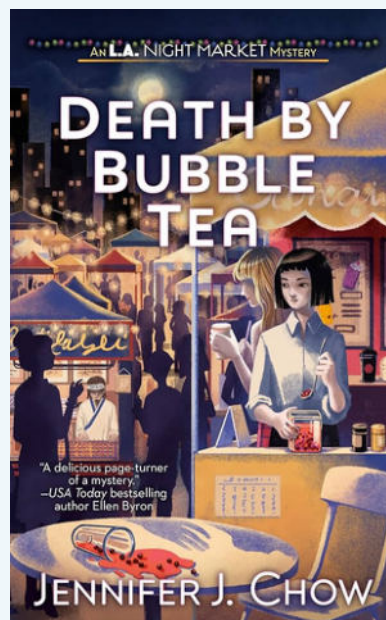
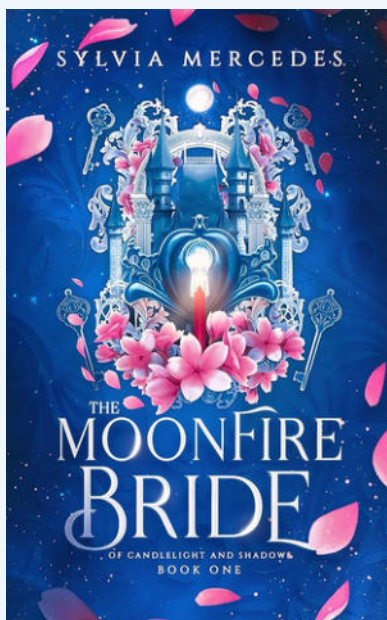
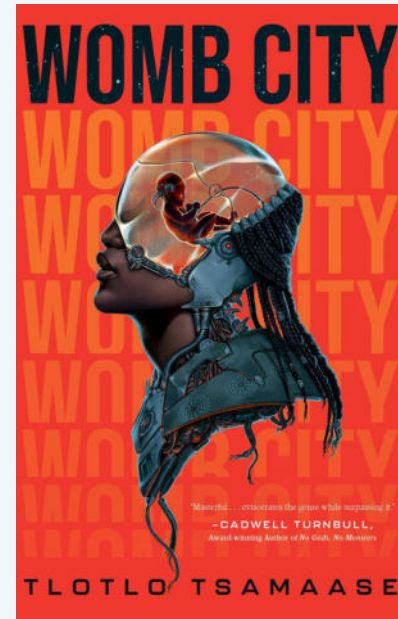


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# GENERAL FICTION

# WHEN TRYING TO RETURN HOME

By Jennifer Maritza McCauley

Reading the West Book Awards Nominee

Longlisted for the Aspen Words Literary Prize

A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice

A dazzling debut collection spanning a century of Black American and Afro-Latino life in Puerto Rico, Pittsburgh, Louisiana, Miami, and beyond--and an evocative meditation on belonging, the meaning of home, and how we secure freedom on our own terms

Profoundly moving and powerful, the stories in *When Trying to Return Home* dig deeply into the question of belonging. A young woman is torn between overwhelming love for her mother and the need to break free from her damaging influence during a desperate and disastrous attempt to rescue her brother from foster care. A man, his wife, and his mistress each confront the borders separating love and hate, obligation and longing, on the eve of a flight to San Juan. A college student grapples with the space between chivalry and machismo in a tense encounter involving a nun. And in 1930s Louisiana, a woman attempting to find a place to call her own chances upon an old friend at a bar and must reckon with her troubled past.

Forming a web of desires and consequences that span generations, McCauley's Black American and Afro-Puerto Rican characters remind us that these voices have always been here, occupying the very center of American life--even if we haven't always been willing to listen.

## Praise:

"McCauley writes with a lovely lyricism and musicality, an adroitness of construction that brings a lightness to her heavier subjects. Within a crowded field of collections that explore family, motherhood and identity, this debut makes the case for one more." —Amil Niazi, *The New York Times*

"One of the Best New Books to Read in 2023." —Today

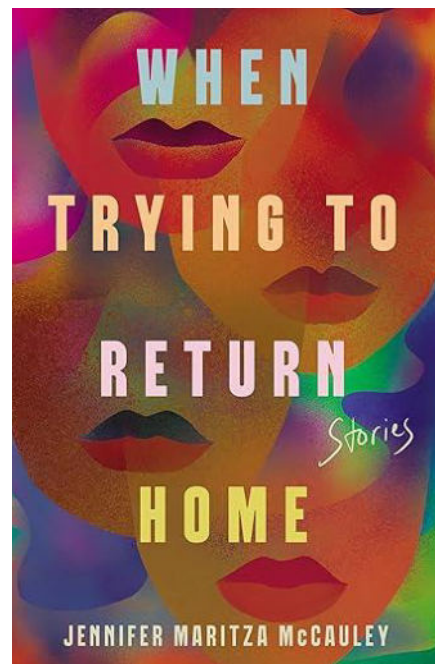
"Admirably gutsy and tender, with flashes of poetry . . . What can't McCauley do? A writer to watch." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"McCauley's explosive debut collection crackles with moments of honesty, upheaval, and longing among families . . . Each story is a treasure." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

## About the Author:

**Jennifer Maritza McCauley** is the author of *SCAR ON/SCAR OFF* and *When Trying to Return Home*. has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Kimbilio, CantoMundo and the Knight Foundation, and awards from Best of the Net, Independent Publisher Book Awards, the Academy of American Poets and a Pushcart Prize Special Mention.

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# THE LIGHTS OF SUGARBERRY COVE

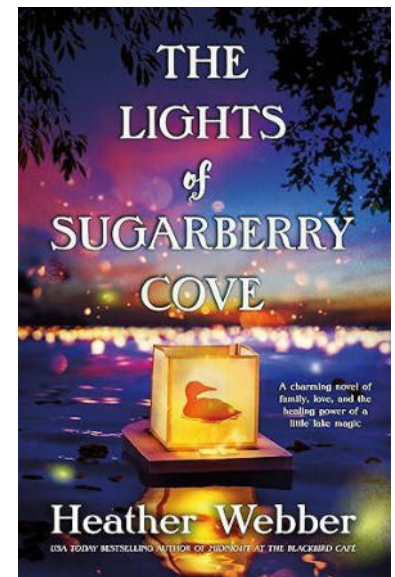
By Heather Webber

A charming, delightful story of family, healing, love, and small town Southern charm by USA Today bestselling author Heather Webber.

Sadie Way Scott has been avoiding her family and hometown of Sugarberry Cove, Alabama, since she nearly drowned in the lake just outside her mother's B&B. Eight years later, Sadie is the host of a much-loved show about southern cooking and family, but despite her success, she wonders why she was saved. What is she supposed to do?

Sadie's sister, Leala Clare, is still haunted by the guilt she feels over the night her sister almost died. Now, at a crossroads in her marriage, Leala has everything she ever thought she wanted—so why is she so unhappy?

When their mother suffers a minor heart attack just before Sugarberry Cove's famous water lantern festival, the two sisters come home to run the inn while she recovers. It's the last place either of them wants to be, but with a little help from the inn's quirky guests, the sisters may come to terms with their strained relationships, accept the past, and rediscover a little lake magic.



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July 2021

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## Praise:

“Perfect for fans of Like Water for Chocolate and Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café.” –Bustle

“Full of family secrets, undeniable charm and that particular touch of magic so often found in the South... I savored every word.” –Kristy Woodson Harvey, national bestselling author of Feels Like Falling

“A tantalizing, delicious delight.” –Kristin Harmel, international bestselling author of The Book of Lost Names

## About the Author:

**Heather Webber** is the national bestselling author of more than thirty novels--including *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe*, the *Lucy Valentine* novels, and the *Nina Quinn Mysteries*--and has been twice nominated for an Agatha Award. She loves to spend time with her family, read, drink too much coffee and tea, birdwatch, crochet, watch cooking competition and home improvement shows, and bake. Heather lives in southwestern Ohio and is hard at work on her next book.

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# IN THE MIDDLE OF HICKORY LANE

## By Heather Webber

From the USA Today bestselling author of *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* comes Heather Webber's next charming novel, *In the Middle of Hickory Lane*!

Emme Wynn has wanted nothing more her whole life than to feel like part of a family. Having grown up on the run with her con artist mother, she's been shuffled from town to town, drawn into bad situations, and has learned some unsavory habits that she's tried hard to overcome. When her estranged grandmother tracks her down out of the blue and extends a job offer—helping to run her booth at an open-air marketplace in small-town Sweetgrass, Alabama—Emme is hopeful that she'll finally be able to plant the roots she's always dreamed of. But some habits are hard to break, and she risks her newfound happiness by keeping one big truth to herself.

Cora Bee Hazelton has her hands full with volunteering, gardening, her job as a color consultant and designer, and just about anything she can do to keep her mind off her painful past, a past that has resulted in her holding most everyone at arm's length. The last thing she wants is to form close relationships only to have her heart broken yet again. But when she's injured, she has no choice other than to let people into her life and soon realizes it's going to be impossible to keep her heart safe—or her secrets hidden.

In the magical neighborhood garden in the middle of Hickory Lane, Emme and Cora Bee learn some hard truths about the past and themselves, the value of friends, family, and community, and most importantly, that true growth starts from within.

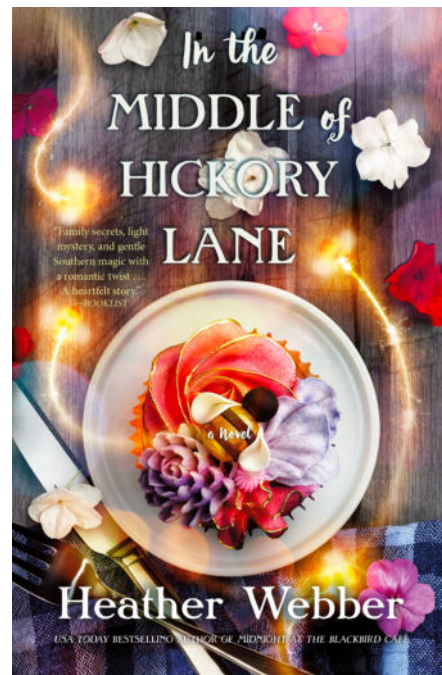
### Praise:

"The latest from Webber features her trademark blend of family secrets, light mystery, and gentle southern magic with a romantic twist. It's a heartfelt story full of quirky characters and situations, wrapped up with a bittersweet happily ever after." —*Booklist*

### About the Author:

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# AT THE COFFEE SHOP OF CURIOSITIES

By Heather Webber

From the USA Today bestselling author of *In the Middle of Hickory Lane* comes Heather Webber's next enchanting novel, *At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities*!

A mysterious letter. An offer taken. And the chance to move forward.

When Ava Harrison receives a letter containing an unusual job listing one month after the sudden death of her ex-boyfriend, she thinks she's being haunted. The listing—a job as a live-in caretaker for a peculiar old man and his cranky cat in Driftwood, Alabama—is the perfect chance to start a new life. A normal life. Ava has always been too fearful to even travel, so no one's more surprised than she is when she throws caution to the wind and drives to the distant beachside town.

On the surface, Maggie Mae Brightwell is a bundle of energy as she runs Magpie's, Driftwood's coffee and curiosity shop, where there's magic to be found in pairing the old with the new. But lurking under her cheerful exterior is a painful truth—keeping busy is the best way to distract herself from the lingering loss of her mama and her worries about her aging father. No one knows better than she does that you can't pour from an empty cup, but holding on to the past is the only thing keeping the hope alive that her mama will return home one day.

Ava and Maggie soon find they're kindred spirits, as they're both haunted—not by spirits, but by regret. Both must learn to let go of the past to move on—because sometimes the waves of change bring you to the place where you most belong.

## Praise:

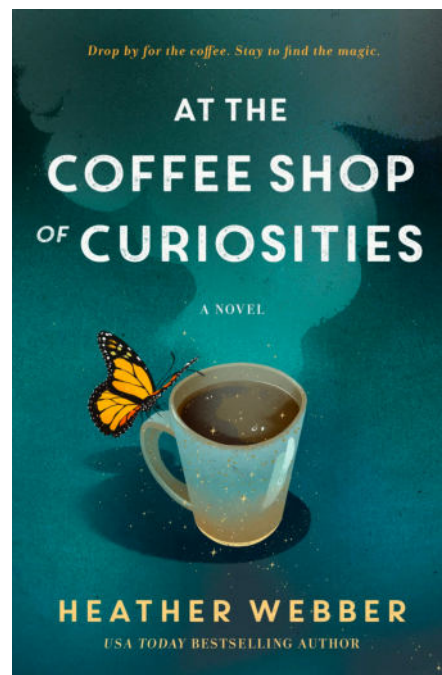
"*At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities* like a cup of hot cocoa on a chilly morning. A layered story about the connection between two women and the little miracles that brought them together, *Curiosities*, too, opens our eyes to the magic of everyday among the people that make our world." —Tif Marcelo, *USA Today* Bestselling author of *When Jasmine Blooms*

"Love, magic, and mystery shimmer from every enchanting page of Heather Webber's latest novel, *At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities*! From its very first lines, this delightful story—and its wide cast of eccentric, charming characters—pulled me in and held me until its satisfying end. Find a cozy spot and sink into this charming tale brimming with promise, abandoned fears, and love found, lost, and found again." —Lauren K. Denton, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Hideaway* and *A Place to Land*

## About the Author:

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**MYSTERY**  
**THRILLER**  
**SUSPENSE**



# DEATH BY BUBBLE TEA

By Jennifer J. Chow

Two cousins who start a food stall at their local night market get a serving of murder in this first novel of a delicious new cozy mystery series by Jennifer J. Chow, author of *Mimi Lee Gets a Clue*.

When Yale Yee discovers her cousin Celine is visiting from Hong Kong, she is obliged to play tour guide to a relative she hasn't seen in 20 years. Not only that, but her father thinks it's a wonderful idea for them to bond by running a food stall together at the Eastwood Village Night Market. Yale hasn't cooked in years, and she hardly considers Celine's career as a social media influencer as adequate experience, but because she's just lost her job at her local bookstore, she feels she has no choice.

Yale and Celine serve small dishes and refreshing drinks, and while business is slow, it eventually picks up thanks to Celine's surprisingly useful marketing ideas. They're quite shocked that their bubble tea, in particular, is a hit - literally - when one of their customers turns up dead. Yale and Celine are prime suspects due to the gold flakes that Celine added to the drink as a garnish. Though the two cousins are polar opposites in every way, they must work together to find out what really happened to the victim or the only thing they'll be serving is time.

## Praise:

"Jennifer J. Chow pens an evocative L.A. cozy seasoned with suspense, family drama, and a smart and engaging amateur sleuth. *Death by Bubble Tea* is a clever and cunning culinary mystery that is sure to leave readers satisfied but longing for another visit to the Night Market."—Jenn McKinlay, *New York Times* bestselling author

"Delightful! *Death by Bubble Tea* is a cozy culinary treat that will tingle your taste buds and satisfy your craving for mystery. Filled with culture, family and food, Chow has crafted a whodunit that will keep you guessing. A great start to a much anticipated new series!"—Abby Collette, *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of the Ice Cream Parlor mystery series

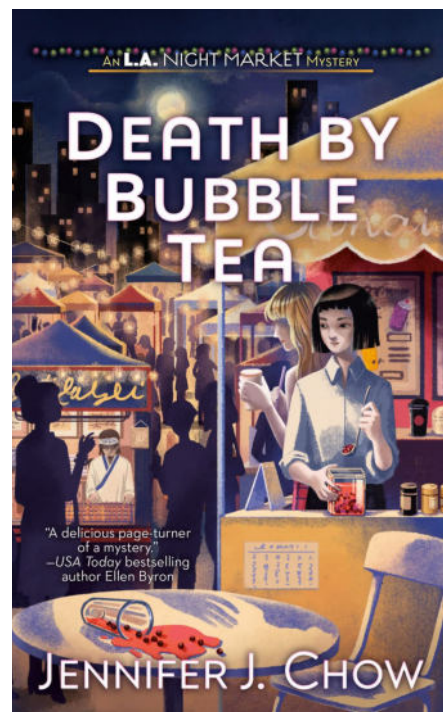
"Delicious treats, family drama, and a bit of murder are the order of the day for Yale Yee, the engaging and multilayered lead in *Death by Bubble Tea*. A fantastic series starter, I can't wait to see what else is in store for the Yee family and the Eastwood Village Night Market regulars. Don't forget to try the recipes at the end!"—Mia P. Manansala, author of *Arsenic and Adobo*

"A tasty new cozy series! Author Jennifer Chow's food descriptions are not only mouth-watering but beautifully elegant."—Krista Davis, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Murder Outside the Lines*

## About the Author:

**Jennifer J. Chow** is the Lefty Award-nominated author of the Sassy Cat Mysteries and the L.A. Night Market Mysteries. The first in the Sassy Cat series, *Mimi Lee Gets A Clue*, was selected as an Overdrive Recommended Read; a PopSugar Best Summer Beach Read; and one of BuzzFeed's Top 5 Books by AAPI authors.

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First in the L.A. Night Market series!

Penguin Random House:  
Berkley Prime Crime  
July 2022

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# ILL FATED FORTUNE

**By Jennifer J. Chow**

Felicity Jin grew up literally hanging onto Mom's apron strings in their magical bakery in the quaint town of Pixie, California. Her mother's enchanted baked goods, including puffy pineapple buns and creamy egg tarts, bring instant joy to all who consume them. Felicity has always been hesitant in the kitchen herself after many failed attempts, but a takeout meal gone wrong inspires her to craft some handmade fortune cookies.

They become so popular that Felicity runs out of generic fortunes and starts making her own personalized predictions. When one customer's ill-fated fortune results in his murder, Felicity's suspiciously specific fortune has the police focusing on her as the main culprit. Now Felicity must find a way to turn her luck around and get cleared from suspicion.

## Praise (from *Death by Bubble Tea*):

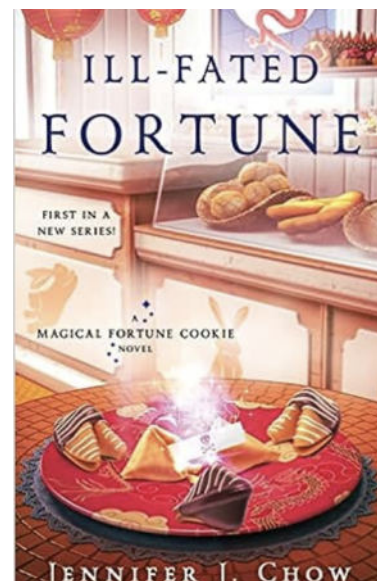
"Yale and Celine's growing loyalty to each other, coupled with the warmth of Chow's prose, adds extra depth, just like the tapioca balls nestled in a glass of bubble tea."—*New York Times Book Review*

"Jennifer J. Chow pens an evocative L.A. cozy seasoned with suspense, family drama, and a smart and engaging amateur sleuth. *Death by Bubble Tea* is a clever and cunning culinary mystery that is sure to leave readers satisfied but longing for another visit to the Night Market."—Jenn McKinlay, *New York Times* bestselling author

## About the Author:

**Jennifer J. Chow** writes cozies filled with hope and heritage. She is an Agatha, Anthony, and Lefty Award-nominated author. Her newest series is the Magical Fortune Cookie mysteries; the first book is *Ill-Fated Fortune*. Jennifer's previous series is the L.A. Night Market Mysteries. *Death by Bubble Tea* was reviewed by the *New York Times*, featured in *Woman's World*, and hit the SoCal Indie Bestseller List. Jennifer currently serves as Immediate Past President on the board of Sisters in Crime and blogs at [chicksonthecase.com](http://chicksonthecase.com). She is an active member of Crime Writers of Color and Mystery Writers of America.

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**First of 3 in the Magical Fortune Cookie series!**

**St. Martin's Press/Minotaur  
February 2024**

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**Agent: Jessica Faust**

# DEADLY SUMMER NIGHTS

By Vicki Delany

**A summer of fun at a Catskills resort comes to an abrupt end when a guest is found murdered, in this new 1950s set mystery series.**

It's the summer of 1953, and Elizabeth Grady is settling into Haggerman's Catskills Resort. As a vacation getaway, Haggerman's is ideal, and although Elizabeth's ostentatious but well-meaning mother is new to running the resort, Elizabeth is eager to help her organize the guests and the entertainment acts. But Elizabeth will have to resort to untested abilities if she wants to save her mother's business.

When a reclusive guest is found dead in a lake on the grounds, and a copy of The Communist Manifesto is found in his cabin, the local police chief is convinced that the man was a Russian spy. But Elizabeth isn't so sure, and with the fate of the resort hanging in the balance, she'll need to dodge red herrings, withstand the Red Scare, and catch a killer red-handed.

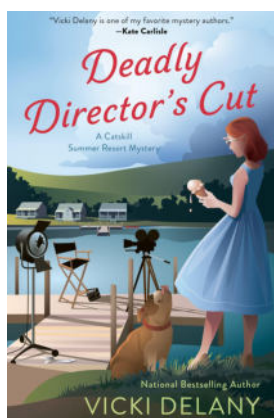


**First of 2 in the CATSKILLS  
SUMMER RESORT MYSTERY  
series!**

**Penguin Random House:  
Berkley  
September 2021**

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**Agent: Kim Lionetti**



## Praise:

“An immersive setting with details of running a Catskills resort in the 1950s (think Kellerman’s in Dirty Dancing) beautifully frame a story with plot twists and a cast of well-delineated characters.”—Booklist

“Pitch-perfect period descriptions, a likable heroine, and a surprising conclusion will leave readers yearning for the sequel.”—Kirkus Reviews

“Delany’s gift with character is front and center in this novel...This is a great start to a new series—vivid, well-written, and snappy.” —Mystery Scene Magazine

## About the Author:

**Vicki Delany** lives in Ontario, Canada. She is the co-founder and organizer of the Women Killing It Crime Writing Festival and the recipient of the Derrick Murdoch Award for contributions to Canadian crime writing. Along with the CATSKILL RESORT series, Vicki Delany is also the author of the TEA BY THE SEA, SHERLOCK HOLMES BOOKSHOP, and the LIGHTHOUSE LIBRARY cozy mystery series.

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# DEATH IN BLOOM

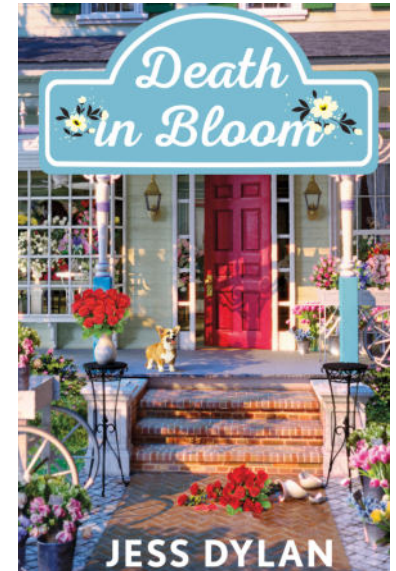
By Jess Dylan

At the Flower House, every rose has its thorn . . .

Sierra Ravenswood is the new part-time employee of the Flower House, a flower shop in Aerieville, Tennessee. It's true she didn't expect to be back in her hometown at twenty-eight-years-old, but after her dream of making it as a singer in Nashville crashed and burned, she's just grateful to have found a soft place to land.

Because, after all, Sierra firmly believes in being optimistic and positive about life, so she's sure she won't have to work at the Flower House forever. But things take a decidedly negative turn when a customer drops dead in the middle of her new bouquet-arranging workshop at the store. When it's discovered he was poisoned by a snack at the event, everyone at the workshop, including Sierra, is on the suspect list. To make matters worse, her boss has gone AWOL and left the store to her for the cost of one dollar, leaving Sierra in charge of both his store and his high-energy Corgi puppy, Gus.

The town is on edge, and Sierra knows that murder is something that an upbeat attitude and a bouquet of sweet-smelling roses can't fix. She's determined to figure out whodunit, before anyone else in town meets an untimely reason for needing funeral flowers.



**First of 3 in the FLOWER HOUSE MYSTERIES series!**

**Macmillan/St. Martin's  
May 2021**

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## Praise:

"One of the seven murder mystery books that you've got to check out right now." - *Book Riot*

"Like her protagonist Sierra, Jess Dylan has manifested a charming cozy with humor, folksy dialogue, Southern charm and a page-turning mystery." -Peg Cochran, *USA Today* Bestselling Author

"Jess Dylan's talent will draw you into this well-plotted tale of deceit and secrets . . . A delightful read with a quick pace and a twisty plot." -Cheryl Hollon, author of *Webb's Glass Shop Mysteries*

## About the Author:

**Jess Dylan** is an environmental attorney by day and also writes as the Wiccan Wheel Mysteries as Jennifer David Hesse. Born and raised in Central Illinois, Jess now lives, works, and plays in "sweet home" Chicago.

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# ONE CAT FOR THE ROAD

By **Gin Jones**

*How many cats does it take to be called a crazy cat lady?*

For nurse-practitioner Wyn Miller, living in a post-apocalyptic future when domestic animals are rare, the answer is one—an orange Maine Coon cat named Sal.

It's not the quantity that matters; it's that she would kill to protect him.

So when the man who'd tried to steal Sal is found dead, Wyn is the prime suspect. Can she sort out the other possibilities, all of whom have a motive for murder, and identify the killer before the police can arrest her and impound Sal?



**First of 4 in the CRAZY CAT LADY CHRONICLES!**

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September 2021**

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## Praise:

Coming soon!

## About the Author:

USA Today Bestselling author **Gin Jones** is a retired lawyer who specialized in ghost-writing for other lawyers. She prefers to write her own books, though, and in her spare time advocates for patients with rare disorders.

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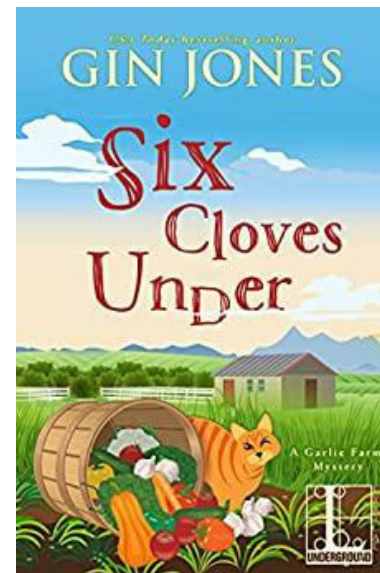
# SIX CLOVES UNDER

By Gin Jones

*App developer Mabel Skinner is about to discover something rotten on her late aunt's garlic farm—and it's not the compost heap . . .*

Mabel doesn't know a stinkin' thing about garlic farming. She knows how to develop an app and how-to code. But when her aunt, Peggy Skinner, dies suddenly, Mabel inherits her Stinkin' Stuff Farm in western Massachusetts. She arrives during peak harvest time—with three days to bring in the entire crop before rain can destroy it.

But Mabel has an even bigger problem: she suspects her aunt's “accidental death” was murder. As she digs for both garlic and clues, Mabel must contend with a mysterious crop thief, a rival garlic grower her aunt was suing, and a farmer who was after Aunt Peggy's green-thumb secret. It's up to Mabel to crack the code on a killer, before she joins the garlic bulbs six cloves under . . .



**First of 3 in the GARLIC FARM MYSTERIES series!**

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April 2020**

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**Agent: Rachel Brooks**



## Praise:

“Growing garlic might be my newest obsession thanks to *Six Cloves Under!*”

—Lynn Cahoon, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Farm-to-Fork mystery series

## About the Author:

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# NORTHWOODS

By Amy Pease

The dark underbelly of an idyllic Midwestern resort town is revealed in the aftermath of a murder with ties to America's opioid epidemic in this unputdownable and thrilling debut that is perfect for fans of James Lee Burke, William Kent Krueger, and Mindy Mejia.

Eli North is not okay.

His drinking is getting worse by the day, his emotional wounds after a deployment to Afghanistan are as raw as ever, his marriage and career are over, and the only job he can hold down is with the local sheriff's department. And that's only because the sheriff is his mother—and she's overwhelmed with small town Shaky Lake's dwindling budget and the fallout from the opioid epidemic. The Northwoods of Wisconsin may be a vacationer's paradise, but amidst the fishing trips and campfires and Paul Bunyan festivals, something sinister is taking shape.

When the body of a teenage boy is found in the lake, it sets in motion an investigation that leads Eli to a wealthy enclave with a violent past, a pharmaceutical salesman, a wealthy enclave with a violent past, and a missing teenage girl. Soon, Eli and his mother, along with a young FBI agent, are on the hunt for more than just a killer.

If Eli solves the case, could he finally get the shot at redemption he so desperately needs? Or will answers to this dark crime elude him and bring destruction to the Northwoods?

## Praise:

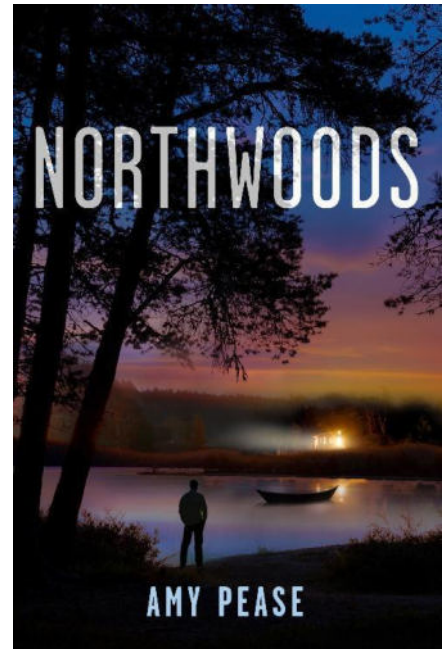
"Pease's brilliantly told story of a beleaguered mother-son law enforcement team is a compelling and heartbreaking debut that marks a new and important voice in the mystery genre. This is a novel you absolutely don't want to miss." -William Kent Krueger, author of *The River We Remember*

"Get lost in Amy Pease's words, get lost in the gripping personal debut of a complex new series—get lost in NORTHWOODS." -Craig Johnson, author of the Walt Longmire series

"NORTHWOODS is much more than a crime novel. It's a story of how the world breaks us and yet sometimes, if we're lucky, offers us a path forward. A debut not to be missed!" -Mindy Mejia, USA Today bestselling author of *To Catch a Storm* and *Everything You Want Me to Be*

## About the Author:

**Amy Pease** is an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin and the Madison Writer's Studio, and works as a nurse practitioner, where she is a nationally recognized HIV specialist. She lives in Wisconsin with her husband and two children. *Northwoods* is her first novel.



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**A starred review from Publishers Weekly!**

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# SCI-FI FANTASY



# HALL OF SMOKE

By H.M. Long

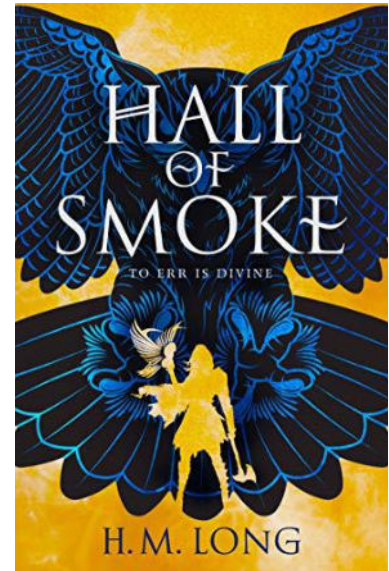
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Epic fantasy featuring warrior priestesses and fickle gods at war, for readers of Brian Staveley's Chronicles of the Unhewn Throne. Hessa is an Eangi: a warrior priestess of the Goddess of War, with the power to turn an enemy's bones to dust with a scream.

Raiders raze her village and obliterate the Eangi priesthood. Grieving and alone, Hessa - the last Eangi - must find the traveller and atone for her weakness and secure her place with her loved ones in the High Halls. As clans from the north and legionaries from the south tear through her homeland, slaughtering everyone in their path, Hessa strives to win back her goddess' favour.

But her journey reveals a harrowing truth: the gods are dying and the High Halls of the afterlife are fading. Soon Hessa's trust in her goddess weakens with every unheeded prayer.

Thrust into a battle between the gods of the Old World and the New, Hessa realizes there is far more on the line than securing a life beyond her own death. Bigger, older powers slumber beneath the surface of her world. And they're about to wake up.

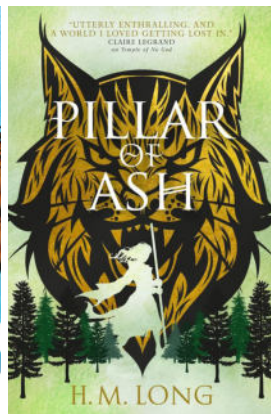
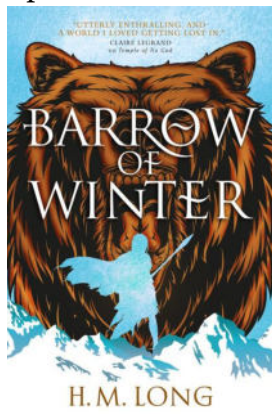
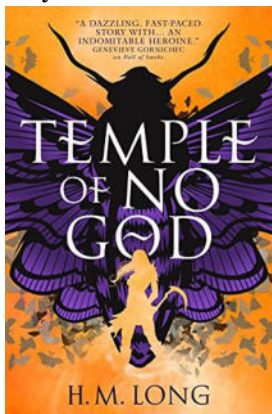


First of 4 in this  
Viking-inspired epic fantasy  
series

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## Praise:

"I am obsessed with what H. M. Long has created—the clear, vivid prose, the captivating mythology, and the absolute force of nature that is Hessa. Utterly enthralling, and a world I loved getting lost in. I can't wait for the next book." - Claire Legrand, New York Times-bestselling author of Furyborn

"An epic fantasy set in a rich and wintry world of warriors, gods and monsters, with epic battles, dangerous magic, and complex family bonds. Thray is a heroine both powerful and vulnerable, and I loved her journey." -Sue Lynn Tan, bestselling author of Daughter of the Moon Goddess

"An intricate world tapestry with colorful threads of myth and magic...Readers will want to stick with this stalwart heroine through her chilly treks and blood-stained battles." -Publishers Weekly

## About the Author:

**H. M. Long** is a Canadian writer who loves history, hiking, and exploring the world. She inhabits a ramshackle cabin in Ontario, Canada, with her husband and dog. However, she can often be spotted snooping about European museums or wandering the Alps.

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# A FRACTURED INFINITY

By Nathan Tavares

A thrilling race across the multiverse to save the infinite Earths – and the love of your life – from total destruction for fans of *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*, *The Time Traveler's Wife* and *Everything, Everywhere, All at Once*.

Film-maker Hayes Figueiredo is struggling to finish the documentary of his heart when handsome physicist Yusuf Hassan shows up, claiming Hayes is the key to understanding the Envisioner – a mysterious device that can predict the future.

Hayes is taken to a top-secret research facility where he discovers his alternate self from an alternate universe created the Envisioner and sent it to his reality. Hayes studies footage of the other him, he discovers a self he doesn't recognize, angry and obsessive, and footage of Yusuf... as his husband.

As Hayes finds himself falling for Yusuf, he studies the parallel universe and imagines the perfect life they will live together. But their lives are inextricably linked to the other reality, and when that couple's story ends in tragedy Hayes realizes he must do anything he can to save Yusuf's life. Because there are infinite realities, but only one Yusuf.

With the fate of countless realities and his heart in his hands, Hayes leads Yusuf on the run, tumbling through a kaleidoscope of universes trying to save it all. But even escaping into infinity, Hayes is running out of space - soon he will have to decide how much he's willing to pay to save the love of his life.

## Praise:

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

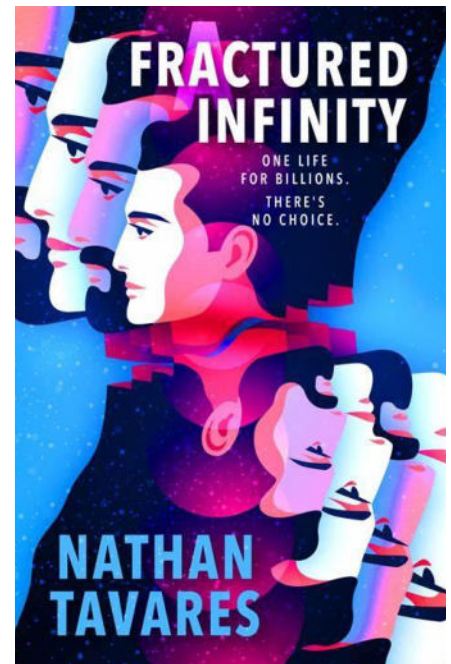
"Tavares hits the gas, sending the plot rocketing through dozens of fascinating possible Earths. The epic love story forms an intense emotional core and Hayes's conversational narration charms. Anyone looking for queer sci-fi should check this out." –*Publishers Weekly*

"A delightfully narrated tale of love at any cost, *A FRACTURED INFINITY* is as fun as it is heartfelt." - Megan O'Keefe, author of *Velocity Weapon* and more

## About the Author:

**Nathan Tavares** is a writer from Boston, Massachusetts. He grew up in the Portuguese-American community of southeastern Massachusetts and developed a love for fantastical stories at an early age, from superheroes to mythology. He studied English in college and received his MFA in creative writing from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His editorial work celebrates queer culture and historically excluded communities, with pieces appearing in *GQ*, *Out*, and elsewhere.

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**Agent: Naomi Davis**

# WELCOME TO FOREVER

By Nathan Tavares

A sweeping, psychedelic romance of two men caught in a looping world of artificial realities, edited memories, secretive cabals and conspiracies to push humanity to the next step in its evolution.

For fans of *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*, *Ubik*, *The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and *Evangelion*.

Fox is a memory editor—one of the best—gifted with the skill to create real life in the digital world. When he wakes up in Field of Reeds Centre for Memory Reconstruction with no idea how he got there, the therapists tell him he was a victim in a terrorist bombing by Khadija Banks, the pioneer of memory editing technology turned revolutionary. A bombing which shredded the memory archives of all its victims, including his husband Gabe.

Thrust into reconstructions of his memories exploded from the fragments that survived the blast, Fox tries to rebuild his life, his marriage and himself. But he quickly realizes his world is changing, unreliable, and echoing around itself over and over.

As he unearths endless cycles of meeting Gabe, falling in love and breaking up, Fox digs deep into his past, his time in the refugee nation of Aaru, and the exact nature of his relationship with Khadija. Because, in a world tearing itself apart to forget all its sadness, saving the man he loves might be the key to saving us all.

## Praise:

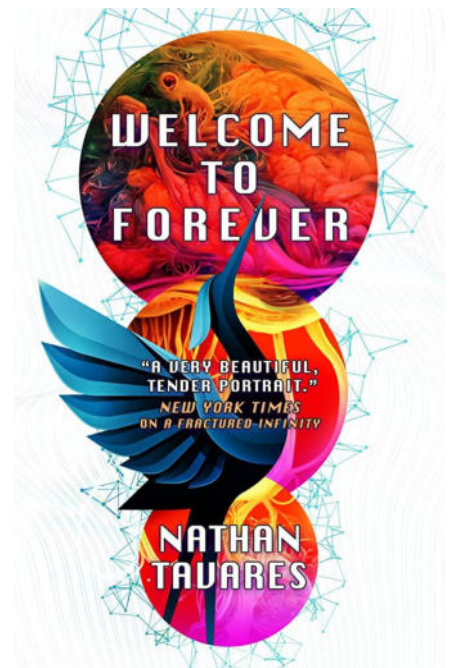
"Tavares is fast becoming my favourite SF writer. *Welcome to Forever* is a masterful futuristic love story, absorbing and all too real." - Kaaron Warren, award winning author of *Into Bones Like Oil*

"In *Welcome to Forever*, Tavares does what all great writers of science fiction do best. He takes our hopes, fears and anxieties about the way we live today, skewers them to the page and makes the reader watch, helpless and captivated as they wriggle underneath his touch. Whether he's probing the ethics – or absence thereof – in techno-capitalism, questioning whether the growing mental health industrial complex can really heal our minds and spirits or simply reminding us that it's often harder to keep love than find it, he finds way to bridge big ideas with the truths of human nature on every page. *Welcome to Forever* is a work of artistic maturity, dazzling imagination and a horrible sense of foresight over what might come to pass – if we let it happen." - Chris McCrudden, author of the *Battlestar Suburbia* series

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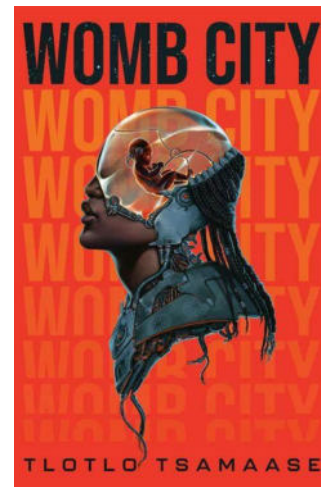
# WOMB CITY

## By Tlotlo Tsamaase

A feminist horror novel set in a futuristic Botswana where citizens' consciousnesses can be implanted into available, microchipped bodies. Rich with culture and true folklore, WOMB CITY begs the question: how far must one go to destroy the structures of inequality upon which a society was founded? How far must a mother go to save the life of her child?

Nelah seems to have it all: wealth, fame, a husband, and a child on the way. But in a body her husband controls via microchip and the tailspin of a loveless marriage, her hopes and dreams come to a devastating halt. A drug-fueled night of celebration ends in a hit-and-run. To dodge a sentencing in a society that favors men, Nelah and her side-piece, Janith Koshal, finish the victim off and bury the body.

But the secret claws its way into Nelah's life from the grave. As her victim's vengeful ghost begins exacting a bloody revenge on everyone Nelah holds dear, she'll have to unravel her society's terrible secrets to stop those in power, and become a monster unlike any other to quench the ghost's violent thirst.



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## Praise:

“A fierce, furious, and fearless debut that has its finger on the pulse—no, the gushing wound—of our world's most invasive cruelties.” —Daniel Kraus, New York Times bestselling co-author of *The Shape of Water*

“Masterful . . . Tsamaase has created a disturbing techno dystopia in a future Botswana that terrifies with its echoes of our own increasingly authoritarian cyber-policed world. This beautifully written work haunts and upends expectations with its resurrected ghosts and gods and ancestors of Motswana cosmology. What an accomplished debut!” —T. L. Huchu, Caine Prize finalist and author of *The Library of the Dead*

“Daring, imaginative, and deeply human, . . . This propulsive and brilliant page-turner is a searing indictment of the world in which we live, and I’m so glad it exists. Move aside Philip K. Dick and George Orwell—Tsamaase is the new visionary of our time.” —Marisa Crane, author of *I Keep My Exoskeletons to Myself*

WOMB CITY has been featured in *The LA Times*, *Bookriot*, *Bookculture*, *Lithub*, and many other publications on numerous *Best Of* and *Most Anticipated* lists!

## About the Author:

**Tlotlo Tsamaase’s** novella, *The Silence of the Wilting Skin*, is a 2021 Lambda Literary Award finalist and was shortlisted for a 2021 Nommo Award. Xer story “Behind Our Irises” is the joint winner of the Nommo Award for Best Short Story (2021), the first Motswana to win the award. her short fiction has appeared in *The Best of World SF Volume 1*, *Futuri uniti d’Africa*, *Clarkesworld*, *Terraform*, *Africanfuturism Anthology*, *The Year’s Best African Speculative Fiction (2021)*, *Apex Magazine* and is forthcoming in *Africa Risen* and *Chiral Mad 5* and other publications. Xe was the first Motswana to be a 2017 Rhysling Award nominee. Xe is a 2011 Bessie Head Short Story Award winner. Tlotlo Tsamaase is a member of PEN America, the African Speculative Fiction Society, SFWA, and Codex Writers Group.

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&  
PARANORMAL  
ROMANCE

# A LONG TIME DEAD

By Samara Breger

**A lush, Victorian romance, drenched in blood and drama, about the lengths two women will go to secure a love that cannot die.**

Somewhere foggy, 1837 . . .

Poppy had always loved the night, which is why it wasn't too much of a bother to wake one evening in an unfamiliar home far from London, weak and confused and plagued with a terrible thirst for blood, to learn that she could no longer step out into the day. And while vampirism presented several disadvantages, it more than made up for those in its benefits: immortality, a body that could run at speed for hours without tiring, the thrill of becoming a predator, the thing that pulls rabbits from bushes and tears through their fur and flesh with the sharp point of a white fang.

And, of course, Roisin. The mysterious woman who has lived for centuries, who held Poppy through her painful transformation, and who, for some reason, is now teaching her how to adjust to her new, endless life. A tight, lonely, buttoned-up woman, with kindness and care pressed up behind her teeth. The time they spend together is as transformative to Poppy as the changes in her body, and soon, she finds herself hopelessly, overwhelmingly attached. But Roisin has secrets of her own, and can't make any promises; not when vengeance must be served.

Soon, their little world explodes. Together and apart, they encounter scores of vampires, shifty pirates, conniving opera singers, ancient nobles, glamorous French women, and a found family that throws a very particular sort of party. But overhead, threat looms—one woman who is capable of destroying everything Poppy and Roisin hold dear.

## Praise:

"Samara Breger's stunning *A LONG TIME DEAD* recalls a vintage wine miraculously salvaged from a shipwreck. It's also the best Sapphic vampire book since Sheridan Le Fanu's 1872 classic, *Carmilla*." — *The New York Times*

"Lush and evocative prose makes *A LONG TIME DEAD* come to life." —Cat Sebastian, author of *The Queer Principles of Kitt Webb*

"A gorgeously written lesbian vampire story that's as sexy as it is scary. Samara Breger has taken a familiar narrative of bloodlust and immortality and made it wholly her own. I inhaled it." —Gabrielle Korn, author of *Yours for the Taking*

## About the Author:

**Samara Breger** is a writer from New York. Her second novel, *A Long Time Dead*, was hailed by the *New York Times* as "the best Sapphic vampire book since Sheridan Le Fanu's 1872 classic, *Carmilla*." Her essays on topics such as Jewish vampires and the sexiness of Shrek have appeared on [Tor.com](http://Tor.com), Hey Alma, and Autostraddle. She has a cool wife, a soft dog, and a keen interest in Victorian erotica.



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# WOLF GONE WILD

By Juliette Cross

**\*Over 142,000 copies of book 1 and 480,000 copies of the series sold so far!\***

*What's the worst thing that can happen to a werewolf?*

Unable to shift for three months, Mateo Cruz knows all too well. His wolf has taken up residence in his head, taunting him night and day with vividly violent and carnal thoughts. Convinced he's cursed, he needs the help of a powerful witch before he literally goes insane.

Evie Savoie has always obeyed the house rules of her coven--no werewolves. They're known for being moody and volatile. So, when a distempered, dangerous werewolf strolls into the bar and almost strangles one of her late-night customers, she's ready to bounce him through the door. But the desperation in his eyes when he begs her to help him softens her heart and convinces her to bend the rules.

What Evie doesn't know is that Mateo's wolf has a mind of his own. And now that she's in his sights, he wants only one thing. Her.

**\* "Best of #BookTok" on Amazon**

**\*FaeCrate special edition box set with faux leather covers**



## Praise:

“High-energy metaphysical mystery, solid contemporary supernatural worldbuilding, and a friends-to-lovers romance with instant heat simmering beneath the surface all come together deliciously in the Stay a Spell series launch. This is utterly enchanting.” –*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

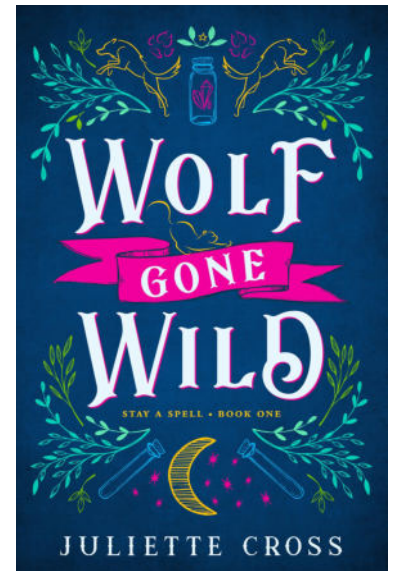
“Cross balances wit, sexy romance, and mystery in this solid start to a promising series.” –*Booklist*

“*Wolf Gone Wild* is sexy, funny, and fast-paced...a world of hot-as-sin werewolves and capable, smartass witches, and utterly ready for the next book in this fantastic new paranormal series!” –Amanda Bouchet, *USA Today* bestselling author

## About the Author:

**Juliette Cross** is the author of over 30 romantasy and paranormal romances. She is a native of Louisiana, living in the heart of Cajun land outside New Orleans.

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**First of 6 in the STAY A SPELL series!**

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# FIRE HEART

By *USA Today* bestselling author Emma Hamm

**They handed her a sword and bid her to take a throne...**

Lorelei is half elf in a kingdom where that bloodline is synonymous with "slave". The Umbra King holds everyone captive with his pet dragon who knows no mercy. She hides in the shadows and steals to stay alive, until a rebel group gives her an offer she can't refuse.

The King seeks a bride. If she can get close enough, she could drive a dagger into that wicked man's heart. But the bridal games are more difficult than most. Lorelei must prove herself not only beautiful, but talented, poised, and deadly as the king. However, the closer she gets to saving her kingdom, the more she realizes a singular problem stands in her way.

The dragon.

The King's bodyguard is more than a slathering beast. He's a man. And the longer she's near him, the more she realizes that perhaps the king isn't the most dangerous person in the kingdom. Perhaps she had to guard not only her body, but her heart. For a dragon mates for life, and they're hard pressed to give up their treasures.

***This dragon romantasy series is perfect for fans of King Arthur, Sarah J. Maas, and winged bad boys.***



**First of 5 in the DRAGON OF UMBRA series!**

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## Praise:

"This dragon shifter plus badass lady lead fantasy romance has everything I love in a book. Enemies to lovers, rich world, insightful backstory, and action. Absolutely loved it!" - *USA Today* bestselling author Alisha Klapheke

"Emma Hamm creates a world that sticks with you long after you turn the last page." – *USA Today* Bestselling Author Frost Kay

"I loved everything about it: the world-building, the mythology, the writing, the characters!" - Author Gwen Mitchell

## About the Author:

USA Today Bestselling Author **Emma Hamm** has published over 50 fantasy, romantasy, and paranormal novels. She writes strong, confident, powerful women who aren't afraid to grow and make mistakes. Her books will always be a little bit feminist, and are geared towards empowering both everyone to be comfortable in their own skin. She currently lives in Maine.

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# THESE BITTER BOOMS

By *USA Today* bestselling author Emma Hamm

*In a world where magic means power, a "small" gift is a curse.*

Thea was not blessed with power. Her gift of devouring plants and absorbing their hidden abilities does not make her stand out among her peers. Until a young man from the other side of the river sees something in her that no one else has seen before. When his family mercilessly strikes at her pride, he makes a point to ease the sting.

Alistair is not like his family. He has no interest in magic or wealth. He can see through the veil of the world into the faerie realm, and that has no use in his family. He never understood the desire to write to the girl across the river, but she turns his world of grey into a life of color. At the first opportunity, he meets with her. The second, he falls in love. And the third, he knows he wants to marry her.

Until the cities across the river go to war. Their lives are shattered, ripped apart, and thrown asunder. Then, ten years later, a chance meeting brings them back together. He needs a secretary. She needs a job. Neither realized they were about to be thrown into each other's arms once again. And this time, he doesn't intend to ever let her go.

*For fans of dark academia, witches, slow burn romances, and a little bit of magic, this page turner will wrap you up in a warm hug, snuggle you in a blanket, and hand you a hot cup of tea.*

## Praise for Previous Titles:

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**Agent: Rachel Brooks**

# SOUL IN DARKNESS

By Wendy Higgins

**An adult fantasy romance based on the Roman/Greek mythology of Cupid and Psyche from Lucius Apuleius, New York Times bestseller Wendy Higgins brings the tale to life, weaving layers that show exactly how a sacrificial lamb can be enchanted by an unseen monster.**

People travel from afar to the small isle in the Aegean Sea hoping for a single glimpse of Princess Psyche. Their adoration for the mortal woman is so all-consuming that citizens begin to shower her with the very gifts and offerings they once left at the altar of Venus, goddess of love and beauty.

But gods are known for their jealousy.

Cupid, the god of love, takes pleasure in causing strife and mischief in the lives of humans. He uses love as a weapon, humoring in the weakness of people at the whims of their feelings. When his mother Venus approaches him about punishing the human girl who dares to steal her offerings and affections from the people, Cupid gladly accepts.

Psyche's punishment is to be given to a mysterious creature who only comes to her in the dark of night under the pact that she will never lay eyes on him. She is terrified of this stranger, who the oracle described as a serpent. Her mate, however, is masterful in his dealings with his bride. He takes his time, morphing her fears into different sensations completely.

## Praise:

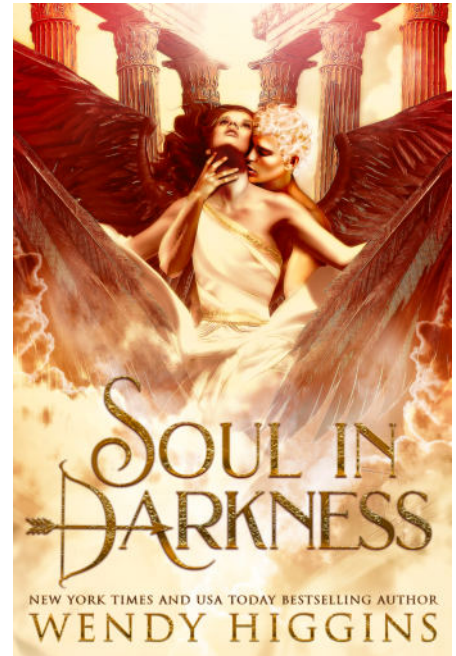
"As one would expect from any Wendy Higgins novel, *Soul in Darkness* is a gorgeously written retelling of the deliciously romantic Cupid and Psyche myth. With heart-pounding tension and characters that leap off the page, readers will root for Psyche and swoon for Cupid until the very end. The romance is on-point. Get ready to take Cupid's arrow right to the heart." -Amalie Howard, author of the *Lords of Essex* and *Tartans & Titans* series

"*Soul in Darkness* is filled with passion, tenderness, and fierce determination. Wendy Higgins has woven a breathtaking tale that will steal your heart and leave you begging for more." -Raye Wagner, *USA Today* bestselling author

"I stayed up past my bedtime reading this one! Wendy Higgins delivers a delicious romance and brings to life a favorite childhood myth of mine--the story of Cupid and Psyche." - Laura Thalassa, author of *Pestilence*

## About the Author:

**Wendy Higgins** is the *USA Today* and *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Sweet Evil* series from HarperTeen. Wendy taught high school English before achieving her dream of becoming a full-time author. She now lives on the Eastern Shore of Virginia with her husband, daughter, and son.



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# DEAD WOMAN'S POND

By **Elle E. Ire**

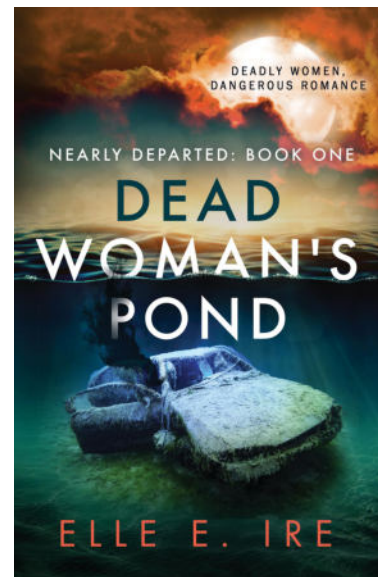
**2022 Goldie Award Finalist**

No matter how Flynn Dalton tries to avoid it, the supernatural finds her.

At first it's not so bad. Flynn's girlfriend, Genesis, is a nationally known psychic, which makes Flynn uncomfortable for both paranormal and financial reasons, but she can handle it. As long as no one makes her talk about it.

Then, on her way home from her construction job, Flynn almost ends up the latest casualty of Festivity's infamous Dead Man's Pond. And when her ex-lover's ghost appears to warn her away, things get a whole lot weirder.

Flynn might not like it, but the pond has fixated on her to be its next victim. If she wants to survive, she'll have to swallow her pride, accept Gen's help, and get much closer to the psychic realm—and her own latent psychic abilities—than she ever wanted.



**First of 3 in the NEARLY DEPARTED series!**

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## **Praise:**

Coming soon!

## **About the Author:**

**Elle E. Ire** is a Goldie Award winning author who writes science fiction and paranormal romance novels featuring kick-ass women who fall in love with each other. Her published work includes Vicious Circle (2015 and 2020), the Storm Fronts Trilogy (2019-2020), Goldie Award winner - Dead Woman's Pond (2021), Goldie Award finalist - Reel to Real Love (2021), Dead Woman's Revenge (2022), Dead Woman's Secret (2022), and Harsh Reality (2022) all from DSP Publications

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# THE MOONFIRE BRIDE

By Sylvia Mercedes

**Perfect for fans of A Court of Thorns and Roses and The Cruel Prince, this tale of a human girl stolen to be the bride of a doomed fae lord is irresistibly romantic!**

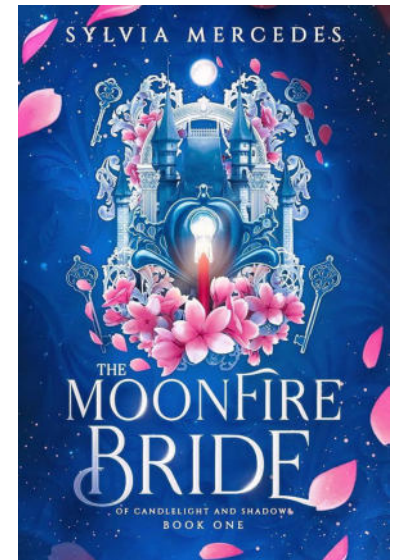
For years, Valera has worked weary hours as a seamstress just to keep food on the table. She would give her all to protect her little sister from the cruelties of the world . . . and the tantalizing lure of the fae forest. One day, she fears, the fae will spirit her sister away, and how can Valera hope to stop them?

Then the fae come. Not for her sister . . . but for her.

Trapped in a magnificent palace far from her own world, Valera finds herself the unwilling bride of an enigmatic fae lord. He claims he won't harm her and vows to return her home after a year and a day if she honors one rule: she must never see his face.

Determined to return to her sister at all costs, Valera struggles to unravel the mystery of her so-called husband. Why does he so desperately need a wife? And why her specifically? Torn between love, duty, and the unexpected freedom she finds in this strange new world, Valera must fight to find her place.

But will a burgeoning passion for the unseen figure in the shadows be her undoing?



**First of 3 in the  
OF CANDLELIGHT AND  
SHADOWS series!**

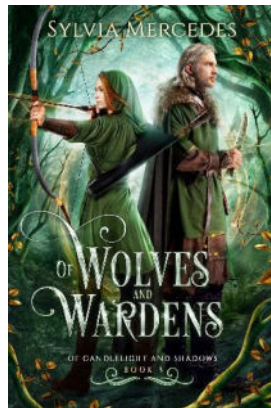
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## About the Author:

**Sylvia Mercedes** is the author of over 20 popular fantasy romance novels, including the internationally bestselling BRIDE OF THE SHADOW KING trilogy. She makes her home in North Carolina where she works as a fulltime novelist supporting her handsome “house husband,” numerous small children, and a passel of rescue cats and dogs.

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# THE VENATRIX CHRONICLES

## By Sylvia Mercedes

*Forbidden love, breathtaking action, and terrifying magic, perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Leigh Bardugo!*

Ayleth and her shade move as one, ever hungry for the hunt. Under her mentor's tight control, she fears her memories are being stolen. Now nineteen, apprenticed for as long as she can remember to the mysterious Holy Order, she longs to rise in the ranks and banish untamed spirits for the prophesied Golden Prince.

When shadowy threats descend on the crown, Ayleth seizes a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to prove her worth in open competition. Seeking to win the prince's favor and escape her scheming mentor, she resolves to hold her own against Terryyn, a handsome, arrogant opponent who may be more than a match for her untested powers.

But as the two rivals follow a trail beyond the Great Barrier and confront legendary evil, the stolen secrets of Ayleth's past may return to haunt her . . .

Can Ayleth win the trial and reclaim her true self? Can she even survive her first day?



**First of 7 in THE VENATRIX CHRONICLES series!**

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**Agent: Amanda Jain**



## About the Author:

**Sylvia Mercedes** is the author of over 20 popular fantasy romance novels, including the internationally bestselling BRIDE OF THE SHADOW KING trilogy. She makes her home in North Carolina where she works as a fulltime novelist supporting her handsome "house husband," numerous small children, and a passel of rescue cats and dogs.

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# ROMANCE

# THE CHEAT SHEET

By Sarah Adams

**Is it ever too late to leave the friend zone? Discover the heartwarming friends to lovers romance that became a sensation on TikTok—now with a new chapter and a Q&A with the author!**

The friend zone is not the end zone for Bree Camden, who is helplessly in love with her longtime best friend and extremely hot NFL legend, Nathan Donelson. The only problem is that she can't admit her true feelings, because he clearly sees her as a best friend with no romantic potential, and the last thing Bree wants is to ruin their relationship. But those abs . . .

Nope! Nothing but good old-fashioned, no-touching-the-sexiest-man-alive, platonic friendship for Bree. In any case, she has other things to worry about. After a car accident ended her chance at becoming a professional ballerina, Bree changed paths and now owns her own dance studio, with big dreams to expand it. But one more rent increase could mean the end of the studio entirely.

Then, as usual, Nathan comes to the rescue and buys the entire building. A stubborn Bree is not happy about it and decides to rebel with a couple—okay, maybe more than a couple—of tequila shots. Then her plan backfires as she spills her deepest, darkest secret to a TMZ reporter. One viral video later, the world thinks Nathan and Bree are the perfect couple. Before they can really talk about her confession, Nathan's publicist proposes a big opportunity that could mean financial security for Bree. The catch? They have to pretend to be in love. For three whole weeks.

What will happen when Bree gives in to the feelings she's been desperately hiding for so long, and could she be imagining that Nathan is actually enjoying it? Sarah Adams scores more than touchdowns in this exciting romantic comedy.

## Praise:

"A laugh-out-loud romantic comedy...an absolute touchdown!"—Sophie Sullivan, author of *Ten Rules for Faking It*

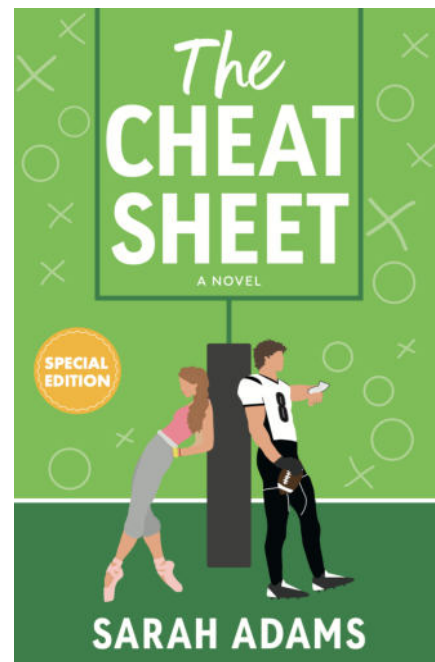
"As slapstick funny as it is both sizzling and sweet, this best-friends-to-lovers sports romance brings its RomCom A-game!"—Chloe Liese, author of *The Bergman Series*

"The perfect mix of laugh-out-loud entertaining, and intensely tender..."—Devon Daniels, author of *Meet You in the Middle*

## About the Author:

**Sarah Adams** was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. *THE CHEAT SHEET* is in its 12th printing with over 238,000 copies in print and has reached the Kindle Top 100. Sarah is also the NYT bestselling author of *PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT* and *WHEN IN ROME*.

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Fabler, Polish: Filia  
Portugal: Infinito  
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Litera, Spanish: Ediciones  
B Vergara, Turkish: Beyaz  
Balina**

**Agent: Kim Lionetti**

# NEXT OF KIN

By Hannah Bonam-Young

Two bickering strangers trying to foster their younger siblings team up to create a stable home, but the chemistry between them threatens to undo their plans—from the viral TikTok author of *Next to You* and *Out on a Limb*.

When people-pleasing Chloe learns that her birth mother has unexpectedly had another baby, she doesn't hesitate to become a next-of-kin guardian. But when she fails to pass Child Protective Services' financial evaluation, she is faced with a choice: see her baby sister placed in foster care or participate in CPS's new initiative, where two prospective guardians join households to qualify.

Enter Warren, a surly mechanic's apprentice attempting to get custody of his deaf fifteen-year-old brother. From the moment Warren drives up thirty minutes late, blasting music out of his car, Chloe is convinced that this is a very bad idea. The two immediately clash but eventually agree to live together for the sake of their younger siblings.

As their lives intertwine, and Chloe adjusts to caring for her newborn sister, she begins to see a new, softer side of Warren. In fact, they're far more similar than she could have imagined. What started as forced begins to feel natural—and far less lonely. Chemistry soon intensifies beyond what either of them can stand, but is their mutual attraction worth risking everything they've fought for?

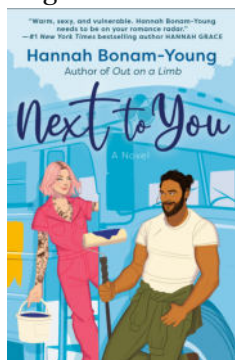


**First of 2 in the Next series!**  
**PRH/Dell: February 2024**

**Brazil: Globo Livros**  
**Poland: Agora**  
**Lithuanian: Sofoklis**  
**German: Piper**

**All other translation rights available**

**Agent: Jessica Alvarez**



## Praise:

“Funny and huge-hearted and romantic and real.” –Talia Hibbert, *New York Times* bestselling author

“Tender, thoughtful, and deeply touching, NEXT OF KIN celebrates the gift of found family, the wonder of falling in love, and the beautiful work of building a life together.” - Chloe Liese, author of *Two Wrongs Make a Right*

“Warm, sexy, and vulnerable...Hannah Bonam-Young needs to be on your romance radar.” -Hannah Grace, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

## About the Author:

**Hannah Bonam-Young** writes stories featuring a cast of diverse, disabled, marginalized, and LGBTQIA+ folks wherein complex and swoon-worthy storylines coexist and blend with the beautiful realities of life, in all its messy glory.

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# LOVE AND OTHER RISKY BUSINESS

By Sarah Brenton

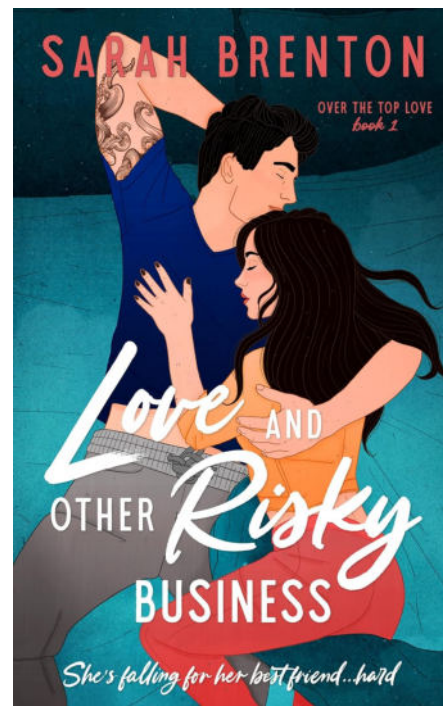
**Can an over-the-top risk-taker win the heart of his cautious, risk-averse best friend?**

Hollywood Stuntman Timothy Foley fears nothing. Falling off a building? Any time. Being set on fire? All in a day's work. Telling his best friend he's been in love with her for years? Chokes. *Every. Time.* For a man who knows how to use his body—in every way—his heart has a way of tripping him up.

Wardrobe department seamstress Mina Andrei doesn't take risks—with her life or her heart. Between her day job and the slow steps she's taking to build her eco-friendly underwear brand, she doesn't have time. Her friendship with Timothy is all the excitement she can handle. So long as she can ignore the way he makes her stomach flutter.

When an on-set accident ends Timothy's career and nearly his life, he's done chickening out. Luckily, he's already in the hospital because his clumsy marriage proposal crashes and burns. But with his parents offering Mina much-needed money to keep him out of trouble, he might get another chance to woo his bestie. Carefully.

This friends to lovers, opposites attract romance features a chaotic bisexual hero and a careful demi-sexual heroine finding their Happily Ever After.



**First in the Over the Top Love trilogy!**

**Indie-published  
October 2023**

**All translation rights available**

**Agent: Jessica Alvarez**



## Praise:

“Brenton’s voice is like a shot of fireball: hot and spicy with the sweetest aftertaste. Come for the daredevil with a heart of gold and stay for a friends-to-lovers twist unlike any I’ve read.” –Livy Hart, author of *Talk Flirty to Me*

“This was such a fun read. A stunt man and the owner of a period underwear company and their shift from friends to lovers. Add in a house that used to be a porn set, a closet of sex toys, meddling family members, and Sarah Brenton's A+ steam and chemistry and there's no way not to enjoy this steamy read. I can't wait for the rest of this series.” –NetGalley reviewer, Mae B.

## About the Author:

**Sarah Brenton** (she/her) writes swoony, steamy, sex-positive romantic comedies. She lives in New Zealand. When not writing, she can be found daydreaming at work in a vineyard.

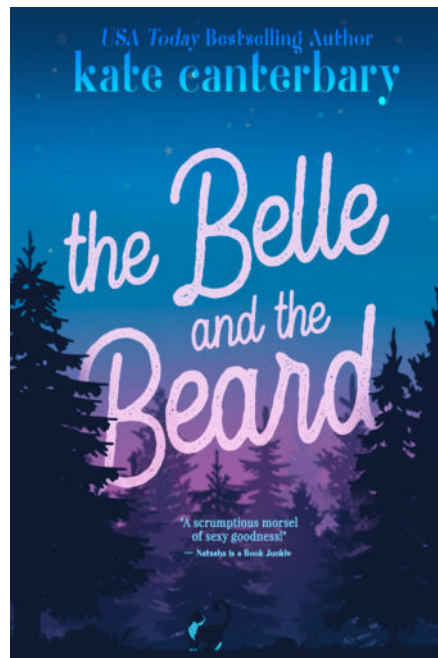
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# THE BELLE AND THE BEARD

By **Kate Canterbury**

**Jasper-Anne Cleary's guide to salvaging your life when you find yourself publicly humiliated, out of work, and unemployable at 35—not to mention newly single:**

1. Run away. Seriously, there's no shame in disappearing. Go to that rustic old cottage your aunt left you. Look out for the colony of bats and the leaky roof. Oh, and Linden Santillian, the barrel-chested neighbor with shoulders like the broad side of a barn. Definitely look out for him.
  2. Stop wallowing and stay busy. It doesn't matter whether you know how to bake or fix things around the house. Do it anyway. Dust off your southern hospitality and feed that burly, bearded neighbor some pecan pie.
  3. Meet new people. Chat up the grumpy man-bear, pretend to be his girlfriend when his mother puts you two on the spot, agree to go as his date to a big family party. Don't worry—it's only temporary.
  4. Cry it out. Screwing up your life entitles you to wine, broody-moody music, and uninterrupted sobbing.
  5. Get over it all by getting under someone. Count on your fake boyfriend to deliver some very real action between the sheets.
  6. Do not, under any circumstances, fall in love with him.
- Warning: This opposites attract love story includes a meet-burglary, an immortal cat, a biohazard of a banana bread, a meddling mother, fancy toast, and a temporary fling that starts feeling a little too permanent.



**First of 3 in the Santillian triplets series!**

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April 2021**

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**Agent: Jessica Alvarez**



## Praise:

"Add this to your reading list... stat! For me this is THE book for the summer of 2021! I couldn't put down this book once I started. There was a vulnerability to these characters that added to the story showed how much heart they have and solidified it as a MUST READ!" --Devilishly Dirty Book Blog

"This book is funny and oh so steamy. Canterbury did a great job highlighting the push and pull in their relationship, the underlying sexual tension which is ever present, their verbal sparring as foreplay." -- Fi's Views in Reviews

"This book was everything I needed and more! I couldn't put it down!!" -- The Book Lover

## About the Author:

*USA Today* Bestseller **Kate Canterbury** writes smart, steamy contemporary romances loaded with heat, heart, and happy ever afters. Kate lives on the New England coast with her husband and daughter.

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# SHUCKED

By Kate Canterbury

**His best friend's little sister is *not* an option.**

No one ever accused Beckett Loew of being the nice Loew brother, especially not Sunny Du Jardin. Stuck back home in the quirky town of Friendship, Rhode Island, Beckett is scrambling to save his family's oyster bar and take care of his teenage brother. He doesn't have time to deal with the beautiful, sunshine-y owner of the new vegan cafe next door too. His best friend's little sister may be all grown up, but Sunny's still a distracting pain in his side.

No one expects much from Sunny duJardin, especially not Beckett Loew. She's not worried about her older brother's tall, dark, and broody best friend or battles he insists on waging with her everyday. She's not the same kid he teased years ago. Now, she composts his type for breakfast.

They're all wrong for each other.

Bitter rivals.

Complete opposites.

*Off limits.*

Except they can't keep their hands off each other.

They tell themselves it's nothing more than a steamy summer fling until secrets spill and real trouble comes their way.

## Praise:

"This is a gem of a read, and a fave for 2023!" –Escapist Book Blog

"There is so much to love about this world Kate Canterbury has created and I can't wait until the next book." –Smexy Books

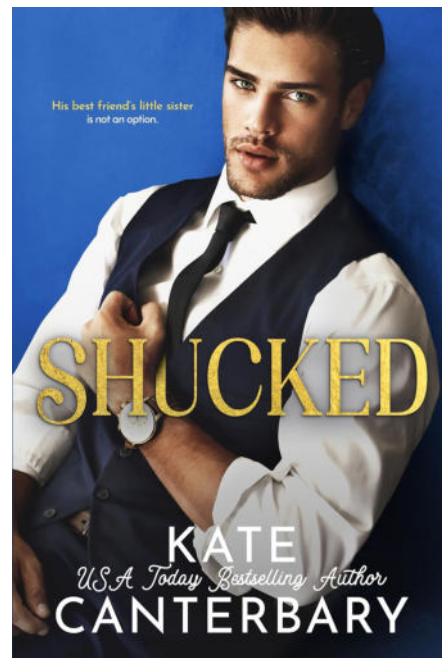
"Kate Canterbury's storytelling prowess shines through, making this book an absolute must-read for anyone who craves a story that will leave their heart full and their emotions tangled in the best way." –A Grand Romance

"This author is the absolute best at writing smart, sassy, and steamy stories that are the epitome of girl bosses and growly men." –Bibliophile Chloe

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August 2023**

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**Audio rights to Podium**

**Agent: Jessica Alvarez**

# BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE

By Claire Contreras

**Lorenzo Costello will stop at nothing to get what he wants. And right now he wants me.**

I'm off limits, but he doesn't care.

When you grow up in a family like mine, it's easy to identify the kind of men that are bad news.

They're the ones with experience. The ones with secrets. The ones that exude sex just by saying your name.

From the moment I laid eyes on Lorenzo, I knew he wasn't just bad news.

He was the headline.

But my head and my heart are at war. He's too mysterious, too gorgeous, too wild, and now, he wants me.

I should run far away. So why am I racing toward him?

I'm totally going to get burned, I know it.

A man like Lorenzo won't leave me unscathed.

He'll make ashes of me.



**First of 5 in the SINS & DECEIT series!**

**Self-published  
July 2018**

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**Dutch: Venture Publishing**

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**Hungarian: Alomgyar**

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**Agent: Kim Lionetti**



## Praise:

“Five Scorching Hot Stars! BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE made me gasp and swoon.”—Skye Warren, *New York Times* Bestselling Author

“Sexy and downright addictive. The perfect escape!”—Mia Sheridan, *New York Times* Bestselling Author

## About the Author:

**Claire Contreras** is a New York Times bestselling author whose books range from romantic suspense to contemporary romance and have been translated into over fifteen languages. Claire was born in the Dominican Republic, raised in Miami, and currently lives in North Carolina with her family.

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# FALL INTO YOU

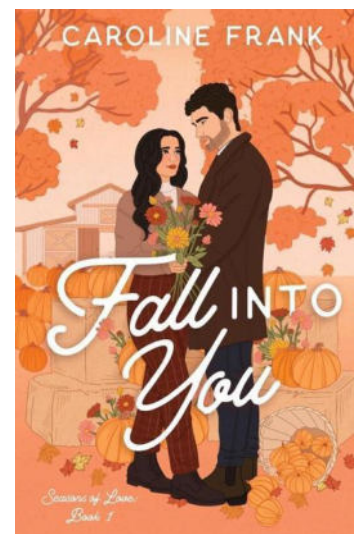
## By Caroline Frank

*What happens when overprotected Liza Castelli falls in love with reformed ladies' man and her brother's best friend, Matt Wilson?*

When Liza and Matt feel an instant connection at first sight, her older brother, Vinny, immediately shuts it down. Tired of her traditional Italian family and their tendency to get in each other's business, Liza decides to ignore her brother's warnings and embark on a secret-dating adventure with heart-melting Matt.

The couple quickly fall in love in the magic that is autumn in New York City, bonding over the loss of their fathers. All the while, Liza doesn't mind keeping things under wraps—she hasn't felt this happy since before her father's death and doesn't want to do anything to risk ruining it. And that includes coming clean to her family.

But as Matt grows even closer to Vinny and his frustration with Liza's insistence to keep everything secret creates tension between them, Liza's forced to decide if her relationship is worth risking her family, and we're left wondering whether their relationship will be able to survive.



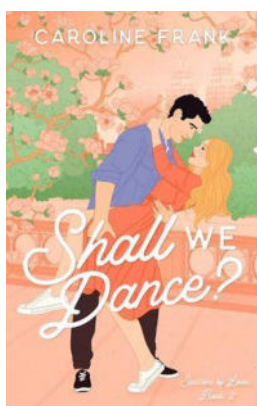
**Book 1 of 4 in the  
Seasons of Love series!**

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**Agent: Jenissa Graham**



## **Praise:**

Coming Soon!

## **About the Author:**

**Caroline Frank** is an indie author and self-proclaimed shoe addict. She currently resides in Massachusetts with her husband and two crazy cats, Señor Kitty and Salem. She spends her days reading, writing, and biking. Her favorite things include the first sip of a Coke on a hot day, crocheting, and using self-deprecating humor to get through the day. Though she always planned to eventually take over the world, she thinks writing fun stories every day is pretty awesome and plans to continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

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# THE LAST ELIGIBLE BILLIONAIRE

By Pippa Grant

**An Amazon bestseller!**

Emotionally unavailable doesn't even begin to describe my new fake boyfriend. He's cold. He's distant. He has more defenses than a nuclear missile silo. And he's the ultimate catch of the century. At least, according to his bank statement.

My job's simple: Keep Hayes Rutherford's matchmaking relatives and all interested ladies away from the cranky, grumpy, walled-off heir to my favorite movie empire, and in return, he won't ruin my life over a teensy, tiny little misunderstanding.

But the more I sneak past Hayes's walls and fences, the more I realize that while we might be from different worlds, we have more in common than either of us expected. The man under all the glitz, glamour, and dollar signs could be the real love of my life.

But you know what they say about fake dating a billionaire—it's all fun and games until the scandals start.

*The Last Eligible Billionaire* is a swoony, laugh-out-loud standalone romance.

## Praise:

"A masterful take on the 'fake relationship' story, Pippa Grant has outdone herself. Funny, heartfelt, and the dog steals the show (among other items...). Grab it now!" —*New York Times* bestselling author Julia Kent

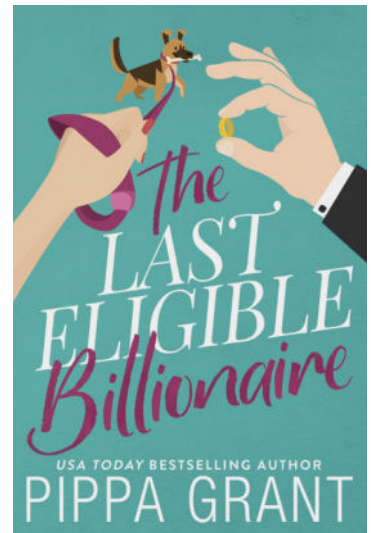
"What a fantastically witty, fun, deliciously spicy read!" —*USA Today* bestselling author Molly O'Hare

"This story was pure joy in a time that we all need it so desperately. A beautiful story that will make you believe that love conquers all...10 stars - a top 2022 read." —*Amazon* Bestselling Author Stephanie Rose

## About the Author:

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

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Poland: Filia/  
Portugal: Planeta/  
Romania: Librex/  
Turkey: Indigo**

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Rights Available**

# THE WORST WEDDING DATE

## By Pippa Grant

I didn't know *bridesmaid* was code for *babysitter for the bride's brother*, but if that's what my best friend needs for her dream wedding to go off without a hitch, that's what I'll do.

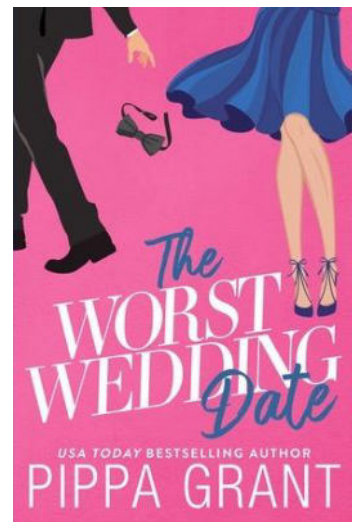
Even if Theo Malone has been a pain in my rear since third grade. Even if he should be responsible enough to not wreak havoc at his sister's destination wedding. Even if it means we have to share a hotel room in Hawaii, which might actually break me.

Not only does Theo know *exactly* how to push my buttons, but he never wears clothes, he's hiding a litter of kittens in his room, and he keeps showing up with fresh-baked cookies that seemingly come from nowhere.

Also? I have no idea why I suddenly want to know what makes him tick. The story behind his tattoos. How he can afford to rent a convertible in Hawaii. And if maybe all of that utter frustration and irritation I've felt for him for *years* is actually suppressed attraction that a good girl like me isn't supposed to feel for the biggest bad boy of Snaggletooth Creek.

But I do know one thing. When I find out his biggest secret and the answer to all of my questions, it will change *everything*.

*The Worst Wedding Date* is a frolicking good time of a destination wedding enemies-to-lovers romcom, complete with a good girl bridesmaid, her best friend's troublemaking but secretly big-hearted brother, and more than one hitch on the way to happily ever after.



**First of 3 in the Three  
BFFs and a wedding  
series!**

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Turkey: Indigo**

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**Agent: Jessica Alvarez**

## Praise:

"Every time I think, okay, Pippa really spoiled me with the last book or one of the last books so there's no way that this one can come close, she turns around and pulls out another fantastic and fabulous story." –Escape Into Reading

"A fun, energetic and laugh out loud one bed romance masterpiece that checked all the boxes of rom-com gold." –Late Knight Luna Reads

"I adore Pippa Grant. At first glance, Grant's rom-coms are quirky and silly. However, below the surface, Grant works through common human troubles." –Professor Romance

## About the Author:

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# FOREVER YOUR ROGUE

By Erin Langston

*He was her last chance. She was his first certainty.*

Cora, Lady Dane, gave up her dreams of happily ever after a long time ago. Now newly widowed, the young mother is determined to finally live on her own terms...until a devastating betrayal shatters her hopes for the future. Faced with the prospect of losing her beloved children to overbearing relatives, Cora needs the help of the one thing she swore she'd never have again: a husband.

Nathaniel Travers hasn't a care—or responsibility—in the world. Content with his wayward lifestyle, the charismatic rogue has no interest in marriage or duty. That is, until the earl cuts off his bank accounts. No stranger to wild escapades, Nate is game for any scheme that keeps him afloat...even a madcap ruse with a stubborn viscountess.

A fake engagement *should* be a straightforward solution to both of their dilemmas. But a summer at Cora's estate tests their arrangement, and it isn't long before their simmering attraction escalates to a feverish crescendo. When they are forced to confront the real complications of their faux betrothal, Nate has to make the first worthy gamble of his life...if only Cora can risk her guarded heart.

*Forever Your Rogue* is a swoony, sexy, and heartfelt Regency romance that can be enjoyed as a standalone. Read today and fall in love with Nate and Cora.



**Standalone with linked novellas**

**Independently published  
February 2023**

**Dutch: April Books  
French: J'ai Lu**

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**Agent: Jessica Alvarez**



## Praise:

"One of the most utterly gorgeous character transformations historical romance has offered up in some time." — *The New York Times*

"Wonderfully constructed from start to finish, with high notes of grace and humor, Langston has written a novel that romance fans will treasure." — *Library Journal*

"...A simmering, swoonworthy story that takes you to places both excitingly new and reassuringly familiar." - *Paste Magazine*

## About the Author:

**Erin Langston** is a historical romance author who crafts Regencies with heart, heat, and humor. A librarian by trade, Erin lives in the US Midwest with her husband and two children.

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# BABY FOR THE BOSSHOLE

By Nadia Lee

Over 150,000 copies sold!

**My boss is a jerk but when I discovered him clutching his sausage and moaning my name, I made a mistake that I can't take back.**

Emmett Lasker is impossible to work for. He might be model handsome and stupidly wealthy, but he also has it out for me. He's given me more last-minute and weekend requests than anyone else, ruining any plans I make. I should quit. And I will. Just as soon as I earn out my signing bonus.

But after a particularly awful day at work, a breakup (via text!), and my computer crashing, I've had enough! So at 11:59 Friday night, I barge into Emmett's office to tell him what I really think of him. Only, that's not what happens. *AT ALL.*

There's something about finding your ridiculously hot boss in a compromising position, moaning your name, that can derail a girl's best intentions. And now? I'm pregnant. He wants to "do the right thing" and marry me. Yeah. That's never gonna happen.

*This title stands alone, or can be read as Book 1 in the Lasker Brothers series*



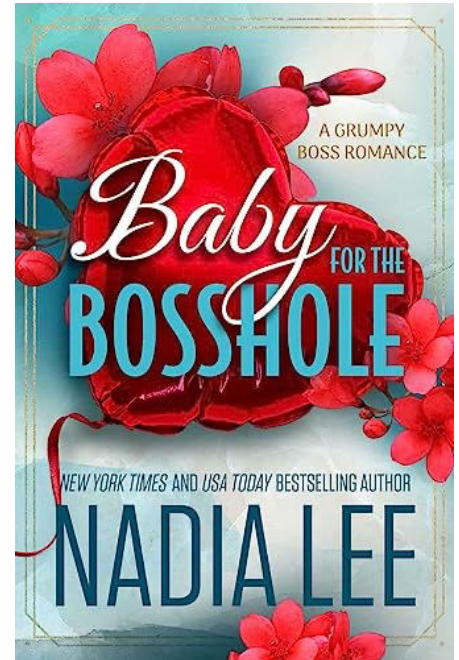
## Praise:

"This was delicious sexy fun! If you are always on the lookout for a sexy opposites attract, then this is a story that needs to be on your radar because Nadia Lee really brings in the humor just right to balance in perfectly with a sexy romp of a read." –Addicted to Romance Book Blog

## About the Author:

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author **Nadia Lee** writes sexy, emotional contemporary romance. Though born in South Korea, she shares a condo overlooking a small river and sakura trees in Japan with her husband and son.

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**The bestselling Lasker Brothers series!**

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**Agent: Jessica Alvarez**

# CRAZY BAO YOU

By Lyn Liao

**Can an Etsy shop owner in Oklahoma and a FDNY firefighter make things work when he doesn't know what she really looks like?**

Kimmie Park has finally met a man who gets her and laughs at her jokes. Matt West is kind, compassionate, *and* he's a smoking hot FDNY firefighter. There's just one (or many) problem. They've never met in person because he lives in New York and she's in Oklahoma. He also doesn't know that her life recently imploded when she very publicly quits her retail job and becomes a meme in a viral video, known as the woman who twerked as she tells off her boss. And he has no idea what she really looks like.

After quitting her job, Kimmie focuses on her Etsy shop designing purses and accessories. She'd posted pictures of her best friend Alicia with her merchandise, not realizing people would assume Alicia was Kim from My Crafty Bao. That's fine with Kimmie since she's still hiding out from her recent unwanted internet fame. But as the chemistry between her and Matt sizzles and their every interaction threatens to set them both on fire, she knows she needs to tell him the truth. Especially since Matt's father, the CEO of a huge retail store, sees Kimmie's shop and wants to partner with her.

As Kimmie prepares to visit New York City for the first time, she grapples with the sorrows of her past which have kept her in Oklahoma ever since her parents died when she was sixteen. Will she be able to let go of her fears and embrace who she really is, or will it cause her to lose the man of her dreams and the opportunity of a lifetime?

## Praise:

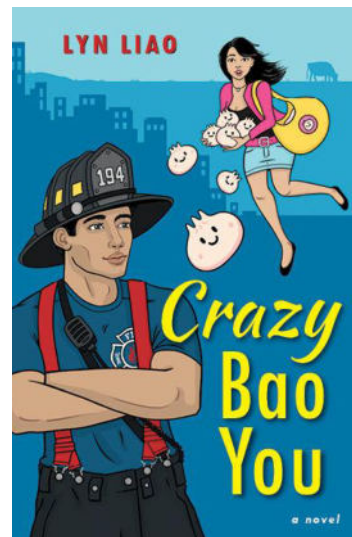
"*Crazy Bao You* is a heart fluttering delight of a romance filled with quippy banter, misadventures, and a loveable cast of friends and family." - **Amy Lea, international bestselling author of *Exes and O's***

"A deliciously modern take on the epistolary romance trope, with a dash of Cyrano and lots of celebration of self-acceptance. *Crazy Bao You* has a creative main character who's utterly relatable, a cinnamon-roll love interest who's to die for, and all the romcom shenanigans my heart desires. Lyn Liao knocked it out of the park! – **Ali Hazelwood, New York Times bestselling author of *The Love Hypothesis***

"Mistaken identities, sexy firefighters, and steamed buns make for an irresistible romance filled with heart and humor. You will go wild a-bao this story!" -**Alanna Martin, author of *Love and Let Bark***

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*Crazy Bao You* is **Lyn Liao's** first romcom, but she also writes upmarket fiction and thrillers as Lyn Liao Butler (*The Tiger Mom's Tale* and *Red Thread of Fate* at Penguin/Berkley; *Someone Else's Life* at Amazon Thomas & Mercer). Lyn was born in Taiwan and moved to the States when she was seven. Before becoming an author, she was a professional ballet and modern dancer, and is still a personal trainer, fitness and yoga instructor. Like her heroine in *Crazy Bao You*, Lyn can also be found sewing for her [Etsy shop](#).



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# TO CONQUER A BRIDE

By Naima Simone

*My brother stole everything from me.*

*My family. My name. My future.*

For five years I've planned, waited. Now it's my turn to take from him.

Starting with his bride.

Niall Hudson is the key to a treasure I've spent half a decade hunting down. Yeah, she's a little upset to find herself a "guest" on my pirate ship. But the mouthy, curvy and beautiful shipping heiress is going to give me what I need...one way or another. This treasure will not only bring me and my crew riches beyond our wildest dreams, but it will restore all that has been stolen from me.

But Niall isn't submitting so easily. Even though my brother is hot on my trail, she's playing games, issuing terms of her own. And she isn't above turning the tables on me to get what she wants.

Game on, little girl.

Because I've decided I'm not satisfied with just her help. I want her. All of her.

And I'm going to enjoy every second of conquering my brother's woman.



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"Every romance fan should be reading Naima Simone's books." -*Hypable*

"Simone balances crackling, electric love scenes with exquisitely rendered characters caught in emotional turmoil...she delivers one of the best of the year." -*Entertainment Weekly*

"Simone creates characters with great depth, and readers will be rewarded with an emotional story"—*Library Journal*

"Scorching hot and full of heart! An unputdownable must-read!"-*New York Times* Bestselling Author, Laura Kaye

"Passion, heat and deep emotion—Naima Simone is a gem!" — *New York Times* bestselling author Maisey Yates

## About the Author:

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

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# NONFICTION

# IN PURSUIT OF JEFFERSON

By Derek Baxter

In 1784, Thomas Jefferson was a broken man. Reeling from the loss of his wife and stung from a political scandal during the Revolutionary war, he needed to remake himself. To do that, he traveled. Wandering through Europe, Jefferson saw and learned as much as he could, ultimately bringing his knowledge home to a young America. There, he would rise to power and shape a nation.

More than two hundred years later, Derek Baxter, a devotee of American history, stumbles on an obscure travel guide written by Jefferson—*Hints for Americans Traveling Through Europe*—as he's going through his own personal crisis.

Who better to offer advice than a founding father himself? Using *Hints* as his roadmap, Baxter follows Jefferson through six countries and countless lessons. But what Baxter learns isn't always what Jefferson had in mind, and as he comes to understand Jefferson better, he doesn't always like what he finds.

*In Pursuit of Jefferson* is at once the story of a life-changing trip through Europe, an unflinching look at a founding father, and a moving personal journey. With rich historical detail, a sense of humor, and boundless heart, Baxter explores how we can be better moving forward only by first looking back.

## Praise:

“Baxter debuts with an entertaining and informative chronicle of his attempt to recreate Thomas Jefferson’s travels in Europe.... Baxter manages to bridge the 18th and 21st centuries with skill. This historically informed travelogue delights.” — *Publishers Weekly*

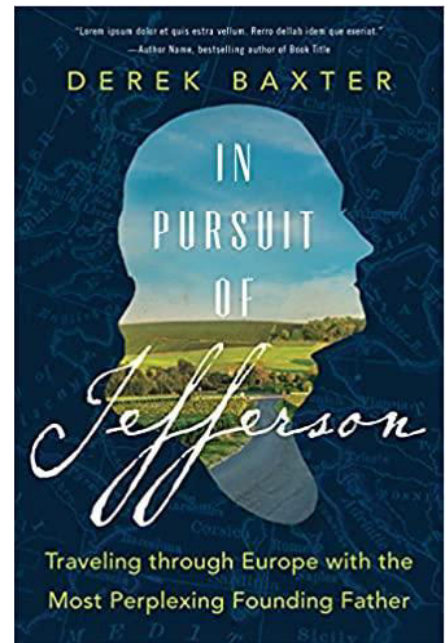
“This jaunty, inventive approach to an old question—who was Thomas Jefferson?—turns out to be a wise, readable, and altogether satisfying work.” — *Kirkus STARRED Review*

“Baxter's humorous, warm voice is one readers will hope to hear more of in the future.” — *Booklist*

## About the Author:

**Derek Baxter** is a labor and human rights lawyer who lives in Virginia.

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# THE WITCH'S WAY TO WEALTH

By Jessie DaSilva

Witchcraft meets budgeting in this unique and intuitive approach to money, from the internet phenomenon Jessie DaSilva dubbed the "Millennial Money Witch" by *Forbes*.

*Making Money just got Magical...*

Manifestation, crystals, deities, divination, energy waves, meditation - these magical practices are not only good for your mental health, but they are also good for your wallet! As Millennials and Gen Z's struggle to maintain financial stability, they frequently look to Baby Boomer advice that doesn't even apply to the current financial climate. Finding new ways to deal with money is long overdue.

A little bit of magic may be the answer!

From Jessie DaSilva, the intuitive mindset coach dubbed the "Millennial Money Witch" by *Forbes*, comes new witchy and intuitive practices to help manifest real financial freedom. Using her three principles of magic, DaSilva combines business savvy techniques with real witchy practices to give a much need how-to-guide to making money! This magical book will teach you:

- What money really is
- How to manifest money (and all things in life!) properly
- Magical methods and spells to controlling and expanding your wallet
- How to budget like a witch
- That most importantly, the first step to financial comfort is Peace!

## Praise:

Coming soon!

## About the Author:

**Jessie DaSilva**, dubbed "The Millennial Money Witch" by *Forbes*, is an intuitive mindset coach and business consultant. She helps entrepreneurs start and scale businesses, helps CEOs create supportive business cultures that increase profits and retain top talent, and helps unhappy employees find their dream jobs at dream companies for dream pay. She combines business and marketing strategy with her intuitive and academic knowledge of money manifestation to help entrepreneurs connect with their wealthiest, most abundant lives. Jessie has been featured in *Forbes*, *Yahoo! Finance*, *Yahoo News*, and *TC Palm Online*.

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# MURDER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Ellen J. Green

6 September 1949, East Camden, New Jersey. The shocking true story of the first recorded mass shooting in America.

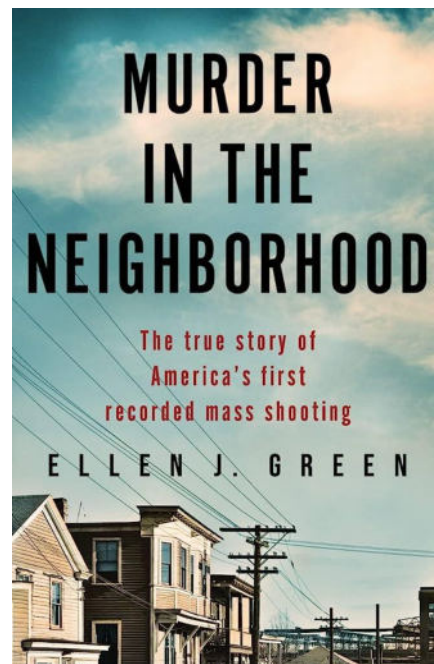
In less than twelve minutes, twenty-eight-year-old Howard Barton Unruh shot thirteen people dead on his block on River Road.

The sky was cloudless the morning twelve-year-old Raymond Havens was sent out to get a haircut. He walked across River Road to the barbershop and was just settling into his seat when his neighbor, a quiet, gentle man, Howard Unruh took out a Luger and opened fire on the customers.

The shooting struck panic across small-town America. In the local community of East Camden, schools and stores closed. Little Raymond couldn't sleep. What led his friendly neighbor to become a killer? While he set about trying to figure it out, Howard's mother, vilified by the victims' families, struggled to make sense of the horrific acts her son had committed.

The lives of those that had survived Howard's killing spree were blown apart and they continue to have repercussions today. Several decades after Howard Unruh shot his deadly bullets, a gunman opened fire in a high school and a young girl hid in a closet – just like her grandfather did that fateful day on River Road.

A compulsive page-turner about a shocking crime that has become a heartbreaking part of everyday life in America, *Murder in the Neighborhood* will have you asking—how well do we ever really know those around us? Are we ever *really* safe?



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## Praise:

“An engrossing and utterly fascinating insight into a chilling and untold part of American history... impossible to put down.”—Gregg Olsen, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *If You Tell*

“Well-crafted true crime that's been wonderfully researched.”—Book Zone

“An absolute cracker of an account...Brilliant.”—Nigel Adams Bookworm

## About the Author:

**Ellen J. Green** is the Amazon Charts bestselling author of the Ava Saunders novels (*Absolution*, *Twist of Faith*, and *Silent Redemption*) and *The Book of James*. She attended Temple University in Philadelphia, where she earned her degrees in psychology, and has worked in the psychiatric ward of a maximum-security correctional facility for fifteen years. She also holds an MFA degree in creative writing from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Born and raised in Upstate New York, Ms. Green now lives in southern New Jersey with her two children.

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# MINDFUL MILLIONAIRE

By Leisa Peterson

In the world of personal finance the biggest challenge is the sense that there's never going to be enough. It is this mindset of scarcity, and not the amount spent on lattes, that holds people back the most from achieving their financial dreams. Using techniques she's developed as a financial planner and spiritual coach, Leisa Peterson guides you to dig deeper and discover the root of your financial thinking to change not just the way you save and spend, but the way you live your life.

Through powerful practices, compelling stories and extensive research, *The Mindful Millionaire* meets you wherever you are in your money journey by exploring:

- \*Where your current money habits come from and why you feel the way you do about money and success.
- \*How to break the cycle of fear, grief, and shame that often surrounds your money habits.
- \*How to write a new money story that inspires joy, satisfaction and prosperity.
- \*Why wealth building isn't just about positive thinking and "manifesting" things into reality.
- \*How to stop financial self-sabotage and procrastination.
- \*Where practical financial advice misses the mark.
- \*The most effective tools for changing how you think and feel about money.
- \*What true financial independence looks like and how to discover the millionaire within.

## Praise:

"This book helps you realize your intrinsic value so your financial decisions reflect what matters most to you. This is the key to true financial freedom." – Ivan R. Misner, Ph.D., Founder of BNI and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Truth or Delusion? Busting Networking's Biggest Myths*

"If you've read other finance books and still felt empty, this is the book you've been waiting for." – Joe Saul-Sehy, Creator and Co-Host, Stacking Benjamins Podcast

## About the Author:

**Leisa Peterson** is a visionary dedicated to transforming millions of lives through heightened financial consciousness. As a speaker, strategic advisor, and seeker of knowledge, Leisa's journey is marked by an unwavering commitment to personal growth. Recognized by Forbes as one of the pioneering "10 Women Driving Growth in Wealth Management and Investing," Leisa spearheads "The Mindful Millionaire" and "Art of Abundance" podcasts. In addition, she empowers her clients through online workshops and transformative in-person retreats in beautiful locations around the world.

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# TOKEN BLACK GIRL

By Danielle Prescod

Featured on the Today show! A People must-read book! One of Pop Sugar's Best Books of 2022!

**Racial identity, pop culture, and delusions of perfection collide in an eye-opening and refreshingly frank memoir by a fashion and beauty insider.**

Danielle grew up Black in an elite, overwhelmingly white community, her identity made more invisible by the whitewashed movies, television, magazines, and books she and her classmates consumed. Danielle took her cue from the world around her and aspired to shrink her identity into that box, setting increasingly poisonous goals. She started painful chemical hair treatments in elementary school, began depriving herself of food, and tried to control her image through fashion choices.

Those obsessions led her to a career in fashion - the eye of the racist and sexist beauty standard storm. Assimilating was hard, but she was practiced. And she was an asset. Their "Token Black Girl." Toxic, sure. But Danielle was working her way up the ladder of coveted media jobs, and she looked great, right? So what if she had to endure racism from colleagues. But after decades of burying her emotions, resentment, and true self, Danielle turned a critical eye inward and confronted the factors that motivated her self-destructive behaviors.

Sharp witted and candid, *Token Black Girl* unpacks the adverse effects of white supremacy in the media to tell a story about celebrating identity and demolishing social conditioning.

## Praise:

"This is an essential read to understand how beauty standards and media industry affect Black women."  
—Gabrielle Union, actress and author

"An eye-opening account of growing up in an elite white community." —*USA Today*

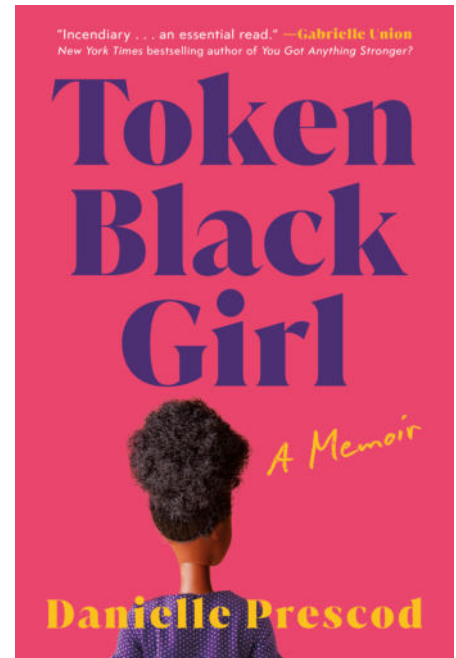
"Prescod has come through the other side with wisdom to share about how to come into your true gorgeous self." —*Los Angeles Times*

"A trenchant, honest, and unique memoir about body image, fashion, and Blackness." —*Kirkus*, starred review

## About the Author:

**Danielle Prescod** has worked at magazines like InStyle, Elle, and Teen Vogue. Now, along with her work as a journalist, Danielle holds weekly anti-racism seminars for influencers and brands that have collective followings in the tens of millions. She's been interviewed by CNN, Fox, Vogue Business, Business of Fashion, and Glossy about her anti-racism work.

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# STOP WAITING FOR PERFECT

By L’Oreal Thompson Payton

**You have Big Dreams for living a Big Life, but you have one Big Problem—you don’t trust yourself. Learn how to let go of that self-doubt and change your life.**

Award-winning journalist, motivational speaker, and blogger L’Oreal Thompson Payton is a self-professed success junkie and poster girl for “overly” ambitious high achievers everywhere. She also knows firsthand how imposter syndrome and self-doubt can derail your dreams. She’s experienced the growing pains that come with big career and life changes. But she’s also come out the other side ready to kick ass, take names, and bring everyone she possibly can along with her.

In STOP WAITING FOR PERFECT, she’s doing just that: using that hard-won insight to be your guide, your big sister, your best friend, and personal cheerleader to help you through your own journey. She’s penned the pocket-sized pep talk to walk with you through any obstacle in your career or personal life.

This book will force you to stop playing small and encourage you to fully step into your power and walk in your purpose. It will awaken the dreams you buried deep within your soul long ago because you thought they were impossible, unattainable—available to other people, but not you. Until now.

Learning to trust your dopeness isn’t a one-time achievement to unlock; it’s a lifelong journey. No matter where you are in your life, it’s time to stop doubting and start living your best life.

## Praise:

“Life is hard, but sometimes the way we talk to and about ourselves can be harder. So getting sound advice from someone who’s not only going to remind you of your greatness but also help you get out of your own way is a joy.” -Phoebe Robinson, *New York Times* bestselling author, actor, and comedian

“An incomparable blueprint for any person, especially those among us who are marginalized, who want to get off the hamster wheel of perfection and reclaim their ability to be simply human. Let L’Oreal’s book serve as a brilliant and urgent reminder that we are already enough, regardless of what we’ve achieved.” -Evette Dionne, award-winning author of *Lifting as We Climb* and *Weightless*

“With tongue-in-cheek charm and down-to-earth sense, L’Oreal Thompson Payton makes it easy to live life loud (or, at least, louder) and act with enthusiasm, courage, and trust in your own talent.” -Minda Harts, workplace and equity consultant and author of *The Memo*

## About the Author:

Written by an award-winning journalist and motivational speaker, **L’Oreal Thompson Payton** knows what it means to Stop Waiting for Perfect. By doing it with her own life, she’s gone viral three times in as many months, reaching over 50,000 people—each time. She’s an award-winning journalist and motivational speaker who has been featured in Oprah, Self, The Baltimore Sun, Jet magazine, and Shondaland. She’s also a regular guest on numerous podcasts, as well as a featured speaker at workshops, and conferences.

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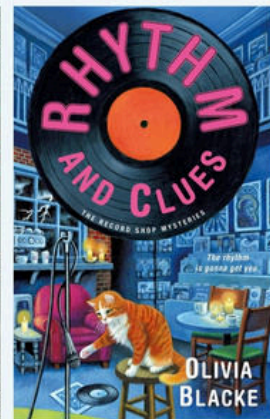
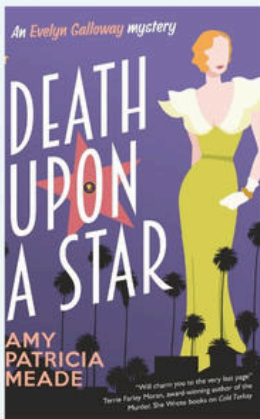
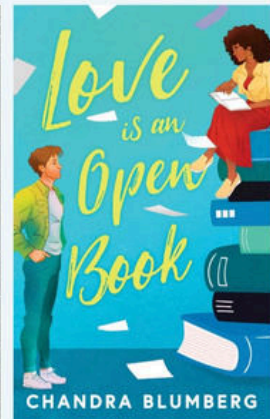
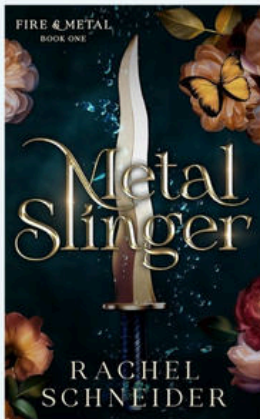
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