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JUDGE OF WORLDS
DANIEL ABRAHAM

From the New York Times bestselling author and co-author of The Expanse and the Captive's War comes the epic conclusion to a monumental fantasy trilogy that unfolds within the walls of a single great city over the course of one tumultuous year.

It is no easy thing to kill a god. To keep one dead is harder.

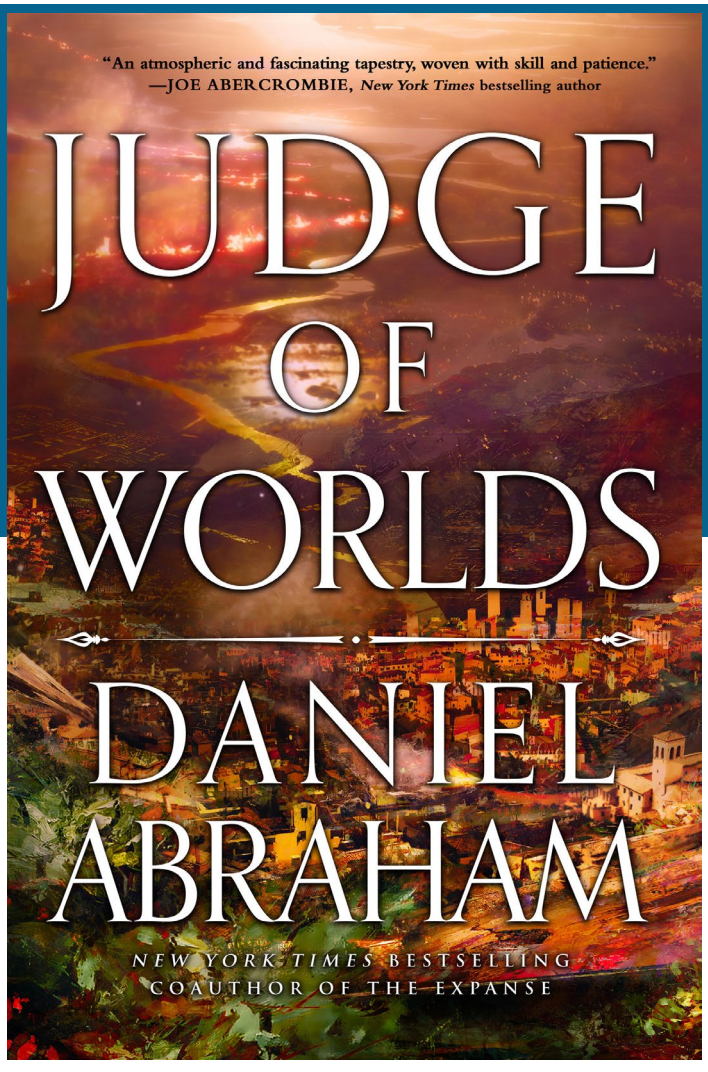
Kithamar is a center of trade and wealth, an ancient city with a long, bloody history. Through the centuries, one thread has woven all of its stories together and bound them. But the Thread of Kithamar has been cut.

Byrn a Sal is the first prince of a new era, but the legacies of the past haunt him. And hunt him.

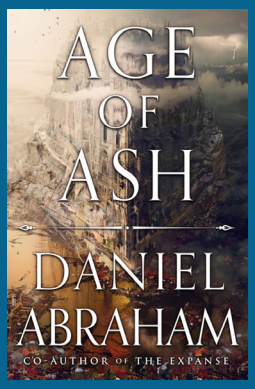
In secret libraries, the true history of the city is uncovered for the first time. In the corridors of power, the future of Kithamar struggles to be born. In the city they thought they knew, Byrn a Sal and childhood friend Halev Karsen struggle to uncover a vast conspiracy with more than their lives at stake.

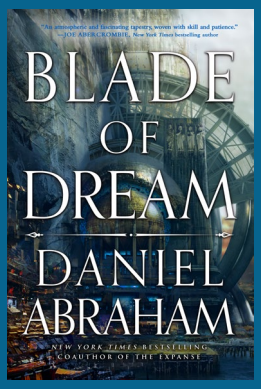
But not all princes are fit to rule. Not all friends are what they seem. And not all who stand against evil are good.

In an epoch woven from numberless stories, this one belongs to Kithamar.



Orbit / Hachette (February 2027)





THE KITHAMAR TRILOGY

"An atmospheric and fascinating tapestry, woven with skill and patience." – Joe Abercrombie

Rights Sold:

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Fantasy

TONIGHT, I BLAZE
KATHARINE J. ADAMS

Three lives. One fate.

Penny Albright lit the match that sparked a war. Now, she holds the one that will end it.

In defeating the Warden, she and her friends released a deadlier foe—and the Sorcerer will stop at nothing to reclaim magic and destroy witchkind. But Penny will do anything to protect the people she loves, even if it means joining forces with Malin's morally questionable brother, Dante.

With Alice held captive in the Sorcerer's city, forced to spin the evil aimed at Halstett's heart, and Malin inside Halstett, rebuilding the army to protect their walls, Penny's only hope is to play the Sorcerer's games—and she needs Dante to win. As the veil unravels, Penny, Malin, and Alice each fight their own demons to face the end together, side-by-side.

In this searing series conclusion, Penny must claim her fate as the witch she was always destined to be—and the only way to defeat a god might be to become one.



Orbit (November 2026)





The Witches of Halstett trilogy

"With polyamory and a strong, queer main character, this is a breathtaking must-read for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Jennifer L. Armentrout."-Library Journal (Starred Review) on *Tonight, I Burn*

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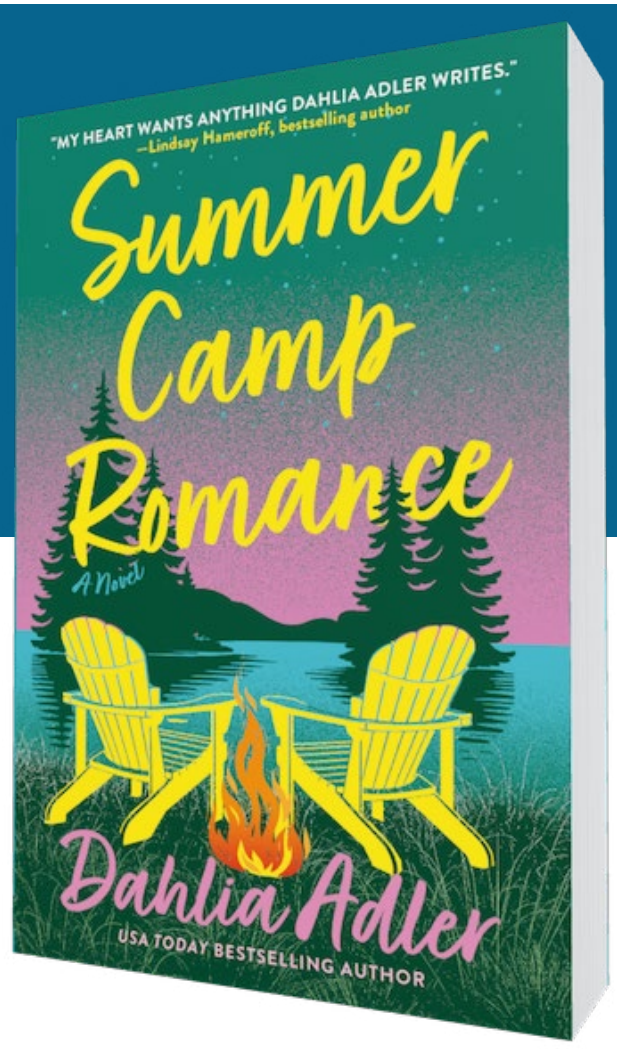
Romantasy

SUMMER CAMP ROMANCE
DAHLIA ADLER

Fresh out of a life-derailing six-year relationship, Dana Becker would love nothing more than to turn back time. She'll have to settle for the next best thing: returning to the last place she was truly happy--the summer camp she attended as a kid. But running sports staff in your thirties is a whole lot different from being a camper as a teen, especially when you're trying to re-learn how to be on your own and everyone keeps trying to set you up with the only other single thirty-something staffer.

Between an ultra-religious upbringing that didn't fit and a mistake in his twenties he's still paying for a decade later, Zeke Harris has resigned himself to a consistent, solitary life that leaves no room for relationships. But when Dana Becker pushes past his defenses without even meaning to (or wanting to), he finds himself open to possibilities he never thought existed for him.

Together, they break all their personal rules, and even a few of the camp ones. But when the heartbreaks they've left behind come calling as the fantasy land of Camp Moriah comes to a close, they'll have to grapple with the pasts they've been avoiding if they want a chance at a future.



St. Martin's Griffin /Macmillan (July 2027)

Beach Read *meets*
Wet Hot American Summer

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

A nostalgic summer romance where a woman returns to work at her old camp to find her happiest single self—only to fall in love.

Romance

GOOD THINGS ARE COMING YOUR WAY

CHARLIE JANE ANDERS

Merriwether went to witch school and graduated into a great job at a magical non-profit–and then her boss promoted her into the secret time-travel division.

While on her first real mission (because going back to visit your child self–and learning a horrible family curse–certainly shouldn't count), Wether literally is swept off her feet by a grumpy (but very attractive) vampire.

Colette, like most vampires, has been self-appointed as the guardian of futures and known histories. On a quest to protect the world from unscrupulous time-travelers and dangerous holes in the fabric of fate, Colette is shocked to realize that instead of punishing Wether, she'd like to rescue her–and also recruit her–and maybe also fall in love.

Unfortunately, they'll first have to hunt down Wether-from-the-future, who has a) some concerns, b) her own time-traveling partner recruited from Colette's past, and c) a nefarious plot to carry out.



Tor Books (May 2027)

This Is How You Lose the Time War meets *Good Omens* in a time-hopping romance about learning to forgive yourself for wanting something good.

The Hugo, Nebula, Locus, and Lambda Literary Award winning author.

Fantasy

THE FIRST SCARLET DOOR
J.D. BARKER

In the first of three prequels to New York Times bestselling author J.D. Barker's wildly popular 4MK series...

Before he was known as the Four Monkey Killer, he was just a boy trying to survive.

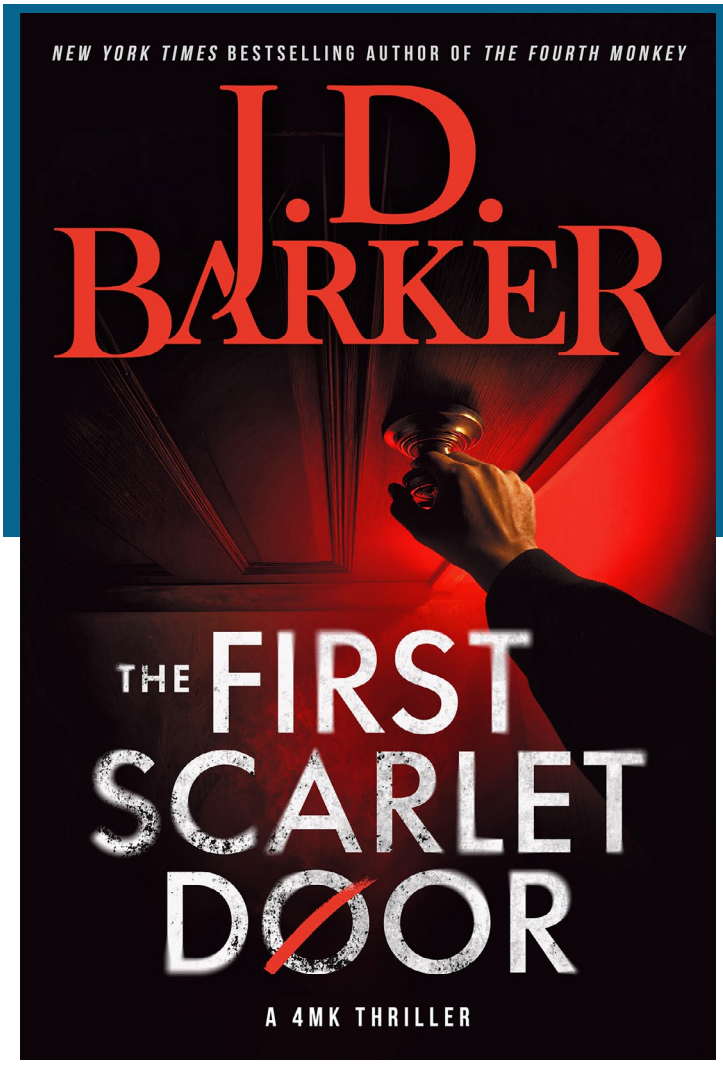
Charleston, 1999. Fifteen-year-old Anson Bishop didn't mean to kill—not the first time, anyway. Raised by parents who taught him that murder was simply survival, Anson thought he'd escaped his dark past when his home burned and his mother vanished with stolen mob money.

He was wrong.

Someone is hunting Charleston's forgotten children—the runaways, the addicts, the ones no one will miss. When the few people Anson has come to care about vanish into the night, he discovers a truth more horrifying than anything his parents taught him: there are monsters in the world far worse than the one he sees in the mirror.

Behind a door the color of spilled blood waits a killer who has perfected his craft over two decades. To save his friends, Anson must walk through that scarlet door and face a monster. But in doing so, he may become something more dangerous than what awaits him on the other side.

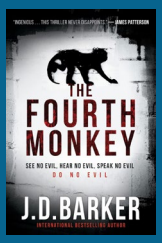
Some doors, once opened, can never be closed.

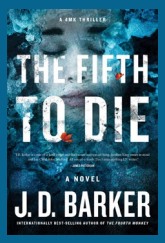


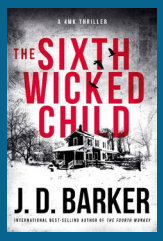
Hampton Creek Press (September 2026)

Recorded Books Audio

4MK TRILOGY:







THREE PREQUELS
COMING TO THE 4MK TRILOGY

Sylvester Stallone's Balboa Productions Teams With The Walking Dead Veteran Channing Powell To Bring the 4MK Universe to Television!

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Psychological Suspense

A CURSE OF CROWN & ROOT
BRADLEY P. BEAULIEU

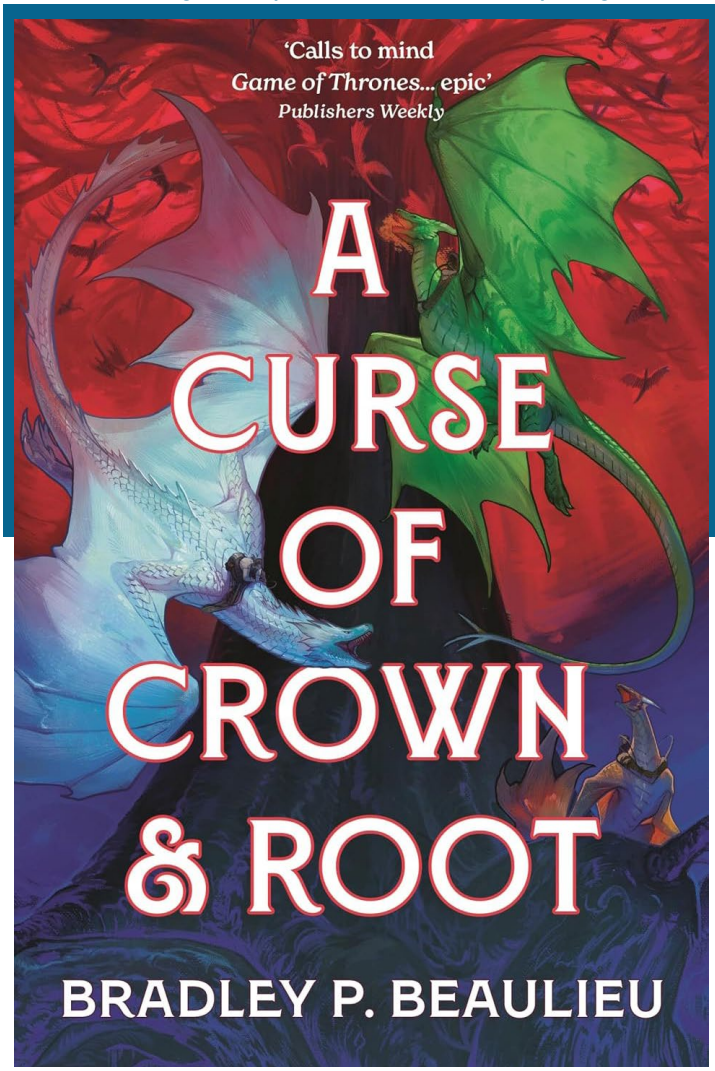
In the great forest known as the Holt, a deadly game that nearly destroyed the world a thousand years ago threatens to rekindle.

Inquisitor Lorelei journeys to the fabled city of Gonsalond in search of a way to stop the game, only to find the citadel trees – once her window into the past – have fallen silent. With time running out, she is forced into a dangerous deal with a necromancer who may kill her before surrendering the game's secrets.

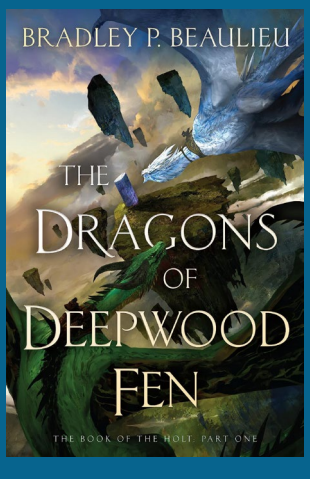
Dragon singer Rylan, desperate to avert all-out war, plots to steal a powerful paragon and prevent their awakening. Standing in his way are the empire and its powerful church, who believe rousing the final two paragons will usher in the rebirth of their goddess, Alra.

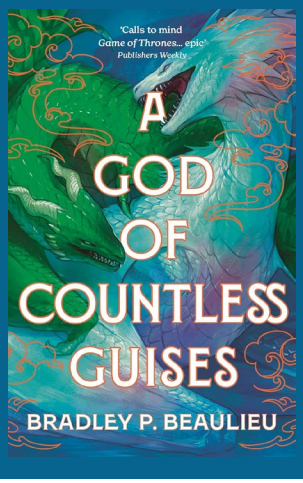
Meanwhile, warrior mage Rhiannon is convinced that the only way to prevent widespread destruction is to find Yeriel, the lone player in the game who seems to care what happens to the Holt when the contest is finally over. But Yeriel has fled and doesn't want to be found. Rhiannon recruits a magical bloodhound to help her locate the wayward paragon even knowing she may refuse to help.

When the truth emerges that the Holt itself may be sacrificed in Enwe's game, the heroes are driven to seek aid from Rhiannon's mother, Morraine; the game's newest player and a woman who's sworn to win Enwe's prize, even if it means abandoning the Holt. As the game nears its end, the empire's dragon legions, a goddess reborn, and Enwe herself threaten to bring ruin upon the Holt and everything within it.



Ad Astra / Head of Zeus (January 2027)





The grand finale of the award-winning BOOK OF THE HOLT series, an epic fantasy trilogy charting the rebirth of a forgotten divine contest and the mortals caught in its wake. Only a band of heroes - a dragon singer, an inquisitor, and a warrior mage - hold any chance of stopping it. Set in a world of dragon legions, living forests, and capricious gods.

Fantasy

THE FANART OF FALLING IN LOVE
KATELYN BECKER

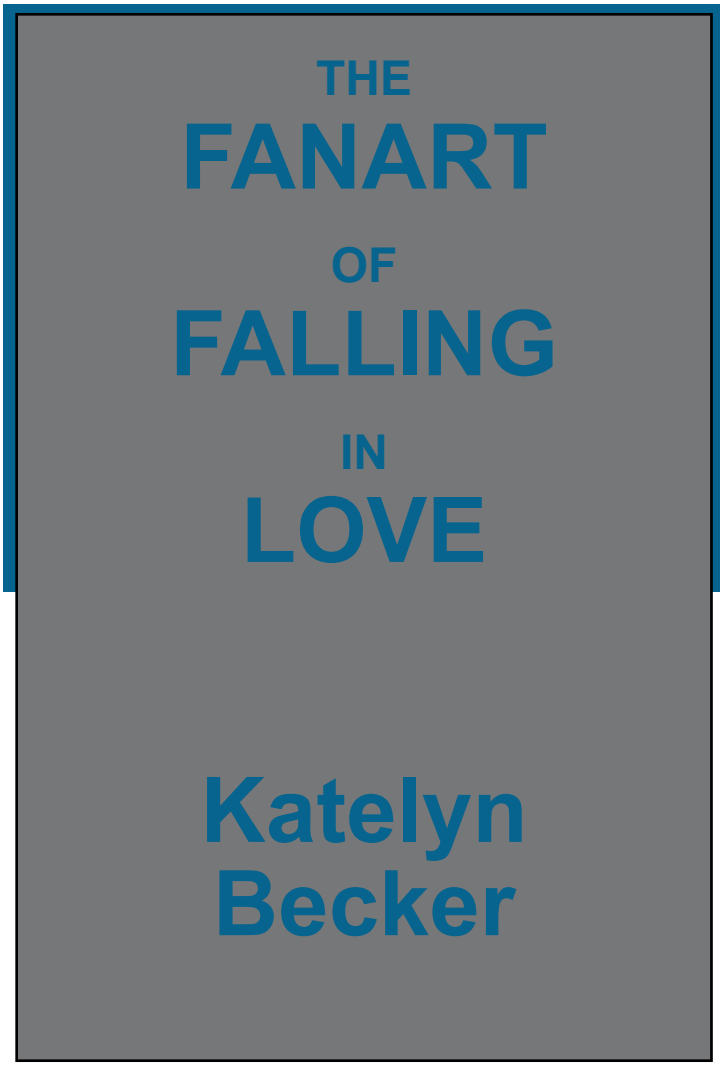
Alex Palmer: Introvert. Anxiety-sufferer. Social media famous fanartist.

When she isn't juggling a mind-numbing job, art school, and lingering grief over her father's death, Alex draws spicy fanart featuring ripped superheroes and risqué anime characters. Online, her anonymous fanart account has quite the following, but offline, the secret must be protected at all costs, especially from her three male roommates.

Despite hiding her alter ego from them, cohabitating with a car salesman, sports journalist, and elementary school teacher works surprisingly well...until Matt, the dreamy educator with a penchant for asking offbeat questions, sees Alex selling her fanart at a comic con.

Impulsively, Alex offers him a deal: three wishes in exchange for his silence. But just as things start heating up between them—and an exciting opportunity in the form of a comic competition nears—someone targets Alex online, forcing her to choose between protecting her fanart secret or risking it all to embrace both sides of herself.

To secure her own Happily Ever After, Alex will have to face the troll trying to tear her down—and find the courage to become her own biggest fan.



Dutton / Penguin Random House (May 2027)

When Alex's wisecracking roommate discovers her double life as a "Not Safe For Work" fanartist, she'll need to color outside the lines to ensure he keeps her dirty secret under wraps—a strategy that works until their flirty pact starts looking a lot like love.

- Spicy Fan Fic
- Glorious Secrets
- Secret Identity
- Rommates to Lovers
- Fandom Culture

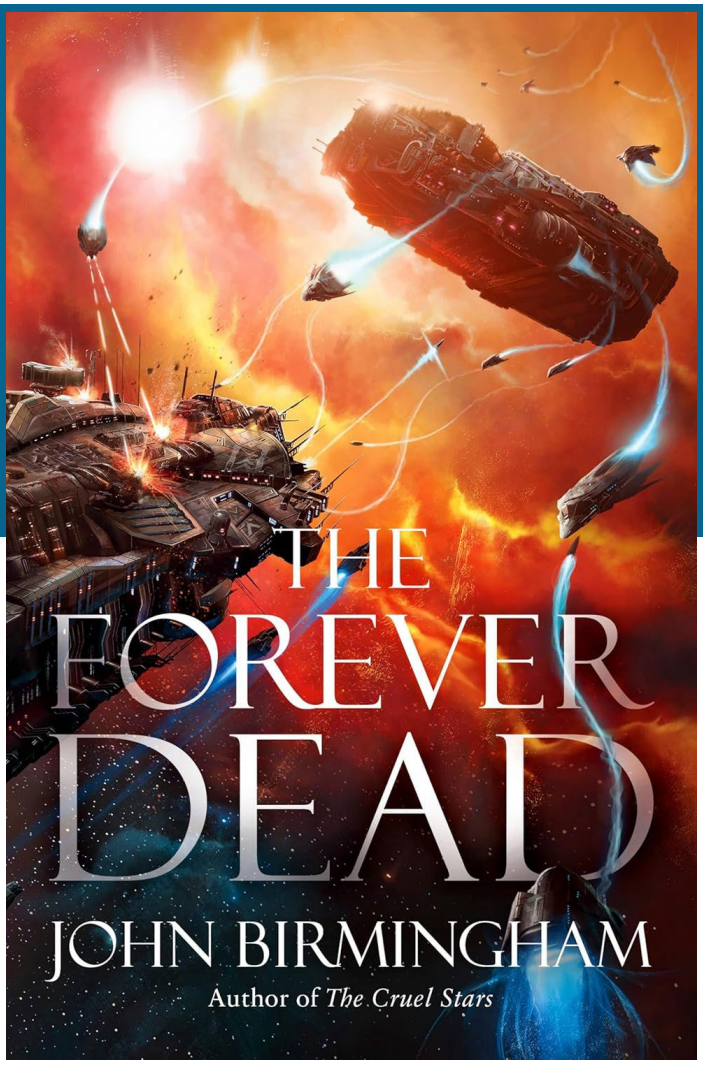
Romance

THE FOREVER DEAD
JOHN BIRMINGHAM

When the Sturm, a group of "species purists," returned from the far reaches of Dark Space to eliminate any human with genetic or cybernetic enhancements, their victory seemed inevitable. Yet, as they waged war against humanity, a small group of battle-hardened heroes rose to the task of beating back the invading force.

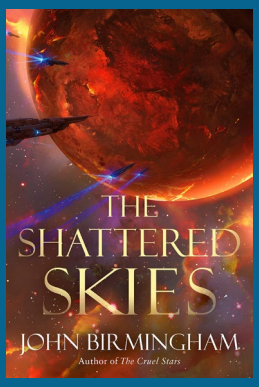
At a horrendous cost, Commander Lucinda Hardy, Admiral Fraser McLennan, Sephina L'trel, Booker3 and Princess Alessia led the only resistance to the Sturm's overwhelming forces. Amid the ruins of a civilization utterly corrupted by the Sturm's horrific darkcode malware, they must gather allies and weapons where they can. Old enmities must be overcome and unlikely partnerships forged.

Surrounded, outnumbered and outgunned, the resistance cannot hold out. By strategy and deception, they must force a decisive confrontation with the Sturm. A final stand that will demand the ultimate sacrifice . . . and extreme violence.



Del Rey / PRH (October 2026)





THE CRUEL STARS TRILOGY

A crew of intrepid heroes faces off once and for all against an enemy intent on destroying humanity—and the galaxy.

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Science Fiction

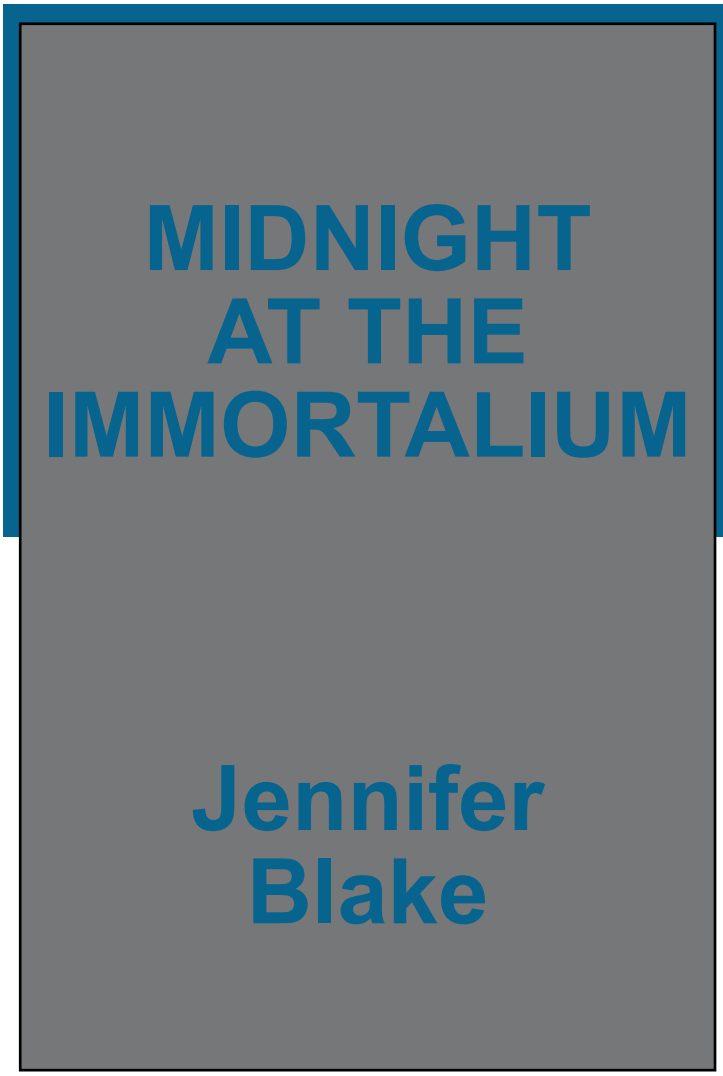
MIDNIGHT AT THE IMMORTALIUM
JENNIFER BLAKE

In Caritas, few can resist the seduction of the casinos run by the eponymous gods Death, Beauty, and Luck. Cora Emerson knows better than to gamble, especially at the Immortalium, where the only acceptable bids are time. But when she foolishly takes her chances in Death's annual tournament, Cora walks away with only 30 days of her life left, and one harsh truth: The house always wins.

Unless you decide to rig the game.

With the help of Cash Baldere, a charming and mysterious local thief, Cora recruits a team to rob Death's casino and steal immortality. They enlist the help of Leo, the unpredictable gymnast with a troubled past; Tate, the optimistic young magician in over her head; and Sutton and Fletcher, the only couple in Caritas capable of running a long con. Together, they might just accomplish the impossible.

When Death sends Cora an invitation to the masquerade ball set for the last night of her life, she realizes she might not be the only one with an agenda. But where Cora is taking a gamble, Death only deals in sure bets.



Ace / PRH (Fall 2027)

The games and atmosphere of *Phantasma*, the heist and ensemble cast of *Ocean's Eleven*, and the magic and romance in *The Night Circus*.

Independent Publisher Book Awards' silver medal winning author.

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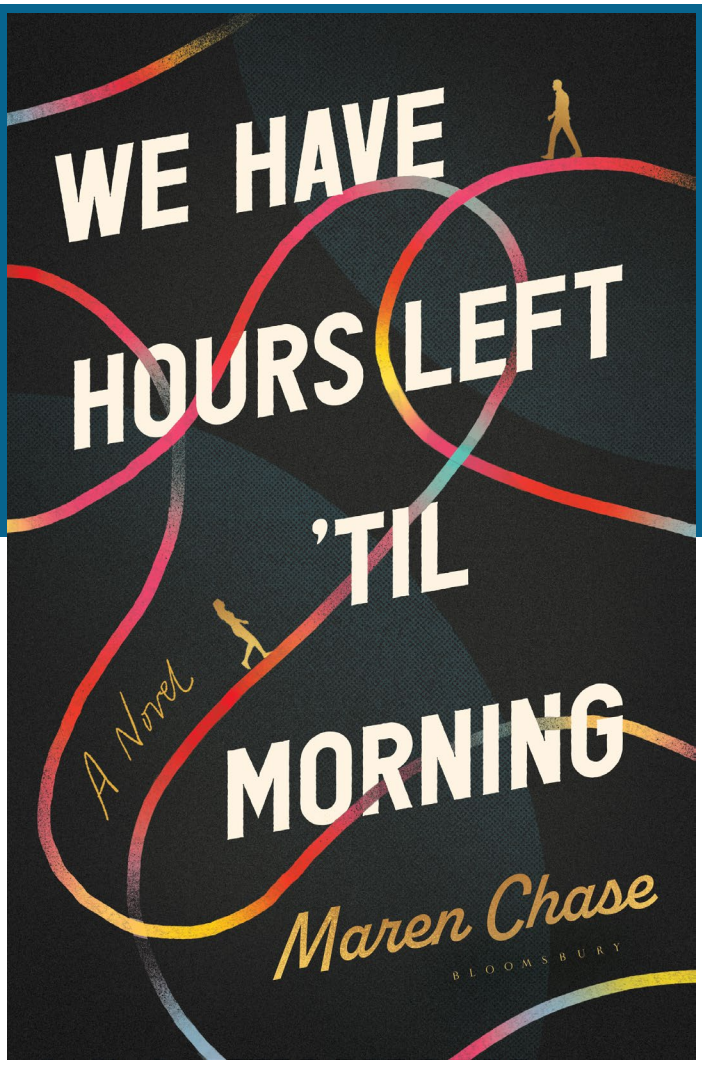
Romantasy

WE HAVE HOURS LEFT 'TIL MORNING
MAREN CHASE

Emilia is a loyal employee of the Directory, a shadow organization that governs time travel to ensure the integrity of the world's timeline. When a fellow agent, code name Ariel, tries to kill Emilia for a crime she hasn't yet committed, she gets pulled into a game of cat and mouse that spans centuries, where past and future blur. Everything they do has already happened, but their current selves are unaware of what's to come. And if they step out of line, the timeline could collapse, and they themselves could wink out of existence.

Sent to a major timeline event when the President is assassinated, Emilia must ensure that the assassination occurs the way she remembers it. The assassination doesn't go exactly according to plan, but with only slight aberrations, the timeline remains intact. Flustered after the partially successful mission, Emilia flees and runs into Ariel once again. This time she takes no chances and kills him...despite the fact he doesn't fight back.

But death doesn't mean much to time travelers, and Emilia runs into Ariel again and again. This Ariel doesn't contain the anger he once did, and Emilia can't help but fall for him, all the while knowing she is his murderer, and their time is running out. Only by working together - with a little help from their younger selves - could they potentially change the fate of humanity.



Bloomsbury Archer (April 2027)

A devastatingly romantic speculative novel about two time travel agents who meet - and fall in love - out of order, racing toward an ending they already know can't be changed.

"Chase's tale vibrates like a thousand crows taking flight."
-Bethany Jacobs, author of These Burning Stars on Crueler Mercies

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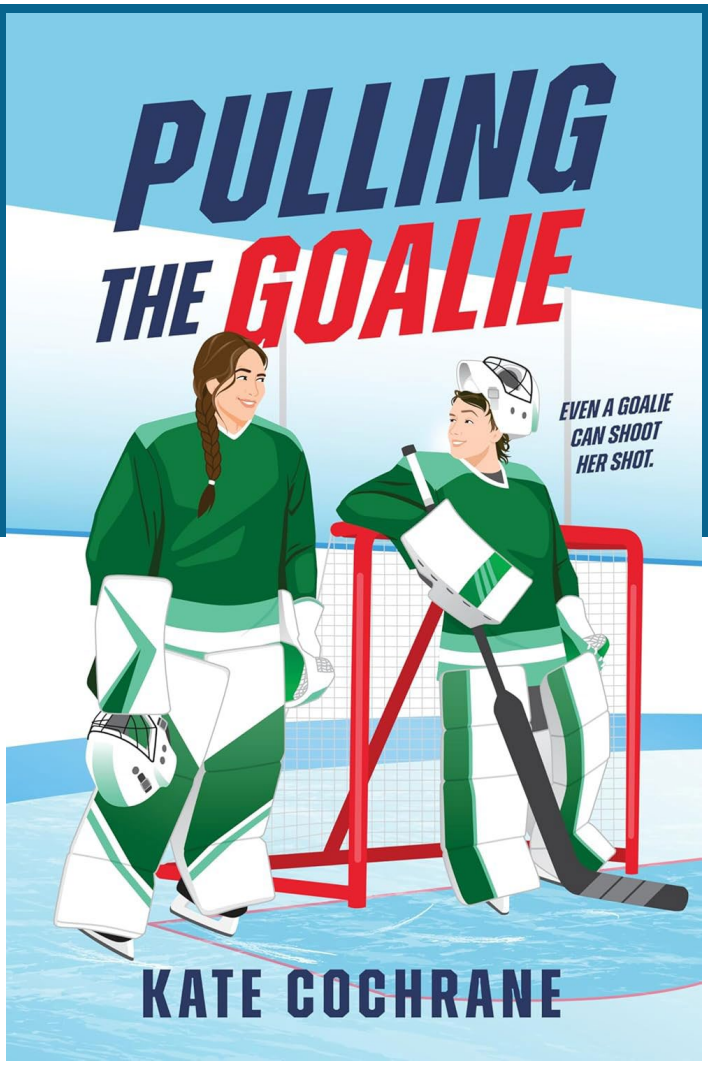
Speculative Romance

PULLING THE GOALIE
KATE COCHRANE

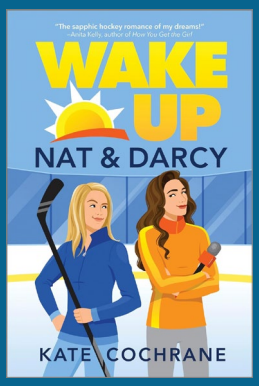
Sparks fly when a championship-winning goalie agrees to train a Hollywood actress for her breakout role in this sapphic hockey romance for fans of Rachel Reid.

Amy 'Teddy' Tedesco is coming off a championship winning season as the goalie for the Boston Wicked. She should be riding a high and training harder than ever for next season. Instead, her arm is in a sling thanks to a nasty, violent collision during the final playoff game. Teddy's terrified to get back on the ice—and even more terrified to admit that to her teammates, or worse, to herself.

Anne Montclair has been a Hollywood actress for as long as she can remember. A child star who built a career in television, she transitioned to the silver screen through romcoms and summer blockbusters. But the public has credited her success to her famous parents, and she's hungry to prove to the world that she has real talent. When Anne has the chance to play a hockey goalie in an awardsy biopic, she jumps at the chance. And she knows exactly who she wants as her coach.



Afterglow / Harlequin (January 2027)





PUCK STRUCK
STANDALONE STORIES

CALLING ALL HOCKEY FANS
SAPPHIC SPORTS ROMANCE

Kate Cochrane lives outside Boston with her wife, two children, and charming but badly-behaved chocolate Labrador.

Two additional books under contract in the Puck Struck series.

Romance

GHOST ME, MAYBE
MANDA COLLINS

A pretty librarian inherits a library and falls for the sexy architect who believes he should be the rightful owner in this enemies-to-lovers romcom.

Librarian Callie Jameson is floored when she learns she's to inherit the historic library on Petite Bois Island. All she knows about the barrier island off the coast of Louisiana is what her benefactor and beloved patron, Khaki Boudreaux, has told her about it and the beautiful life and love she once had there.

Seeing this opportunity as a chance to start over, Callie packs up her tortoiseshell cat, Stella, and heads south. But the moment she sets foot in the beautiful old building, she encounters an all-too-handsome tenant who claims the library belongs to him. So much for southern hospitality . . .

Trey LeBlanc spent his happiest summers with his Aunt Khaki on Petite Bois Island and has been living at the library while he renovates the old building. After all the effort he's put into this place, he can't understand why his aunt cut him out of the will. Now he'll have to convince Callie and her very opinionated cat to sell him the cherished property.

But then strange things start to happen around the library, and Trey hopes Callie will just get scared off by the "ghosts" haunting the place. When he realizes these aren't just neighborhood kids pulling pranks, however, but rather a dangerous scheme to get rid of the woman he's beginning to fall for, he'll do anything to keep her safe in his arms forever . . .



Podium Publishing (September 2026)

"Collins keeps the plot moving with an engaging blend of mild thrills, romance, and small-town eccentricity; the island setting and library backdrop provide plenty of charm. . . . Callie's likability, the easy chemistry between the protagonists, and the cozy atmosphere make the story difficult to resist. . . . Those up for an entertaining tale of new love, old secrets, and community will be won over. A cozy, satisfying read."
-Kirkus Reviews

Enemies to Lovers
Forced Proximity
Matchmaking
Woman in Jeopardy.

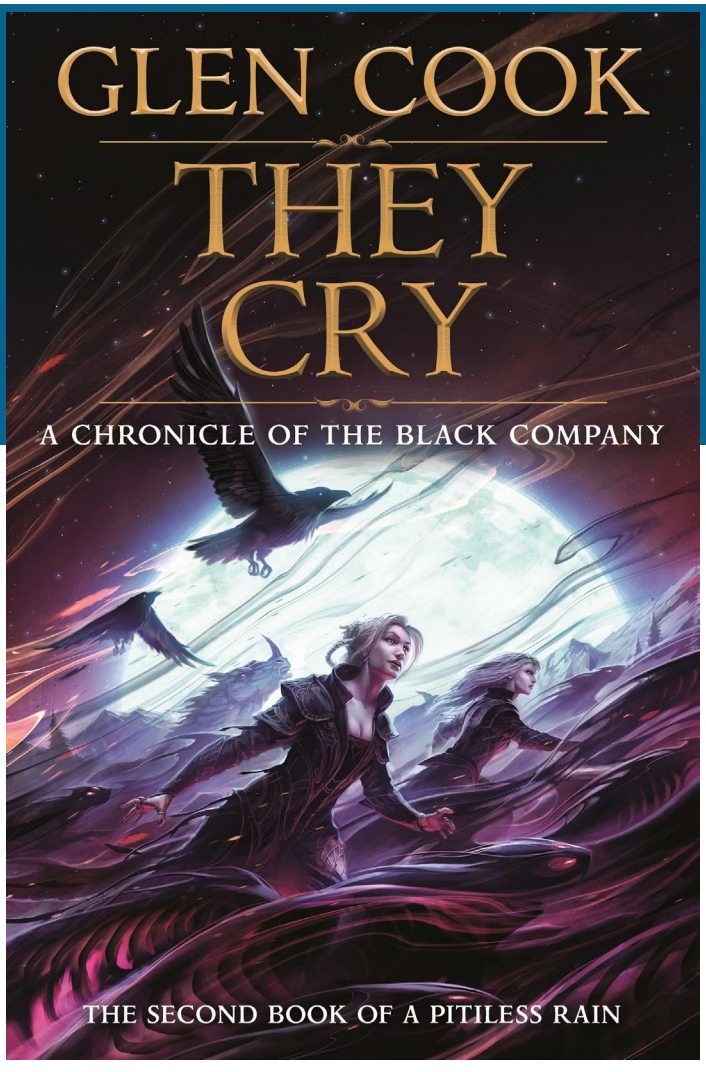
Manda Collins is a bestselling romance author whose stories combine the historical romance of Jane Austen's novels with the thrilling suspense of the Nancy Drew series, both childhood favorites.

Romcom

THEY CRY
GLEN COOK

In this second volume of the Chronicles of the Black Company saga, A Pitiless Rain, Arkana and Shukrat return to An Abode of Raven imbued with powerful magic that they've barely begun to grasp. These powers allow them to do things they've never imagined, but have also opened them up to intrigue and murderous plots-both political and supernatural-that only they can contend with. The Land of Unknown Shadows has truly lived up to its name.

Meanwhile, the new Steadfast Guardian's boundless curiosity has stretched him near his limits, putting at risk the demigod-once-known-as-Croaker's remaining humanity. The only thing keeping him anchored are the misadventures of his adopted daughters, and the scheming Soulcatcher, doing all she can to escape her prison, or failing that, annoy him into releasing her.



Tor Books (November 2026)



The second book in a brand new arc of his groundbreaking Chronicles of the Black Company-an epic fantasy series with millions of copies in print.

The godfather of Grimdark

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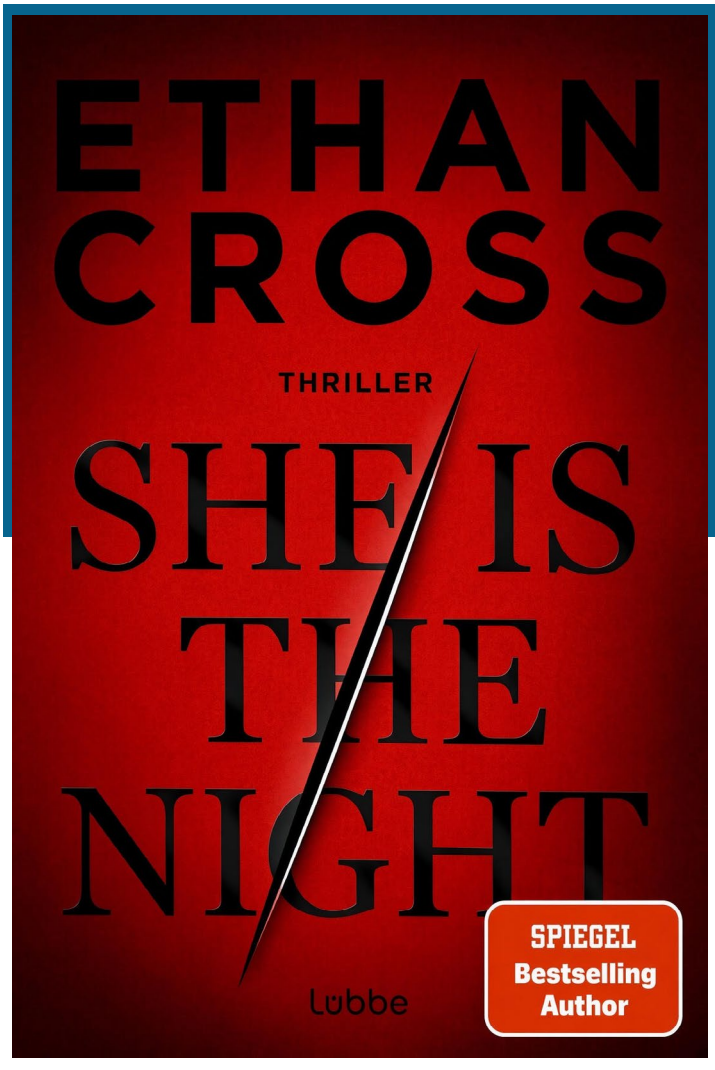
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Epic Fantasy

SHE IS THE NIGHT
ETHAN CROSS

Immune to fear, addicted to pain, and trained to be a killer, Annabelle Ackerman is unlike any hunter her enemies have ever faced. She has spent years tracking her infamous serial-killer father, a man whose legacy turned her into a weapon.

When her latest target reveals a house of trafficked children, Annabelle's personal hunt becomes a rescue mission. She lives by the rule: you mess with kids, you meet the monster. Now, she must unleash her training against ruthless predators and decide if the darkness inside her makes her a monster or exactly the hero these children need.



Luebbe (Spring, 2027)

"A fast paced, all too real thriller with a villain right out of James Patterson and Criminal Minds."
- Andrew Gross (NYT bestselling author), on the Shepherd series

THE AUTHORSHIP:

Over 1 million copies sold in Germany

#3 Der Spiegel bestseller

Translated into 15 languages

Thriller

VILLAIN ORIGIN STORY
RUBY DIXON

Everyone has their limit. Joslen just hit hers.

Life has never been easy for a poor, uneducated village girl, especially one with a crooked back that has some villagers muttering she's been cursed at birth. But when things in Joslen's life go from bad to progressively worse, it fills her with intense frustration. How does she fight back against an arranged marriage and a lifetime of misery if no one will even listen to her? What's a nice girl supposed to do?

A brush with the handsome but dangerous Scourge King, the conqueror of her land, teaches her something important. It's time to stop being nice and start being ruthless. And the perfect person to show her how to be bad? The Grim Lord himself, Vilos Saumien.

But the maniacal half-demon overlord has a few stipulations. If Joslen wants to be his apprentice, she needs to play by his rules. She must agree to obey his unhinged commands, keep him entertained...oh, and let him seduce her. It's clear Vilos loves the thrill of the chase, and giving in will mean her downfall. Now Joslen has to figure out how to navigate the poisonous court, learn enough magic to thwart her enemies, and keep Vilos wanting more.

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Ace / PRH (January 2027)

Ruby Dixon at her most addictive.

THE VIRAL AUTHOR BEHIND ICE PLANET BARBARIANS

An evil tyrant, a furious heroine entering her villain era, and a hero whose main rule is don't give in to me = Slow Burn to the max.

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Romantasy

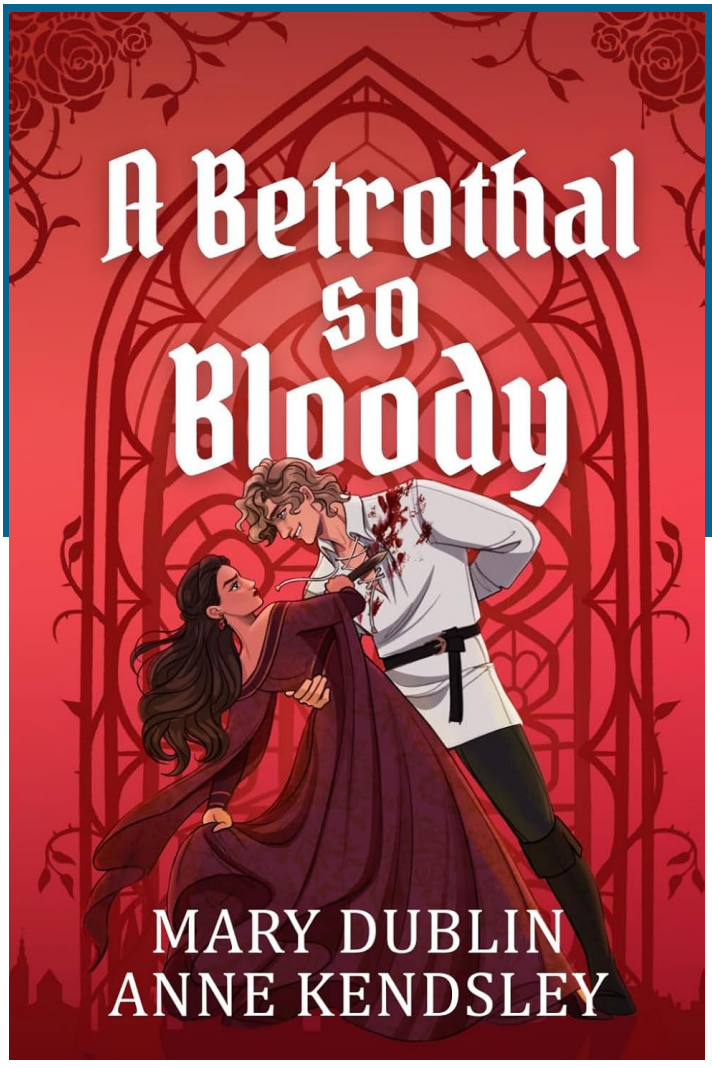
A BETROTHAL SO BLOODY
MARY DUBLIN & ANNE KENDSLEY

In 1560s Italy, Ariya has spent twelve relentless years training with the devout Corvus Order of female vampire slayers. At last, she earns her first solo mission to prove her worth—but her elation crumbles when she learns the intimate nature of the assignment: seduce and slay the enigmatic Florentine nobleman Dante D'Agonisto, rumored to be a vampire hiding in plain sight.

When she confronts him, Ariya is stunned to find that Dante is more than the ruthless predator she was taught to hunt. Cursed, desperate, and dangerously charming, he begs her to help him find a cure for his affliction—to reclaim his humanity and escape his brutal past.

Forced into a false marriage to mask their uneasy alliance, Ariya begins to question every long-held conviction—and plunges into a very inconvenient attraction as hostility ignites into a forbidden carnal awakening.

And if Dante is falling for her in turn, more than her mission is at stake. She may lose her heart to the very monster she has sworn to kill.



Independently Published (September 2026)

First Week Numbers!

- 240,000 KU Pages
- #1 bestseller in Renaissance Historical Romance
- 6 bookstores sold out, reordering.
- 2 book box deals
- #7 new release in paranormal vampire romance
- Over 2,100 copies sold

Fandom Alert:
Astarion-coded main character!

A KNIGHTS TALE meets BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER

Romantasy

THE FLOWER COURT
KATE ELLIOTT

To secure her beloved grandmother's rescue from a vindictive master, lowly servant Kyuri makes a desperate bargain with the noble Dorven. She must accompany him into the Flower Court at the heart of the imperial palace to search for his missing sister. But the fate of the sister is unclear, and seems to be bound up in a power struggle between ambitious princes.

In order to negotiate these dangerous currents, Kyuri is forced to work with Sulia, the Dowager Empress's loveliest and most condescending servant. When the investigation leads the two women into deadly palace intrigue and exposes them to the threat of a ravenous fungal ghost plague, they must learn to trust each other in order to survive and to have a hope of finding a future beyond servitude.



Tor Books (January 2027)

Sapphic romance amidst a tale of palace intrigue from one of fantasy's best-and best-loved-writers.

Winner of the **RT Reviewers' Choice Award** for Best Epic Fantasy

Multiple award nominee, including the **Nebula** Award, **World Fantasy Award**, **Andre Norton Award**, and **Locus Award**

Kate Elliott has been publishing science fiction and fantasy for over thirty years with a particular focus in immersive world building and epic stories of adventure & transformative cultural change. She's written fantasy, science fiction, space opera based on the life of Alexander the Great (Unconquerable Sun), young adult fantasy, the seven volume (complete!) Crown of Stars epic fantasy series set in a landscape reminiscent of early medieval Europe, and the Afro-Celtic post-Roman alternate-history fantasy with lawyer dinosaurs, Cold Magic, as well as two novellas set in the Magic: The Gathering multiverse. Her work has been nominated for the Nebula, World Fantasy, Norton, and Locus Awards. Her novel Black Wolves won the RT Reviewers' Choice Award for Best Epic Fantasy 2015. She lives in Hawaii, paddles outrigger canoes, and spoils her schnauzer.

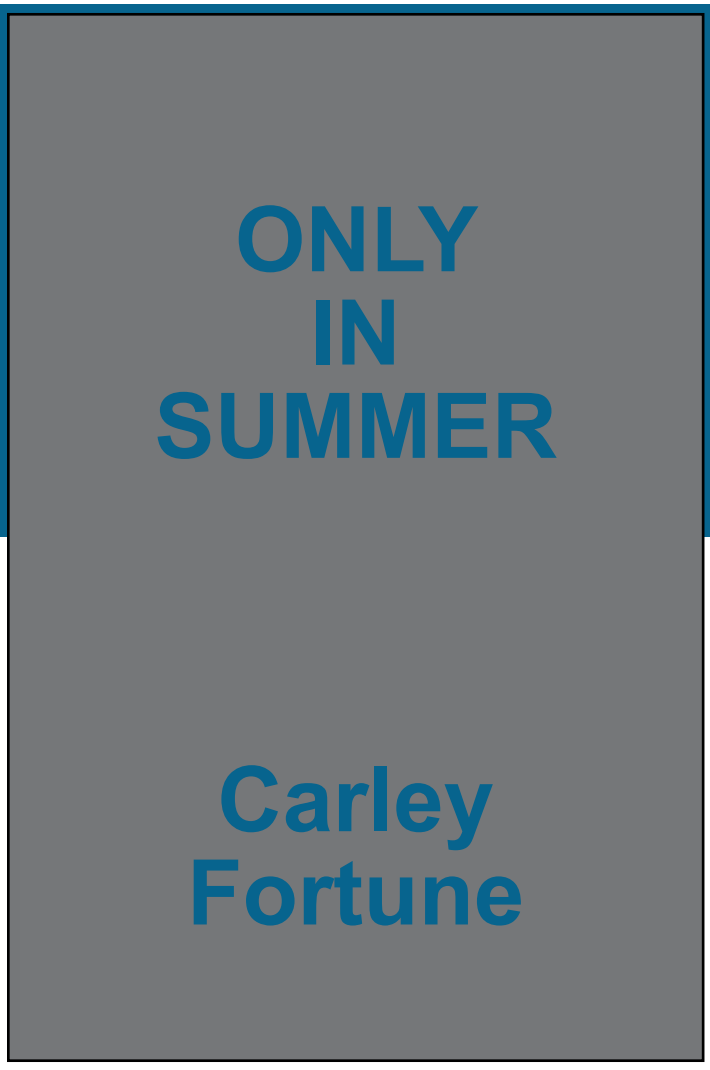
Fantasy

ONLY IN SUMMER
CARLEY FORTUNE

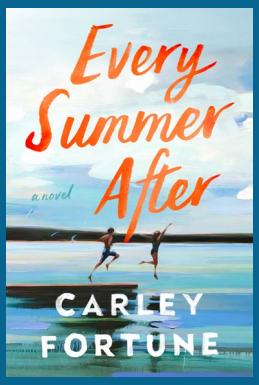
From the exclusive *People Magazine* reveal:

The brand new novel will follow Eleanor Florek, the cousin of Charlie and Sam from *Every Summer After* and *One Golden Summer*. The born-and-raised Bay girl "finally bought her dream cottage, only to find the little place next door is being bulldozed to make way for a monstrous lake house and its mysterious owner," Fortune teased in her Instagram caption. "See you on the lake!"

Part of the world that makes up the #1 Amazon Prime TV series!



Berkley/Penguin Random House (May 2027)





Return to Barry's Bay in the next sparkling romance from #1 New York Times bestselling author Carley Fortune.

Rights Sold:

PRH, Portugal

Penguin, German

Romance

THE LAST 39 SECONDS
MICHELLE GABLE

She Loved Him. She Knew Him. Didn't She?

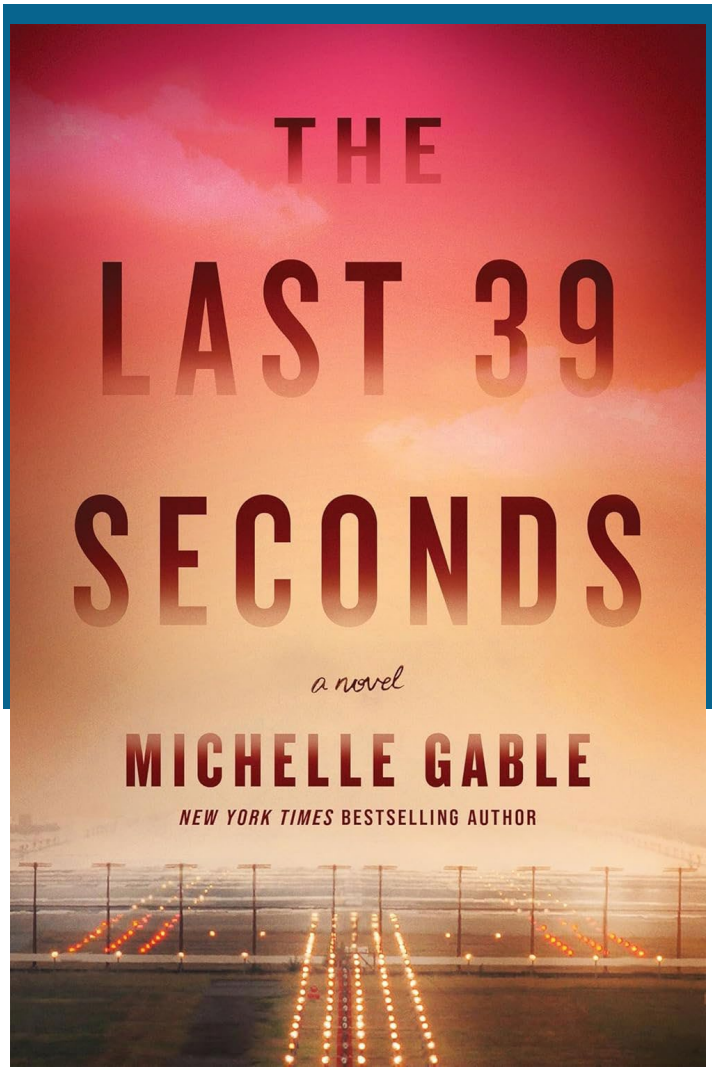
Captain Duncan Abernathy crashed a plane on takeoff, killing forty-six people. The official cause? Pilot error. He used the wrong runway.

Indy Abernathy doesn't believe it. Her husband flew that route every week. He knew that airport by heart. He wasn't reckless. He wasn't careless. He wasn't the man they're saying he was.

But Duncan isn't here to explain.

Except… he is. From somewhere beyond reach, Duncan is still watching—desperate to understand how everything went wrong. Because he knows one thing for certain: It doesn't make sense.

As grief turns to blame and lawsuits mount, Indy vows to clear his name. But the deeper she digs, the more the story fractures—and the man she loved slips out of focus. Even Duncan begins to question his own story. Did a simple mistake cause the crash, or was it something much bigger? What really happened on that runway?



Sourcebooks Landmark (February 2027)

The Last 39 Seconds **combines the emotional suspense of Laura Dave's The Last Thing He Told Me with the aviation-driven tension of T.J. Newman's Falling—a haunting mystery about grief, love, and whether we ever truly know the person beside us.**

The New York Times bestselling author of *A Paris Apartment*

Suspense

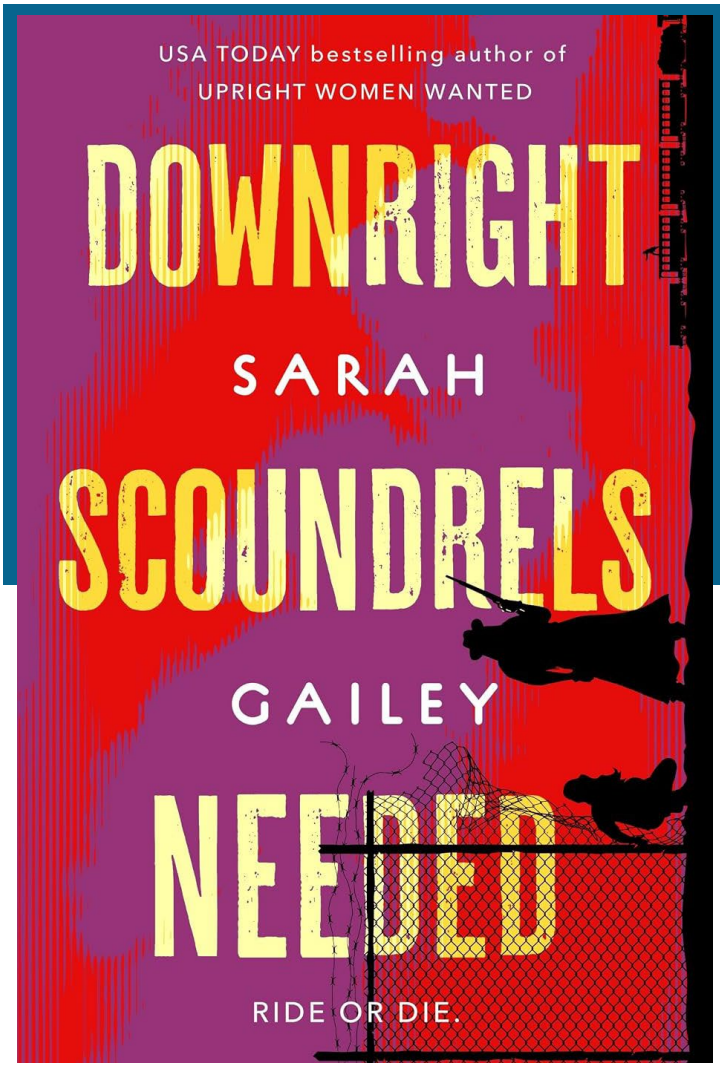
DOWNRIGHT SCOUNDRELS NEEDED
SARAH GAILEY

USA Today bestselling author Sarah Gailey returns to the neo-Western world of Upright Women Wanted with an explosive new story about the means and methods of undermining the machine of fascism.

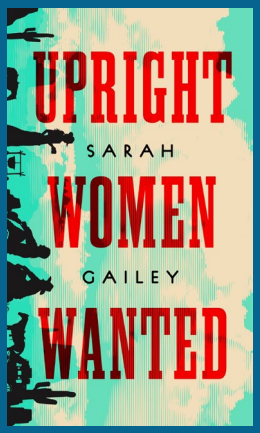
Gunslinger Fletch and her ragtag crew of outlaws keep busy in the Southwest territory by dropping deputies and liberating their horses. As the Administration's tyranny stretches across the country, each job proves riskier than the last just how Fletch likes it.

When the team is hired to pull off an elaborate and dangerous train heist of military materials, it could mean decades of hard labor or death if things go sideways. But Fletch never misses her mark, and this could be the score of a lifetime.

Principles are a liability, and as a rule, Fletch and her team are only there for the income, not the outcome. But as the plan evolves, they must soon reckon with questions of purpose. Will they join a greater resistance working covertly against the regime, or pursue the ultimate payday?



Tordotcom / Macmillan (March 2027)



A 2021 Hugo Award Finalist • A 2021 Locus Award Finalist • A 2020 ALA Booklist Top 10 SFF Pick • A Booklist Editor's Choice Pick • Named a Best of 2020 Pick for NPR, NYPL, Booklist, Bustle, Den of Geek.

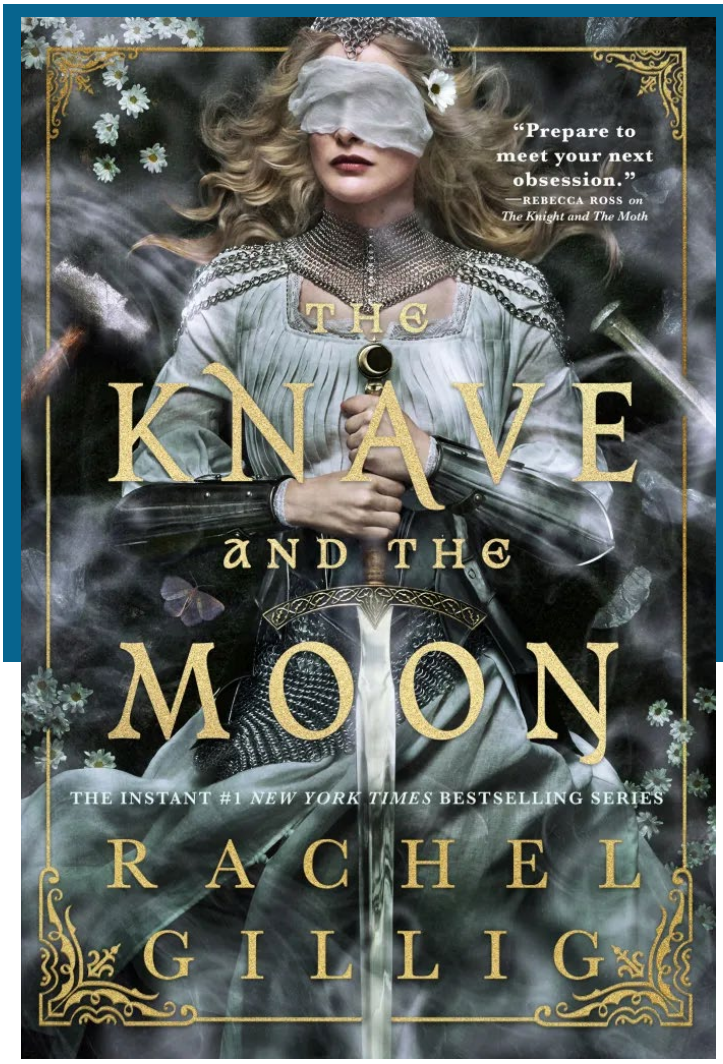
Hugo Award Winner
British Fantasy Award Winner
Bestselling Author

Dystopian SF

THE KNAVE AND THE MOON
RACHEL GILLIG

Aisling Cathedral is in ruins. Rodrick Myndacious, Bartholomew, and Maude Bauer are rumored to be dead—and the king has taken Sybil Delling as his bride. To show off their union and solidify his power over Traum, Benji proposes a series of tournaments throughout the hamlets. Captive and drugged, Sybil remains determined to vanquish him as she once did the Omens, even if she destroys the kingdom's faith—and herself—in the process.

But then a mysterious knave rises to the top of the tournament lists, a man with no name and no memory who may just be Sybil's ticket to undoing Benji's power. For in a land where stories repeat themselves, where a king can prove as cruel as a god, the only way to truly destroy the Stonewater Kingdom's faith is to save it.

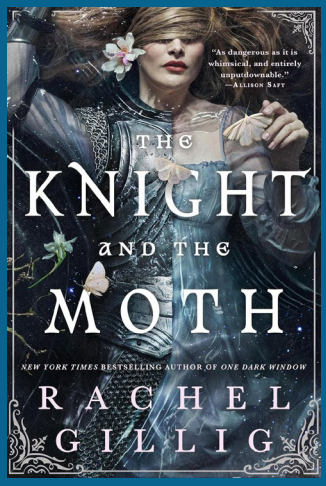


#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES

VIRAL TIKTOK SENSATION

1.5+ MILLION GOODREADS RATINGS

Orbit, Hachette (September 2026)



The queen of gothic romantasy, returns with higher stakes, darker mysteries, and deeper longings in this gorgeous sequel to the #1 New York Times bestselling sensation *The Knight and the Moth.*

Rights Sold:

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Ciela Norma AD, Bulgarian
Globo, Brazilian Portuguese
Fenix / Bonnier Carlsen, Swedish
Konyvmolykepzo Kiado, Hungarian

Romantasy

CURSED CITY
KATE GOLDEN

Viv Abbot will do whatever it takes to rescue Reid Graveheart, the reformed Brood demon she loves—even if it means teaming up with his violent, unpredictable older brother, Deacon. Her uneasy truce with him offers Viv something Reid never could: the chance to embrace her darkness.

As the search for Reid intensifies, Viv and her friends must maintain appearances on Harker grounds while wading into Astera's seedy underbelly with none other than the White Stag as their guide. But when a bounty on Viv's head puts those she cares about most in danger, Viv will be forced to go to lengths she never dreamed in order to protect them.

With enemies closing in from all sides and a ticking clock on her life, Viv must save the Half City from destruction while surviving a betrayal that strikes at the heart of everything she's fighting for. Because in a world where monsters wear familiar faces and temptation cuts deeper than any blade, making it through her second semester at Harker will take more than skill—it will take everything Viv has left to give. Who can she really trust in a city that thrives on lies?



Ace / PRH (September 2026)



#1 SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

The Harker Academy
Book 3 in Summer 2027

Rights Sold:

Vajosh, German
Urano, Spanish
Albatros, Czech
RM LLC, Ukrainian
Poznanskie, Polish
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Dark Academia

A BEAUTIFUL LIE
TANYA GRANT

Every one of my home organizing clients is a fabulous liar.

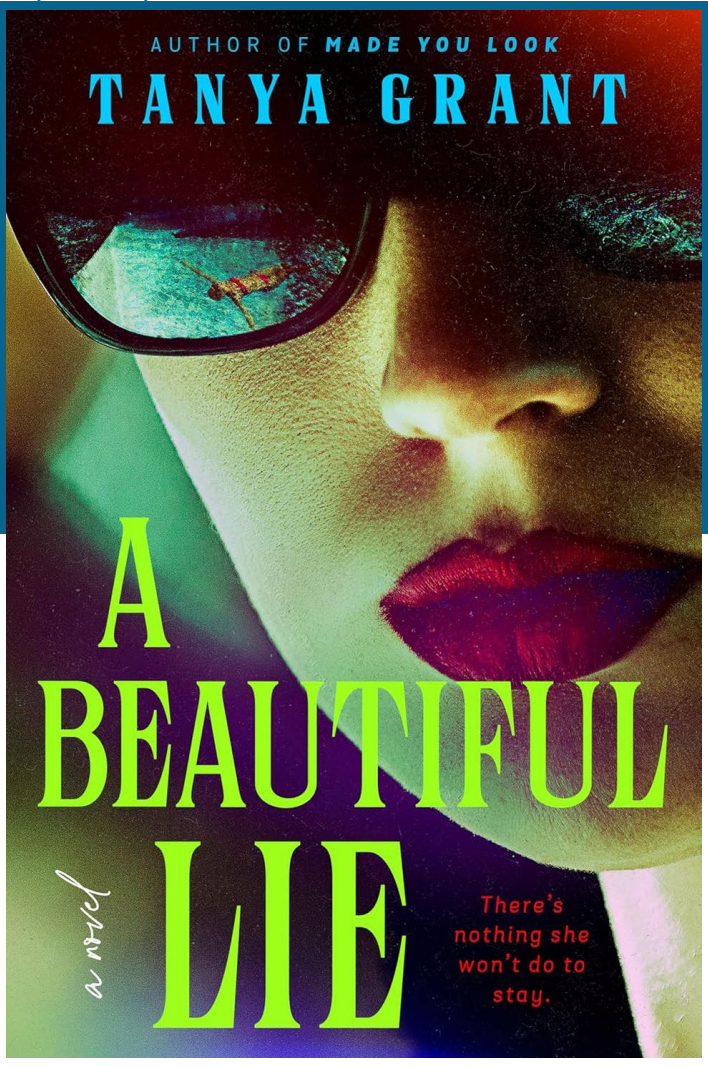
They tell themselves they need to keep clutter in their lives for rainy days or just-in-cases. They hold onto things too tightly. Most people don't know how to cut to the heart of what's important and purge everything that's not.

That's where I come in. I can look into my client's lives and see exactly what's weighing them down, and I get rid of it for them.

It sounds easy, but I'll let you in on a secret: I have trouble letting go of things, too.

When Cap slides into my life with her neon signs and velvet hair bows and magnetic energy, I know I can't just let her walk away. Because one of the first rules of home organizing is that like belongs with like. And Cap and me? We're destined to be together.

She may not know it yet, but that's okay. I'd be lying if I didn't say the challenge is part of the thrill. And luckily for Cap, I'm not afraid of a little hard work.



Berkley / PRH (September 2026)

In this juicy psychological thriller, home organizer Emily is invited to vacation at her beautiful and wealthy new client's summer home—but once inside, Emily doesn't want to leave.

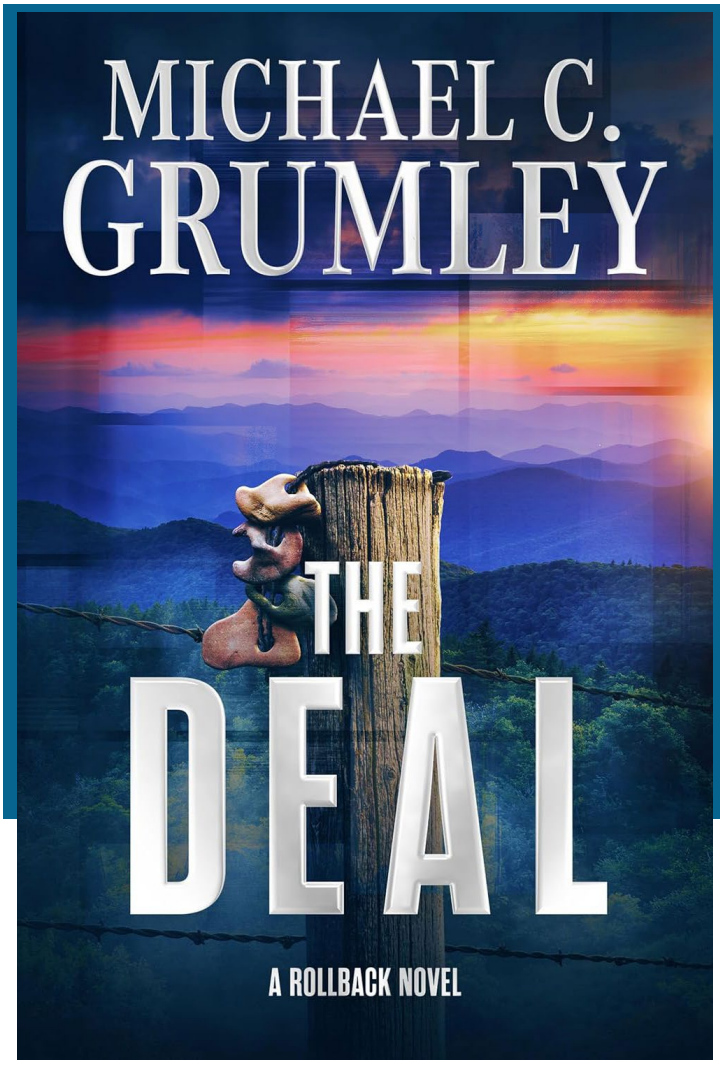
"A Beautiful Lie is a sexy and shocking psychological suspense, readers will love this delicious, slow burn descent into the heart of obsession that makes it impossible to look away until the jaw-dropping last moment." —Vanessa Lillie, bestselling author of Blood Sisters

Suspense

THE DEAL
MICHAEL C. GRUMLEY

Mike Mansfield is good at finding people — and even better at getting them out. But when a rescue in the Georgia backcountry ends with a young boy safe, his Suburban in pieces, and a District Attorney determined to make him her next headline, Mansfield learns that saving a life in the wrong county comes with a price. But the local police chief has a way out: help him hunt a killer no one has been able to catch, and any charges quietly disappear.

It isn't the kind of work Mansfield wants, and it isn't the kind of killer anyone wants to chase — careful, patient, and never striking the same way twice. And the deeper Mansfield is pulled into a case with no pattern and no end in sight, the more he begins to suspect the deal he was strong-armed into is something else entirely.



Indie Published (November 2026)



An Amazon Top 100 Author
Over 180,000 Amazon Ratings
Over 125,000 Goodreads Ratings
Over 21,000 Audible Ratings
325,000+ Total Ratings

Thriller

ONCE IN A TIMELINE
IMAN HARIRI-KIA

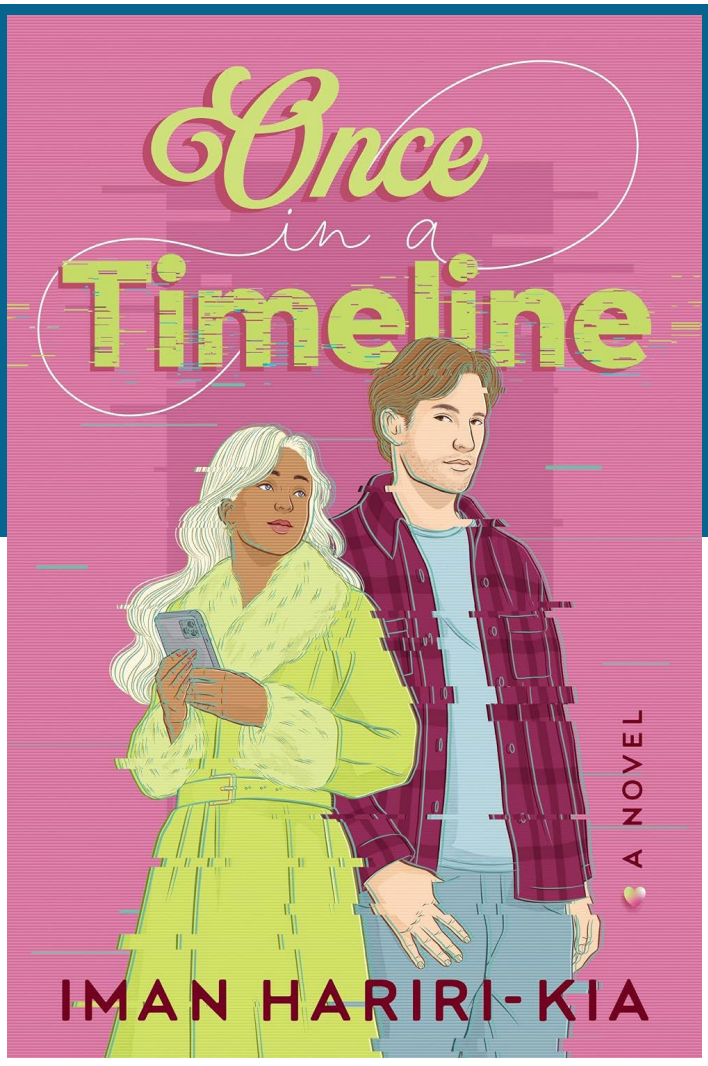
Get ready with me… to break out of the algorithm

Laia Grace is the New York City lifestyle influencer… or at least, she's determined to be. After leaving her past behind to pursue her dreams, failure is not an option.

Every day, she films her aesthetic routine - the perfect light, the perfect latte, the perfect life. Until one morning, her day starts to… glitch. Her neighbors flicker. Her best friend loops. And Laia realizes she's no longer the creator, but the content - and she's trapped inside of her last "day in the life" video, forever playing on an endless, infinite loop.

That's when a brooding, unshaven, decidedly unfiltered man (literally) crashes into frame. Noah's been stuck in Laia's timeline, too, and he's desperate to get them both out. Together, Laia and Noah fight to outsmart the algorithm that's captured them, uncovering secrets and confronting biases along the way.

As they grow closer, the line between performance and personhood blurs, and Laia realizes she might have to face the one thing she's been avoiding all this time: herself.



Cosmo Reads / Sourcebooks (October 2026)

"*Once in a Timeline* is exactly what readers expect from a Hariri-Kia romance novel: clever prose, a bold and loveable main character, and a fantastical premise that will sweep you far, far away. I loved every moment of this wild, romantic, fantastical book."
-Hannah Bonam-Young, New York Times bestselling author of *People Watching*

For fans of Ashley Poston and *The Love of My Afterlife*

Iman Hariri-Kia is a writer and editor born and based in New York City. A nationally acclaimed journalist, she covers sex, relationships, identity, and adolescence. You can often find her writing about her personal life on the internet, much to her parents' dismay.

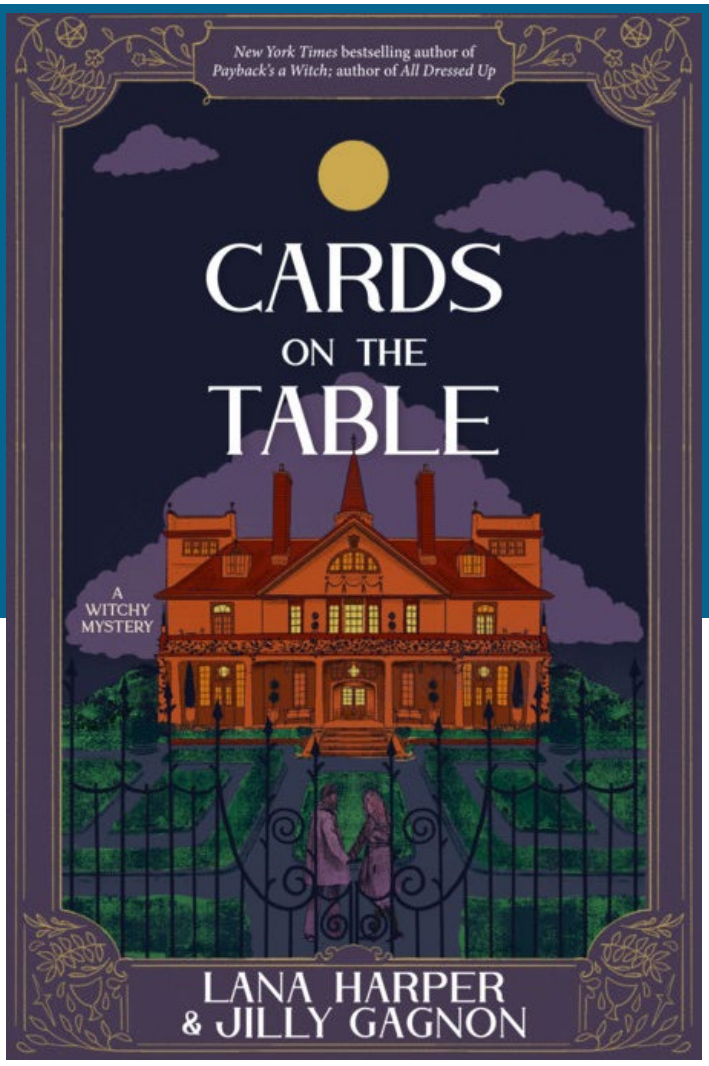
Romance

CARDS ON THE TABLE
LANA HARPER & JILLY GAGNON

As descendants of a Salem witch, sisters Tori and Cassie Bishop have the occult credentials—but their trickle of tarot readings isn't paying the bills. On the brink of eviction, they accept a too-good-to-be-true offer: play "witches in residence" for a dying, wealthy widow in her secluded Berkshires mansion for the Fall season.

But from the minute they arrive at the gothic estate, it's clear: they've been dropped into a far riskier game than their smoke and mirrors can save them from. Rose, the widow, is desperate. Her family is conniving. The staff is ominous. And some guests in the house are drawn to the sisters in ways that lean more . . . personal. But just as the sisters are starting to settle into the mysterious home and their role in it, Rose dies after a séance—and her millions vanish overnight.

Trapped in a viper's nest of competing motives and twisted secrets, Tori and Cassie must untangle a web of greed and deception using every trick they have—magical or not—to clear their names. Because someone else in Berwyn House is running their own con . . . and they've set up the sisters to take the fall.



Bantam / PRH (September 2026)

"Cards on the Table is an exquisitely written paranormal thriller that blends suspense, family drama, magic, and romance into a twisty ride Tthat's impossible to put down. It's enthralling, charming, and sneakily humorous. Don't miss this witchy mystery full of heart!"
—Gloria Chao, USA Today bestselling author of The Ex-Girlfriend Murder Club

The New York Times bestselling author of *Payback's a Witch* and the critically acclaimed author of *All Dressed Up*.

Paranormal
Murder Mystery

FIRSTDAWN
LANA HARPER

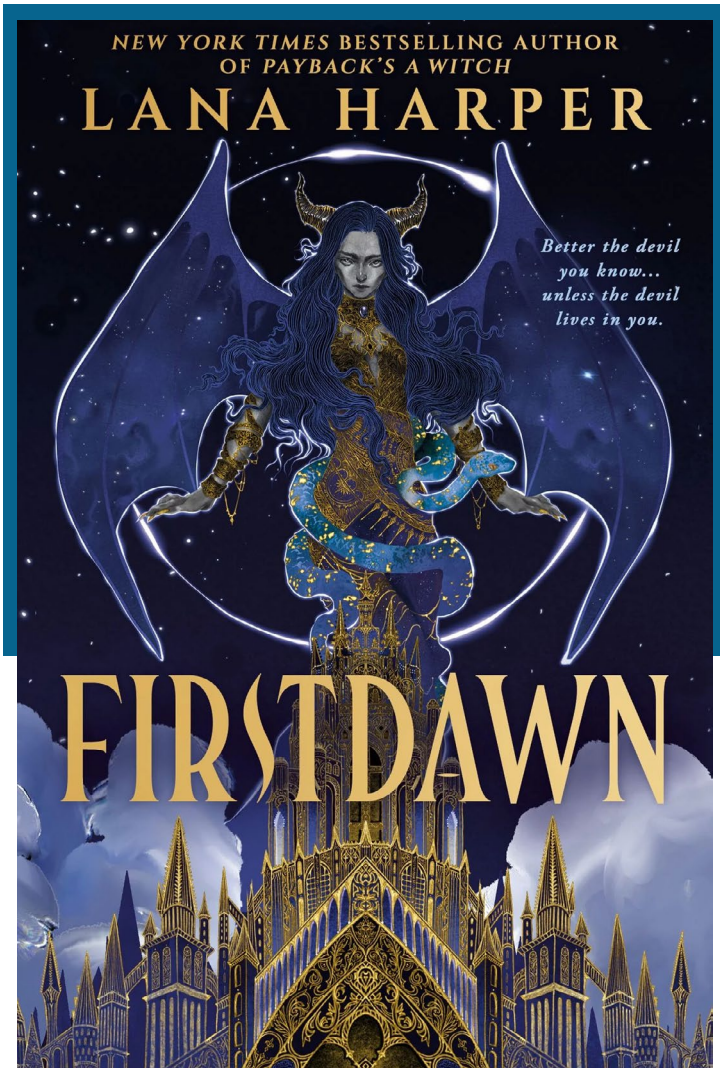
When Danica Marsden isn't tailing cheaters or tracking missing persons, she's grappling with a lifetime of chaos. Years of therapy haven't helped; even the raucous barfights and one-night stands are losing their savor. Danica has learned to live with the fire inside her, along with the dreams that haunt her nights, of a celestial tree and a winged, divine woman who seems to know her.

Until the night her reality shatters.

Pursuing a target, Danica encounters a man whose face warps into something inhuman, yet familiar. Then her own reflection begins to flicker, revealing a stranger beneath her skin. Desperate for answers, she's intercepted by two intoxicating half-demons with a taste for blood: Shahara, stunning and lethal, and her half-brother Rhavin, a charming predator with a gentle touch. They claim Danica isn't who she thinks she is, and that her blood ties her to an infernal empire ruled by Lilith, goddess of serpents and shadows.

Drawn to both dae'val, Danica follows them to a lush, depraved realm of feral witches, hellbeasts, and captive gods. But Danica's true heritage is only the beginning. If she can't unravel the secret at her core and stop the forces gathering in Lilith's court, her world will be the next to fall.

Her only chance at salvation lies with Rhavin and Shahara, who have been vying for her love for centuries. And they won't settle for less now.



Ace / PRH (January 2027)

In this dark, sensual fantasy by New York Times bestselling author Lana Harper, a Chicago PI finds herself in a demonic realm where she must stop the forces threatening her world, with the help of two beguiling half-demons hellbent on winning her heart.

- **New York Times Besstselling Author**
- **83,000 Goodreads Ratings**
- **Author of the Bestselling Witches of Thistle Grove Series**

Romantasy

THE SLANTWISE HISTORIES

AND OTHER STORIES

ALIX E. HARROW

Dive into a dazzling collection of short fiction from Alix E. Harrow, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Everlasting* and *Starling House*.

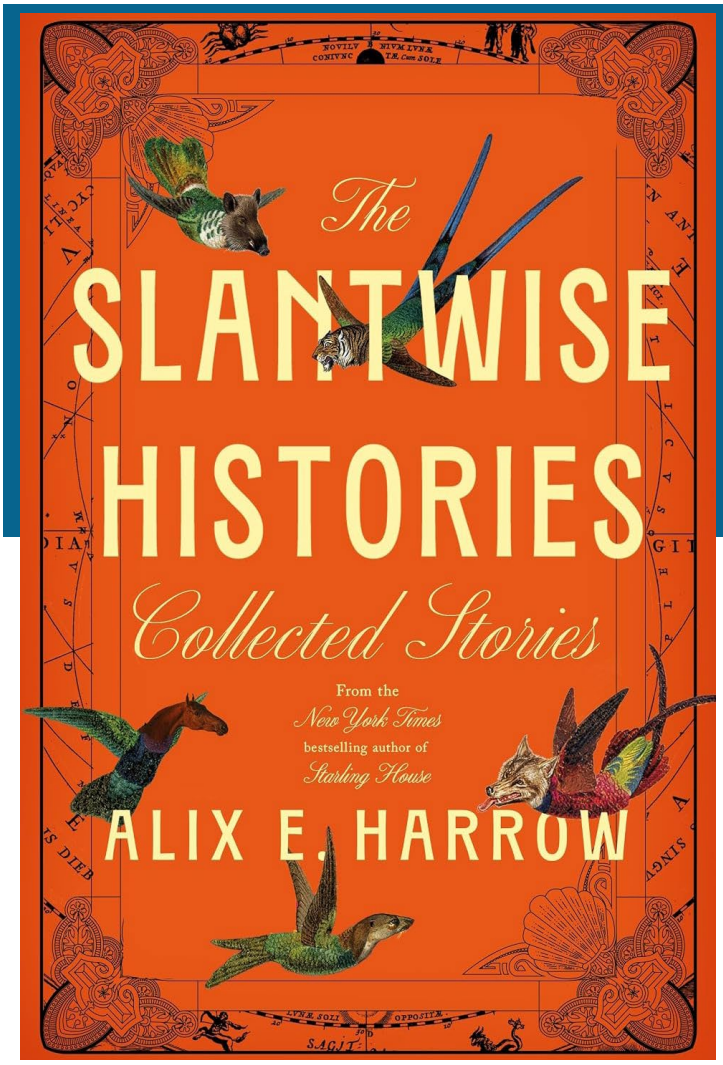
These are stories about the past as it wasn't quite, but might have been-or could still be.

These are stories about dreamers and liars and lovers and ghosts; people just like you.

These are stories about places the world has seen, and some that hide just beyond the periphery of possibility.

Most of all, these are stories for anyone who ever wanted more.

What's a legend, except a history told slantwise?



Tor Books / Macmillan (October 2026)

The Slantwise Histories: Collected Stories presents the best known short fiction of Alix. E. Harrow, including the Hugo-award winning "A Witch's Guide to Escape: A Practical Compendium of Portal Fantasies" as well as five all-new stories.

New York Times-bestselling and Hugo Award-winning author

Rights Sold:

Tokyo Sogensha, Japanese

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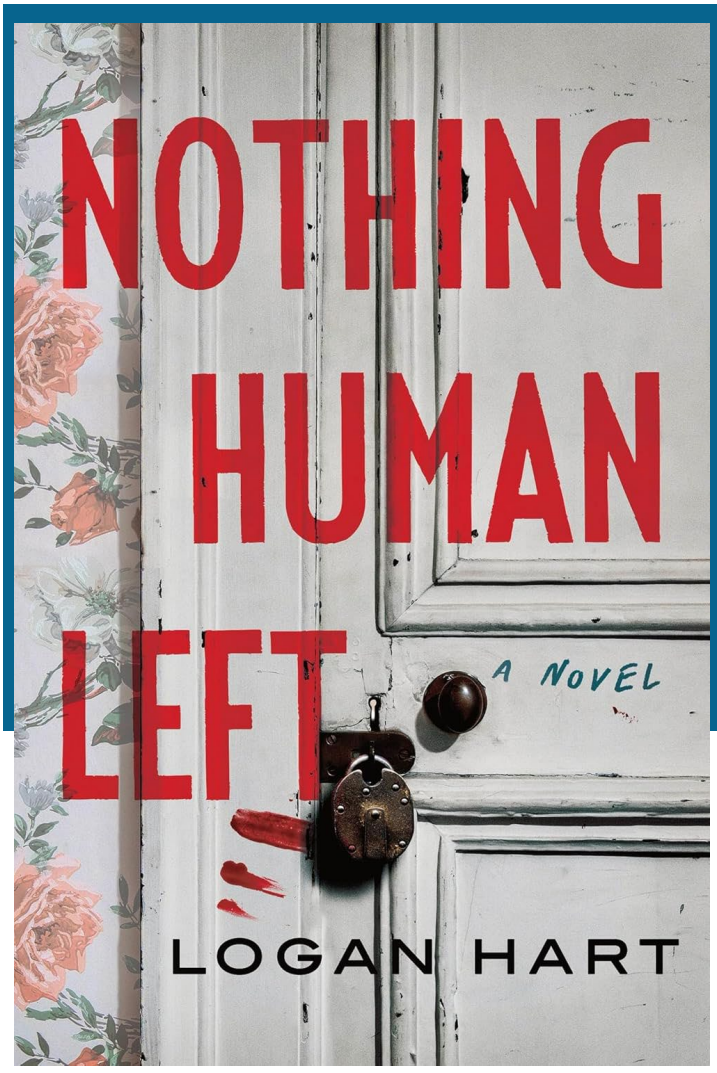
NOTHING HUMAN LEFT
LOGAN HART

"I kept you out of danger, Gracie. I always protected you. Always."

Grace was thirteen when her mother was convicted of killing her friends in their isolated Pennsylvania farmhouse. Stoic and remorseless, Margerie pled guilty, claiming the killings were to protect Grace, and that the young victims were not girls at all, but imposters wearing "People Faces" –a constant refrain that Grace heard from her mother at the height of Margerie's mental illness.

Twenty years later, Grace is a dedicated social worker, juggling a professional disaster and a demoralizing break-up. When she gets a call that Margerie has been granted compassionate release from prison to live out her final days in hospice, Grace reluctantly returns to the claustrophobic coal mining town of Fallen Rock to say her farewells.

But Grace is blindsided that Margerie now claims to be innocent. Beginning to doubt her own long-held convictions, Grace hesitantly reconnects with the other players from the night of the murders. But how can she trust the memories of anyone else if she no longer can trust herself?



Poisoned Pen Press / Sourcebooks
(March 2027)

When Grace reluctantly returns to her hometown to say goodbye to her terminally ill, incarcerated mother, memories stir of the night her mother was accused of murder, and Grace questions her claims of innocence. Reckoning with her spotty memory of the events, Grace must get to the bottom of what really happened that fateful night in this gritty thriller.

For fans of
Just Like Home and *Insomnia*

Rights Sold:
HarperCollins, German

Suspense

THE NEXT NOVEL FROM
EMILY HENRY

THE #1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR IS BACK WITH HER NEXT ADULT STANDALONE!



Berkley / Penguin Random House (2027)

THE AUTHOR:

Every Book a Bestseller

Winner of the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Romance Five Years in a Row

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Romance

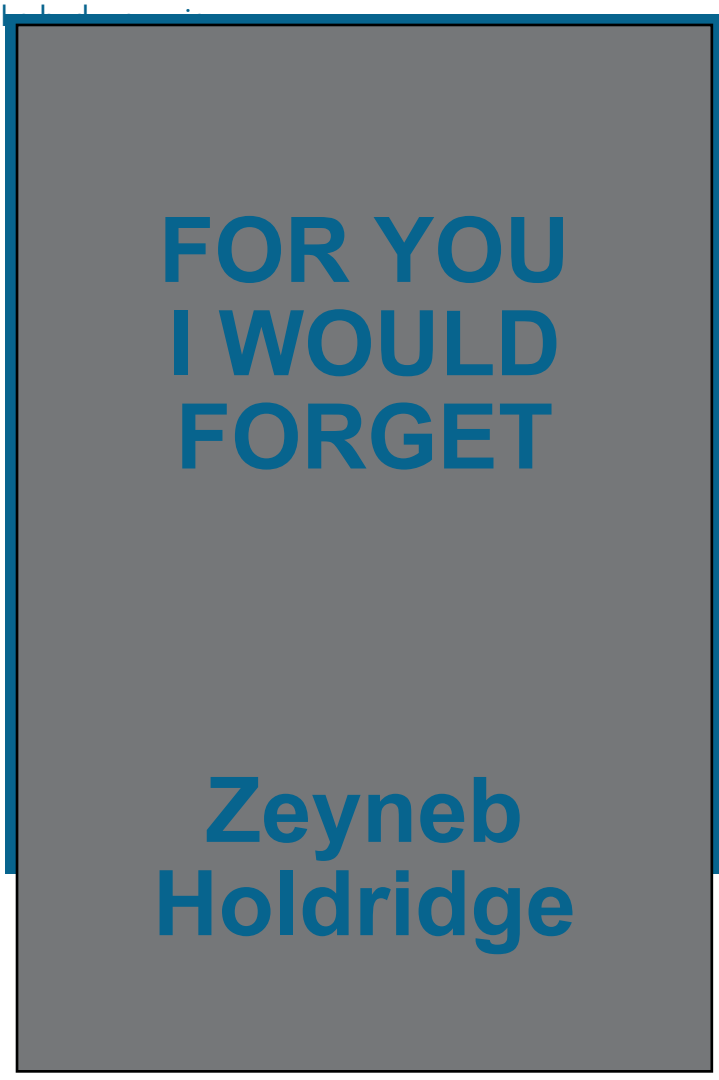
FOR YOU I WOULD FORGET
ZEYNEB HOLDRIDGE

A shadow has been whispering in Gülbahar's mind for years.

Stuck working in the bathhouse that's been passed down through her family for generations, nineteen-year-old Gülbahar Karacan's only friend is Gölge, a jinn trapped within the same crumbling walls as she is. With a chance at a different life within her grasp—marriage, drawing all day, leaving the bathhouse—it all slips through her charcoal-stained fingertips when she discovers her father has collected an ocean of debt and if it's not paid off in a month's time, they'll lose the once luxurious Gül Hamam as collateral.

Desperate to save her family's legacy, Gülbahar turns to Gölge. With the help of the jinn's magic, she secretly charges sumptuous fees to erase memories of heartbreak, betrayal, and regret from the minds of women who visit the bathhouse. But when a man is murdered in the city and revealed to be the subject of the first memory she removed, Gülbahar becomes a suspect.

With only a month to earn the money to save the bathhouse, Gülbahar must now work with Emir Arslan—a detective in training and a thorn in her side—to find the real killer and clear her name. Despite the risk of being caught, Gülbahar continues her work in secret. Yet the more memories she takes, the more men die, all in a mysteriously similar manner. Gölge seems more alive and stronger than ever while her own body seems to wither. And as Gülbahar and Emir grow closer, she realizes he has secrets of his own that could be her undoing. Gülbahar must decide how much she's willing to sacrifice for the ones she loves as she is forced to face the answer of where th[illegible]



Bloomsbury Archer (Fall 2027)

The Phantom of the Opera *meets* Mexican Gothic

Gothic Fantasy Set in 20th Century Ottoman Istanbul

A Jinn Bargain. A Memory Killer. A City of Secrets.

For fans of:
The Hacienda, The Year of the Witching, One Dark Window, and Juniper & Thorn

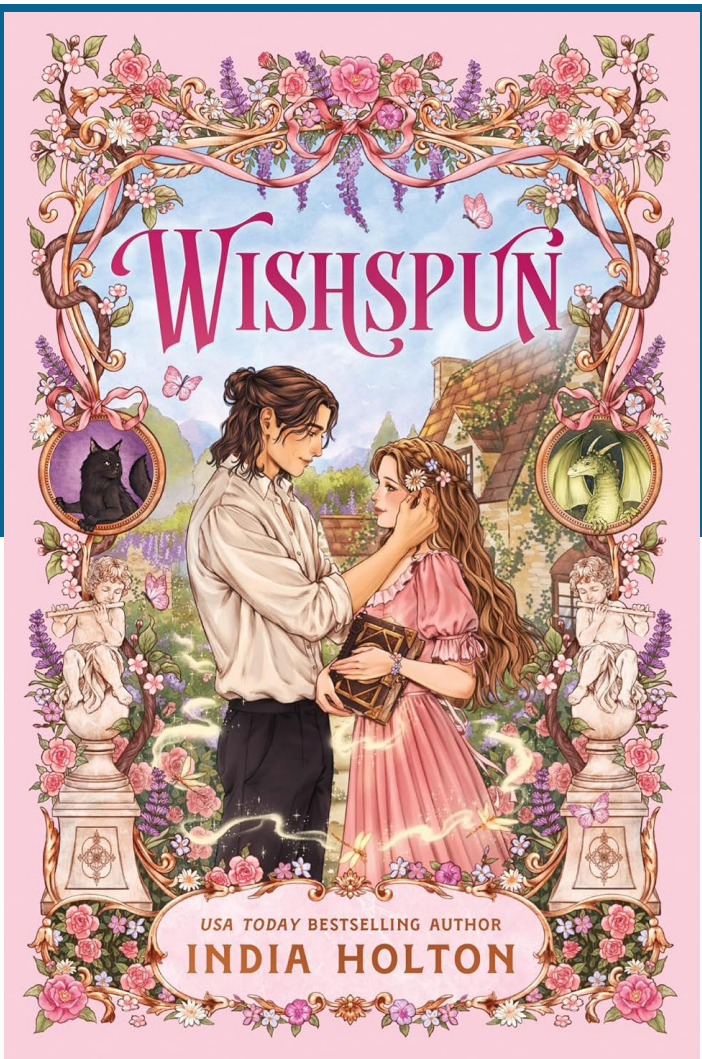
Fantasy

WISHSPUN
INDIA HOLTON

Welcome to Inglewood, a quiet village tucked into idyllic countryside. Inglewood's librarian, Mellyd, is a shy woman who secretly writes magical wishes that she slips into each book someone borrows. These are simple charms to bless the villagers with happiness, health, and prosperity. Once, she dreamed of studying magic at university, but she's grown comfortable in her placid life, with her tiny pet dragon and the library's surly cat for company.

But when a stranger leaves a magical grimoire in the library, Mellyd cannot resist trying a spell from it. Just as she is doing so, Nian, a mage from the royal court of a rival kingdom, walks in and catches her. The grimoire was used to curse his king, and Nian must urgently find a way to lift that curse or else the king will die and the kingdoms' delicate truce will be in jeopardy.

As Mellyd and Nian work together to translate the book's mysterious spells, an attraction starts to grow between them. But pestered by nosy neighbors, a mischievous dragon, and a king so irascible it's no wonder someone cursed him, they will need all the magic they can raise to secure a happily ever after for themselves and the world.



Berkley / PRH (March 2027)

A librarian and a mage from rival kingdoms must work together to translate a magical book and lift its curse in this cozy cottagecore fantasy.

For fans of:
Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries
Legends & Lattes

- **Cottagecore fantasy romance**
- **Tiny pet dragon**
- **Magical library**
- **Grumpy royal mage x shy librarian**
- **Cozy village setting**
- **Ancient magical grimoire**
- **Found family**
- **Slow-burn romance**
- **Happily Ever After**

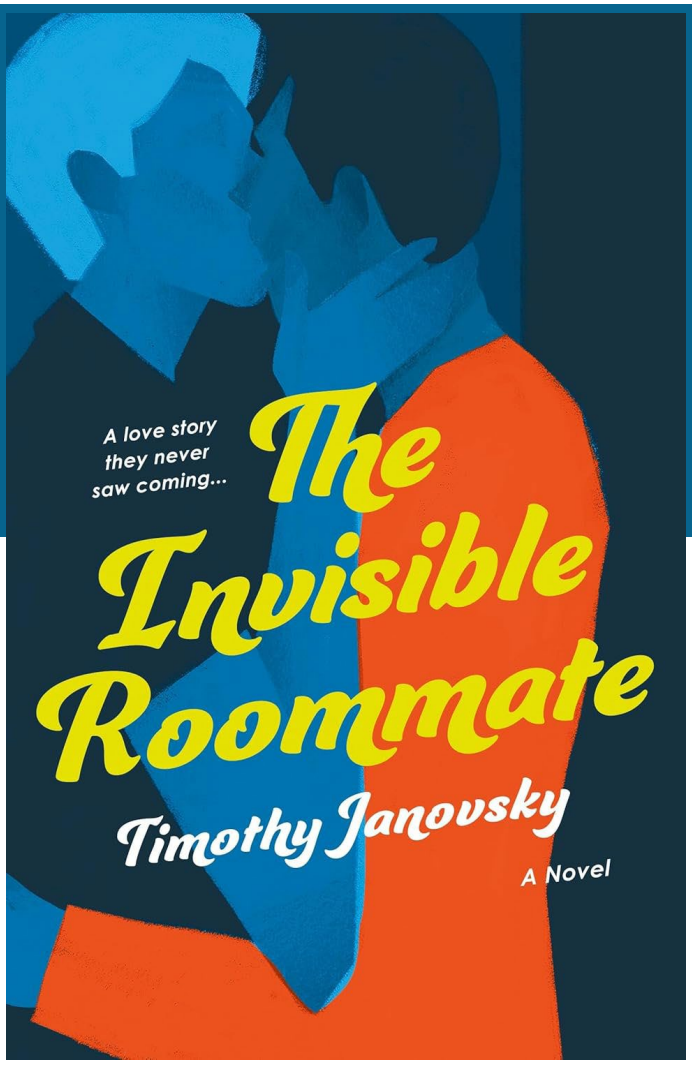
Cozy Romantasy

THE INVISIBLE ROOMMATE
TIMOTHY JANOVSKY

Gerard Wells loves music but hates fame not ideal when he's the youngest member of the chart-topping band of brothers, We the Wells. Cracking under the spotlight, Gerard runs away to a small, remote island in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay. There, he goes by "James" and takes up residence in a crumbling Victorian house on the island's shrinking shoreline. Little does he know, he's not the studio apartment's only inhabitant...

Mysterious and moody Emory Griffin never planned to be a test subject for his own groundbreaking invisibility research. He also never planned on sharing a room with a world-famous pop star, but needs must when you're an unemployed graduate school drop-out who's wanted by the local police.

With nowhere else to turn, the unlikely pair agree to be temporary roommates. Their forced proximity and vulnerability lead to an unexpected romantic spark. As Halloween approaches, their secrets and feelings grow harder to keep hidden, testing the strength of their newfound bond. Could this be a love that neither of them saw coming or an experiment set to go horribly wrong?



St. Martin's Griffin (September 2026)

"Janovsky plays literary mad scientist himself, constructing an incredibly inventive paranormal romance that beautifully champions what it means to be truly seen and loved by another person."
-Booklist, starred review

The Invisible Man meets *Love is Blind* in this autumnal love story.

"A quick, sweet read with an engaging and original premise."
-Kirkus Review

"It's a charmer."
-Publishers Weekly

Romance

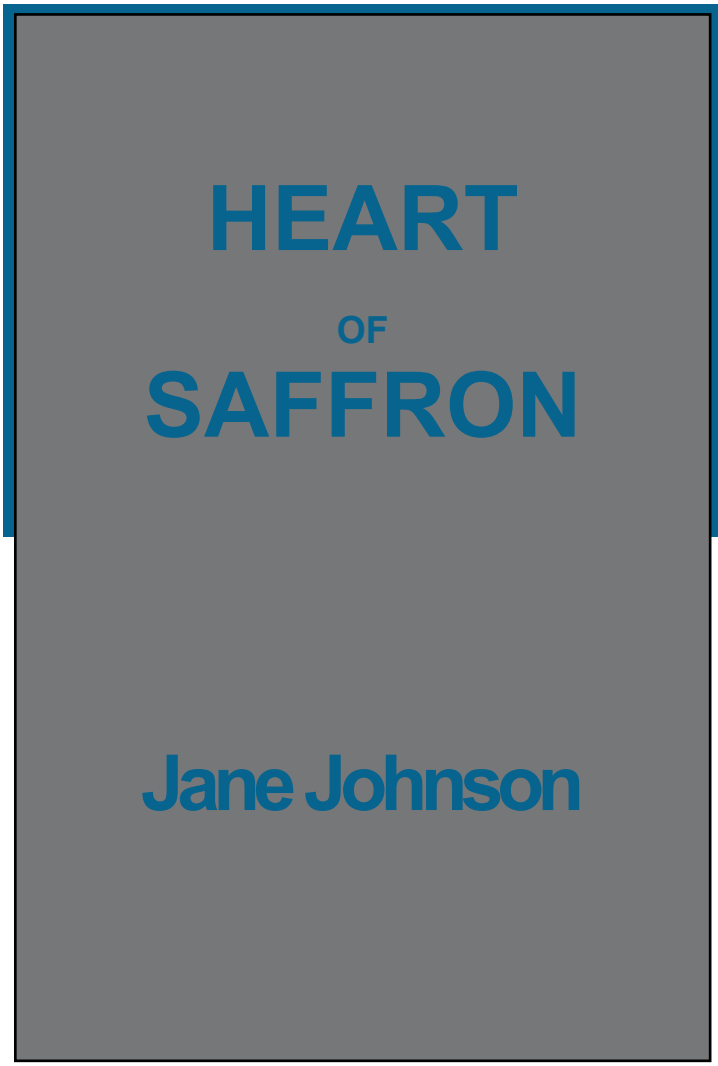
HEART OF SAFFRON
JANE JOHNSON

Maisie Morris has spent her career as a ghostwriter, fluent in other people's secrets but always hidden in the shadows herself. So when she's offered the chance to write under her own name a history of the Penhallow family, whose Cornish estate near the Lizard has stood for over 500 years, it feels like the break she's been waiting for. She packs up her life, her ginger cat, and her aunt's borrowed car, and heads west.

But the Penhallows' fall from grace hides more than time and misfortune. Behind the house's Georgian façade lie Tudor bones and rooms that feel wrong in ways Maisie can't explain. The family's fortunes collapsed suddenly in the late eighteenth century, and the estate's strange history keeps circling back to one thing: saffron, the world's most precious spice, somehow grown in Cornish soil against all odds.

The trail leads Maisie to a Penhallow ancestor who returned from Morocco with a wife and a handful of saffron corms — and to a couple who were then quietly erased from the family record. The more she digs, the harder Endellion and her nephew Ruan work to stop her.

Maisie came to Penhallow to write someone else's history. She may be about to uncover her own.



Head of Zeus (July 2027)

A Cornish gothic novel in the tradition of Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*

A past-present narrative set against the vivid backdrops of Cornwall and Morocco

Historical

AS THE SNOW GATHERS
MERE JOYCE

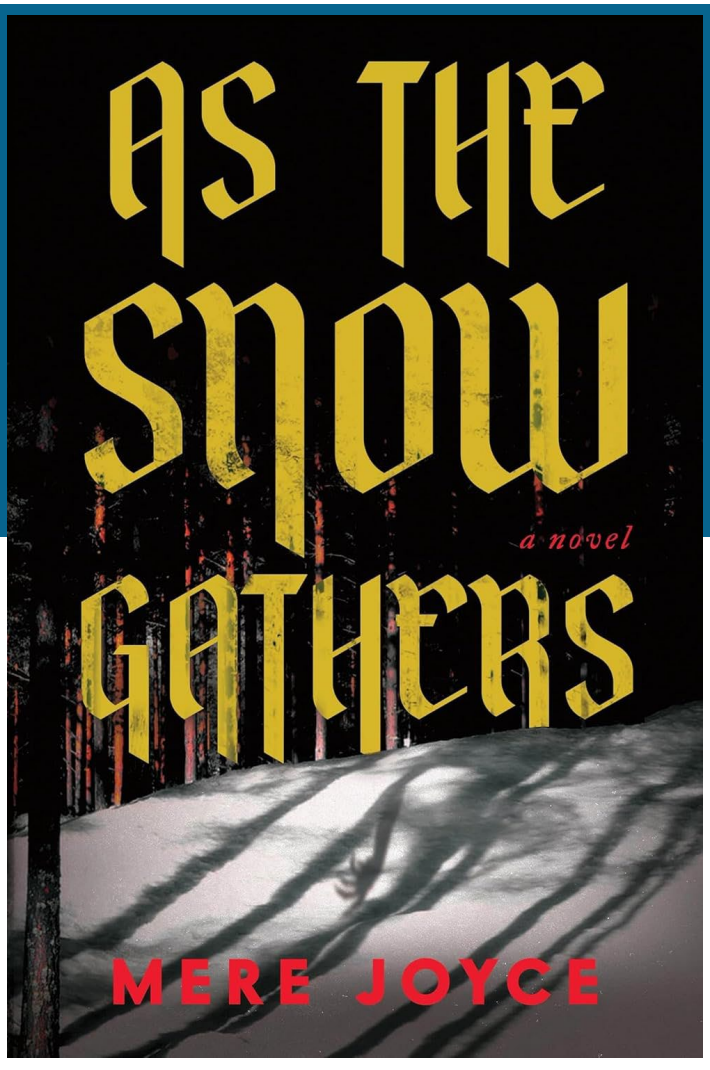
The forest doesn't just take what it's owed-it takes whatever it wants.

Dominic was born in Aplin Shade, a remote Canadian town built on the bones of another that vanished without a trace. Bookish and quiet, he never asked to lead his family, but after a carriage crash kills his father and leaves his sister forever changed, he has no choice.

The only person who truly sees him is Lex, a logger in the camp near town and the love Dominic must keep secret. Together they dream of escaping Aplin Shade, a place where isolation breeds judgment and every kindness hides a cost.

But the forest is no refuge. The Fanteur dwell there-shadowed beings who come at night to drain the dead of their blood and return them for burial by dawn. They've never touched the living. Until now.

As winter descends and the Fanteur strike back against the logging camp, Dominic and Lex must fight for their lives, their love, and a way out of the woods' tightening grasp. Because the forest doesn't forgive, and it never forgets.



Poisoned Pen Press / Sourcebooks (September 2026)

"[An] engaging gothic horror novel perfect for fans of Ava Reid and Andrew Joseph White." -Library Journal

"Deeply atmospheric and delightfully creepy, As the Snow Gathers strikes with the soul of a traditional cautionary tale. Touching and terrifying, this lore gives good reason to stay out of the woods." -Nick Medina, author of Savage Lake

Gothic

ISN'T HE ROMANTIC
ADIB KHORRAM

To deter his ex, a lovelorn cellist starts a fake relationship with his one-night stand in this steamy, swoony fake dating romance.

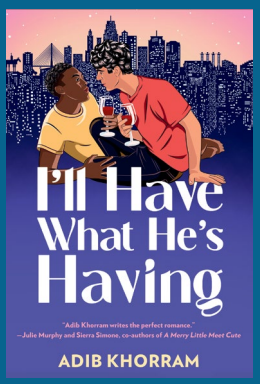
Arya's always been a "one-and-done" man when it comes to romance—but with his friends all pairing up and the big 4-0 creeping ever closer, he's starting to question his life choices. Especially when he discovers his latest hookup is the new committee chair for the charity ball Arya's company is planning.

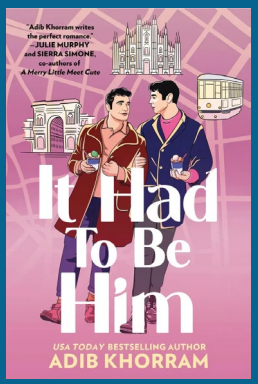
Ben's plan to start over in Kansas City isn't going so great. And having to spend lots of time with the one-night stand who ghosted him isn't helping. Worse yet, when his ex-boyfriend shows up looking for a reunion, a panicked Ben claims he's already moved on—with Arya.

Torn between staying professional and helping the man he can't forget, Arya agrees to give Ben a hand, in exchange for Ben's help landing a big client. But when the lines start to blur, they'll have to decide if it's time to change their tunes about love.



Forever / Hachette (September 2026)





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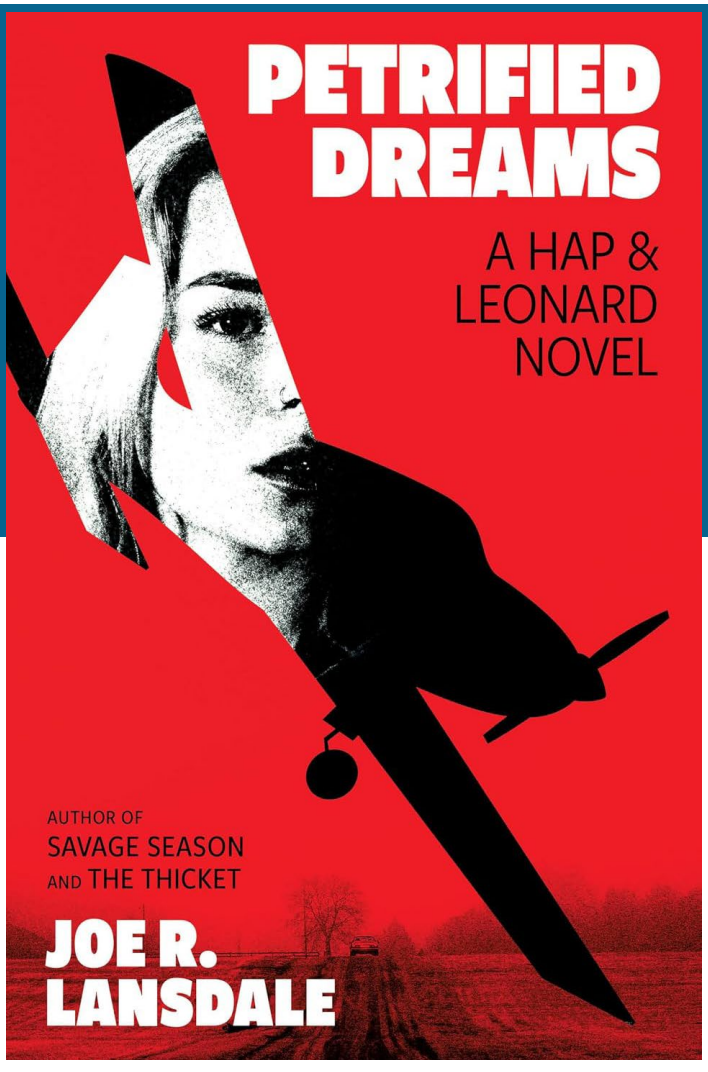
"Deeply affecting and thoroughly captivating, this story cements the whole series as some of the best romance out there."
-Kirkus, Starred Review

Romance

PETRIFIED DREAMS
JOE R. LANSDALE

Perhaps the darkest, funniest, and most intense of the Hap & Leonard mysteries, *Petrified Dreams* concludes the revered series as audaciously as one would expect from the mojo master of Southern crime and wit.

The sun never sets on justice, but it may finally be setting on the beloved crime fighting duo of Hap Collins and Leonard Pine. The two opposites-brothers from another mother-have called the detecting business quits, but when a prop plane holding the bodies of several kidnapped women crashes into their favorite watering hole, the boys know they're in for one last effort. With the help of a victim's sister, they learn that a network of men has stolen vulnerable young women on behalf of a horrifying, charismatic villain known as The Artist, a sculptor of living things, including his own body, and protected by the elite of the South. But the Artist refuses to be found, and every lead brings Hap and Leonard into the crosshairs of something even more dangerous. Finding The Artist is a long shot, and getting out alive is even less likely.



Little, Brown & Company (October 2026)

"Joe R. Lansdale is to crime fiction what Willie Nelson is to country music: . . . raw, gritty, soulful, and lastly, timeless."
-May Cobb, author of *The Hunting Wives*

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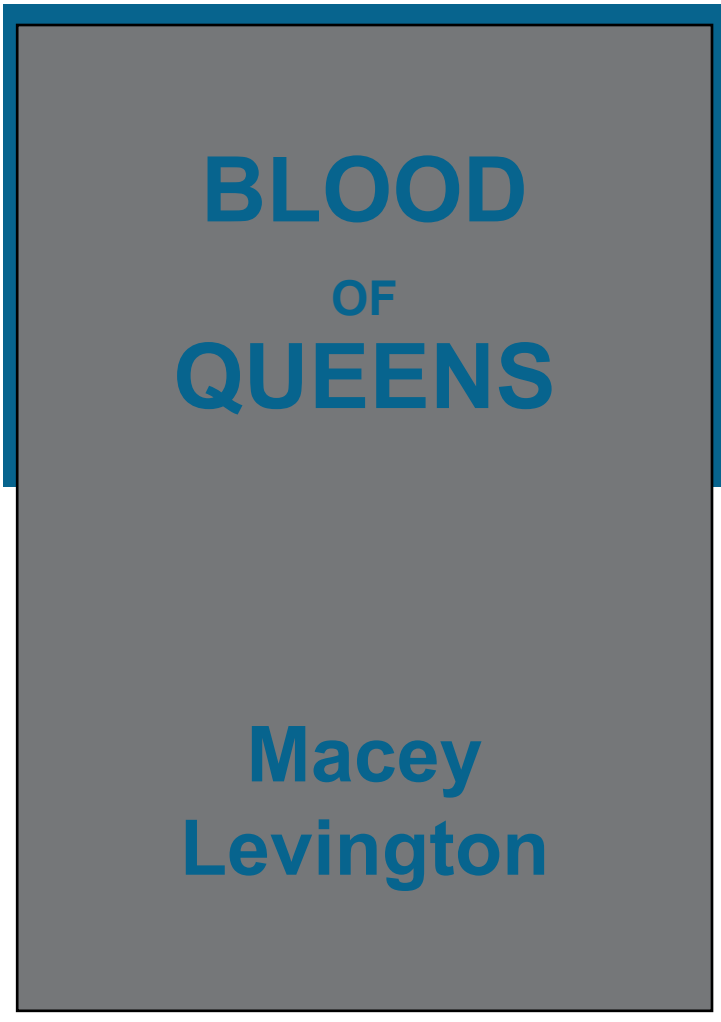
Mystery

BLOOD OF QUEENS
MACEY LEVINGTON

Danica von Holstein, a cunning courtesan, grifter, and the lost princess of a fallen dynasty, has a plan. Steal the Chalice, uncover the secret of resurrection, and sell it to a bidder offering a priceless payoff: information on a surviving member of her murdered family. To pull off this impossible heist, she enlists Zivriel Cane, a back-alley doctor with healing powers as mysterious as their androgynous allure, and Dani's more than occasional lover. The prize would set them up for life, but the price? It could be their souls.

Dani and Ziv journey to the Shrouded Isle, a land of decaying courts and shadowed rituals, infiltrating the necromancer nobility to claim their treasure. But the deeper they delve into the island's secrets, the more dangerous their mission becomes. Ziv is caught in a deadly political game when Queen Elinor of Boleyn, whose failing heart hides more than just weakness, makes them her personal healer and takes Dani hostage. Rival necromancers, court intrigue, and a coup threaten to destroy everything before the Chalice can even be touched.

Plans blown up and hunted by multiple factions, Dani, Ziv, and their ally, Matherin of Aragon—a prince marked for death—must escape a kingdom ruled by the dead. As love, betrayal, and ambition clash, the trio must navigate a world where the lines between life and death are thin, and where loyalty is as fragile as a heartbeat.



Saga / Simon & Schuster (Spring 2027)

In an alternate gothic Britain ruled by the necromantic descendants of Henry VIII's six wives, the dead don't rest—they rise.

Four-time Hugo-finalist podcaster

Courtly Intrigue

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Morally Complex Characters

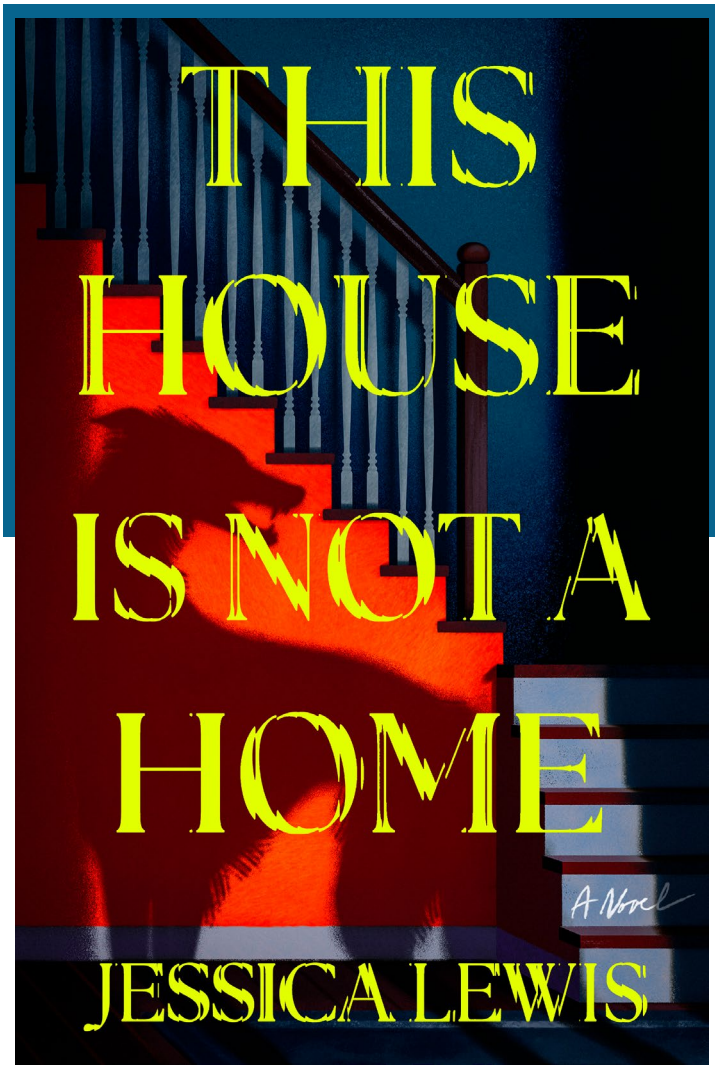
Romantasy

THIS HOUSE IS NOT A HOME
JESSICA LEWIS

Loretta is numb with grief. Reeling after the death of her abusive—although she would never use that word—mother and estranged from her younger sister, Loretta finds herself unemployed and alone.

Resolutely out of options, she hears of an unusual job opportunity. The owner of a huge home on the outskirts of town is looking for a live-in housekeeper—and offering thousands of dollars every week, in cash. There are only two simple rules: complete the daily chores left in the mailbox and no overnight guests. It seems like the perfect escape.

The idyllic solitude quickly sours into a waking nightmare. The daily chores escalate from simple cleaning to grotesque demands for Loretta's flesh and blood. Any resistance is met with painful and increasingly life-threatening punishments. Loretta is familiar with this situation—well trained by her mother and miserable childhood— and isolates herself inside the carnivorous mansion. As her sense of reality warps and she falls deeper into the house's clutches, her friends and sister try to intervene before it's too late. But to survive, Loretta must decide whether to accept the comfort of familiar cycles or find out how hard she's willing to fight for herself.



William Morrow / HarperCollins (April 2027)

An inventive haunted house story with an uncanny twist, in which a woman mourning the recent death of her abusive mother takes a housekeeping job with increasingly strange and dangerous tasks.

For fans of:
Carissa Orlando and Monika Kim

Debut Adult Novel
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Psychological Thriller

LOVE INTEREST
CHLOE LIESE

Helen Holloway loves books, but she's read enough to realize she's the side character in her own life—the supportive best friend, the fun aunt, the reliable librarian with the perfect recommendation. Only when she escapes into her beloved stories does Helen get to be the bold, feisty heroine.

Then she meets Sam Cartwright.

From the arrogant thriller writer's first infuriating email, Sam demonstrates he has no problem making demands of her library yet no interest in supporting it. As their bickering emails escalate, Helen breaks character and pledges Sam's support to the library's fundraiser. When Sam finds out, he demands repayment—he'll support the fundraiser if Helen helps him work through writer's block and plot his next bestseller.

The more time she spends with Sam, the more Helen discovers a tender man beneath his villainous persona and starts to question the supporting role she's always played. For the first time in her life, Helen is the heroine of her own story. And she might even be the love interest…



Gallery Books / Simon & Schuster
(January 2027)

A loathe-to-love story about a kindhearted librarian who has spent life playing the supporting role yet finds her bold inner heroine when forced to work with an antagonistic, brooding writer, leading her to discover she's more than broken character—she's become the love interest.

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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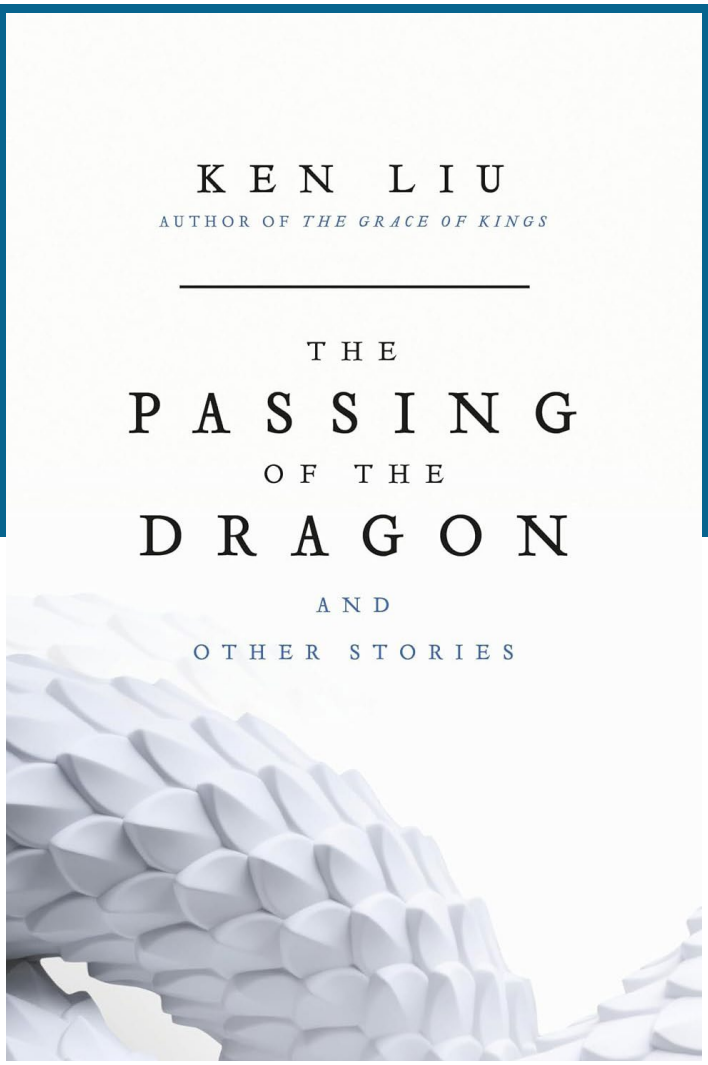
THE PASSING OF THE DRAGON
AND OTHER STORIES
KEN LIU

A collection of thirteen short stories from Ken Liu, master of short-form SFF.

From Ken Liu, the Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Award-winning author of The Paper Menagerie and Hidden Girl, comes a dazzling new collection of thirteen stories that explore the boundaries of imagination.

In these tales, dragons soar over small towns, mech-animals dream of freedom, and techno-witches weave spells against a world ruled by machines. A painter wrestles with transcendence, an aging scorpion helps his daughter escape tradition, and a consciousness aboard a starship witnesses the death and rebirth of the cosmos.

Blending science fiction and fantasy with profound meditations on identity, memory, and connection, Ken Liu once again proves himself a master of the short form - offering stories that will linger long after the last page is turned.



Saga / Simon & Schuster (September 2026)

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SF/F

THE BLADE AND THE LAST SACRIFICE
ELIZABETH MAY

AN EMPRESS BOUND BY BLOOD. A GOD BOUND BY HATE. A CHOICE THAT COULD SHATTER TWO WORLDS.

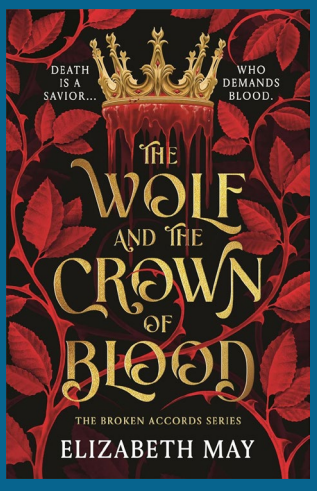
Theodora Devaliant wasn't born to rule-she was born to bleed. The last Anchor of a cursed royal bloodline, her body alone upholds the fragile veil between divine and mortal realms. When her life is threatened and demigods are found slaughtered in her streets, the god-king issues an ultimatum: marry, produce an heir, or watch the realms burn. To ensure she survives long enough to comply, he sends his most lethal Enforcer to guard her.

Bastien has spent centuries nursing his hatred for the Devaliant family. Convinced Theodora is behind the murders, he'll use his assignment as her bodyguard to gather proof and watch her empire crumble. But as desire blurs the lines between enemy and ally, the body count rises, and evidence points to a conspiracy that could shatter both their worlds.

Because when duty and desire collide, and the veil between gods and humans begins to tear, choosing wrong doesn't just mean death-it means apocalypse.



Aria / Head of Zeus (February 2027)



THE BROKEN ACCORDS TRILOGY

Perfect for fans of Raven Kennedy.
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Romantasy

SUCH FAMILIAR MAGIC
NATASHA NGAN

Laila Chu comes from one of three magical British Chinese families in the sleepy seaside town of Silverwood Cove. Despite a busy life in London, she dutifully returns home every weekend to uphold her family's mystical traditions (a.k.a. chores for needy ancestors). When her parents leave for a trip, Laila is entrusted with the ancient potion that has allowed the Chu family to communicate with the spirit realm for over 800 years …

And ruins it on Day One.

In order to reconstruct the potion, the only person who can help Laila is her childhood nemesis, Anthony Lim.

To Laila's amazement, Anthony agrees. And as they search for the recipe's elusive ingredients, her greater surprise is how much fun she's having. Still, she begins to wonder if this disastrous turn of events might be the start of something…if only she can fix the potion before her parents return—or before she falls too hard for a man who's only here for the magic.



Berkley / PRH (January 2027)

"Natasha Ngan's Such Familiar Magic follows Laila Chu, a thirty-year-old witch who burns her family's ancient potion and embarks on a quest with her hunky nemesis to brew a new batch. But the true magic here is how relatable Laila's journey is. The roots of this fantasy are planted firmly in reality, and the result is an emotionally honest novel about family, community, and finding your place within both. It's totally delightful and wholly unique."
—Carley Fortune, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Our Perfect Storm

The New York Times Bestselling Author

A burned-out millennial witch ruins her family's ancient magical potion and must enlist the help of her next-door nemesis to save it

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Romantasy

A DEADLY ENTANGLEMENT
CATHY PEGAU

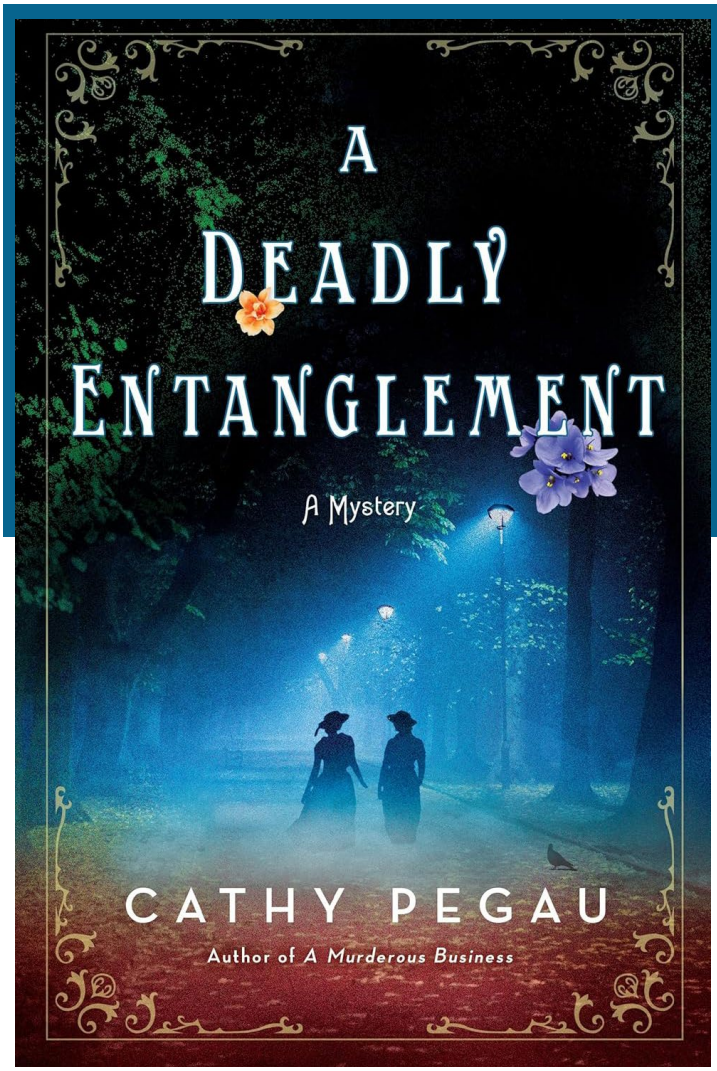
The truth isn't always easy…

Margot Baxter Harriman has just survived her deadliest scandal as President of B&H Foods, and now there's nowhere to go but up. Which is why she's organizing a fundraiser for the crowded, overworked city charity hospital, where she hopes to do good and give back–until a body falls past a second-floor window.

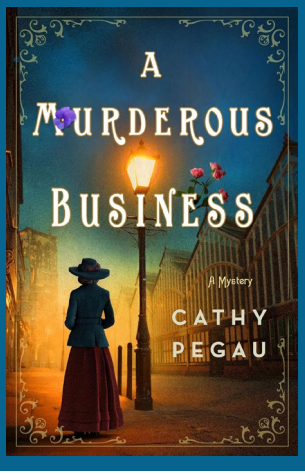
The nurse's death is quickly ruled a suicide, but fellow nurse CeeCee Foxmoor, Margot's friend and the live-in partner of investigator Rett Mancini, isn't so sure: this isn't the hospital's first suspicious death. CeeCee's concerns draw both Margot and Rett into an undercover scheme to untangle the threads behind the deaths everyone else is ready to overlook.

Then another death catches their attention: Margot's old classmate checked into the Caspian, a luxury clinic catering to the New York elite, but never checked out. And the circumstances surrounding her death feel eerily familiar…

As both the secrets and bodies pile up, Rett and Margot realize that while money can buy anything, behind ward doors, everyone pays a price. This time, their search for the truth might cost the people they love.



Minotaur / Macmillan (September 2026)



The Harriman & Mancini Mysteries

The captivating follow-up to *A Murderous Business*, where two women's determination challenges the cost of greed–and the price of failure.

Mystery

THE GOOD BURGLAR
NICK PIROG

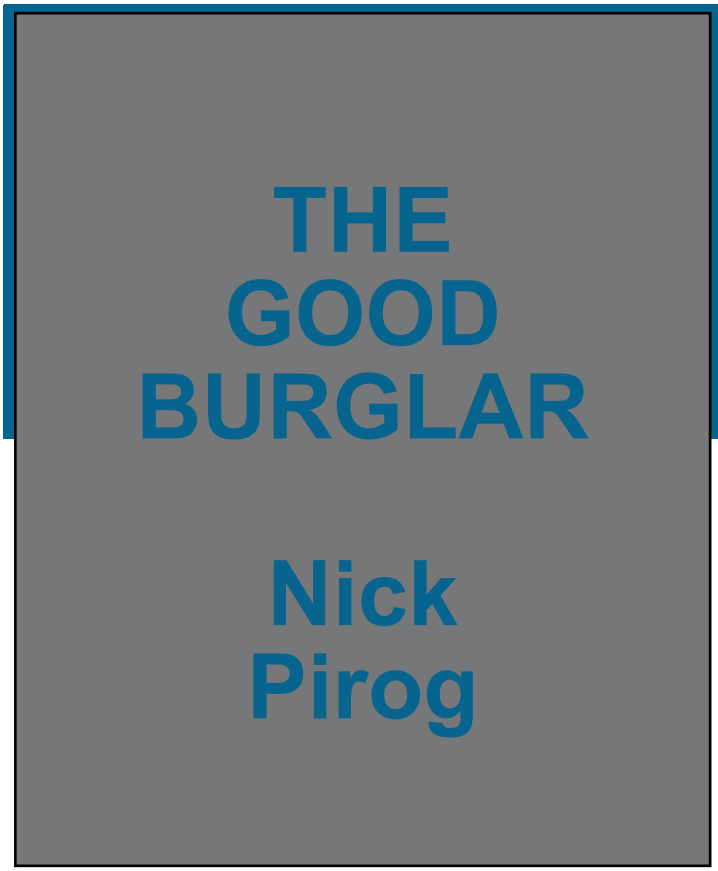
By day, Otis is an unassuming FedEx driver. By night, he's something else entirely—a masked outlaw with a golden heart. Secretly a multimillion-dollar crypto king, Otis breaks into homes not to steal, but to give. As The Good Burglar (GB), he leaves money for people who need it most—and even tidies up before slipping away. His compulsion to clean traces back to childhood, when scrubbing floors was the only way to drown out his parents' drunken fights.

But not everyone appreciates his generosity. Some see only a criminal and report him for breaking and entering. Enter Detective Lexi, the hard-charging cop assigned to catch him.

What neither of them knows at first is that their lives are already entangled—Otis and Lexi were childhood classmates, and fate has just thrown them back together. Soon, sparks fly in their personal lives, and Lexi finds herself hunting the GB by day and flirting with Otis at night.

But, when the Good Burglar is framed for murder, the two of them are forced into a secret partnership in order to find the real killer. Lexi and the GB exchange cryptic texts as they chase down a twisted trail of scams and betrayal, and he even saves her life along the way—all while remaining a mysterious masked vigilante.

Torn between her growing feelings for Otis and her obsession with the mysterious GB, Lexi doesn't realize they're the same man. Not yet...



Blackstone Publishing (August 2027)

From bestselling thriller author Nick Pirog comes a brand new heart-pounding adventure.

Mystery-Driven
Romance Forward
Vigilante Vibes

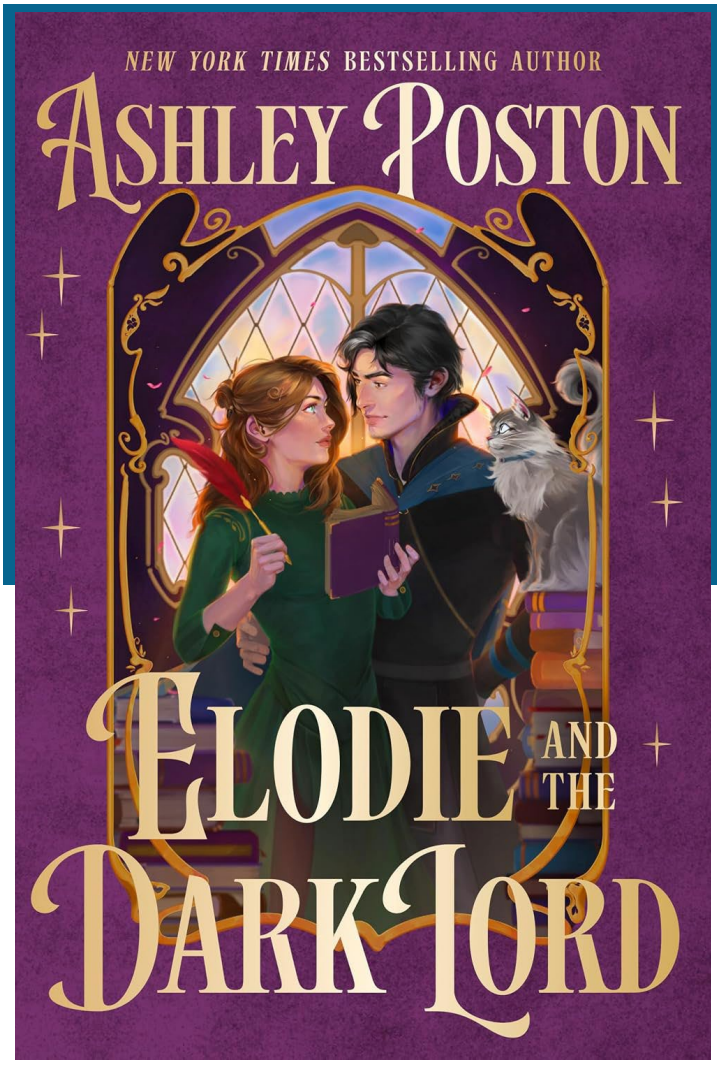
Suspense

ELODIE AND THE DARK LORD
ASHLEY POSTON

Elodie Kess is a librarian in a quiet seaside town on the far reaches of the kingdom. It's not adventure and whirlwind romance, but as a scholar of magic with a strange affliction that deadens spells upon her touch, reading about it is the closest she can get.

Her unremarkable life is upended when her brother Emmerick, an esteemed professor at the High Arcanum Conservatory, disappears alongside his coveted research. Knowing she's the only one who can save him, Elodie infiltrates the Conservatory glamoured as a graduate student. Her prime suspect: the school's most infamous professor, a centuries-old Dark Lord cursed to live as a cat.

When Elodie's affliction unexpectedly dispels his curse—revealing the disarmingly attractive man beneath—the two become unlikely allies. As they investigate Emmerick's disappearance, Elodie discovers the Dark Lord is nothing like the villain of legend—and soon finds herself risking not only her life, but her heart. Because while history may be written by its victors, every legend contains a grain of truth, and the Dark Lord was cursed for a reason . . .



Ace / Penguin Random House (March 2027)

To save her brother, a magicless librarian must infiltrate a magical academy and trust a Dark Lord, in the first novel in a spellbinding new fantasy duology from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Seven Year Slip*.

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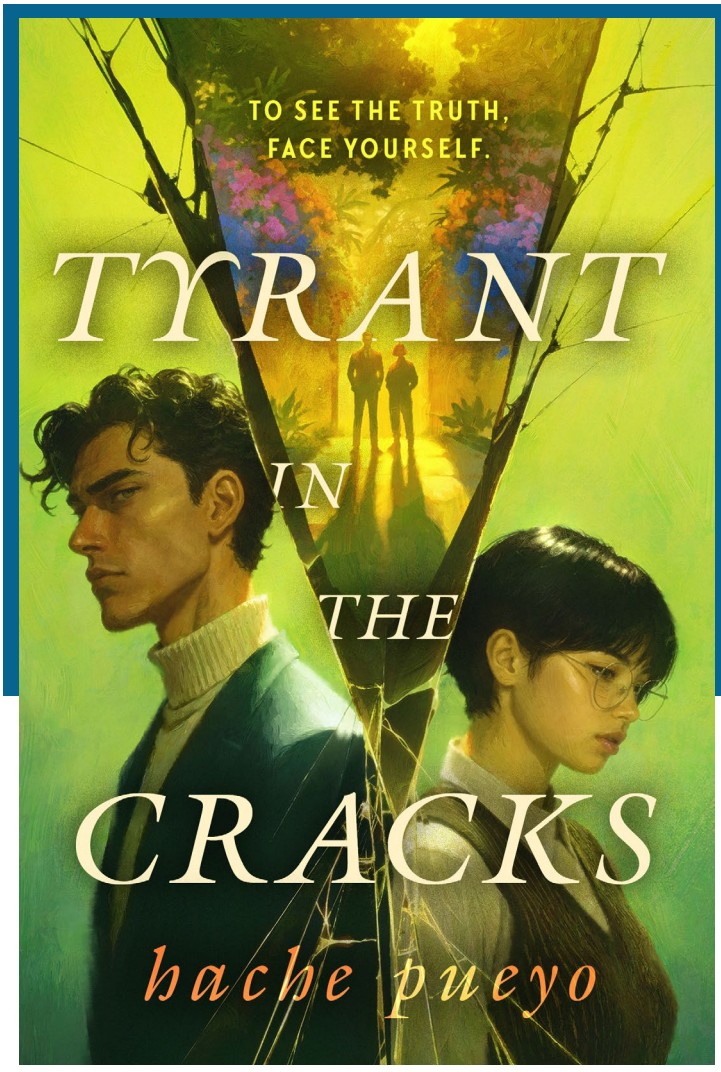
Romance

TYRANT IN THE CRACKS
HACHE PUEYO

In a tropical island country brimming with magic, cracks appear in any surface, visible only to those with a natural and trained talent for the occult. Professor Cícero Dangeris ascetic, beautiful, disciplined is among the very few, and together with his quiet assistant Eco, he embarks on a journey to track said fissures and study their secrets.

The cracks show echoes to another timeline, one in which the brutal military dictatorship that oppressed the island never ended. There, a puppet general commands the nation, controlled by another version of Dangeris debauched, excessive, hedonistic who is obsessed with finding an elusive mirror of a girl he sees through fissures since he was a child.

As they travel the island through an underwater train, new realities appear, proving how easy it is for people and countries to change. What Dangeris finds in those images are his own secrets, from the past he tries to hide to the desires he would rather repress, and there's only one common denominator between all his parallel lives: Eco herself.



Tor Books / Macmillan (March 2027)

A dark fantasy of time rifts and what ifs, where two characters much face who they might have been only to find themselves bound to each bound by fate.

"Tyrant in the Cracks shows us how fragile our reality is, and how horrifying it can be when that reality shatters. Hache Pueyo gathers up the shards of identity and politics and assembles them into an utterly devastating picture. A thrilling, upsetting, intimate journey."
-Charlie Jane Anders

Hache Pueyo (or H. Pueyo) is the Argentine-Brazilian writer and translator of Cabaret in Flames, But Not Too Bold and A Study in Ugliness & outras histórias. She was nominated for a Nebula Award, and won an Otherwise Fellowship for her work with gender in speculative fiction.

Fantasy

AN ACADEMY OF SALT AND SACRIFICE
ALYSHA RAMEERA

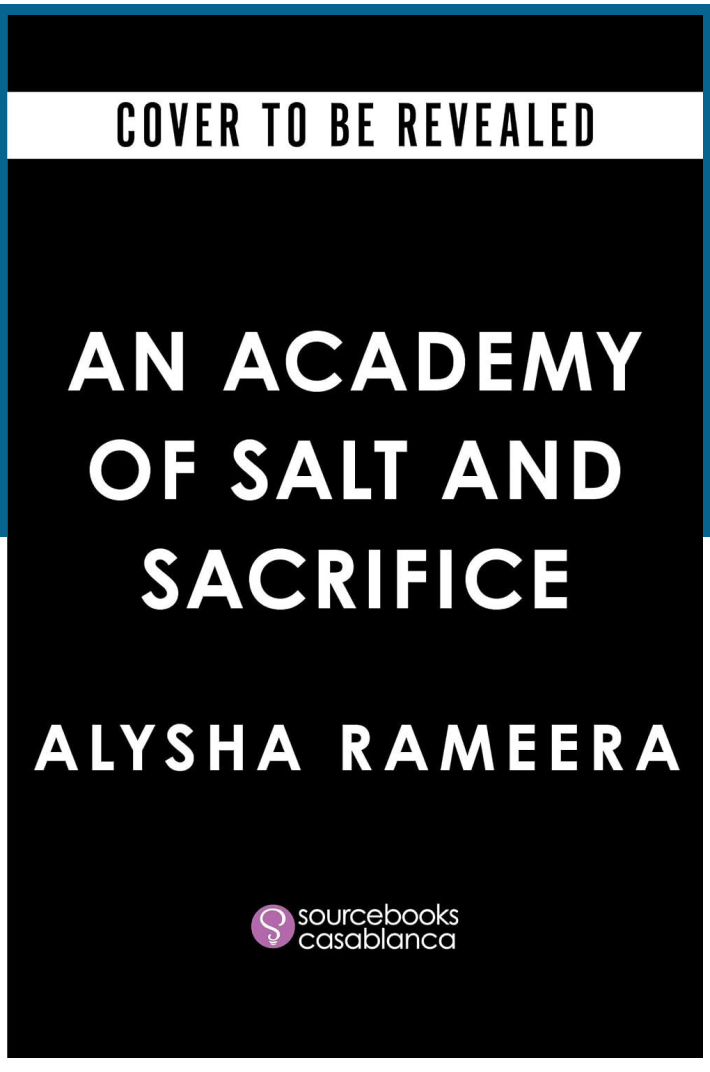
Find the lost academy. Rewrite destiny. Fall for a cursed god?

In rain-soaked Kelaniya, Savera refuses to be sacrificed to the sea god. Her last hope of survival lies in legend find the sunken island of Kumari Kandam, and with it the Academy of Revision, where gods once rewrote fate itself. If she can find it, she can rewrite her ending. But only one being is rumored to know the way.

Sohon once was a heavenly scribe worshipped for his knowledge. Now, history has buried him under myths so monstrous, he'd rather not be remembered at all. To vanish for good, he must destroy the last record of himself, archived within the academy's library. When Savera's desperate prayer reaches him, he offers a bargain: he'll lead her to the academy...if she takes him with her.

Hunted by soldiers and a vengeful sea god, they flee across treacherous seas, bound by a false marriage and a growing attraction neither of them can afford. In stolen glances and shared nights, Savera begins to see the man beneath the myth; Sohon sees something far more dangerous: a reason to exist.

But the academy was never meant to be resurfaced. Within its shadowed halls and endless scrolls lies a magic that demands sacrifice. To claim it, Savera may have to choose between the destiny she's fought for and the god she was never meant to love.



Sourcebooks Casablanca (March 2027)

Dark academia meets a new twist on the legend of Atlantis in this fresh historical romantasy inspired by Sri Lankan mythology

For readers of A Study in Drowning and Heavenly Bodies.

Steamy Grumpy x Sunshine Dark Academia Romantasy

Alysha Rameera is a Sri Lankan and German American author who writes about little-known historical figures, romance, and magic, preferably altogether. On non-writing days, you can find her baking at home or traveling the world with her husband.

Romantasy

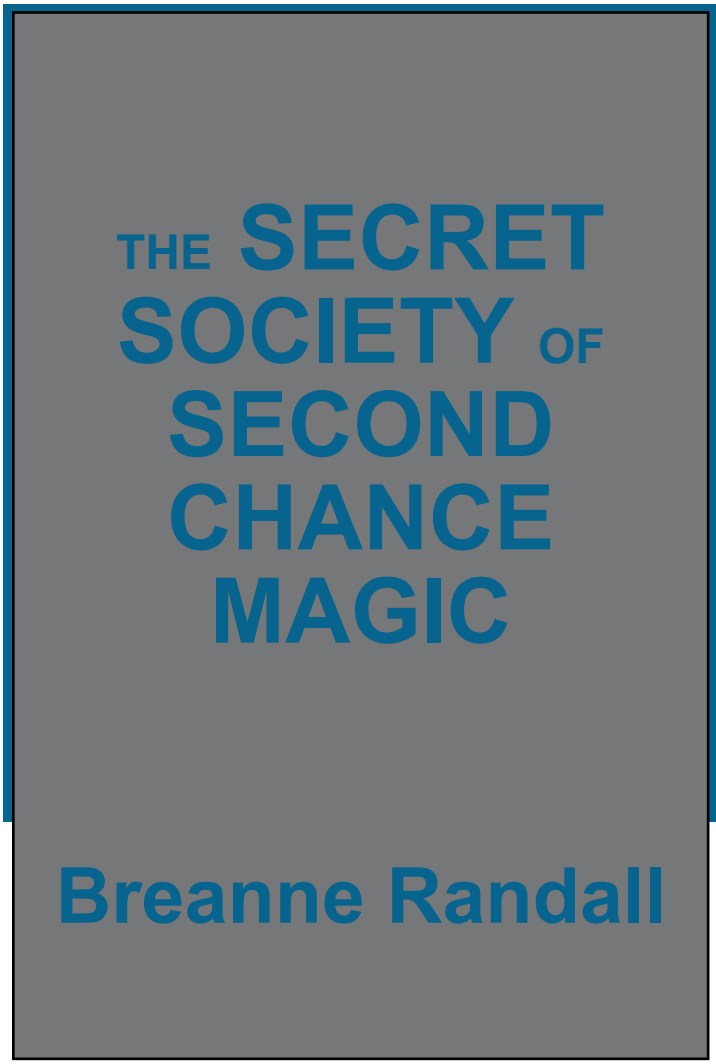
THE SECRET SOCIETY OF SECOND CHANCE MAGIC
BREANNE RANDALL

When Leola Carver inherits a storefront on Main Street in the charming mountain town of Poppy Meadows, she leaves behind the life that broke her heart and starts over with the only thing she's ever truly believed in: magic.

Her new shop, Second Chance Magic, is filled with enchanted vintage clothing. Poppies painted on a pair of jeans can calm an anxious heart, embroidered skeleton keys on a cream blouse can uncover hidden truths, and crystal-beaded dresses ward off winter colds. Each stitch carries a purpose and every garment is waiting for the right person to find it.

With her business thriving, Leola's long-lost aunt arrives asking her to revive the Starlight Society, a secret circle of magical women who quietly help those in need. An act of forbidden magic shattered both the Society and Leola's family decades ago. Now, her aunt believes Leola holds the power to piece it all back together.

Easier said than done. In desperation, she enlists the help of Banther, a taciturn former police officer with haunted eyes who believes every kind of power needs limits…while Leola has spent her life believing some rules are meant to be broken. As undeniable attraction collides with the secrets of her own past that she'd rather leave buried, Leola must decide whether second chances are something you create…or something you have to be brave enough to accept.



Blackstone, (February, 2026)

From New York Times bestselling author Breanne Randall comes a brand-new cozy fantasy set in the beloved world of Poppy Meadows where second chances are served warm, magic is stitched into the smallest things, and hope is always right around the corner.



This warm and whimsical fantasy romance is perfect for fans of Sarah Beth Durst and Sangu Mandanna.

Romantasy

THE SEER AND THE THREADS OF CHAOS

BREANNE RANDALL & MACKENZIE GOLD

THE GODS ARE NOT WHO YOU THINK THEY ARE.

Chaos is Rising.

Centuries ago the fey, led by the God of Chaos, instituted themselves as deities, only to be banished back to their realm. Now, the six kingdoms of Feyne are on the brink of another war. The Court of Chaos marches, seeking to release the primordial god of Chaos and get revenge on the mortals, witches, and fey who stood against them.

Tyree Truthborn wants nothing to do with courts and politics; he dreams only of the freedom offered by joining the Wild Hunt. But when his adoptive mother is viciously murdered in an attempt to break him and he's forced into the palace of the Love Court, he learns that he possesses a rare kind of magic, a curse that marks him as a key player in the coming war.

Ty must navigate unlikely alliances with the Queen's cunning spymaster, the arrogant crown prince, and learn to master his magic before the battle trumpet sounds—or it will mean not just death, but the downfall of the whole realm.



Blackstone Publishing (June 2027)

The ancient gods of Earth are fey in disguise, and one reluctant hero, along with a band of misfits, must navigate their hidden war to save both worlds.

New York Times Bestselling Author
USA Today Bestselling Author
54,000+ Goodreads Ratings

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Fantasy

DON'T BE SHY
OPAL REYNE

HE WON'T BITE...UNLESS YOU WANT HIM TO.

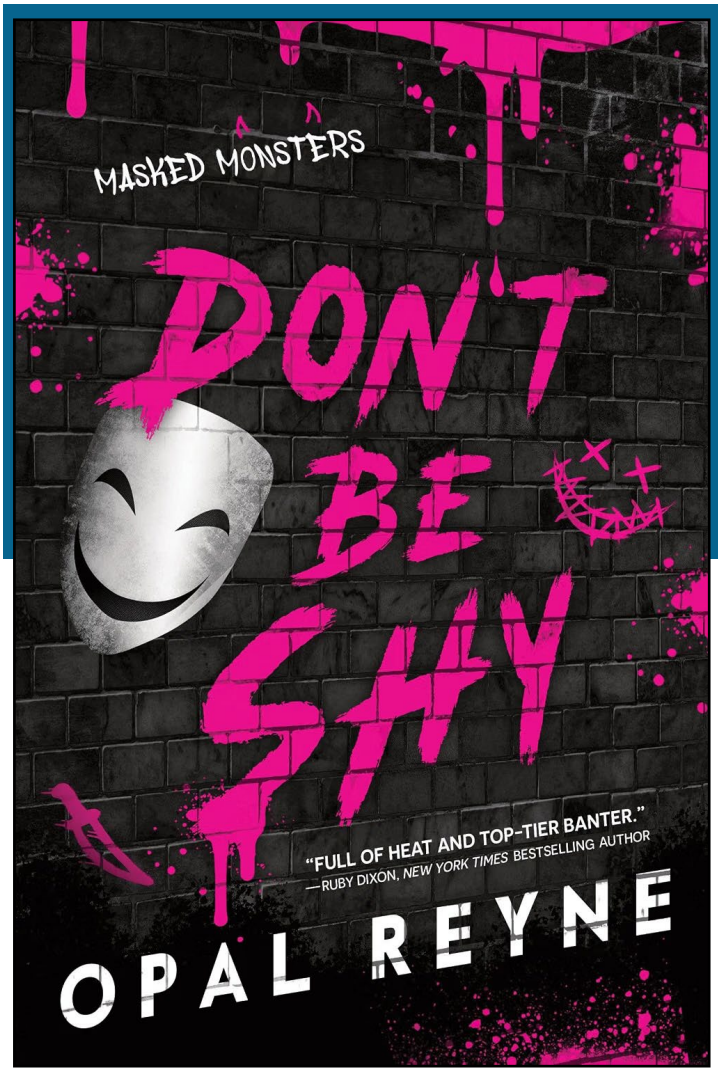
Monsters don't mix with humans. Killian knows that better than anyone. He spends his evenings patrolling Sydney's dangerous underbelly and hiding in plain sight—keeping his mask on, his head down, and his fangs to himself. But when he catches a glimpse of an auburn-haired bombshell strutting beneath his rooftop every night, suddenly "keeping his distance" becomes less of a rule and more of a suggestion.

Watching her turns into stalking her. Stalking her turns into protecting her. Protecting her turns into wanting things he absolutely shouldn't, like going on a date with a cute girl.

Paige Heiderbrink has enough problems without adding mysterious masked stalker to the list. Especially one who's annoyingly funny, suspiciously thoughtful, and somehow keeps showing up whenever she needs him most.

He knows she's safer if he stays away, but obsession makes him unable to leave her alone.

As deadly monster attacks coax Killian and his vigilante faction out of the shadows, his carefully guarded secrets begin to slip through the cracks. The closer Paige gets, the harder it becomes to ignore the truth: her biggest fear isn't the monster behind the mask; It's how badly she wants to see what's underneath.



Sourcebooks Casablanca (January 2027)

First in a 4-Book Series

OPAL'S AUTHORSHIP:
450 million reads on KU
90,000+ Ebooks Sold
50,000+ Print Sales

This is Opal's first traditionally published series

For fans of:
Navessa Allen
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Dark Romantasy

STRANGE CASES
RIOTBONES

A rakish law student inherits his late mother's practice—and its beastly secrets—in this sumptuous gothic graphic-novel debut from Riotbones, perfect for fans of James Tynion IV and paranormal crime dramas.

In the wake of his attorney mother's sudden death, dutiful law student Jude Aguilar returns to the town of Lazaro to take over her practice—but the only thing stranger than the peculiar cases she left behind are the clients themselves.

As the cases unfold, Jude uncovers a tapestry of family secrets and local monsters. Can he save Lazaro, his mother's legacy, and himself before it all goes up in flames?

The new-adult debut from queer creator Riotbones

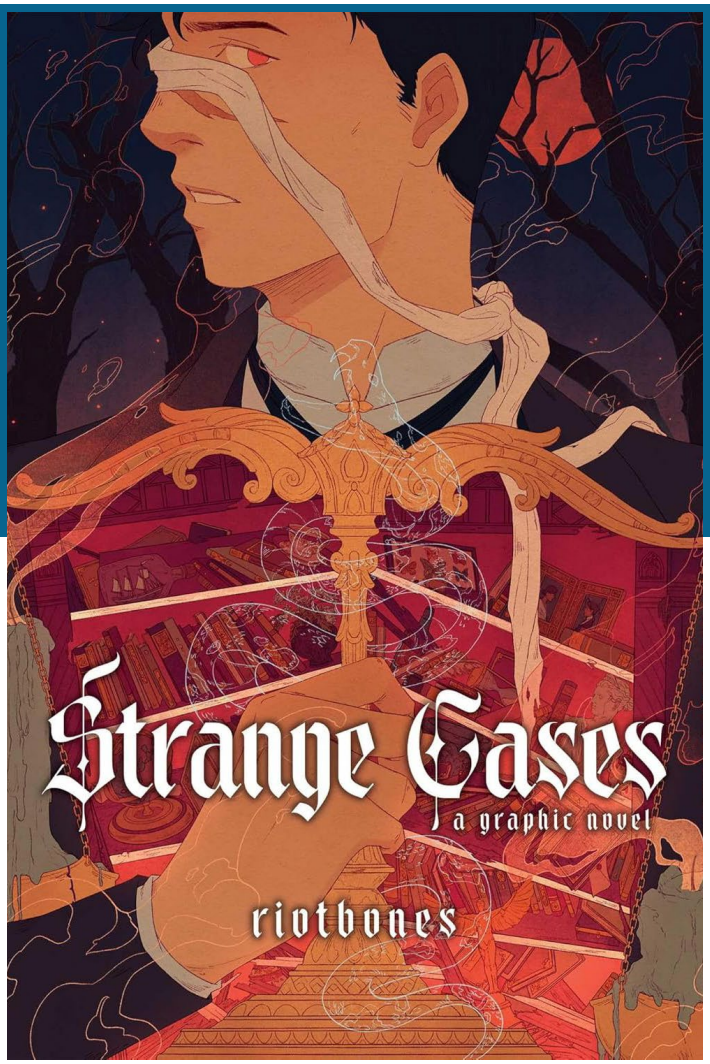
Coming-of-age paranormal horror meets crime drama

An uncanny world inspired by Filipino and European history

Lush, atmospheric, gothic graphic novel art

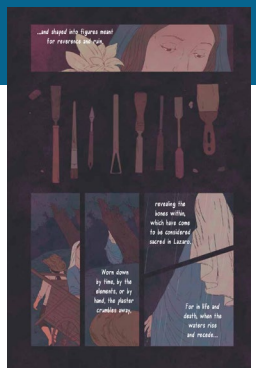
The gloom of Emily Carroll meets the socio-political drama of Jose Rizal

Andrews McMeel Publishing (October 2026)











Graphic Novel

INTO THE SERPENT'S NEST
JAMES ROLLINS

Simon Reese, CEO of Voyager X, built his luxury travel empire on one promise: take the ultra-wealthy somewhere no one has ever been. His latest venture is the most ambitious yet—a journey deep into the mountainous cloud forests of Peru, where a sprawling set of ancient ruins sits untouched. The goal: to trace the origins of humankind itself.

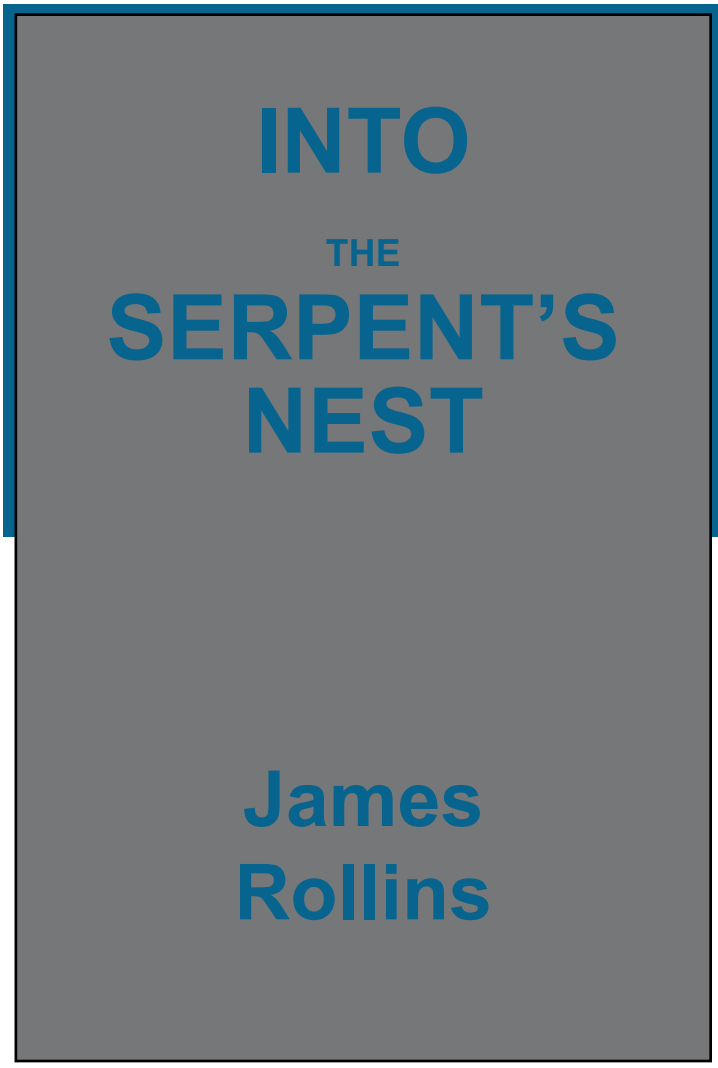
Billionaire Gordon Messick is the perfect client. Charismatic, fearless, and eager for the ultimate adventure, he signs on immediately, bringing his wife and two young children along for the ride.

An advance survey team is sent to scout the ruins ahead of the Messicks' arrival. When they vanish, Simon assumes they've been grabbed by local guerrillas who plague the region. Until one of the missing men reappears, his body ravaged by vines and roots growing from his flesh.

Simon buries the story. He's invested too much, risked everything for this venture. Accompanying the Messick family, security chief Erin Rand and naturalist Sam Hess have their own shared—and secret—agenda. Dispatched by Sigma Force, the covert field arm of DARPA, they've been sent to find out what really happened to the advance team.

For something is deeply wrong with these ruins. And as the danger grows, it becomes evident that the forest holds a greater secret, one going back to humanity's origins and an inexplicable biological mystery.

When Gordon Messick's young son disappears into the mist, Erin and Sam realize they aren't just racing to contain a threat—now they're fighting to bring a child home alive before the jungle makes sure none of them leaves at all. Some things are best left lost forever.



HarperCollins (May 2027)

From the #1 New York Times bestselling master of international intrigue comes an all-new Sigma Force adventure introducing a dynamic younger generation of operatives, replete with all the world-challenging threat and scientific mystery that are the hallmarks of this bestselling series.

James Rollins is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of international thrillers that have been translated into more than forty languages.

Thriller

A FIST OF MOLTEN FIRE
JAMES ROLLINS

The world is ending.

As earthquakes shatter continents and storms ravage the skies, the moon descends its burning face growing larger each day. Impact is imminent. Extinction is certain.

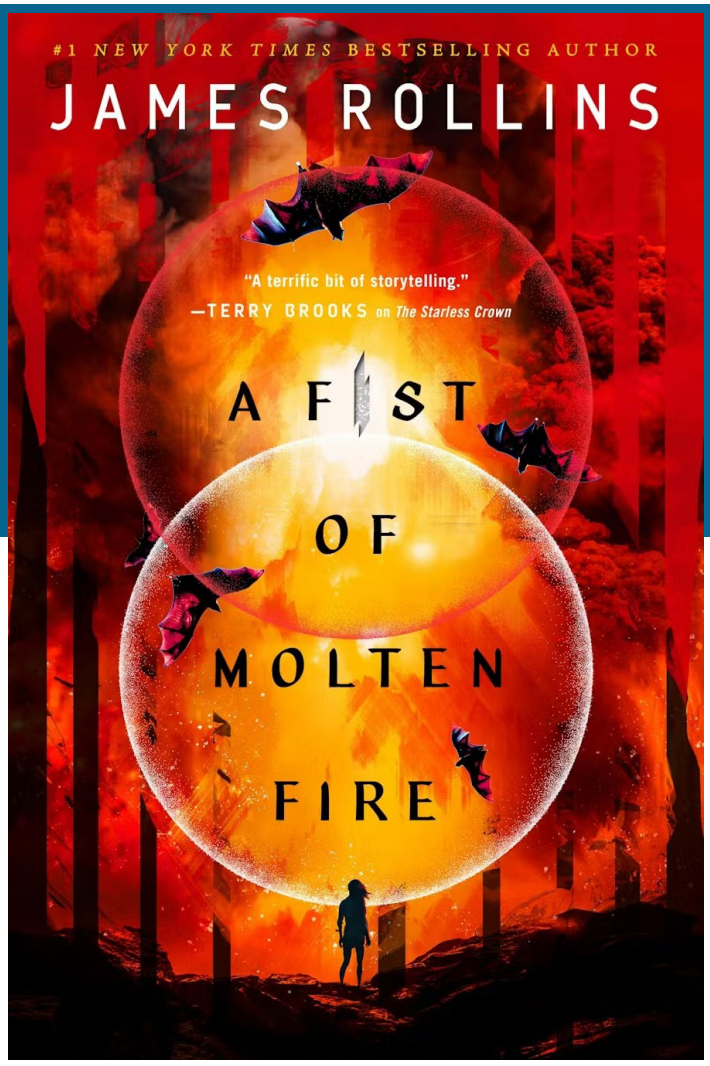
Nyx and her allies have one last hope: two colossal engines buried deep within the planet's core, capable of restoring the world's spin and casting the moon back into orbit. But such power requires a lost key one sought by others.

An undying figure of bronze rises to claim it: an ancient enemy of unmatched strength and cunning, determined to turn moonfall into a weapon of total annihilation.

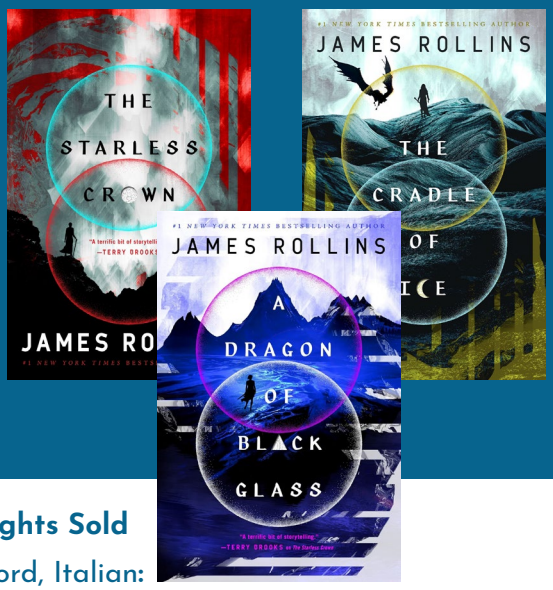
As war engulfs the Crown, Nyx and her companions must fight their way toward the Fist, a deadly volcanic stronghold hidden beyond the Mýr swamps. Here, alliances fracture, wills are broken, and hope fades amid wonders that defy the imagination and horrors that threaten sanity.

Because the truth behind the key is more dangerous than anyone imagined.

To save the world, Nyx must make an impossible choice one that will decide if she becomes its savior… or its destroyer.



Tor Books / Macmillan (December 2026)



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The New York Times bestselling Moonfall series

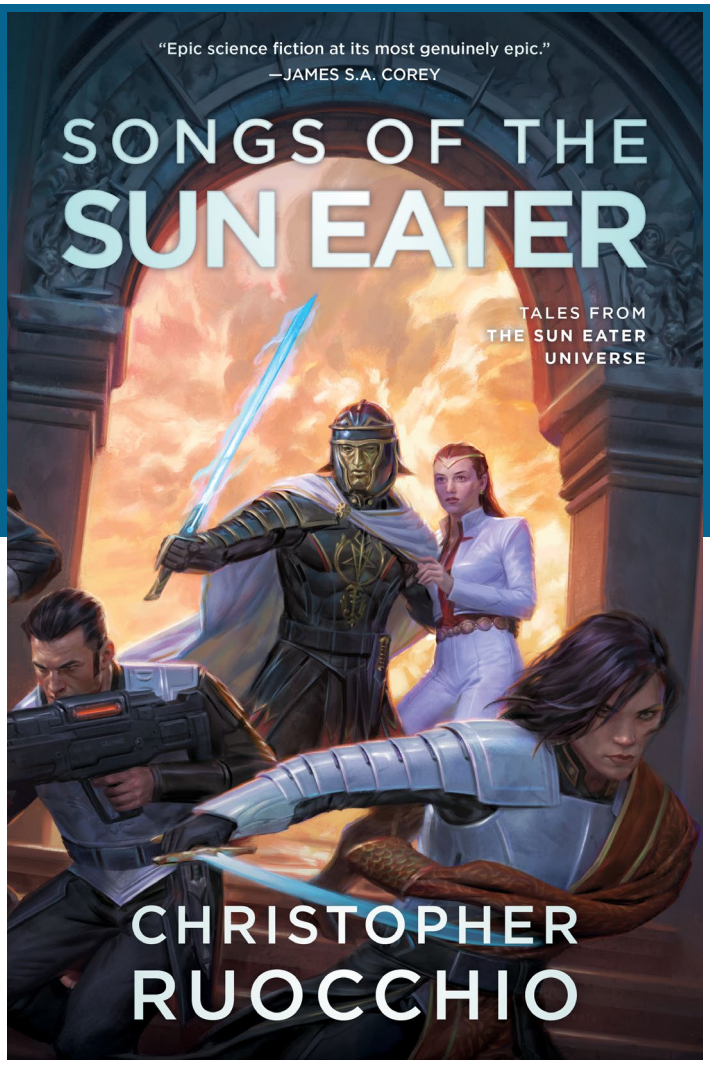
Science Fiction

SONGS OF THE SUN EATER
CHRISTOPHER RUOCCHIO

Ambitious universe-building combines with intimate character portraits for storytelling on a truly epic scale: for fans of Orson Scott Card, Adrian Tchaikovsky, Patrick Rothfuss and Jack Campbell.

A green soldier faces an inhuman enemy. A machine attempts to kill her makers for daring to bring her into this world. On Delos, Crispin Marlowe must face his brother's growing legend—and the small part he played in shaping it. In the far future, an ordinary soldier comes face-to-face with a god older than time. An enemy long thought dead attacks the future from the past, and on the Planet of Fire, an old hero must kill to save his unborn daughter and prevent a war that could shatter several worlds.

Here are songs of the noon of mankind, set in an age when humanity's dominion stretches far across the stars: an age of struggle, of great evil, and of still greater good. Here are songs of war, loss, and hope. Here, too, are songs of a man who changed the face and future of the galaxy entire. Songs of the Sun Eater, of Hadrian Marlowe himself.



DAW / PRH (November 2026)

Thirteen tales from the universe of the bestselling Sun Eater series, compiled for the first time. Plus a never-before-seen novelette, The End of History, set after Shadows Upon Time, that sheds crucial new light on the series!

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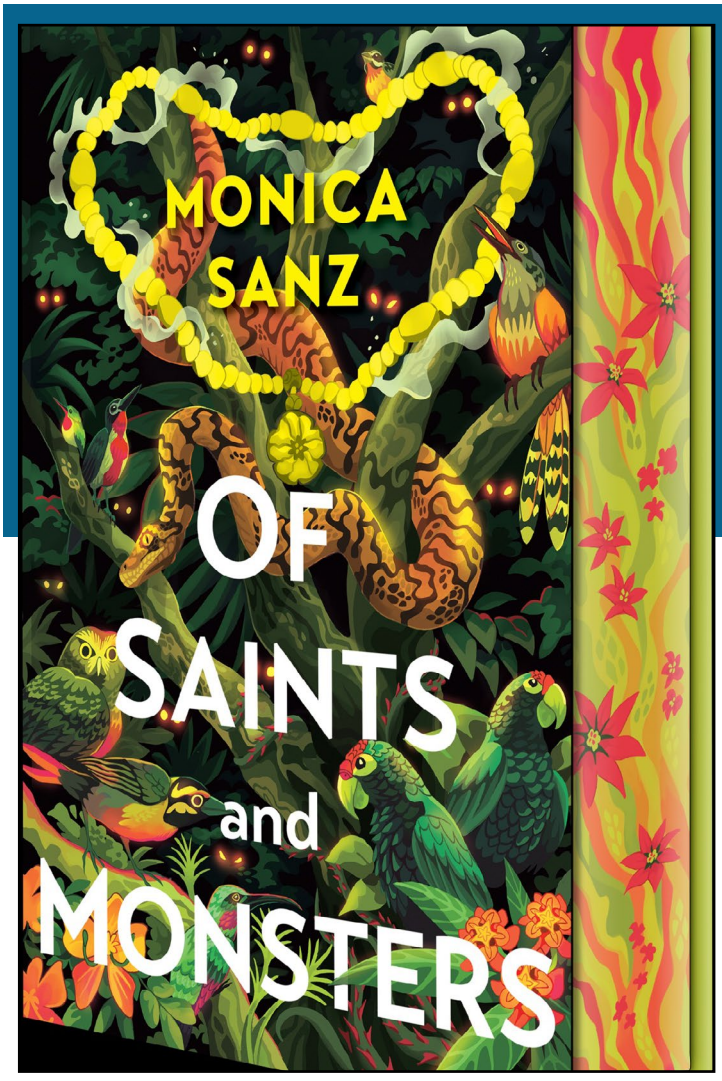
Science Fiction

OF SAINTS AND MONSTERS
MONICA SANZ

On the sultry, rain-swept, tropical island of San Cristobal, Marcella Montenegro is ready to leave behind her life as a Vessel—a life where her personal aura is used to power the magic of a wealthy Santo, someone believed to have been chosen by the gods for their position in society.

Marcella is luckier than most, having grown up bound to a Santo who has become her closest friend—Sulema Castillo—but it's still a life sentence. They both dream of a way out of this system, but when Sulema is betrothed to the Comandante from the rival island of Basca, any plans for freedom are dashed. An alliance between San Cristobal and Basca is deemed necessary to eliminate the mysterious monstruos destroying towns far and wide, yet the Bascans seem to be hiding something about their methods.

As Marcella gets closer to the Comandante in search of the truth, allegiances are tested, beliefs are questioned, and escape feels only further out of reach.



Erewhon / Kensington (April 2027)

Inspired by Puerto Rican Mythology and Colonial History

Reminiscent of Zoraida Córdova, Romina Garber, and Silvia Moreno-Garcia

- **6 million+ Wattpad Reads**
- **Gothic Catholicism.**
- **Monstrous gods & Dark Magic**
- **Atmospheric Island Setting**
- **Forbidden Romance**

Romantasy

VICTORIOUS
V.E. SCHWAB

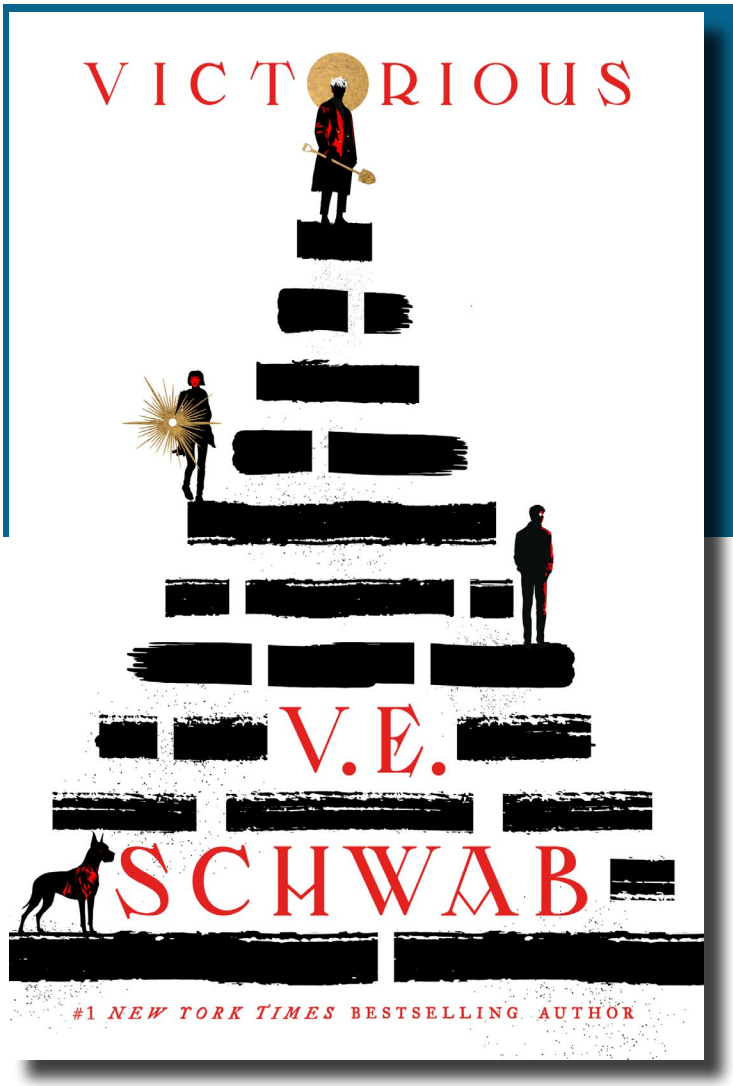
The triumphant conclusion to the Villains series!

Eli Ever. Victor Vale.

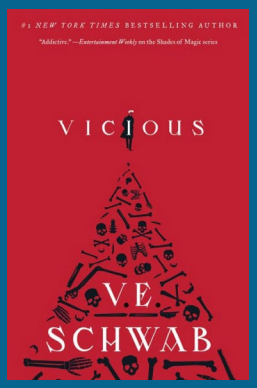
Two men, first best friends, then mortal enemies, each destined to be the other's shadow.

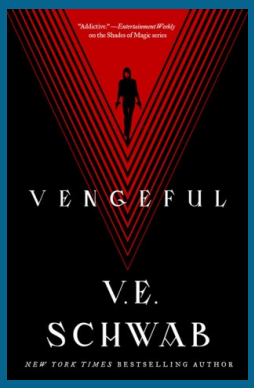
One left standing--but the game isn't over yet

Against all the years–and the odds-a group of allies and arch rivals meet on a chess board set by an opponent they couldn't have predicted....to see who will be victorious.



Tor Books / Macmillan (October 2026)





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3.4 Million+ Goodreads Ratings

Millions of Copies Sold

Spent more than 52 weeks on the NYTBestseller List

Fantasy

LAST WATCH
BILL SCHWEIGART

After a career at sea, the last thing Quinn Doughty wanted to do was take a cruise, but a deal was a deal—this voyage was a gift to his family. So as the Seven Sins of the Sea was about to get underway, Quinn handed over his military ID- the one that now read Retired- and boarded this state-of-the-art, next-gen cruiseliner, featuring a fan experience for his 16-year-old daughter Tessa's favorite show, Atlantis Rising. Its cast, including current international heartthrob, Gavin Gaines, were all on board for the week.

Underway on the floating behemouth, and with the urging of his wife Casey, Quinn spends some time with the captain of the cruiseliner, himself a retired military man, but still can't seem to shake the feeling that he has become a less than useful member of civilian society- even with the side assignment of rousing a very hungover Gavin Gaines from a steerage closet. But when a group of men with military precision and a $500 million dollar objective commandeer the ship at sea, retirement suddenly becomes a lot less boring. Now Quinn and Gavin must make their way to the top deck of the floating city that is the Seven Sins in order to radio his military contacts for help- before Quinn's retirement becomes the more permanent kind.



Bantam (July 2027)

ACQUIRED IN A 2-BOOK PREEMPTIVE OFFER

***Die Hard* meets**
Gregg Hurwitz and Mark Greaney

Bill Schweigart is the author of several books across genres, including horror and crime novels, a New York Times bestselling co-authorship with James Patterson, and a LitRPG novel with Disney Hyperion, DIRTY 20.

Thriller

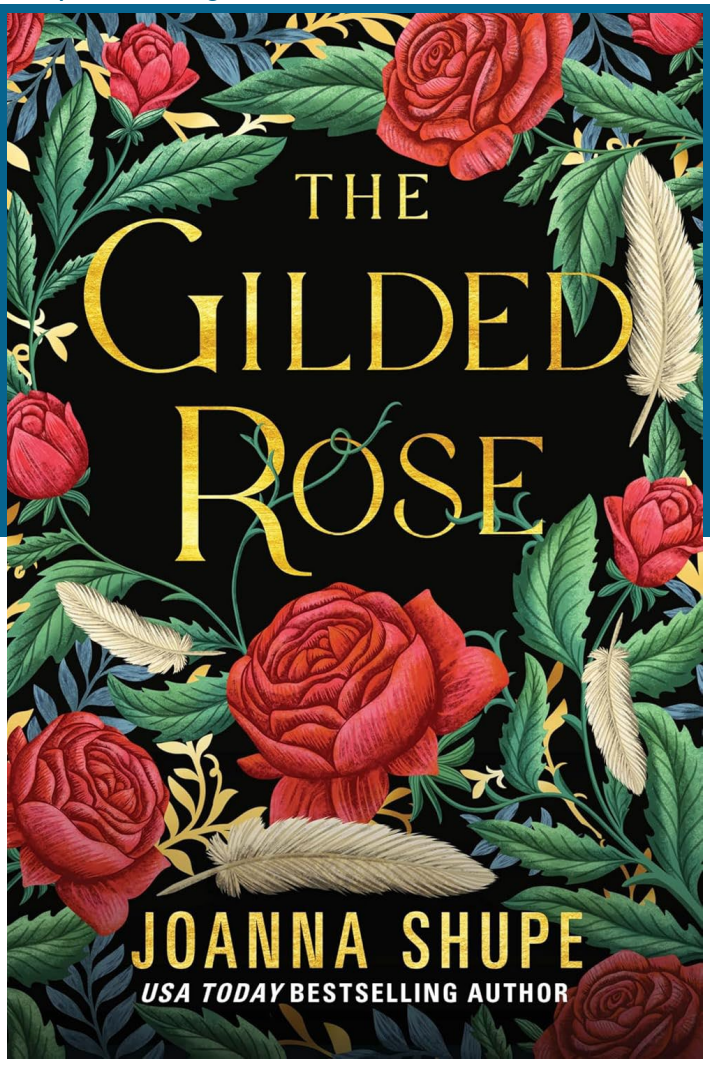
THE GILDED ROSE
JOANNA SHUPE

Love isn't always a fairy tale. Charming and popular, Orson Grey is the most sought-after bachelor in Manhattan. When Caroline pledges to spend her life with him, it feels like the beginning of a fairy tale.

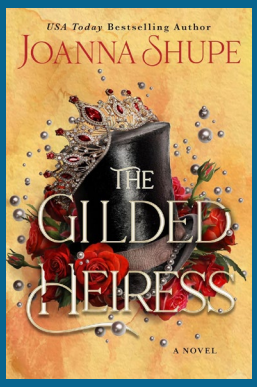
The fairy tale quickly turns into a nightmare. Behind closed doors, Orson is controlling and cruel. Trapped by laws that prevent women from leaving unhappy marriages, Caroline has no choice but to endure her husband's behavior. Each day grows more intolerable, and her frustration and resentment mounts. Even her passion for rare books is stifled, leaving her isolated and lonely, a fading rose trapped under glass.

When Caroline is offered the opportunity to catalogue a private library, she seizes it like a lifeline. Exploring the literary treasures, she discovers a friend in the library's owner, Zane Bishop—a brilliant, wealthy recluse who was disfigured in an explosion years ago.

Thoughtful and kind, Zane is everything Orson is not. As their trust builds, Zane realizes that Caroline's pain runs much deeper than she lets on. He suffers with her, knowing precisely of Orson's cruelty firsthand. Zane will stop at nothing to set Caroline free, even if it means risking everything.



Avon / HarperCollins (October 2026)



USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Gilded Age Setting
Fairy Tale Retelling
Freinds to Lovers

A USA Today bestselling author, **Joanna Shupe** has always loved history, ever since she saw her first Schoolhouse Rock cartoon. Her books have appeared on numerous yearly "best of" lists, including Publishers Weekly, The Washington Post, Kirkus Reviews, Kobo, and BookPage.

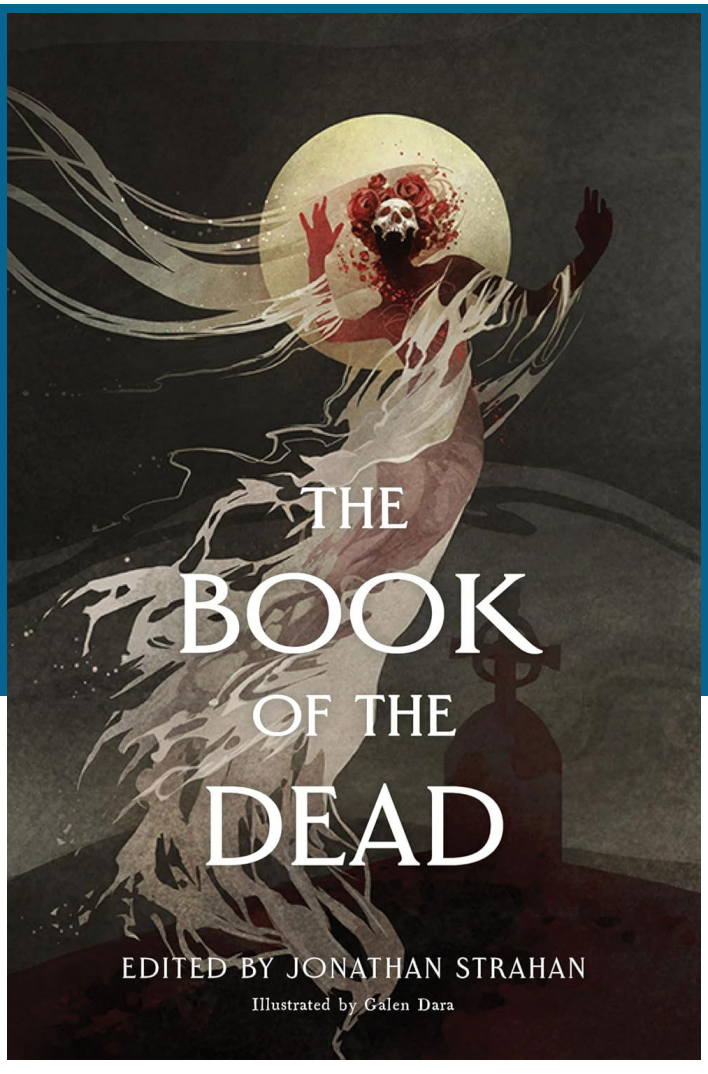
Romance

THE BOOK OF THE DEAD
JONATHAN STRAHAN

We are all going to die. But how? Will it hurt? Where will we go? What will we find there? What will happen to the people we leave behind?

From our earliest myths to our most advanced scientific theories, humanity has grappled with the nature of dying, and what, if anything, comes after. The Book of the Dead confronts our terrible mortality with unflinching honesty and breathtaking imagination, taking us on a journey from the dusty plains of the Australian Outback where wives mysteriously vanish, to the fog-shrouded interstates of a man's regret, to the deep, dark tombs of Martian queens, and to the somber shores of a world where the dead refuse to stay buried.

A stunning collection of brand-new stories of murder, myth, and misadventure including contributions from international bestsellers Garth Nix, Paul Tremblay, Stephen Graham Jones, Tamsyn Muir, and two dozen other fantasy, science fiction, and horror icons, featuring stunning illustrations from Galen Dara.



HarperVoyager (October 2026)

The Book of the Dead features stories from Indrapramit Das, Paolo Bacigalupi, Daryl Gregory, Andy Duncan, Jeffrey Ford, Kelly Robson, Cadwell Turnbull, Elizabeth Bear, K J Parker, Cassandra Khaw, Samantha Mills, Premee Mohamed, Darcie Little Badger, Garth Nix, Paul Tremblay, Wole Talabi, Tobi Ogundiran, Silvia Park, Isabel J Kim, Vajra Chandrasekera, Priya Sharma, Angela Slatter, Stephen Graham Jones, Catherynne Valente, Tamsyn Muir, Nghi Vo, E. Lily Yu, and Kaaron Warren

WORLD FANTASY AWARD WINNING EDITOR

HUGO AWARD WINNING AUTHOR

Story Collection

THEY COME AT NIGHT
MICHELLE TANG

Denise Chen has lived her life according to everyone else's rules. So when a mysterious job offer promises life-changing money at an exclusive, off-grid wellness retreat, she ignores her instincts and accepts hoping that, for once, she'll make her mother proud.

But Restful Spirit Sanctuary isn't what it seems.

The forest on the property the one they're forbidden to enter is full of whispers, and figures move within its shadows. Coworkers say it's the Lady in Red, a spirit trapped where she died. But this rumor can't be confirmed, since Denise and the other new staff aren't allowed to speak to the guests, who definitely aren't here for vacation. All they do is stare into the darkness within the trees. As if they're waiting for something.

The longer Denise stays at the retreat, the stranger things get: she finds cultural objects designed to ward away spirits, a hidden journal that's full of warnings, and hears someone weeping outside her cabin at night. When her coworkers begin to disappear, Denise realizes the forest isn't the only thing she should fear. Because the Lady in Red is desperate for a way out of the woods. And Denise may be the key to her escape...



Poisoned Pen Press/Sourcebooks (May 2027)

Some retreats change your life.
Others try to take it.

"Takes horror to new heights."
-V. Castro for *She Waits Where Shadows Gather*

Horror

THE NIGHT THAT WASN'T
LAUREN THOMAN

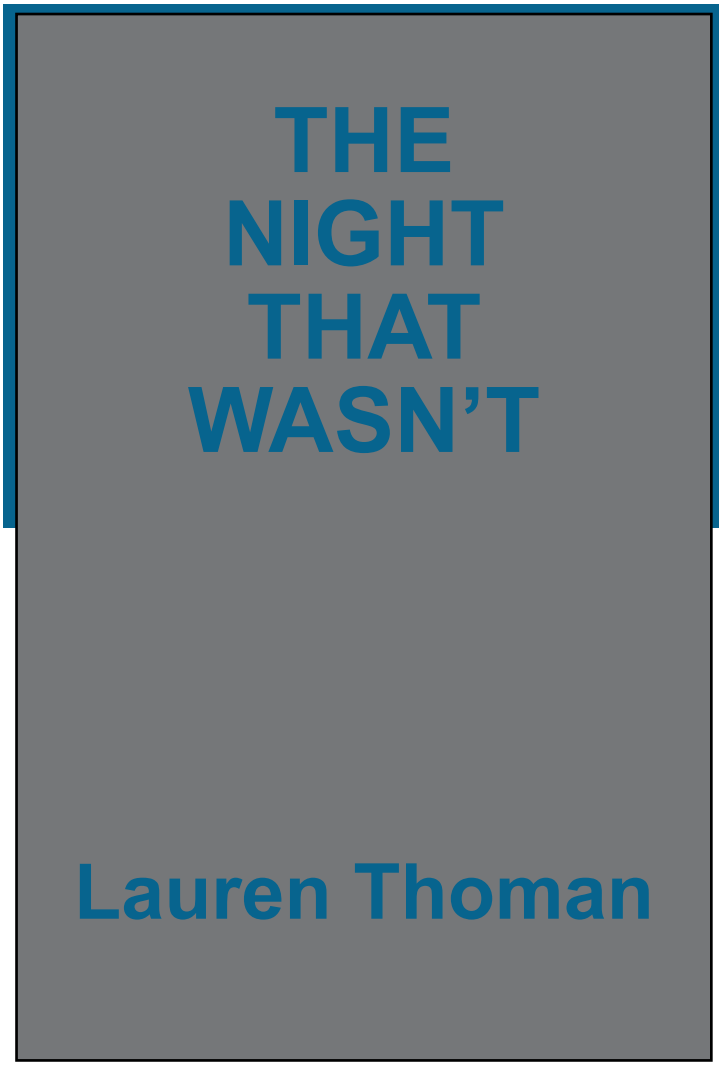
Jamie Li has her life exactly the way she wants it: a psychology practice she loves, a dog who adores her, and no regrets about the husband and kids she never had. Then she runs into her high school almost-love, Caleb Jackson, at a community theater production, and the careful architecture of her contentment starts to wobble.

That night, Jamie falls asleep single. She wakes up married. To Caleb.

Not in a dream. In a life. A full, decades-deep life she has no memory of living, in a house she's never seen, beside a husband who has no idea anything is wrong. Somehow, impossibly, Jamie is now splitting her existence between two versions of herself: the woman who found the courage to tell Caleb how she felt on a porch swing the night of their high school graduation, and the woman who lost her nerve and ran.

The choice made at 18 didn't just fracture her love life. Whatever happened, or didn't happen, that graduation night is somehow tangled with the death of their classmate, Cassie Shipman, ruled a tragic accident in one timeline and something far darker in the other.

As Jamie ping-pongs between the life she has and the life she might have had, she and Caleb - both versions of him - work together across realities to unravel what really happened twenty years ago, before whatever links their two worlds tears them both apart. Because the closer they get to the truth, the clearer it becomes: some choices don't just change a life. They rewrite a timeline.



Amazon Publishing, April 2027

Sliding Doors
meets
Big Little Lies

Lauren Thoman lives outside Nashville, Tennessee, with her husband, two children, and a rotating number of dogs and fish. Her pop culture writing has appeared in numerous online outlets including Parade, Vulture, and Collider.

Speculative Mystery

BETTER IN REAL LIFE
ADRIENNE THURMAN

Three years after launching an indie matchmaking service and giving birth to her son, Zola Harper's business and baby are both thriving. When her company is acquired and her son starts spending weekends with Zola's ex, she finds herself flush with two things she's gone without for so long—extra money and spare time. She'd planned to spend that time revolutionizing the online dating space, but if there's one dating space that needs revolutionizing...it's her own bedroom.

Even if Zola can be convinced to have some flirty fun on her child-free weekends, she won't let a short-term fling distract her from continuing to build a future she can be proud of. She won't let it distract her from real life—the real mom life she hopes to keep separate from her soft girl summer.

Venture philanthropist Vaughn Butler spends more time serving the communities he loves than his own interests...until a beautiful woman slides into his DMs. At first, Zola Harper seems too good to be true. She doesn't even mind Vaughn's bicoastal work schedule that leaves him with only weekends available. But despite their undeniable chemistry, there's something missing. Something Zola's not telling him.

Everything in Zola's life is high stakes and too real. This whirlwind summer romance is just for fun... or so she thought.



Dial Press, April 2027

A single mom who's made a career of finding love for everyone else will finally put herself first this summer—if she can be real about what she wants—in this sizzling dual POV romance.

Adrienne Thurman writes romance and commercial fiction where women don't have to be likable to get their happily ever afters—or the revenge plot of their dreams. She is also the author of *Don't Tell Me How it Ends*, and picture books *No Way, Wash Day* and *The Brunch Shift*.

Contemporary Romance

DAUGHTER OF THE DARK
R.J. VALLDEPERAS

From the flesh of a fallen god, a demon slayer rises.

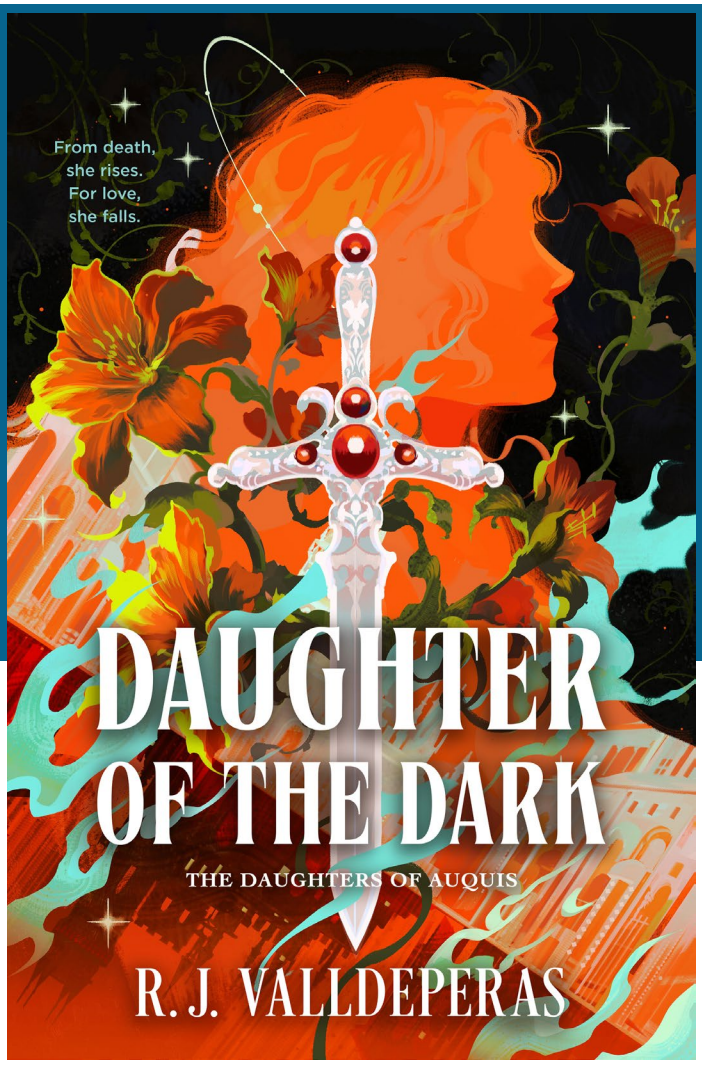
Supay lives under a curse of eternal death. For the greed of their god, the people are damned to live as human… and then again as muki.

For Solana, survival means staying sharp and staying alone. Armed with only a blood-forged dagger, she's carved out a life as Supay's fiercest slayer, freeing souls even as she's trapped by duty.

But when a twist of fate offers her the title of Royal Demon Hunter, Solana finally finds a path to the freedom she's always craved… but it draws her closer to the darkness threatening Supay darkness that calls to her soul alone.

Torn between turning her back on a fight she never asked for and the pull of loyalties old and new including an irresistible connection to a man who should be her enemy Solana must decide…

Choose fate and freedom? Or death, destruction… and revolution.



Bramble / Macmillan (September 2026)

"Lovers of dark romantasy, prepare to lose sleep over Daughter of the Dark by R.J. Valldeperas. This one's got everything we crave: a vividly imagined world with fascinating lore, a high-stakes plot with twists that left me breathless, and the sizzling, earned chemistry of a TRUE enemies-to-lovers slow burn. Plus a relatable heroine who's messy, real, and impossible not to root for. I said "just one more chapter" way too often. You will, too." -Kris K. Haines, author of The Memory Puller series

R.J. Valldeperas is a Peruvian/Venezuelan writer and a powerhouse creative based in South Florida, where she lives with her husband and five children. With a background in education, photography, and content creation, Raquel is a natural storyteller and self-promotion dynamo. Her debut young adult novel is Their Will Undone.

Romantasy

YOU REAP...
MICHAEL WENDROFF

A kidnapper is targeting vulnerable children. You have 72 hours to solve the case.

In a town beset by problems, a series of kidnappings has terrified every parent. The abductor is targeting vulnerable children, and the more time that passes, the more risk there is that one or more of the children dies in captivity.

With the police department at full stretch, patrol officers and bitter rivals Jill Jarred and Jack Ludlum are assigned to the investigation. For Jill, the case is personal, as she strikes against the demons of her past and a family tragedy she is desperate to set right.

The case seems to be solved when one missing child is discovered, but this is only the beginning, for the kidnapper has a deeper purpose than anyone realised. Can Jill and Jack capture the perpetrator in time... or are they destined to fail?



Aries / Head of Zeus (February 2027)

A gripping crime thriller that delves into the complexities of human nature, the lessons of the past, and the search for meaning in the face of tragedy.

'Starts off at a breakneck pace and doesn't let up until it reaches its unexpected conclusion.'
-Lisa Black, New York Times bestselling author

Thriller

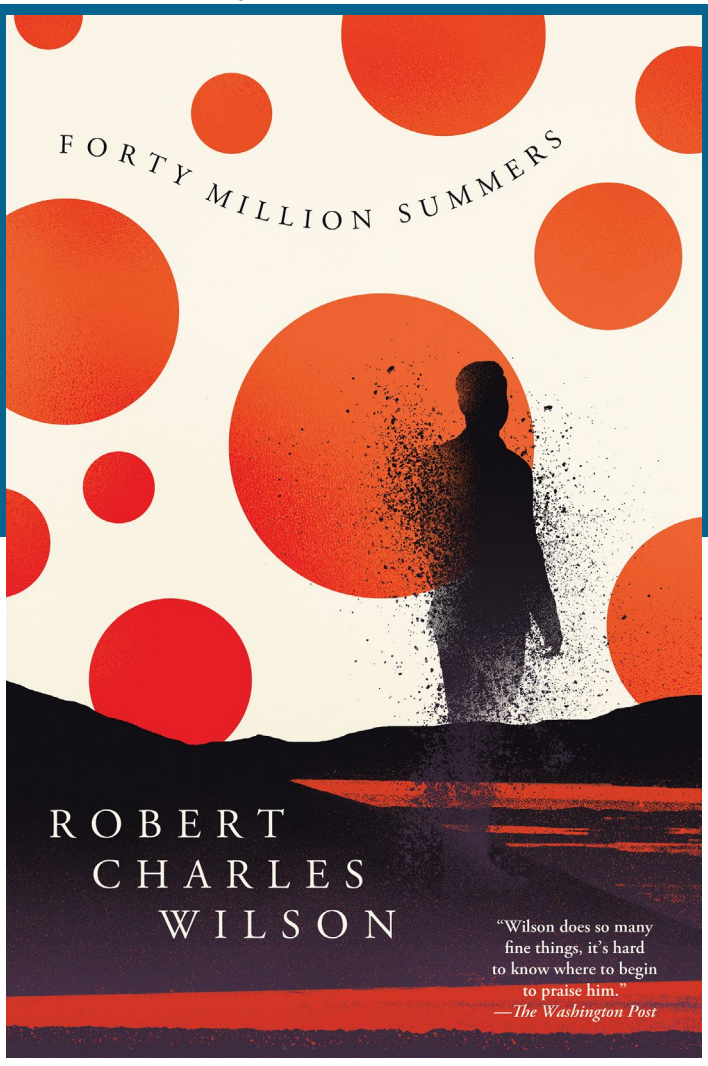
FORTY MILLION SUMMERS
ROBERT CHARLES WILSON

Just before the Earth's near-destruction, a father and daughter lead their community forty million years into the future—and beyond.

An inexplicable ecological disaster is rapidly making the Earth uninhabitable. Illinois scientist Jack Kenton, along with his family and a thousand or so residents of his hometown, take refuge at a mysterious research facility. There, Jack has been overseeing the development of temporal displacement: a novel technology that offers hope, but at the price of an unpredictable exit from time itself.

When Jack's community emerges from temporal isolation into a wholly transformed Earth, rebuilding a civilization with few resources, while navigating clashing political and religious beliefs, will require more than ingenuity. Especially when forces beyond their understanding are waging an interstellar war, forging humanity into something unrecognizable.

After Jack's daughter Laurel explores a massive, enigmatic structure at the shore of a nameless sea, she will learn what nearly drove her people to extinction—and what the future may hold for the survivors after forty million summers.



Tachyon (Spring 2027)

"I can't think of another science fiction writer who understands the strengths of the genre so well and who works with such confidence within its elastic boundaries."
—The New York Times

HUGO, PHILIP K. DICK AND JOHN W. CAMBELL AWARD WINNING AUTHOR

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Science Fiction

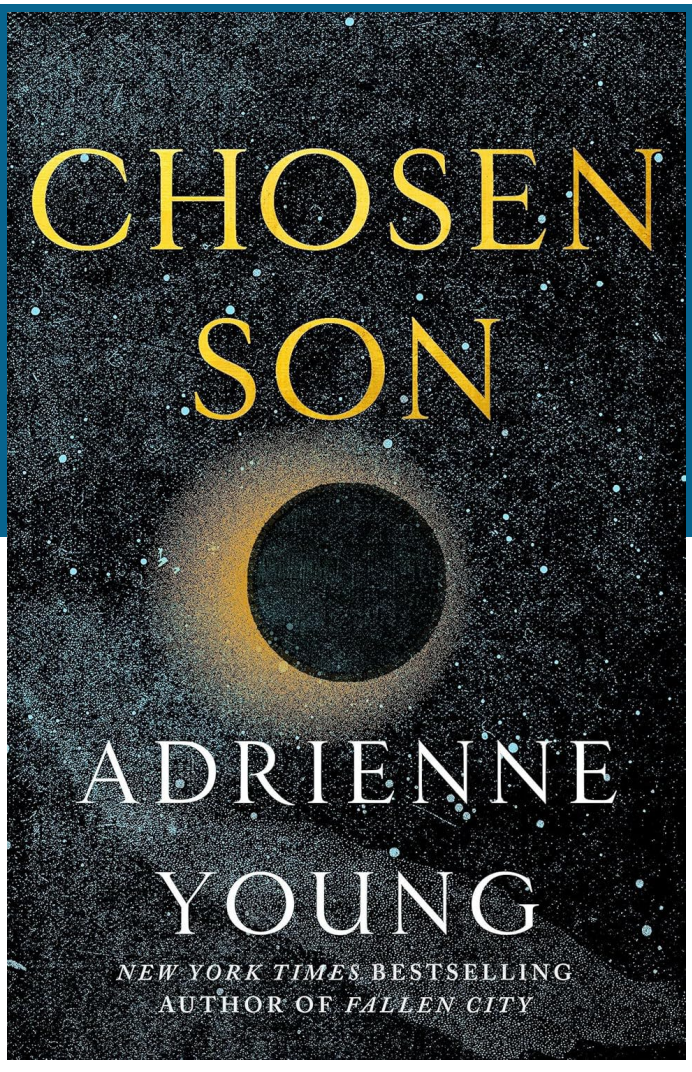
CHOSEN SON
ADRIENNE YOUNG

Love will be their salvation or ultimate ruin.

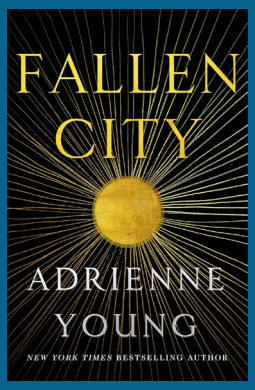
When the city fell, Maris lost everything-her freedom, her future, and the man she loved. Now, with Luca trapped behind the gates of Isara, she makes a choice that will change her life forever: to don the armor of the enemy and march back into the heart of the city she was forced to flee. Every step brings her closer to Luca, but also deeper into the blood-soaked machine of war.

Inside Isara's walls, Luca wrestles with a truth more dangerous than any sword. Once the symbol of the Loyal Legion, he has lost the thing he was truly fighting for-Maris. The shift of the war has left him to question whether he has become a pawn of the gods, and with betrayal lurking in every shadow, Luca must decide who he is: the dutiful soldier forged by rebellion, or the man willing to risk everything for love.

Across battlefields and through broken temples, Maris and Luca's treacherous paths through Isara are set to collide. And when the gods demand sacrifice, it comes in a form no one could have expected.



Saturday Books / Macmillan
(December 2026)



The epic conclusion to Adrienne Young's devastating and enthralling Fallen City duology!

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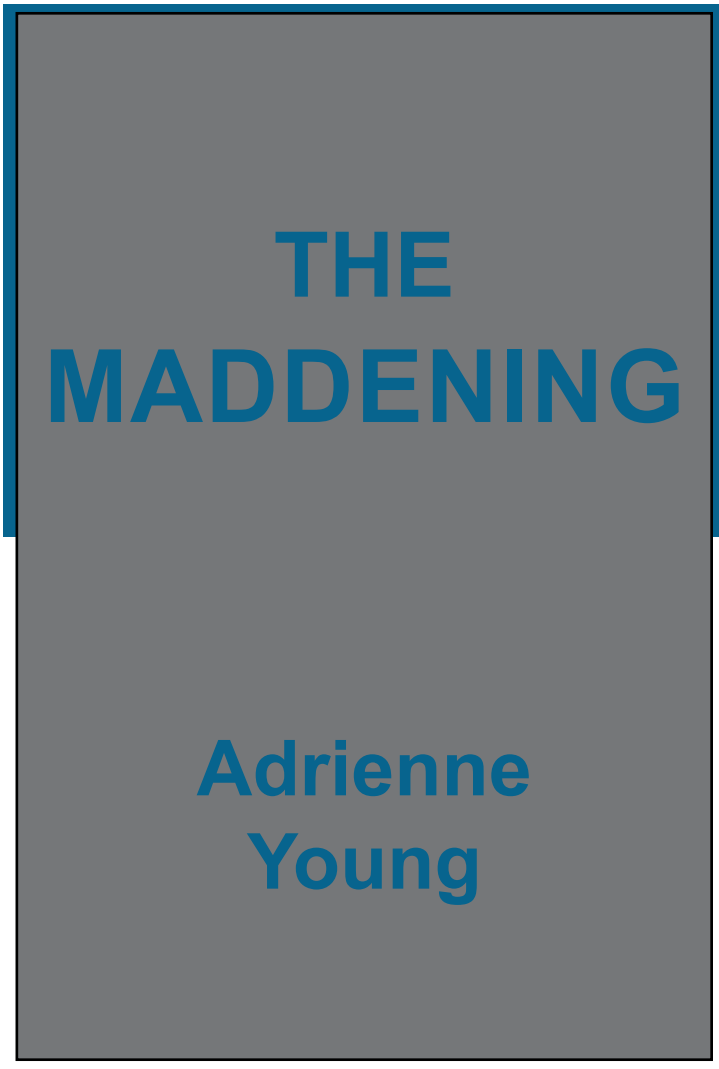
Fantasy

THE MADDENING
ADRIENNE YOUNG

Holden Fellows's reputation as a disgraced art historian has sent her to Dunrath Castle in Scotland. The foggy highlands and dusty archives will be the perfect place to lick her wounds and avoid further scandal, but as she begins cataloguing the estate's art, she discovers a mysterious painting linked to chilling disappearances and supernatural occurrences.

Her search for answers leads her to the enigmatic Finnan Rowe, a local folklorist who reveals the painting's connection to the legend of the Bride of Hollow Glen. Holden's feelings for him grow complicated when she learns that he's been hiding secrets from her.

When the curse takes its next victim, the danger grows, and Holden will risk everything to unlock the secret behind the painting and end the curse once and for all.



Delacorte Press / PRH (August 17,2027)

In this bewitching atmospheric novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Unmaking of June Farrow*, a disgraced art historian discovers a cursed painting and enlists a local historian, who has secrets of his own, to help her break the curse before it strikes again.

A spellbinding slow-burn gothic mystery

For fans of Alix E. Harrow and Kate Morton

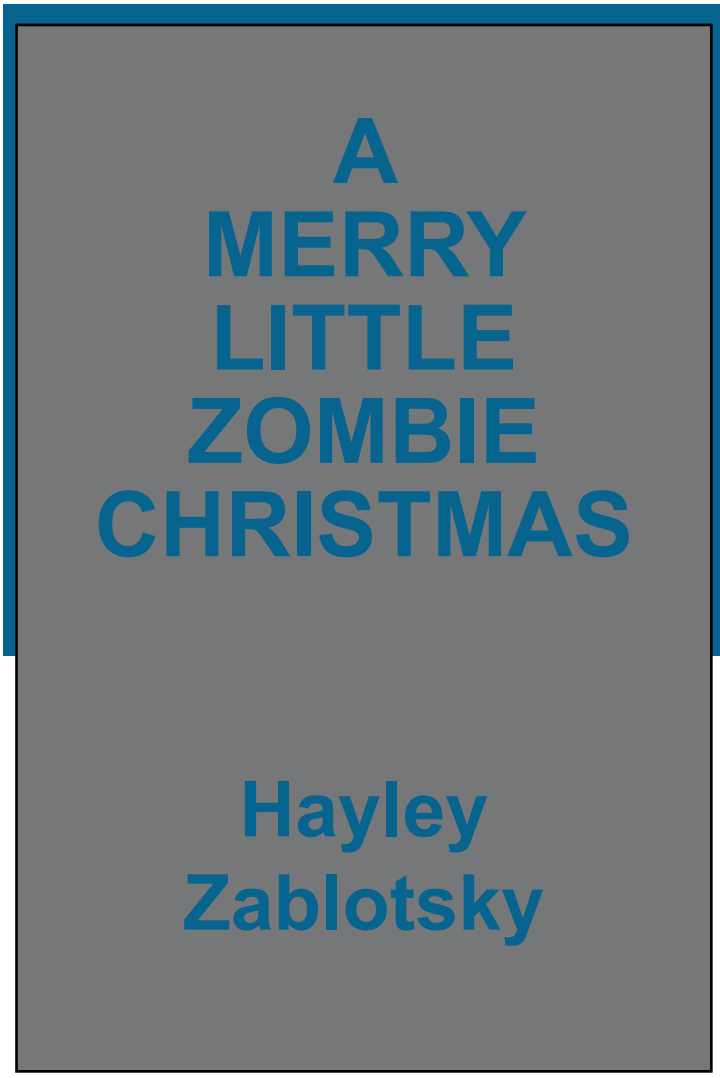
Fiction

A MERRY LITTLE ZOMBIE CHRISTMAS
HAYLEY ZABLOTSKY

Stevie has two big fears: germs and feelings. Neither is great in the middle of a zombie apocalypse. Jake, on the other hand, fears only one thing—showing up to another family Christmas single. When both are bitten the week before the holidays, they check into the hospital for the anti-zombie serum that buys the infected one more week of humanity. One week to say goodbye. One week to live.

Not the meet-cute she was hoping for, but volunteering to be Jake's fake girlfriend for his one last Christmas (especially when she has zero family left) sounds great: a warm family, cookies, and no future consequences. After all, they're basically doomed.

But between undead mall Santas, mistletoe, and the warm chaos of family love, Stevie and Jake find themselves facing something far scarier than turning into zombies: falling for each other. With no time left to live.



Avon / HarperCollins, Fall 2027

You thought you read every meet-cute out there? Think again.

This book is the love child of Emily Henry and *Shaun of the Dead*.

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies **for this generation of readers.**

Paranormal Romance

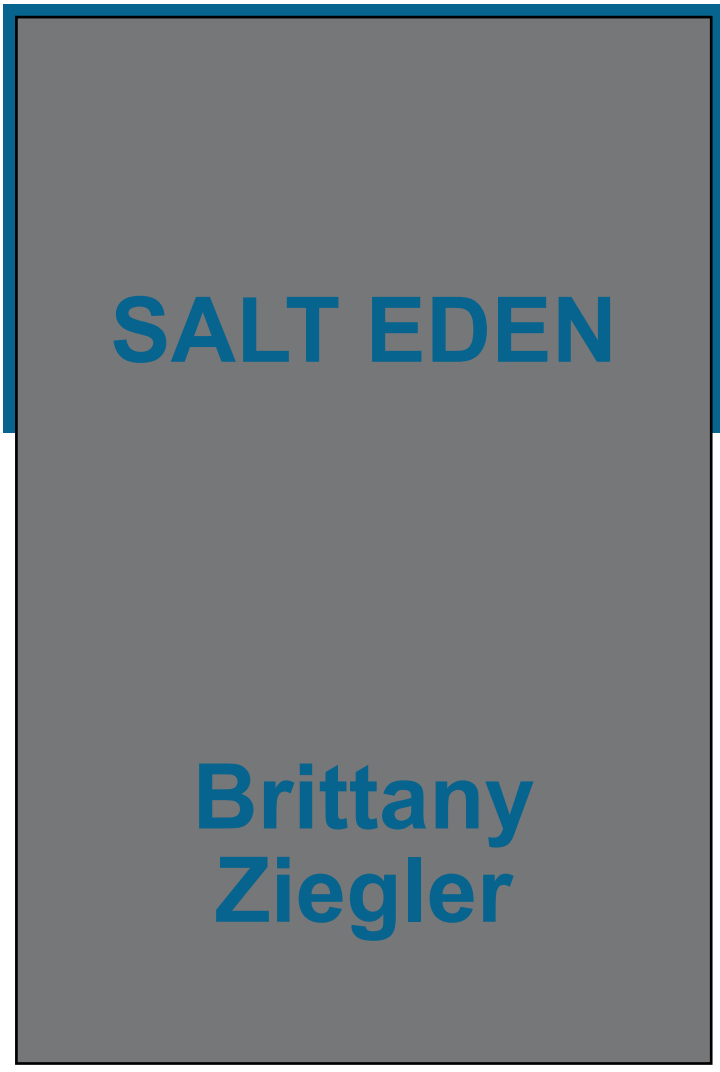
SALT EDEN
BRITTANY ZIEGLER

When a selkie breaks ancient law to save her from drowning, deep-sea welder Eden Carver's skin blooms with silver sigils carrying tidal magic older than the coastlines themselves. Through them, she becomes the only human alive who can see the Wound; a pulsing fracture tearing open the boundary between land and sea.

Torn between the world she was born to and the ocean now singing in her blood, Eden can't stay away from Atka, the selkie who saved her, even knowing he serves Sedna, the goddess drowning the world in payment for humanity's crimes against the sea.

Every time Atka chooses Eden, it costs him: his immortal skin, his sister, his place in the water. Sedna doesn't forgive selkies who give their breath to humans, and she orders Atka to hand Eden over before their bond grows strong enough to break her hold. Refuse, and Sedna will drown every shoreline until she decides humanity has suffered enough.

To save both worlds, Eden must become the bridge between the shore that poisoned the sea and the goddess who means to bury it, before Sedna swallows cities and coasts whole, or the Wound splits everything open where salt meets shore.



BenBella Books (Spring 2027)

TIME magazine's Top 100 Influencers of 2025

2.5 Million Followers

Brittany Ziegler is the creator of DiveDiveLive, a 2.5-million-follower ocean storytelling platform known for live and unattended underwater scuba broadcasts. Her footage has positioned her as one of social media's most distinctive environmental creators. She was named one of TIME Magazine's Top 100 Creators of 2025 and recently spoke at the Wildscreen Festival alongside National Geographic, Disney, and the BBC. Her audience is already primed for ocean mythology, environmental urgency, and the kind of immersive underwater storytelling only she can bring to the page.

Romantasy

CHILDREN'S

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SOMETHING UNPREDICTABLE
BECKY ALBERTALLI

Ellie Milton has never really been in love.

Then one night she stumbles upon wry tomboy Ashley – in the mall, trapped behind the gates of Hot Topic, of all places. Soon, squeaky clean Ellie finds herself drawn into Ashley's secret world, lying to her own parents and friends to spend more and more time with her. But the pull she feels toward this girl… that's just because Ashley needs her, right? After all, Ellie's always considered herself to be straight.

Jane Sewell has fallen in love too many times – and always with straight girls.

If there's one thing she knows, it's that shooting her shot leads to guaranteed heartbreak. Which is why she's going to be single forever, even if her goofball friend Phoebe gives her butterflies. And when her BFF Leo needs a wingwoman to occupy his crush's big sister, Jane knows better than to fall for softhearted Stella. Because straight girls are straight girls, no matter how confusingly flirty their texts are.

Ellie and Jane's stories of first love and second chances converge in a surprising twist, showing that there's nothing more unpredictable than what the heart wants.



Balzer + Bray (April 2027)

"Something Unpredictable is, quite simply, an absolute delight. Relatable, sweet, and perfectly captures the magic of teen romance in a way only Becky Albertalli can. You'll be smiling from start to twisty, wonderful finish. I'm pretty sure my lesbian heart grew three sizes from reading it."
-Rachael Lippincott, New York Times bestselling author of She Gets the Girl

- #1 New York Times-bestselling author and rom-com queen!
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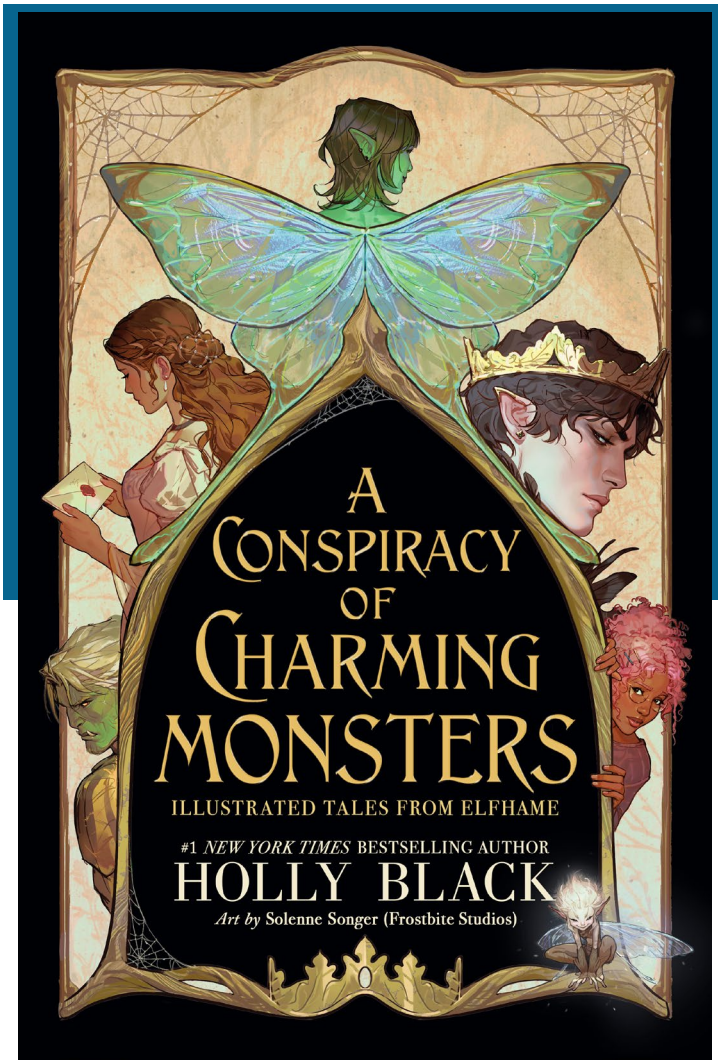
YA Romcom

A CONSPIRACY OF CHARMING MONSTERS
HOLLY BLACK

#1 New York Times bestselling author Holly Black returns to the world of Faerie in this gorgeously illustrated collection of short stories, where beauty can be monstrous and love can be capricious....

A reluctant king is thrown into turmoil when the girl he loves to hate is stolen by the Undersea.
An exiled redcap, trapped in the mortal world, must rediscover his inner monster.
A mortal girl sacrifices the other half of herself for an unworthy faerie lover.
A tiny sprite's determination to prove herself puts the entire High Court in danger.

In this collection, #1 New York Times bestselling author Holly Black combines her signature wit and lush world-building with stunning full-color art by Frostbite Studios in six irresistible tales that return readers to the world of the Modern Faerie Tales and Elfhame, including two never-before-seen stories: one revealing the interior life of Madoc while in exile and the other featuring the moment that High King Cardan realizes what he most desires.



Little, Brown Book Group (November 2026)

- 15 MILLION FAERIE BOOKS SOLD GLOBALLY
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YA Story Collection

KNIGHT OF THE GOD KING
LAUREN BLACKWOOD

A powerful knight and her handsome squire must stop the deadly schemes of a savior king in this romantic fantasy of dark deeds and court intrigue.

Calliope's wish has always been to become a knight, an elite healer and protector who uses music to summon magic. Yet despite her exceptional skill, she's stuck lifting up her talentless cousin, whose family begrudgingly took Cali in as a child. But when an opportunity to become the royal knight of the immortal God King arrives, Cali finally gets a chance at a fairytale life - until her cousin blackmails her.

Forced to bring her cousin to court so she won't share Cali's shameful past, Cali immediately snubs Beric, the alluring, handsome squire tending to her. Now she must contend with his ire, even while feeling helplessly drawn to him. If that wasn't enough, her duty means accompanying the king into The Dark, a demonic entity that only the king's magic is powerful enough to battle - a fight he has been waging for centuries. She must also keep the king's secret under pain of death: He's not a god at all, and the only thing keeping him alive is the magic held by the royal knight. It seems serving the God King isn't a fairytale at all, and when people start dying around her, she and Beric realize that they have no choice but to take their fate - and that of an entire kingdom - into their own hands.



Wednesday Books / Macmillan
(October 2026)

"Knight of the God King is a scrumptious tale of palace intrigue and dark secrets. With compelling protagonists and antagonists you'll love to hate, this book will keep you up reading all night!"
-Maria Z. Medina, author of Mistress of Bonesa

MUSIC AS MAGIC
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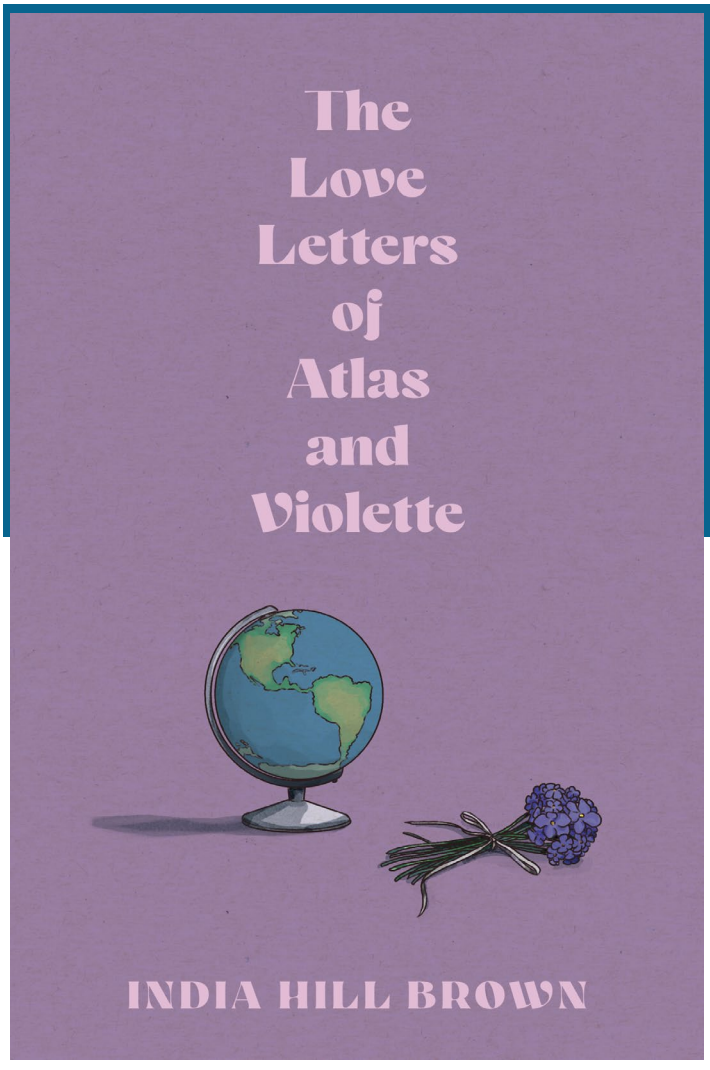
YA Romantasy

THE LOVE LETERS OF ATLAS AND VIOLETTE
INDIA HILL BROWN

Atlas and Violette are sweethearts and fellow poets, the kind of couple everyone assumes has it figured out. But at a New Year's Eve dinner with their poetry-club friends, a small humiliation Violette can't bring herself to speak up about cracks something open between them. Over the year that follows, that crack becomes a chasm. When Atlas's family moves away, the two try to hold on through letters, but jealousy, a misread photo, and all the things neither of them says out loud push them apart for good - or so it seems.

Structured across a full year, winter to winter, this is a story of two teenagers learning to find their voices before they can find their way back to each other.

An honest, heartbreaking and emotional love story.



Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins (Summer, 2027)

A novel in verse told through diary entries and traded poems over the course of one year.

For fans of Elizabeth Acevedo's *The Poet X* and Nicola Yoon's *The Sun Is Also a Star*

YA Romance

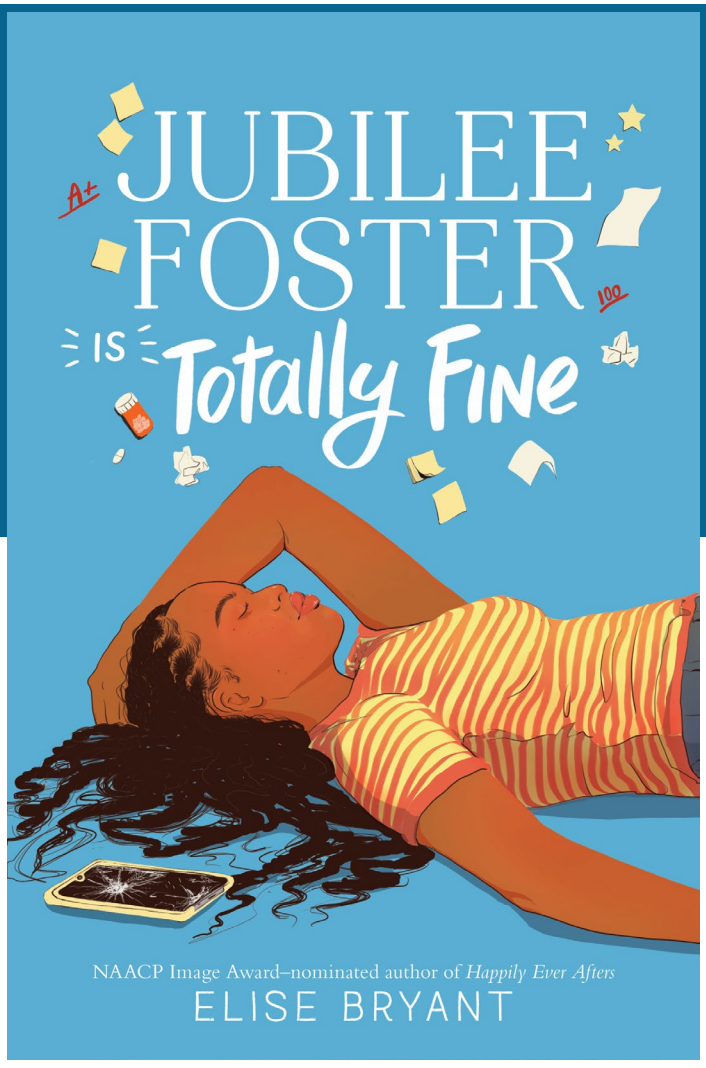
JUBILEE FOSTER IS TOTALLY FINE
ELISE BRYANT

Jubilee Foster is busy. Between caring for her two younger siblings while her single dad is working, maintaining her perfect GPA, and volunteering at her beloved local community center, she doesn't have time for trivial things like hobbies or sleep.

And that's just the way Jubilee likes it. When her to-do list is endless and her color-coded planner is full, it's easier to ignore the glaring fractures in her life—like her mom's abandonment, or that her community center is on the brink of closing down for good. Or the reappearance of Neal, her childhood friend turned nemesis, and all of the annoying, distracting feelings he brings.

But then Jubilee starts breaking out in mysterious hives, and her ability to be a perfect student, daughter, sister, and friend begins to fray. As her life buckles under symptoms and side effects, Jubilee will have to tackle the most difficult task on her to-do list yet: accepting help.

Critically acclaimed author Elise Bryant returns with a love letter to eldest daughters, recovering people pleasers, and those managing chronic illnesses in desperate search for the care they deserve.



Quill Tree Books / HarperCollins
(January 2026)

A tender, funny novel following a type-A teen whose meticulously coordinated life unravels when she develops a chronic illness.

NAACP Image Award–nominated author

YA FICTION

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU CORPSES
LENE D. BUTTNER

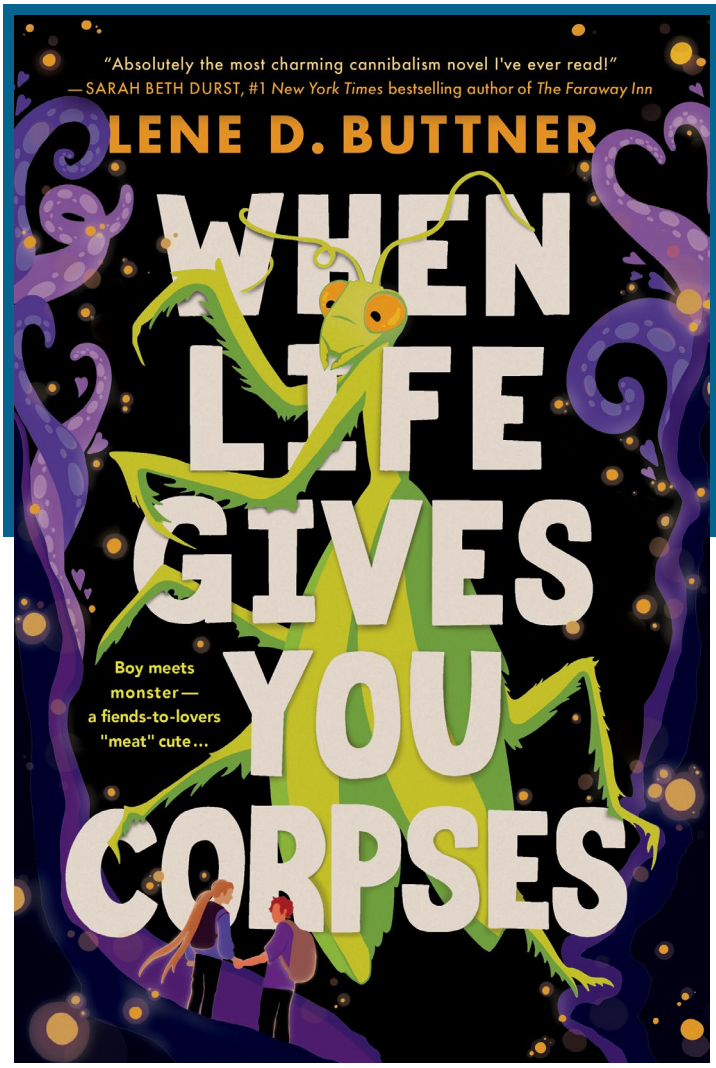
In this delightfully cozy and creepy YA romp, a cave monster masquerading as a search-and-recovery guide intends to find and eat a lost wizard but catches feelings for him instead, perfect for fans of TJ Klune and Andrew Joseph White.

Theory has a monstrous secret. He isn't an ordinary search-and-recovery guide at Fiendworld, the world's premier magical sinkhole turned amusement park; he's a cursed, human-eating mantis. Fortunately, he's found a workaround: when retrieving the bodies of lost adventurers, he snacks on a finger or two.

Until his latest assignment, when he's tasked with recovering the missing son of park management the descendant of the very wizard who cursed Theory in the first place. Worse, when Theory finally tracks him down, the wizard is somehow still alive.

Nim has no interest in being rescued. Determined to reach the bottom of the sinkhole, he refuses to let Theory take him back to the surface. Armed with little more than optimism and a persnickety enchanted backpack, he recruits Theory to help him continue downward whether Theory likes it or not.

To survive, Theory and Nim must brave man-eating fish, walls of tentacles, and devastating secrets: both their own and ones the park desperately tries to keep hidden. And along the way, they may just discover that they're stronger together than apart.



Wednesday Books / Macmillan (March 2027)

"The most charming cannibalism novel I've ever read!" -Sarah Beth Durst, #1 New York Times bestselling author

"A must-read queer YA fantasy that will delight readers." -C. S. Pacat, New York Times bestselling author

Boy meets monster - a friends-to-lovers "meat" cute...

YA Monster Fiction

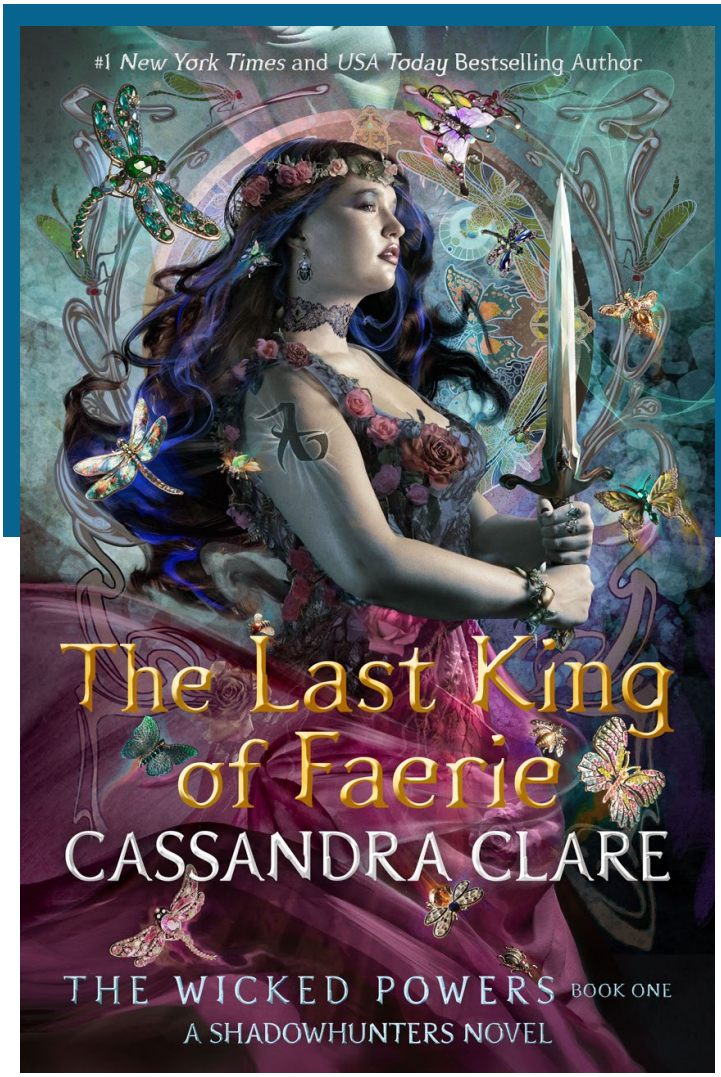
THE LAST KING OF FAERIE
CASSANDRA CLARE

THE WICKED POWERS
A SHADOWHUNTERS SERIES

The first installment of the long-awaited concluding trilogy to the Shadowhunter Chronicles has all the nail-biting adventure, heart-pounding romance, and trademark humor that makes Cassandra Clare the reigning queen of YA romantasy.

It's Drusilla Blackthorn's fourth year at Shadowhunter Academy when a chance encounter at a nightclub turns into a kidnapping. Dru finds herself held prisoner by Prince Ash Morgenstern in the land of Faerie, a place that proves just as dangerous as it is beautiful. Despite herself, Dru is drawn to Ash and the darkness that seems to surround him—but one false move could cost her life.

Meanwhile, a shocking disappearance rocks the foundations of the Shadowhunter world. Kit Herondale and Ty Blackthorn must set aside the bitterness that lingers between them and join forces on a perilous quest to save everything they cherish.



Knopf Books for Young Readers / PRH
(November 2026)

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THE FINAL, STUNNING TRILOGY IN THE SHADOWHUNTERS CHRONICLES

YA Fantasy

IT'S ONLY DANCING
JASMINE GUILLORY

It's the summer before her senior year of high school and Kat (Kitty to her family) planned to spend it reading good books, working on her college applications, and enjoying her independence. Instead, she's stuck for an entire month with her family at a camp in the desert in Southern California.

When she stumbles across a staff party on the first night, she's jealous of their joyful, uninhibited dancing. She hasn't danced like that since two years ago, when she was forced to quit ballet, which she once loved more than anything. She's determined to leave dance where it belongs -- the past.

But Jordan, the handsome and magnetic hip-hop dance instructor, keeps dragging it into her present. As Kat begins sneaking around and lying to her parents to spend time with Jordan, she'll have to ask herself -- what is she willing to risk to finally feel free? And is it possible her feelings for Jordan could reignite her love for dance?



Scholastic Press (October 2026)

New York Times bestselling author Jasmine Guillory makes her highly anticipated young adult debut with a Dirty Dancing-inspired contemporary romcom!

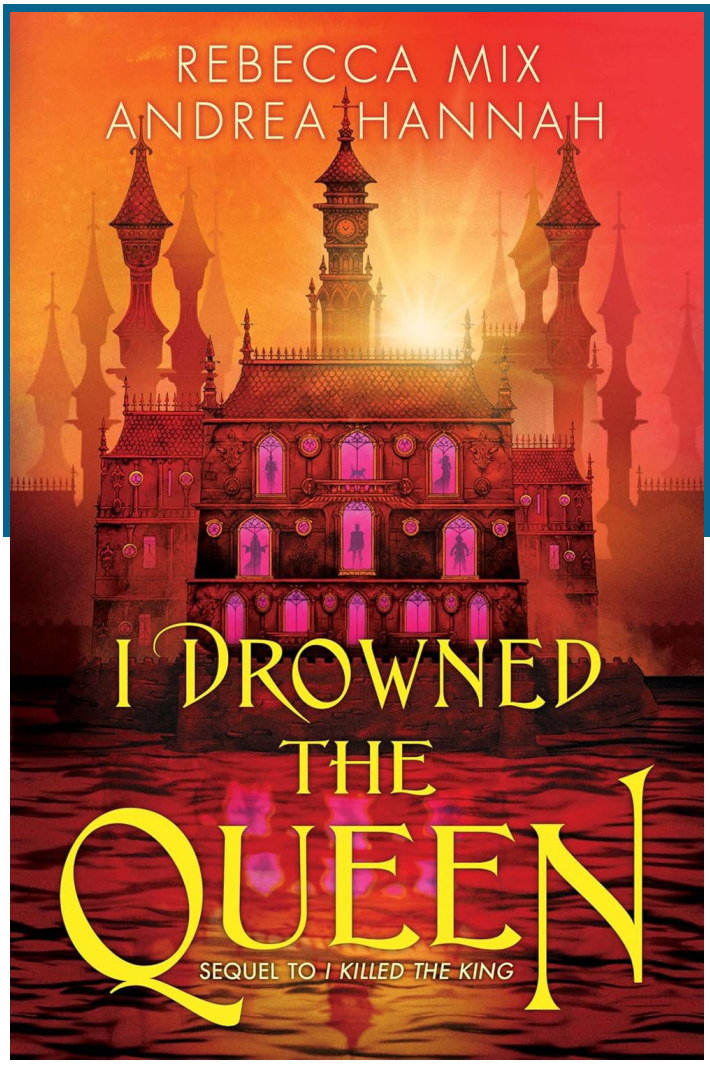
A JOYFUL SUMMER ROMANCE ABOUT FIRST LOVE, FAMILY EXPECTATIONS, AND FINDING YOUR RHYTHM AGAIN.

YA Romance

I DROWNED THE QUEEN
ANDREA HANNAH & REBECCA MIX

With the curse broken and the gods dead and buried, Clove, Ellion, Kellam, Oak, and Melarie plan to put the past behind them—separately. But when word spreads that the newly crowned queen of Istellia has drowned under mysterious circumstances and all signs point to a fringe cult dedicated to the Weaver, the five find themselves back together due to another royal murder.

The timing couldn't be more urgent: the cultists have opened Sainte-Lys' ports for the famed Fête des Dieux Endormis—a multi-day, lavish festival celebrating the goddess of fate on her secluded island—and they plan to use the queen's death to gather enough support to wake the Weaver. With magic gone awry and the rumblings of furious, reanimated gods, the five must enlist the help of the most unpredictable god of them all to steal the Weaver's spindle and unravel the threads of fate to put the world back in order once again. But as they each realize that they can untie a knot in their own fate— a repair for Kellam's broken magic, a family for Oak, a release from Ellion's twisted power, security for Clove and her beasts, and freedom at last for Melarie—trust will be broken, truths will be concealed, and the fate of the gods hangs in the balance.



Magpie/Harper (March 2027)



Six of Crows *meets* Ocean's 11

Beasts, murder, and magic—in a thrilling and genre-bending fantasy duology.

Rights Sold:
CBT/PRH, German

YA
FantasyThriller

I PUT A SPELL ON YOU
BRIDGET MORRISSEY

In this pink candy heart romance set in a holiday-obsessed town during Valentine's Day, two teenage girls—one of whom comes from a family of love witches—fall for each other while exchanging anonymous hate-to-love letters.

Piper Blake is not a witch. Which wouldn't be a problem, except that she comes from a family of Fableview love witches. She's been pretending to read people's romantic fortunes for years, but between her parents' divorce and her dad's penchant for serial dating, Piper knows that love is a con.

Ivy Collins wants revenge. Some scam artist imploded her life last summer by giving her mom a fake love reading, and now Ivy has arrived in Fableview just in time to suffer through the town's obsessive Love Month celebrations.

When Ivy discovers that the scam artist in question is Piper Blake, she vows to take her down. And what better way to reveal what a fraud Piper is than by writing her through Fableview's anonymous love letter project? As the hate-to-love letters fly between them, an unlikely connection forms—but can a love story that starts with a lie end in anything but disaster?



Delacorte Romance / PRH (January 2027)



THE FABLEVIEW SERIES

A sweet, witchy, sapphic romance perfect for readers who love magical small towns, fake identities, and Valentine's Day charm.

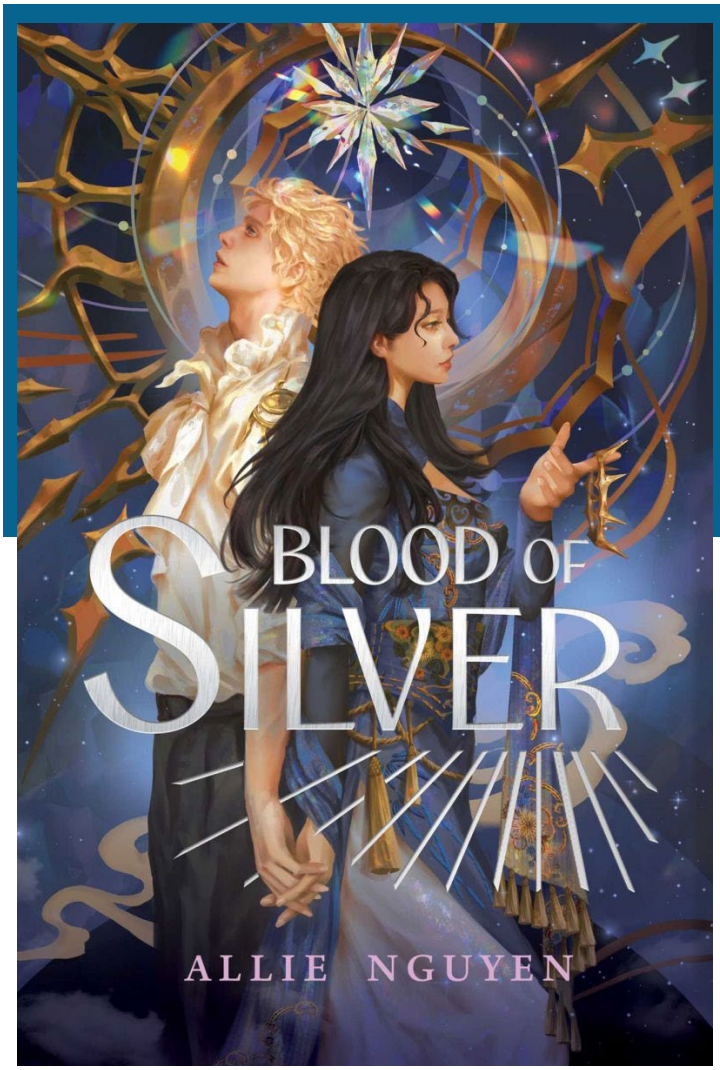
YA Romance

BLOOD OF SILVER
ALLIE NGUYEN

The day of her mother's funeral, Linh is visited by a strange boy who seems vaguely familiar and claims to know secrets about her mother's past. Feeling alone in her grief and desperate to hold onto what's left of her mom, Linh follows the boy, Elior, and is transported into another world.

Ebrirene is a realm governed by six ancient magics—light, fire, earth, water, nature, and space—and populated by talking flowers and powerful mages. Its beauty and power make it the perfect target for the greedy, vicious demons at its border. Linh's mother used her space magic to seal the demons' portal back when she was a princess of Ebrirene, and now Elior, the crown prince, has brought Linh here in the hope that she can strengthen her mother's weakening protection.

Linh does her best to adapt to her fantastical new surroundings and master powers she didn't even know she had, but not everyone wants her to succeed at her task. Someone enters her into the annual tournament at the mages' academy, which promises to be deadlier than ever before. Now, caught in a web of court intrigue and unsettled by her dangerous attraction to the prince, Linh must fight for survival against enemies that may be closer to her than she fears.



Margaret K. McElderry Books . Simon & Schuster (November 2026)

"Riotously creative, Blood of Silver is filled with incredible banter and a cracking pace that kept me turning pages! Linh is such a fabulous protagonist, Elior is swoony, and I absolutely LOVED their on-page chemistry. And that ending!!! This is a must-read!"
-Keshe Chow, #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of The Girl With No Reflection and For No Mortal Creature

Seeking answers about her mother's past leads a teen to a magical realm where she must learn to wield a rare magic to keep ravenous monsters at bay in this whimsically imagined young adult romantasy perfect for fans of Tahereh Mafi and A. B. Poranek.

Rights Sold:
Eksmo, Russian
Vivabooks, Vietnamese

YA Fantasy

EXCHANGED
DAN PERUCCO

Enzo Rossi knows that Irontown, Michigan the small declining mining town he calls home isn't exactly a study-abroad dream destination. So when his family is chosen to host an exchange student, he welcomes the opportunity to spend his senior year with a fellow music nerd from the outside world.

But when the Rossis arrive at the airport expecting Davit from Tbilisi, Georgia (the country), they're greeted instead by Garrett Andersen, a handsome football jock from Atlanta, Georgia (the state). Apparently something got lost in translation.

Living across the hall from someone so cool, so hot, and so obviously straight is not what Enzo signed up for. He can't stop putting his foot in his mouth, and Garrett infuriatingly always has a comeback ready. Enzo dismisses Garrett as a spoiled, cocky city boy, and Garrett writes off Enzo as too stuck up for his own hometown.

While Garrett dazzles the rest of Irontown with his Southern charm, Enzo starts stumbling over his feelings. The more time Enzo and Garrett spend together, the harder it is for both boys to keep their guard up . . . and the closer they come to finally seeing each other clearly.



Farrar, Strauss & Giroux (September 2026)

A student exchange program mix-up turns hilarious and heartwarming in this YA rom-com from debut author Dan Perucco - cultural exchange has never been this complicated.

Dan Perucco is a middle school English teacher who writes fiction for teens and adults. When he's not teaching or writing, he directs theater and coaches quiz bowl. He lives in Minnesota with his husband and their floppy rescue dog.

YA Romcom

CINDERSPELL
A.B. PORANEK

Wisteria Ashe knows better than to bargain with faeries. But when her family's estate begins to fall apart—and her stepmother starts trapping the fae that once brought the gardens to life—Wish trades something precious for a chance to set things right.

With three golden coins in hand, she enters the king's royal art competition, where the prize could change everything: a place at court, enough money to support her family, and maybe even a life of her own choosing. But magic has a memory, and faerie bargains always come with strings.

Wish attracts the attention of a mysterious figure who guarantees her a place in the contest—and who she suspects might be the exiled prince accused of regicide. As more strange omens follow in her wake, Wish begins to wonder if she's truly shaping her future—or being drawn into someone else's dangerous game.



Margaret K. McElderry / Simon & Schuster (March 2027)

The #1 New York Times bestselling author of
A Treachery of Swans

After entering a royal art competition to save her fading estate, a girl draws the eye of an exiled royal and unwittingly unravels a web of faerie bargains and family secrets in this Cinderella retelling

THE AUTHORSHIP:

#1 New York Times Bestselling Author
33,000+ Goodreads Ratings
8,200+ Goodreads Reviews
Kirkus Best Book of 2024
Goodreads Choice Awards Nominee
Bank Street Best Book of the Year

YA Romantasy

BITTER BONES
LINDSAY PUCKETT

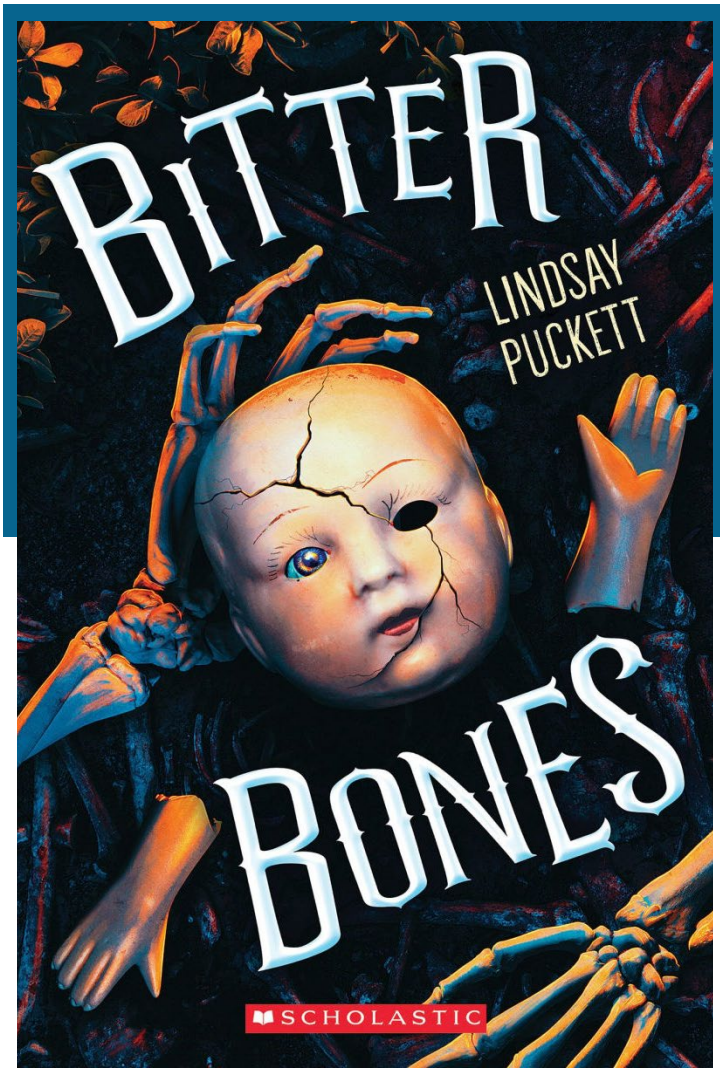
Clay knows deep down in his bones that his mother was NOT killed by her dolls. An infamous toy maker, she disappeared eight years ago, sparking rumors of hauntings and creations come to life.

But to Clay, his mom is just your average runaway.

At least until her cryptic plea for help arrives, one that sends Clay on a twisted investigation exposing creepy, cult-like doll collectors, disturbing online urban legends, and a mysterious figure following Clay's every move only known as the Button-Eyed Man.

Clay won't abandon his mom like she did to him - he'll leave no road untaken to bring her back.

Even if that road is paved with his own bones.



Scholastic Press (September 2026)

Holly Black's *Doll Bones* meets J.A. White's *Nightbooks*, with all the fun and creepiness of K.R. Alexander.

Lindsay Puckett lives in a tiny apartment in Ohio where there are too many books, just the right amount of pet hair, and never enough house plants. Or peanut butter. She has a Bachelor's in psychology and enjoys creating videos for her YouTube channel where she shares her publication journey and helps other writers along their own.

Middle Grade Horror

SPELLFIRE
ROBYN SCHNEIDER

Before she was expelled from L'Ecole Royale, Vivienne Lark's biggest rival for the top spot at the kingdom's most prestigious magic academy was Henri Sinclair, a spoiled playboy whose utter disinterest in school was even more infuriating than his brilliance. After being kicked out for stealing to help her starving family, Vivi never thought she'd see him again.

Fast forward a year, and Vivi is out of jail and barely scraping by when she learns of the death of the Queensmage—the second-most powerful wielder of magic. There's a call for candidates to compete in the cutthroat Trials to find a replacement, which brings Vivi and Henri together once again, this time at the royal palace. They each have their own reasons for competing, but Vivi is determined to win and secure her family's future.

While the Trials are dangerous and the competition fierce, Henri and Vivi inadvertently uncover a pattern of strange accidents leading to a string of dead nobles. No one believes them, so they reluctantly agree to unravel the mystery together . . . only to discover a shocking truth that puts the future of the kingdom—and magic itself—at risk.

The more time they spend together, the deeper their attraction grows. Suddenly, it's no longer about which of them will win. Now, it's whether they'll survive long enough to reveal their true feelings to each other, at last . . .



Viking Books for Young Readers, April 2027

For fans of:

Divine Rivals *and* **Throne of Glass**

Spellfire is a bewitchingly romantic and clever fantasy that weaves together magic, mystery, and murder into a heart-pounding tale full of twists and turns. I was enthralled by Schneider's dazzling world-building and swoon-filled scenes that made it impossible to put the story down."

-**Kerri Maniscalco**, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Kingdom of the Wicked*

YA Romantasy

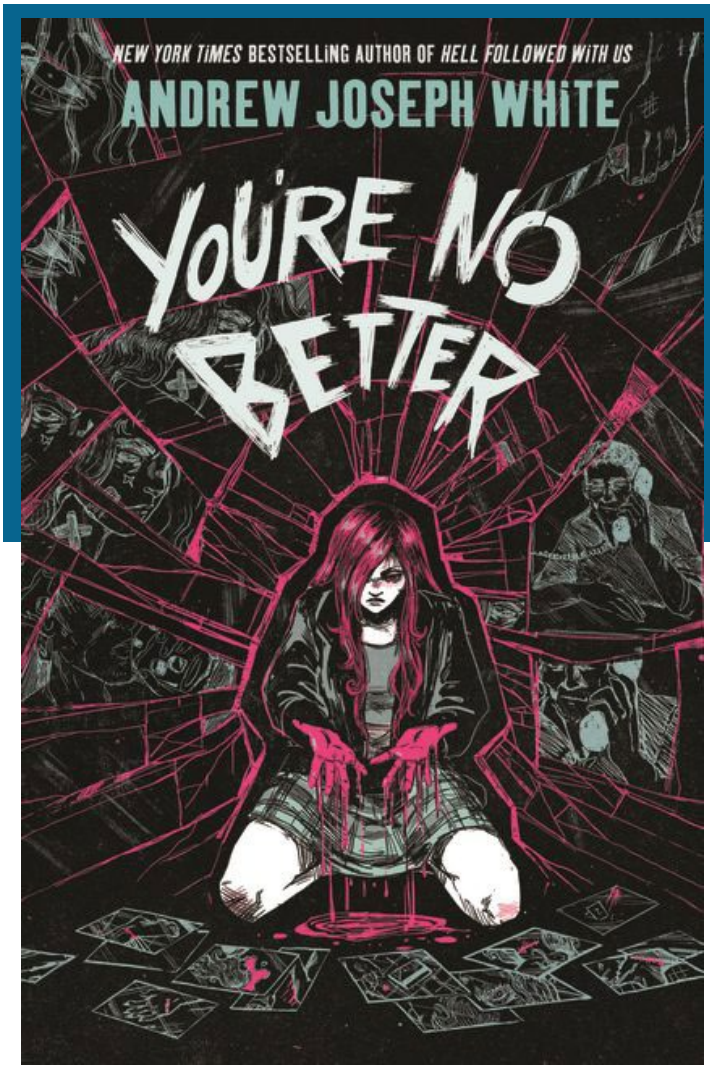
YOU'RE NO BETTER
ANDREW JOSEPH WHITE

Bestselling author Andrew Joseph White returns with another horrific YA thriller: a profound portrait of a struggling teen trying to convince the world—and himself—that he's better than the serial killer who raised him.

Morgan Slaughter, a seventeen-year-old trans boy with autism, put his serial killer father in prison years ago. Despite that, everyone thinks Morgan will grow up to be just like his dad: including his volatile mother, the documentary crew following their family, and maybe himself.

Desperately, Morgan latches onto his father's final victim—the only one who was never identified—hoping that if he unravels the mystery, he'll finally prove he's better than the man who hurt him. But this puts Morgan in the crosshairs of classmate Felicity Keating, who knows the truth about Morgan's childhood—that he wasn't just a witness to his father's brutality, he was an accomplice. And if he doesn't let them help with his investigation? They'll tell everyone.

Forced to confront his past, Morgan's ugly but carefully controlled world unravels. The film crew is manipulative. His mother's temper spirals into malice, then violence. And Morgan and Felicity may be more tightly intertwined than either of them can stomach . . .



Peachtree Teen (October 2026)

White crafts a precise and gripping plot filled with vivid imagery and dynamic three-dimensional characters. Through Morgan, who's desperate, flawed, empathetic, and sincere, he explores the violent impact of stereotypes that link neurodivergence and mental illness to murderous impulses. The resolution offers a satisfying harmony of realism, catharsis, and grounded hope for healing.

—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

A gritty and unapologetic coming-of-age suspense about teens who grew up surrounded by cruelty and are clawing their way to adulthood the only way they know how.

Rights Sold:

Cross Cult, German

YA Thriller

YOUR BOYFRIEND NEEDS AN EXORCIST
JUSTINE PUCELLA WINANS

Just because Schuyler is a bloodthirsty evil spirit doesn't mean she can't fall in love. Ever since Wren Castillo moved into the house Schuyler haunts, Schuyler has been crushing hard. But Wren has a boyfriend, Enzo, and he's the worst. Schuyler has no choice but to watch as Enzo treats Wren terribly-until she accidentally possesses him.

With Enzo's spirit nowhere to be found, Schuyler must pretend to be him until she can set things right. But Schuyler feels more at home in Enzo's body than she ever did in her own, and as she grows closer to his family and friends-including Wren-she starts to wonder if this could all be for keeps.

Maintaining a possession is harder than Schuyler expected, though, and it might just take some spilled blood to keep her new body going strong. Worse, it turns out she's not the only one interested in stealing Enzo's body. When another evil spirit threatens everyone Schuyler now holds dear, she must decide just how far she's willing to go to secure her second chance at love-and life.



Bloomsbury YA (September 2026)

Jennifer's Body meets *The Weight of Blood* in this horror-comedy about an evil spirit looking for a second chance at love and life.

"This paranormal romp balances gore and tender empathy. . . . Gripping and evocative."
-Publishers Weekly, starred review

"Body horror and humor are deftly intermingled in this fast-paced story that thoughtfully confronts trauma and guilt." -Kirkus Reviews

YA
Horror Comedy

NON-FICTION

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HOW TO SURVIVE PREHISTORY

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ILLUSTRATIONS BY STIEVEN VAN DER POORTEN

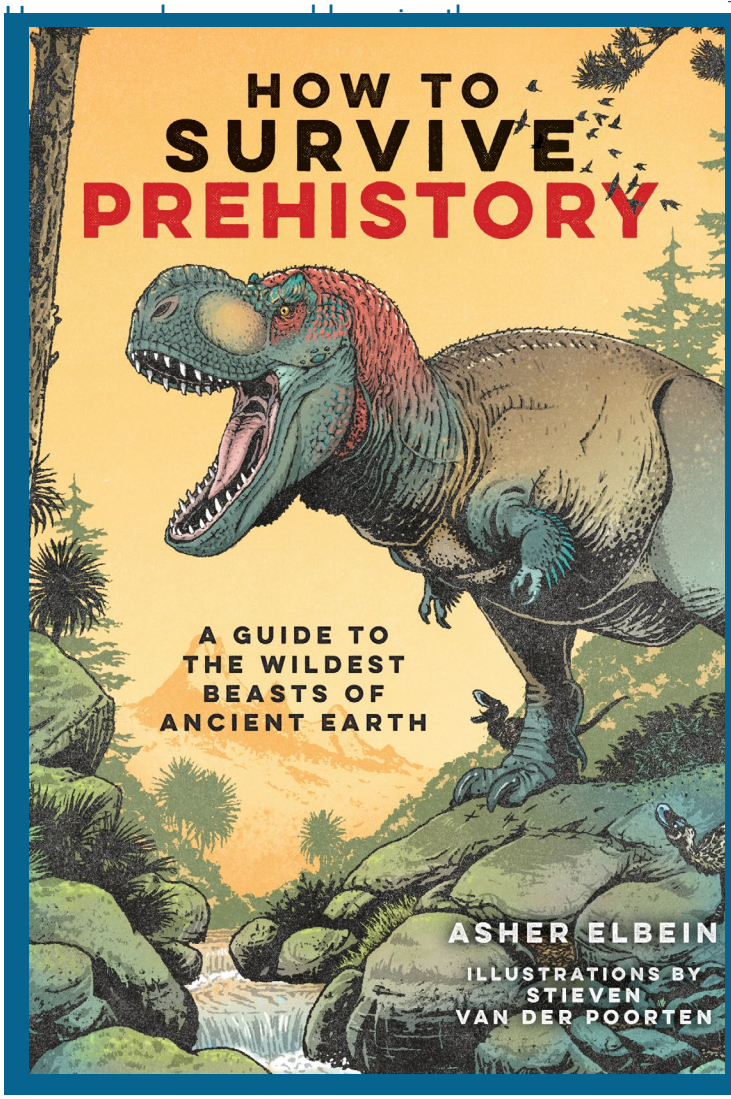
From Smithsonian and Scientific American writer Asher Elbein comes the ultimate illustrated guide to prehistory's most dangerous real-life monsters, perfect for lovers of survival guides and dinosaur enthusiasts!

You've seen *Jurassic Park*. You think you know T. rex and Velociraptor. But the depths of time are packed with bizarre creatures wilder than anything you've seen on the screen––and deadly enough to leave you in the past tense. Part field guide and part bestiary, this ultimate fantasy survival guide takes the "which animal could you fight?" question to its wildest conclusion.

Complete with 50 detailed full-color illustrations by Stieven Van der Poorten, each entry breaks down fearsome facts on each animal:

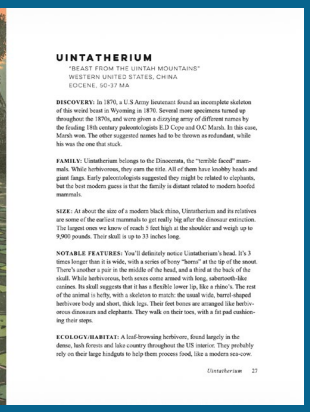
Why they're a full nightmare, then and now
Their most gruesome features and abilities
Up-to-date paleontology findings and fun facts
Their direct genetic trail to current-day animals

After you survive the formidable journey, cool off with a finale highlighting some of the oddest animals that humans made extinct in our march across the planet.



Andrews McMeel Publishing, April 2027





UINTATHERIUM

"BEAST FROM THE UINTAH MOUNTAINS"
WESTERN UNITED STATES, CHINA
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DISCOVERY: In 1870, a U.S Army lieutenant found an incomplete skeleton of this weird beast in Wyoming in 1870. Several more specimens turned up throughout the 1870s, and were given a dizzying array of different names by the feuding 19th century paleontologists E.D Cope and O.C Marsh. In this case, Marsh won. The other suggested names had to be thrown as redundant, while his was the one that stuck.

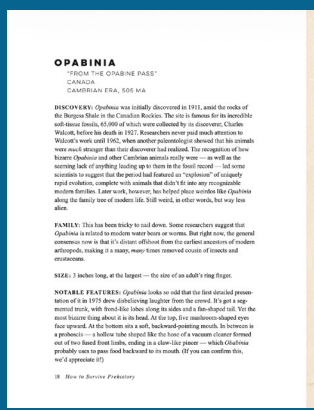
FAMILY: Uintatherium belongs to the Dinoceras, the "terrible faced" mammals. While herbivorous, they earn the title. All of them have knobby heads and giant fangs. Early paleontologists suggested they might be related to elephants, but the best modern guess is that the family is distant related to modern hoofed mammals.

SIZE: At about the size of a modern black rhino, Uintatherium and its relatives are some of the earliest mammals to get really big after the dinosaur extinction. The largest ones we know of reach 3 feet high at the shoulder and weigh up to 9,900 pounds. Their skull is up to 33 inches long.

NOTABLE FEATURES: You'll definitely notice Uintatherium's head. It's 3 times longer than it is wide, with a series of bony "horns" at the tip of the snout. There's another a pair in the middle of the head, and a third at the back of the skull. While herbivorous, both sexes come armed with long, sabertooth-like canines. Its skull suggests that it has a flexible lower lip, like a rhino's. The rest of the animal is hefty, with a skeleton to match: the tanad wide, barrel-shaped herbivore body and short, thick legs. Their feet bones are arranged like herbivorous dinosaurs and elephants. They walk on their toes, with a fat pad cushioning their steps.

ECOLOGY/HABITAT: A leaf-browsing herbivore, found largely in the dense, lush forests and lake country throughout the US interior. They probably rely on their large hindguts to help them process food, like a modern sea-cow.

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OPABINIA

"FROM THE OPABINE PASS"
CANADA
CAMBRIAN ERA, 505 MA

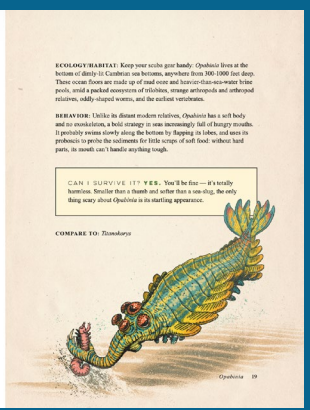
DISCOVERY: *Opabinia* was initially discovered in 1911, amid the rocks of the Burgess Shale in the Canadian Rockies. The site is famous for its incredible soft-tissue fossils, 65,000 of which were collected by its discoverer, Charles Walcott, before his death in 1927. Researchers never paid much attention to Walcott's work until 1962, when another paleontologist showed that his animals were much stranger than their discoverer had realized. The recognition of how bizarre *Opabinia* and other Cambrian animals really were — as well as the alarming lack of anything leading up to them in the fossil record — led some scientists to suggest that the period had featured an "explosion" of uniquely rapid evolution, complete with animals that didn't fit into any recognizable modern families. Later work, however, has helped place weirdos like *Opabinia* along the family tree of modern life. Still weird, in other words, but way less alien.

FAMILY: This has been tricky to nail down. Some researchers suggest that *Opabinia* is related to modern water bears or worms. But right now, the general consensus now is that it's distant offshoot from the earliest ancestors of modern arthropods, making it a many, *many* times removed cousin of insects and crustaceans.

SIZE: 3 inches long, at the largest — the size of an adult's ring finger.

NOTABLE FEATURES: *Opabinia* looks so odd that the first detailed presentation of it in 1975 drew disbelieving laughter from the crowd. It's got a segmented trunk, with frond-like lobes along its sides and a fan-shaped tail. Yet the most bizarre thing about it is its head. At for top, five mushroom-shaped eyes face upward. At the bottom sits a soft, backward-pointing mouth. In between is a proboscis — a hollow tube shaped like the hose of a vacuum cleaner formed out of two fused front limbs, ending in a claw-like pincer — which *Obabinia* probably uses to pass food backward to its mouth. (If you can confirm this, we'd appreciate it!)

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ECOLOGY/HABITAT: Keep your scuba gear handy: *Opabinia* lives at the bottom of dimly-lit Cambrian sea bottoms, anywhere from 300-1000 feet deep. These ocean floors are made up of mud ooze and horror-than-sea-water brine pools, amid a packed ecosystem of trilobites, strange arthropods and arthropod relatives, oddly-shaped worms, and the earliest vertebrates.

BEHAVIOR: Unlike its distant modern relatives, *Opabinia* has a soft body and no exoskeleton, a bold strategy in seas increasingly full of hungry mouths. It probably swims slowly along the bottom by flapping its lobes, and uses its proboscis to probe the sediments for little scraps of soft food: without hard parts, its mouth can't handle anything tough.

CAN I SURVIVE IT? **YES.** You'll be fine — it's totally harmless. Smaller than a thumb and softer than a sea-dog, the only thing scary about *Opabinia* is its startling appearance.

COMPARE TO: *Tiyonkaryo*

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Illustrated Animal Guide

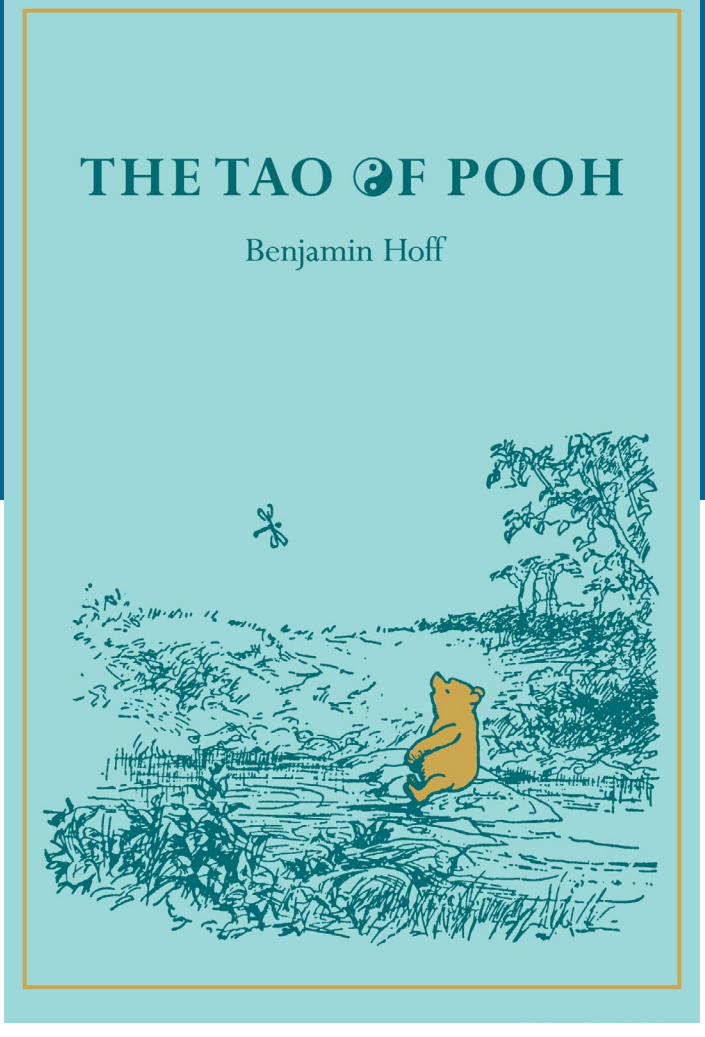
THE TAO OF POOH
BENJAMIN HOFF

REVISED AND UPDATED
BRAND NEW AFTERWORD

First published in 1982, *The Tao of Pooh* introduces the principles of Taoist philosophy through the humor and familiar world of Winnie-the-Pooh by A. A. Milne.

At the heart of the book is the concept of living in harmony with the Tao—the natural way of things. Pooh, with his unpretentious and sincere outlook, embodies the principle of wu wei, or "effortless action." He does not strive to be clever or ambitious. Instead, he responds naturally to life as it unfolds. In contrast, characters such as Rabbit, Owl, Eeyore, and Tigger reflect common human tendencies toward overthinking, worry, pessimism, or restless energy.

Blending storytelling with philosophical insight, Benjamin Hoff presents Taoism as a path of gratitude, simplicity, authenticity, and inner balance. Illustrated with E. H. Shepard's original drawings, *The Tao of Pooh* remains a timeless and inviting guide to finding wisdom within the uncomplicated, natural self.



Simon Element / Simon & Schuster
(October 2026)

Experience the gentle character of Winnie-the-Pooh through the lens of ancient Taoist principles, and discover how simplicity, humility, and naturalness lead to a happier and more harmonious life.

Benjamin Hoff is the bestselling author of The Tao of Pooh, The Te of Piglet, and The Eternal Tao Te Ching. He is listed in Who's Who in America and is one of only 55,000 individuals selected globally to be included in Who's Who in the World. In April 2018, he was honored with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, a distinction bestowed upon less than five percent of Marquis Who's Who biographical listees.

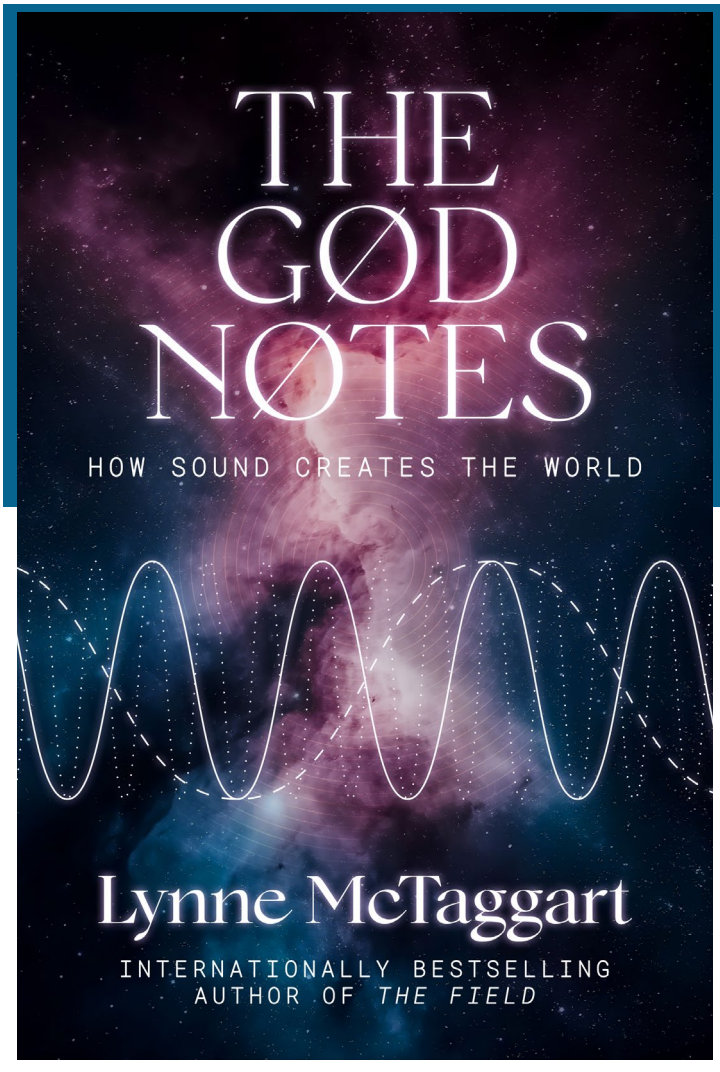
SELF-HELP

THE GOD NOTES
LYNNE McTAGGART

From the author who proved our intentions shape our reality, an awe-inspiring scientific detective story revealing the mysteries of sound—impacting everything within and around us, from our cells and brains to other living things, our relationships and even the cosmos.

Specific sounds create major effects on the human mind and body, and there are both "good" sounds (or "God notes") capable of instantly transporting human beings into an altered state, or healing all manner of illness, and "bad notes" (such as from seismic rumblings, container ships, solar flares or wind turbines), causing distress or illness.

The God Notes takes readers through a mind-expanding and paradigm-busting scientific detective story of the universe as one intergalactic sonic superorganism, revealing that:
Rhythm, vibration and sound are responsible for many molecular functions in the body, from chemical reactions and nervous system messengering to the activity of proteins and collective brain activity.
Plants can "hear"; certain sounds help them grow and also ward off predators.
The sun, the planets, pulsars and even black holes emit rhythmic sounds now thought to contribute to the growth of entire galaxies and to have a profound effect on life on earth.
A hidden "musical score," based on the work of the British mathematical code-buster Alan Turing, underpins every part of our vibrating universe, a vast physical patterning across all natural phenomena.



HarperOne (October 2026)

Award-winning author and journalist Lynne McTaggart is one of the preeminent spokespersons on consciousness, the new physics, and the practices of conventional and alternative medicine. The author of The Intention Experiment and The Power of Eight, she lectures worldwide and runs courses in fifteen languages. She's also editorial director of What Doctors Don't Tell You Publishing Ltd, which publishes an international award-winning health magazine. Her books have sold in thirty languages.

The God Notes is first book to explain just how the sounds around us and the sounds we make affect our lives, and the tools it offers can bring peace, balance, and harmony into our lives.

Rights Sold:

Sirio, Spanish
Ariane, French
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