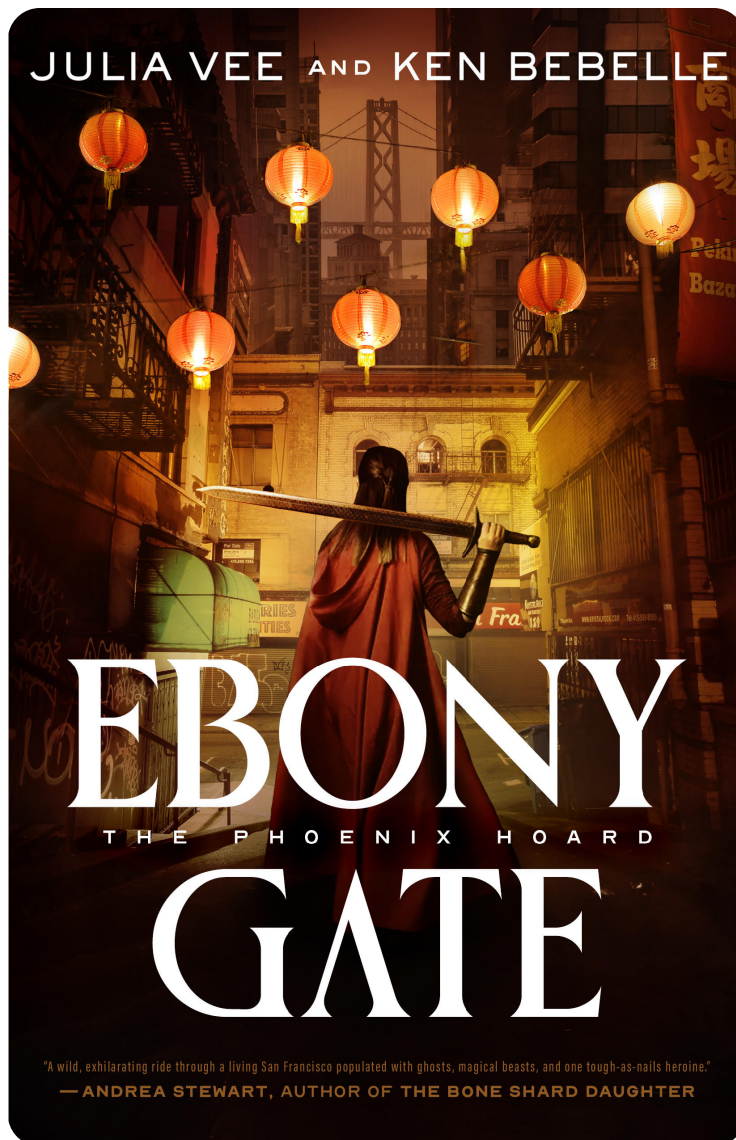
“A wild, exhilarating ride through a living San Francisco populated with ghosts, magical beasts, and one tough-as-nails heroine. Adventurous and filled with heart, exploring the struggles of a bloody past and familial duty, Ebony Gate is a spectacular start to what promises to be an engrossing series.”

— **Andrea Stewart, author of The Bone Shard Daughter**

“Ebony Gate is a bizarre and exciting thrill ride! It’s Doctor Strange meets Shang-Chi with a big dose of original characters, modern fantasy, and dynamic action. Highly recommended!”

—**Jonathan Maberry, New York Times bestselling author of the Joe Ledger Thrillers and Kagen the Damned**

“It’s like reading my favorite martial arts movies, with magic that will blow your mind.” —**Brian D. Anderson, bestselling author of The Godling Chronicles**



**Tor Books, July 2023**

Emiko Soong belongs to one of the eight premier magical families of the world. But Emiko never needed any magic. Because she is the Blade of the Soong Clan. Or was. Until she’s drenched in blood in the middle of a market in China, surrounded by bodies and the scent of blood and human waste as a lethal perfume.

The Butcher of Beijing now lives a quiet life in San Francisco, importing antiques. But when a shinigami, a god of death itself, calls in a family blood debt, Emiko must recover the Ebony Gate that holds back the hungry ghosts of the Yomi underworld. Or forfeit her soul as the anchor.

What’s a retired assassin to do but save the City By The Bay from an army of the dead?

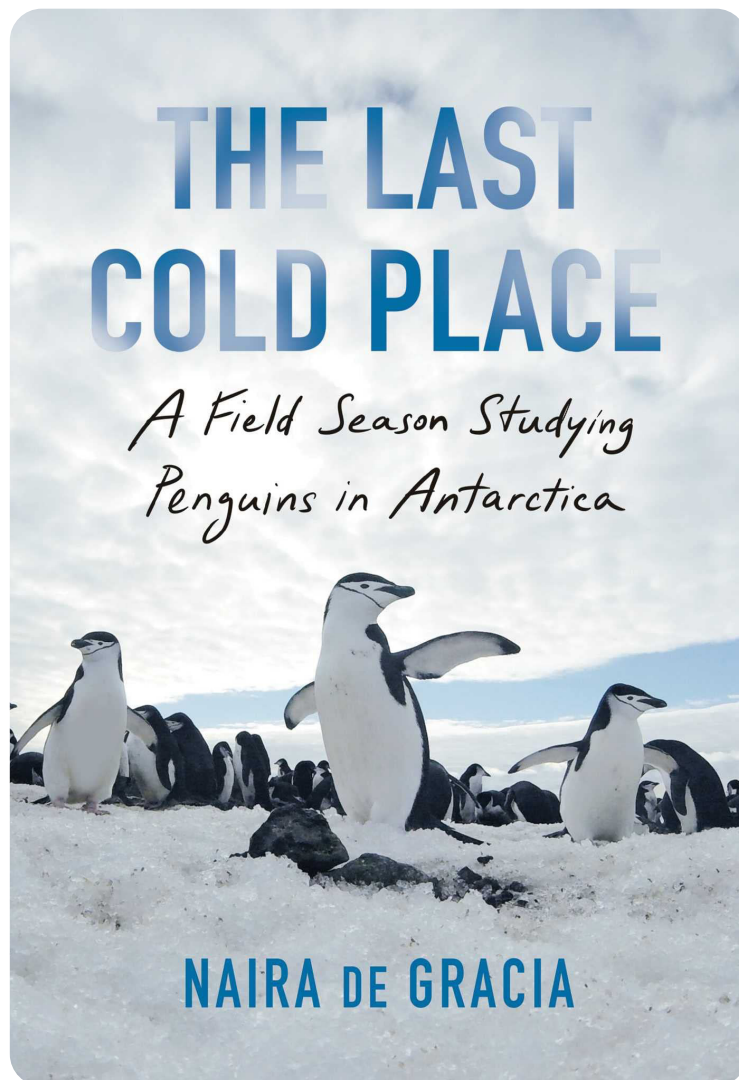
**NON-FICTION**

“Naira de Gracia is the Jane Goodall of penguins we didn’t know we needed. This masterful memoir is like a literary Blue Planet: de Gracia’s gorgeous, cinematic prose brings us into the lives of pebble-pilfering penguins and wallowing seals, capturing the sublime natural beauty of a remote and frozen continent whose survival is deeply intertwined with our own.”

—Jennifer Worley,  
author of *Neon Girls*

Naira de Gracia’s *The Last Cold Place* offers a dramatic, captivating window into a once-in-a-lifetime experience: a season living and working in a remote outpost in Antarctica alongside seals, penguins, and a small crew of fellow field workers. In one of the most inhospitable environments in the world (for humans, anyway), Naira follows a generation of chinstrap penguins from their parents’ return to shore to build nests from pebbles until the chicks themselves are old enough to head out to sea.

In lively and entertaining anecdotes, Naira describes the life cycle of a funny, engaging colony of chinstrap penguins whose food source (krill, or small crustaceans) is powerfully affected by the changing ocean. Weaving together the history of Antarctic exploration with climate science, field observations, and her own personal journey of growth and reflection, *The Last Cold Place* illuminates the complex place that Antarctica holds in our cultural imagination—and offers a rare glimpse into life on this uninhabited continent.



Scribner, April 2023

**Rights Sold:**  
Prunsoop, Korea

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***Lab Girl* meets *Why Fish Don't Exist* in this brilliant, fascinating memoir about a young scientist's experience studying penguins in Antarctica—a firsthand account of the beauty and brutality of this remote climate, the direct effects of climate change on animals, and the challenges of fieldwork.**

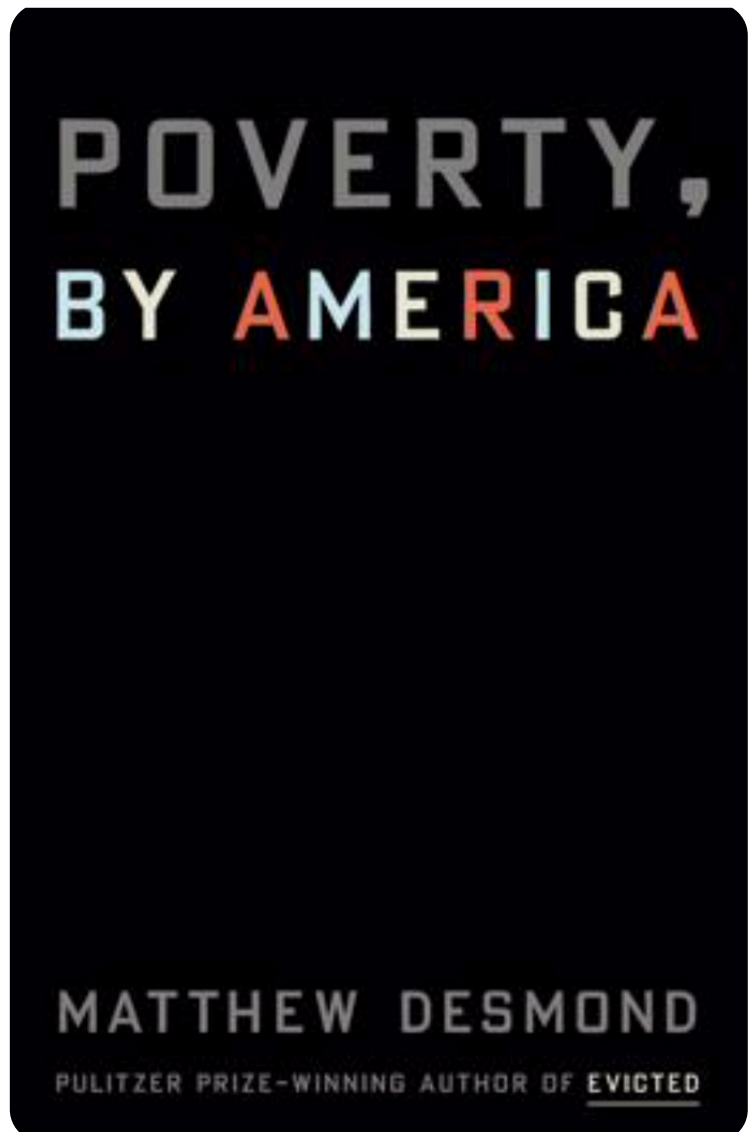
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From **The Pulitzer Prize**–winning, bestselling author of *Evicted*

The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why? Why does this land of plenty allow one in every eight of its children to go without basic necessities, permit scores of its citizens to live and die on the streets, and authorize its corporations to pay poverty wages?

In this landmark book, acclaimed sociologist Matthew Desmond draws on history, research, and original reporting to show how affluent Americans knowingly and unknowingly keep poor people poor. Those of us who are financially secure exploit the poor, driving down their wages while forcing them to overpay for housing and access to cash and credit. We prioritize the subsidization of our wealth over the alleviation of poverty, designing a welfare state that gives the most to those who need the least. And we stockpile opportunity in exclusive communities, creating zones of concentrated riches alongside those of concentrated despair. Some lives are made small so that others may grow.

Elegantly written and fiercely argued, this compassionate book gives us new ways of thinking about a morally urgent problem. It also helps us imagine solutions. Desmond builds a startlingly original and ambitious case for ending poverty. He calls on us all to become poverty abolitionists, engaged in a politics of collective belonging to usher in a new age of shared prosperity and, at last, true freedom.



**Crown, March 2023**

**Rights Sold:**

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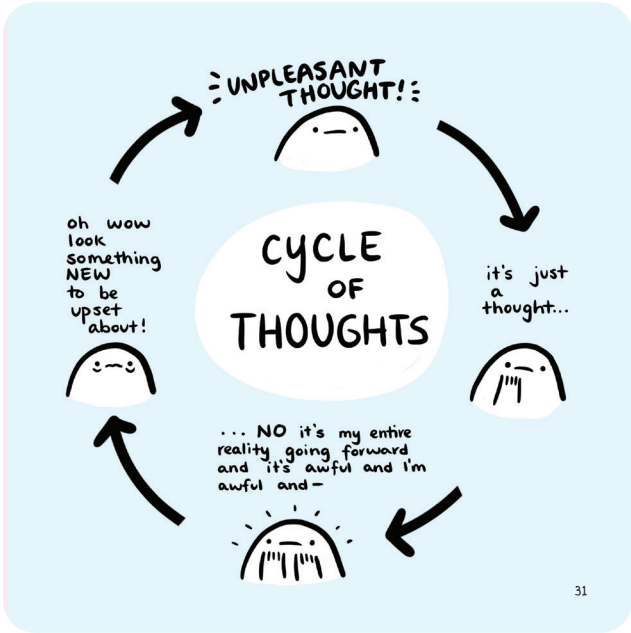
Book 21, Korea

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**ONE OF THE MOST  
ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF 2023:**

**The Washington Post, Time,  
Newsweek, Minneapolis Star  
Tribune, Elle, Salon, Lit Hub,  
Kirkus Reviews**

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some people can be friendly

Some people can be friends

Some people are not interested in mixing the two

it's a tough lesson to learn- but you do deserve people who care about you

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**ONE LITTLE THING GOES WRONG**

well I'm taking this personally and assuming everything is going to hell

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# THINKING OF YOU

(BUT NOT LIKE IN A WEIRD CREEPY WAY)

a comic collection  
by beth evans

Andrews McMeel, May 2023

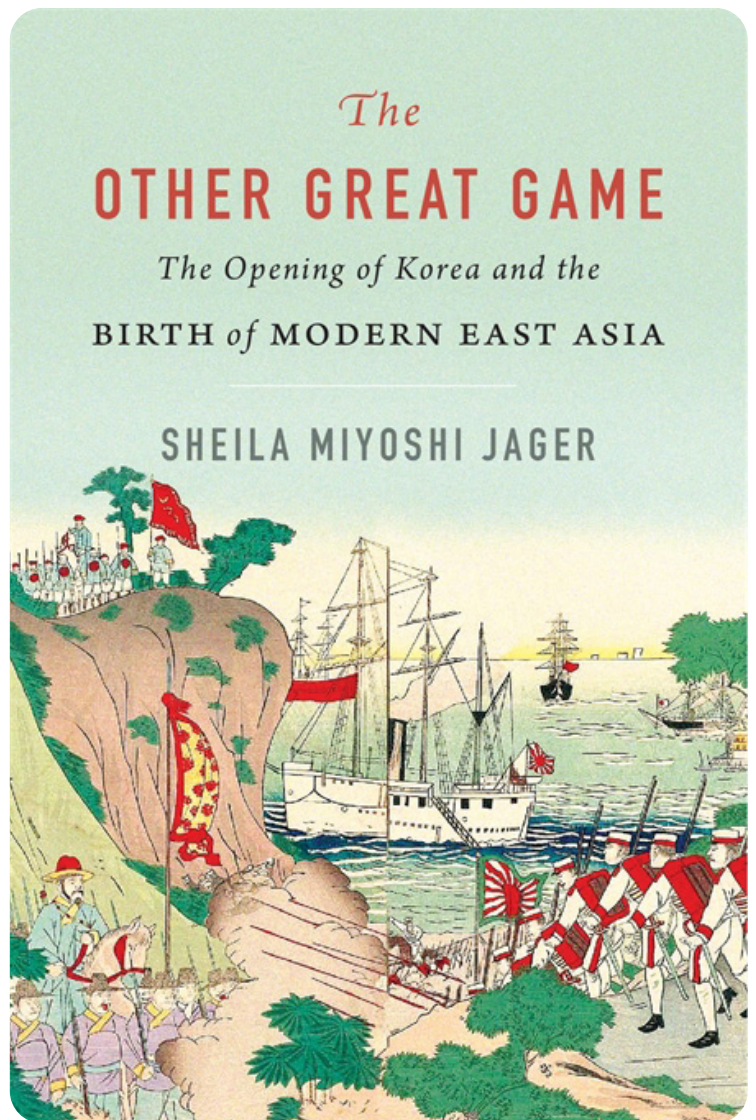
**Cartoonist and Instagram sensation Beth Evans (@bethdrawsthings) has one goal and one goal only, and that's to make her readers feel seen, uplifted, and not so alone in the world. She successfully does that yet again with Thinking of You, her new collection of humorous and validating comics.**

**A dramatic new telling of the dawn of modern East Asia, placing Korea at the center of a transformed world order wrought by imperial greed and devastating wars.**

In the nineteenth century, Russia participated in two “great games”: one, well known, pitted the tsar’s empire against Britain in Central Asia. The other, hitherto unrecognized but no less significant, saw Russia, China, and Japan vying for domination of the Korean Peninsula. In this eye-opening account, brought to life in lucid narrative prose, Sheila Miyoshi Jager argues that the contest over Korea, driven both by Korean domestic disputes and by great-power rivalry, set the course for the future of East Asia and the larger global order.

When Russia’s eastward expansion brought it to the Korean border, an impoverished but strategically located nation was wrested from centuries of isolation. Korea became a prize of two major imperial conflicts: the Sino-Japanese War at the close of the nineteenth century and the Russo-Japanese War at the beginning of the twentieth. Japan’s victories in the battle for Korea not only earned the Meiji regime its yearned-for colony but also dislodged Imperial China from centuries of regional supremacy. And the fate of the declining tsarist empire was sealed by its surprising military defeat, even as the United States and Britain sized up the new Japanese challenger.

A vivid story of two geopolitical earthquakes sharing Korea as their epicenter, *The Other Great Game* rewrites the script of twentieth-century rivalry in the Pacific and enriches our understanding of contemporary global affairs, from the origins of Korea’s bifurcated identity—a legacy of internal politics amid the imperial squabble—to China’s irredentist territorial ambitions and Russia’s nostalgic dreams of recovering great-power status.



**Harvard University Press, May 2023**

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“A monumental achievement. Recounting the story of China’s decline in East Asia, Jager provides a definitive reference for the diplomatic machinations of the great-power conflict in the late nineteenth century. This is narrative historical writing at its best.”

**—Michael Robinson, author of *Korea’s Twentieth-Century Odyssey***

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**The definitive  
takedown of  
fatphobia, drawing  
on personal  
experience as well  
as rigorous research  
to expose how size  
discrimination harms  
everyone, and how  
to combat it—from  
the acclaimed author  
of *Down Girl* and  
*Entitled***

# **UNSHRINKING**

## **How to Face Fatphobia**

**Kate Manne**

**Crown, January 2024**

For as long as she can remember, Kate Manne has wanted to be smaller. She can tell you what she weighed on any significant occasion: her wedding day, the day she became a professor, the day her daughter was born. She's been bullied and belittled for her size, leading to extreme dieting. As a feminist philosopher, she wanted to believe that she was exempt from the cultural gaslighting that compels so many of us to ignore our hunger. But she was not.

Blending intimate stories with the trenchant analysis that has become her signature, Manne shows why fatphobia has become a vital social justice issue. Over the last several decades, implicit bias has waned in every category, from race to sexual orientation, except one: body size. Manne examines how anti-fatness operates—how it leads us to make devastating assumptions about a person's attractiveness, fortitude, and intellect, and how it intersects with other systems of oppression. Fatphobia is responsible for wage gaps, medical neglect, and poor educational outcomes; it is a straitjacket, restricting our freedom, our movement, our potential.

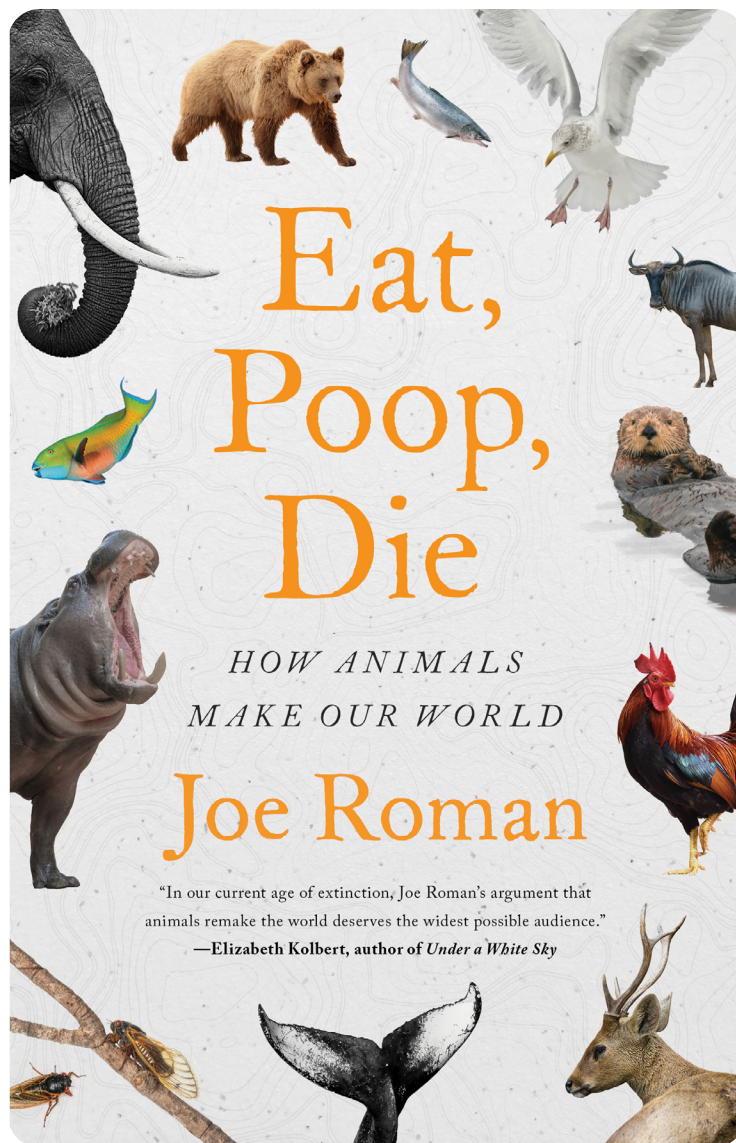
In this elegant and urgent call to action, Manne proposes a new politics of "body reflexivity"—a radical reevaluation of who our bodies exist in the world for: ourselves and no one else. When it comes to fatphobia, the solution is not to love our bodies more. Instead, we must dismantle the forces that control and constrain us, and remake the world to accommodate people of every size.

# Nature-Based Solutions to Climate Change

A bear poops in the woods, and when she does, she spreads nutrients throughout the forest, nutrients transported from the ocean by the bear's favorite meal—salmon—who've fought their way up rivers to spawn and die. Dam those rivers, or otherwise obstruct the migration of salmon, and you starve the forest, with disastrous, wide-ranging effects.

Adding adventure narrative to great science writing, Roman accompanies field researchers on expeditions all over the world to show first-hand how animals make our world.

The story begins near Iceland, where a recent volcanic eruption created the island of Surtsey, a virgin laboratory for observing the process by which animal waste literally builds a world. Roman – one of only a handful of scientists allowed to visit – will show us how a barren outcrop of pumice 50 years ago became a thriving ecosystem of birds and grasses and other creatures, one drop of poop at a time. But what may bring the message home more vividly is his pointing out that 9 of 10 grains of sand on most tropical beaches are parrotfish poop from coral meals. That lovely beach you dream of lying on? It's actually a carpet of animal waste.



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***“In our current age of extinction, Joe Roman’s argument that animals remake the world deserves the widest possible audience.”***

***-Elizabeth Kolbert, author of Under a White Sky***

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**In *Shakespeare's Sisters*, Ramie Targoff restores a crucial missing chapter in the love story of women and writing, unearthing the lives of four ambitious women who, against all odds, made themselves heard—and read—in the time of Shakespeare.**

**Braiding together the biographies of Mary Herbert, Aemilia Lanyer, Elizabeth Cary and Anne Clifford, Targoff pulls into focus the story of a Renaissance Bloomsbury set, showing readers how these four women both directly and indirectly shaped one another's careers and lives—and that together they form a formidable group of early feminist writers.**

Ramie Targoff is Professor of English, co-chair of Italian Studies, and the Jehuda Reinharz Director of the Mandel Center for the Humanities at Brandeis University. She holds a B.A. from Yale University and Ph.D. from University of California, Berkeley. She is the author of multiple prize-winning books on Renaissance literature, including most recently, *Renaissance Woman: The Life of Vittoria Colonna*, and is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship. She lives in Cambridge, MA.

# SHAKESPEARE'S SISTERS

by  
**RAMIE TARGOFF**

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***Shakespeare's Sisters* is a book ripe for our moment of untold stories by female persons in history. We know only of what a woman's life was during the Renaissance from what was written by males. It is time to change that and to explore the texts of four incredible women who offer an entirely new perspective on a much loved period of time.**

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An entertaining and inspiring humor book that proves you're never too old to reach your potential.

Featured profiles include:

Judi Dench first achieved international fame for her role in *Goldeneye* at age 61

Pinetop Perkins became the oldest person to win a Grammy at age 97

At 84, Iris Apfel and her unique style were showcased by the Metropolitan Museum of Art



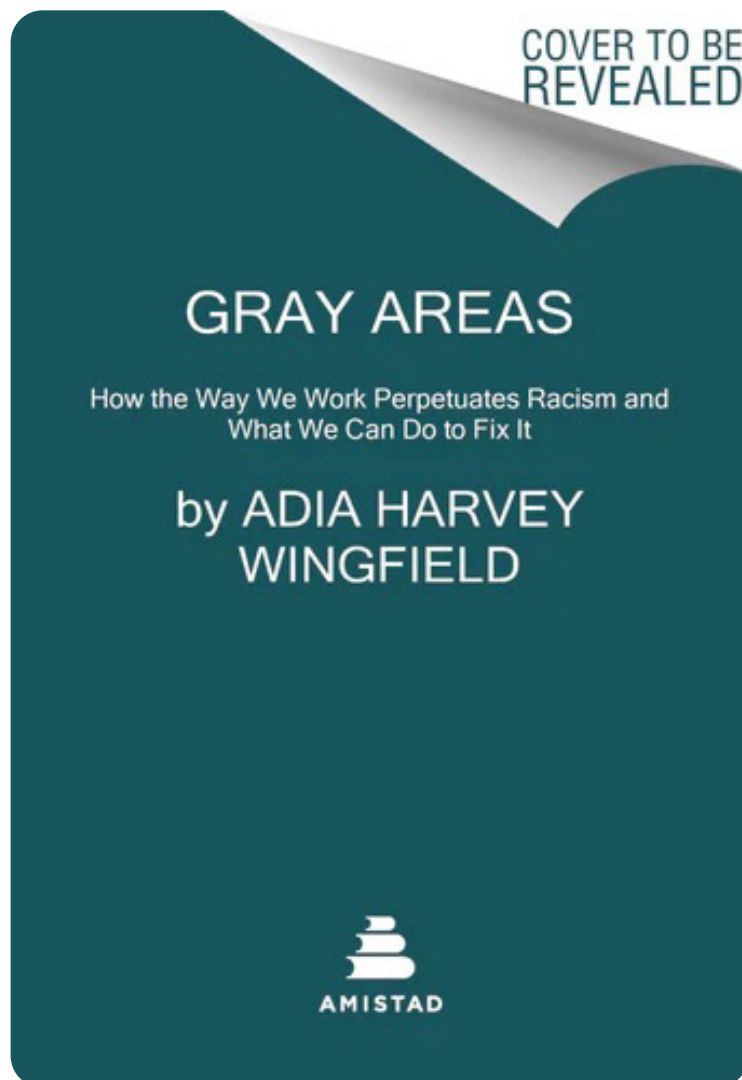
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***The Swayze Year* celebrates later-in-life wins with short profiles of one person for every year from age 35 to age 100 who climbed mountains—metaphorical and literal—wrote their own storylines, and found their happy little trees at a more mature age. With wit, humor, and warmth, *The Swayze Year* proves that no matter how old you are, you're not done yet.**

Labor and race have shared a complex, interconnected history in America. For decades, key aspects of work—from getting a job to workplace norms to advancement and mobility—ignored and failed Black people. While explicit discrimination no longer occurs, and organizations make internal and public pledges to honor and achieve “diversity,” inequities persist through what Adia Harvey Wingfield calls the “gray areas:” the relationships, networks, and cultural dynamics integral to companies that are now more important than ever. The reality is that Black employees are less likely to be hired, stall out at middle levels, and rarely progress to senior leadership positions.

Wingfield has spent a decade examining inequality in the workplace, interviewing over two hundred Black subjects across professions about their work lives. In *Gray Areas*, she introduces seven of them: Alex, a worker in the gig economy; Max, an emergency medicine doctor; Constance, a chemical engineer; Brian, a filmmaker; Amalia, a journalist; Darren, a corporate vice president; and Kevin, who works for a nonprofit.

In this accessible and important antiracist work, Wingfield chronicles their experiences and blends them with history and surprising data that starkly show how old models of work are outdated and detrimental. She demonstrates the scope and breadth of gray areas and offers key insights and suggestions for how they can be fixed, including shifting hiring practices to include Black workers; rethinking organizational cultures to centralize Black employees’ experience; and establishing pathways that move capable Black candidates into leadership roles. These reforms would create workplaces that reflect America’s increasingly diverse population—professionals whose needs organizations today are ill-prepared to meet.



**Amistad/HarperCollins, October 2023**

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**A leading sociologist reveals why racial inequality persists in the workplace despite today’s multi-billion-dollar diversity industry—and provides actionable solutions for creating a truly equitable, multiracial future.**

