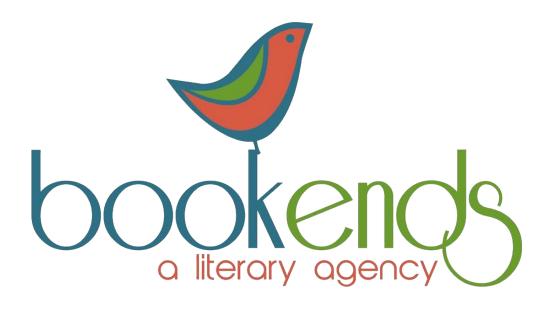


## Rights Guide Spring 2020

Jessica Faust, President Jessica Alvarez, Foreign Rights Director <u>foreignrights@bookendsliterary.com</u> T: 908.604.2652

www.bookendsliterary.com



Fiction	3
Non-Fiction	15
Children's	
Co-Agents	

Please note: additional information may be supplied about our cozy titles and backlist upon request.

# FICTION

## Planning for Love By Christi Barth

In the harsh spotlight of reality television, a romance-aholic wedding planner tries to snare the anti-Cupid.

Chicago wedding planner Ivy Rhodes lives and breathes romance. She won't let anything burst the perfect bubble of happiness she creates for her clients. So she's immediately on guard when a reality television crew appears to tape one of her weddings. Tall, blond and sexy, the cameraman's a relentless flirt, and Ivy follows his easygoing charm straight into the bedroom.

Ever since a scandal ended his career as a news videographer, Bennett Westcott is relegated to filming reality catfights and bridezillas. His latest assignment comes with the bonus of the gorgeous Ivy. But she ruins their one-night stand by turning too serious, too quickly. Ben's allergic to love. He rejects her and everything she holds dear, leaving her brokenhearted.

The network builds a reality show around Ivy, Planning for Love. She signs the contract before learning the man who shredded her heart into confetti will spend the next three months filming her. Suddenly Ben has to spend every day with the woman he knows he shouldn't be with, but can't resist. And Ivy's stuck wondering, how do you plan for happily ever after when the guy you want doesn't believe in it?

**Also available:** Two other romantic comedies in the Aisle Bound miniseries, as well as *His Last Chance*, the first in a new contemporary romance series from Tule, and many others. Information and manuscripts furnishable upon request.

# Praise for Christi Barth's previous works:

"Barth writes the perfect blend of humor, pathos, and romance." Library Journal

"Barth is a master of making sexual chemistry leap off the page." New York Times bestselling author Lauren Layne

"Smart, sexy, and flat-out fun, *Risking It All* is one story readers will have a hard time putting down. Christi Barth's heroes will make you laugh, sigh, and swoon." *USA Today* bestselling author Kimberly Kincaid

#### **About Christi:**

*USA TODAY* bestseller **CHRISTI BARTH** earned a Masters degree in vocal performance and embarked upon a career on the stage. A love of romance then drew her to wedding planning. Ultimately she succumbed to her lifelong love of books and now writes contemporary romance. Christi lives in Maryland with her husband.

COVER TO COME

Self-Published May 2020

All translation rights available.

www.christibarth.com
Twitter: @Christi Barth

#### A MATCH MADE IN LONDON by Christina Britton

Miss Rosalind Merriweather's life has been one of hardship and servitude since her late sister's ruination. Now a paid companion, her latest post brings her to London to watch over the daughter of a social climbing harridan. She vows to protect her charge—and her own heart—from rakes and libertines, the very type of man who destroyed her sister. This vow proves difficult when Sir Tristan Crosby, the epitome of all she despises, begins to show attention to the girl.

Tristan has spent decades perfecting his easygoing, charming persona to hide the damage done by years of abuse by his father. Finding he has a talent for matchmaking, he fills some of the emptiness inside him by helping the overlooked, shy women of London find true love. However, the latest young woman has a watchdog of a companion who seems to see beyond his careful façade to the flawed, uncertain soul he strives to hide from the world. Even worse, she affects him in ways no woman ever has.

But he will not give up his matchmaking, even for one such as her. What he does not expect is for Rosalind to be fired from her position because of it—nor that she will immediately find a position in his own household. When these two headstrong adversaries meet under one roof, will their attraction to one another lead to heartbreak, or have these two passionate souls finally met their match?

A Match Made in London is book 3 in the TWICE SHY series, preceded by:

- With Love in Sight (Diversion, 2017)
  - o GOLDEN HEART WINNER
- The Viscount's Promise (Diversion, 2018)

#### **Praise for the TWICE SHY series:**

"There is something intriguing about a shy character who secretly has a backbone made of iron. And Christina Britton managed to perfectly capture this quality in her heroine, Imogen Duncan. [...] I'm looking forward to reading more romances in Christina Britton's Twice Shy Series. Five Stars!" Nicole Elizabeth Kelleher

"5/5 — Clever and charming." Brutally Honest Reviews

"5/5 — I fell in love with *With Love in Sight* from the first sentence. I was enchanted by this delightful story and highly recommend it." Suze Lavender from WITH LOVE FOR BOOKS

#### **About Christina:**

**CHRISTINA BRITTON** lives with her husband and two children in the San Francisco Bay Area. A member of Romance Writers of America, she also belongs to her local chapter in Silicon Valley RWA. She is a 2017 RWA Golden Heart Winner, as well as a double finalist in the 2019 RWA RITA Awards.



#### Diversion Books May 2019

All translation rights available.

The Viscount's Promise: All Translation Rights Available.

With Love in Sight: Japanese: Ta-Ke Shobo

All other translation rights available

## WOLF GONE WILD By Juliette Cross

What's the worst thing that can happen to a werewolf? Unable to shift for three months, Mateo Cruz now knows all too well. His wolf has taken up residence in his head, taunting him night and day with vivid 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.

Wolf Gone Wild is the first title in Juliette Cross's six-book STAY A SPELL SERIES.

**Also available:** Juliette Cross' paranormal romance series entitled THE NIGHTWING SERIES and THE VALE OF STARS SERIES. Information and manuscripts furnishable upon request.

#### **Praise for Wolf Gone Wild:**

"This laugh-out-loud funny, smart and sexy rom-com with a paranormal twist is a must-read for every reader who wants to be entertained and just feel good." Naima Simone, *USA Today* Bestselling author

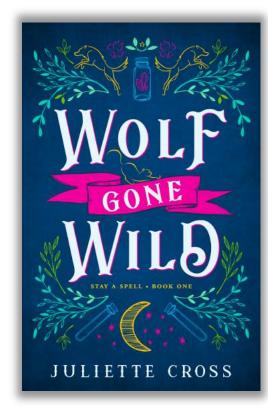
"This book has it all! Flirty banter, a swoon-worthy hero and spunky heroine, laugh out loud humor, and an unputdownable storyline!" Robin Bielman, *USA Today* Bestselling Author

"This book will leave you howling for more. This is Paranormal at its best!" Kerrigan Byrne, *USA Today* bestselling author

"Flirty, feisty, and full of fun, Wolf Gone Wild was a total joy to read." Avery Flynn, *USA Today* bestselling author

#### **About Juliette:**

**JULIETTE CROSS** calls lush, moss-laden Louisiana home where she lives with her husband, four children, and black lab named Kona. She is the multi-published author of paranormal and fantasy romance. She has a B.A. in creative writing from Louisiana State University, a M.Ed. in gifted education, and was privileged to study under the award-winning author Ernest J. Gaines in grad school. From the moment she read JANE EYRE as a teenager, she fell in love with the Gothic romance--brooding characters, mysterious settings, persevering heroines, and dark, sexy heroes. Even then, she not only longed to read more novels set in Gothic worlds, she wanted to create her own.



Self-Published January 2020

All translation rights available.

## NOT OK, CUPID By Anna Kaling

Anna Kaling's sparkling debut rom-com, *Not OK*, *Cupid*, is perfect for fans of Sophie Ranald, Jo Watson and Sally Thorne.

#### Love doesn't always follow the rules...

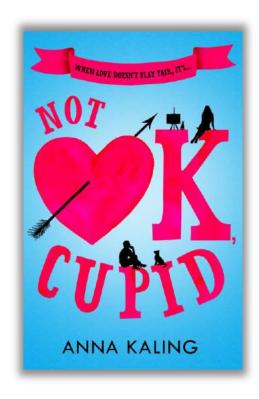
Ally Rivers has three jobs, a disastrous dating record, and her gran won't stop talking about sex with eighty-year-old Melvin. Now her best friend Sam confesses his whole family think they're engaged. The longest relationship she's ever been in is fabricated, and her intended is gay.

Playing Sam's besotted lover at a family party, Ally discovers the hot gardener she's been flirting with is Sam's dad, Marcus. She even sucks at fake relationships. But Marcus is on to them and embroils Ally in another scheme - encouraging Sam to come out.

Scheming is not Ally's forte and, worse, she and Marcus are falling for each other. After years in an unhappy marriage, he's not letting Ally go without a fight, but she's torn between the best friend she'll ever have and the only man she's ever been in love with. Either choice will leave two broken hearts, and Gran will still have a more successful love life than her...

#### **Praise for NOT OK, CUPID:**

...More to come!



#### Hachette UK: Headline Eternal February 2020

All translation rights available.

#### **About Anna:**

**ANNA KALING** writes mostly British contemporary romances featuring lots of tea, rain, and passive-aggressive queuing. By day she writes about concrete erections for a construction firm, and by night she...well, never mind. She's working towards being an old cat lady and is a big fan of sharks, bad horror movies, and the Loch Ness Monster.

www.annakaling.com Twitter: @AnnaKaling

## WE ARE US By Tara Leigh

A gripping, angsty, second-chance romance that will have you glued to your ereader until the last page!

I fell in love with a beautiful, broken boy. His whispered words of love were the sweetest of lies. He gave me his heart and destroyed mine. *I am his.* 

I fell in love with the beautiful man who broke me. His boldly spoken vow was the cruelest of cages. He gave me his name and destroyed my soul. *He is mine.* 

The boy I once loved is now a man. The man I once loved is now gone. *We are us.* 

I have been called many things. Victim. Survivor. Daughter. Sister. Wife. Now I am called something else. Murderer.

Believe it or not, this is our love story.

**Also available:** Tara Leigh's Wages of Sin duet, The Lies duet, and the Billionaire Bosses series. Information and manuscripts furnishable upon request.

## Praise for Tara Leigh's previous works:

"A solid entry to a new series sure to be a hit with fans of bad boy rockers and new adult romance" *Library Journal* on *Rock King* 

"HIGHLY recommended...like seriously, RUN and grab up this first book in the most thrilling and dangerous and most seductive duet yet!" Marie's Tempting Reads on the Wages of Sin duet

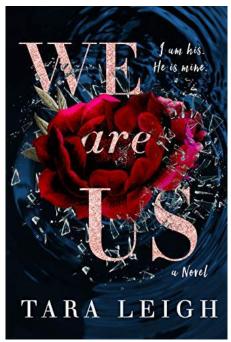
"Tara Leigh delivers a gripping rock-star romance that hits all the right notes and is sure to steal your heart." *USA Today* Happy Ever After on *Rock Legend* 

"Tara Leigh's writing is intensely beautiful and compelling." Spellbound Stories

"Tara Leigh, a new-to-me author, has astounded me with this series." Rochelle Reads on Legacy of Lies

#### **About Tara:**

**TARA LEIGH** is a multi-published author of steamy contemporary romance. A former banker on Wall Street, she graduated from Washington University and holds an MBA from Columbia Business School, but she much prefers spending her days with fictional boyfriends than analyzing financial spreadsheets. She currently lives in Fairfield County, Connecticut with her husband, children, and fur-baby Pixie.



Self-Published February 2020

All translation rights available.

# MISSION: IMPROPER by Bec McMaster

Standing between London and a deadly plot against the throne, are the dangerous spies and femme fatales that form the Company of Rogues... that's if they don't kill each other first.

Entire families have gone missing in the East End. When Caleb Byrnes receives an invitation to join the Company of Rogues as an undercover agent pledged to protect the crown, he jumps at the chance to find out who, or what is behind the disappearances. Hunting criminals is what the darkly driven blue blood does best, and though he prefers to work alone, the opportunity is too good to resist.

The problem? He's partnered with Ingrid Miller, the fiery and passionate verwulfen woman who won a private bet against him a year ago. Byrnes has a score to settle, but one stolen kiss and suddenly the killer is not the only thing Byrnes is interested in hunting.

Soon they're chasing whispered rumours of a secret project gone wrong, and a monster that just might be more dangerous than either of them combined. The only way to find out more is to go undercover among the blue blood elite... But when their hunt uncovers a mysterious conspiracy, Byrnes and Ingrid must set aside their ageold rivalry if they have any chance at surviving a treacherous plot.

MISSION: IMPROPER is book 1 in the 5-book London Steampunk: The Blue Blood Conspiracy series. Also available is the linked 5-book London Steampunk series, beginning with KISS OF STEEL, which was licensed to Editions J'Ai Lu in France.

#### **Praise for Bec McMaster:**

"a must read for paranormal fans and steampunk fans alike. 5/5 Stars, Reviewer Top Pick" –Night Owl Reviews

"richly imagined, gritty and dark, and full of hot heroes and hot sex...utterly delicious." –Smart Bitches, Trashy Books

"Action, adventure, steampunk, and blazing hot seduction...Bec McMaster offers it all." –Eve Silver, author of Sins of the Flesh

#### **About Bec:**

**BEC McMASTER** is the award-winning author of the steampunk romance series, London Steampunk, and the paranormal romance series: the Dark Arts, and the Burned Lands. She's addicted to travel, and loves setting her books in foreign places, or dark worlds.



Self-published August 2016

All translation rights available.

Audio rights to Tantor.

Performance rights optioned.

www.becmcmaster.com

## THE KINGMAKER By Kennedy Ryan

Ambition. Passion. Betrayal. Rita Award-winning author Kennedy Ryan delivers the epic first installment of the All the King's Men Duet.

Raised to rule, bred to lead and weaned on a diet of ruthless ambition.

In a world of haves and have nots, my family has it all, and I want nothing to do with it.

My path takes me far from home and paints me as the black sheep. At odds with my father, I'm determined to build my own empire. I have rules, but Lennix Hunter is the exception to every one of them. From the moment we meet, something sparks between us. But my family stole from hers and my father is the man she hates most. I lied to have her, and will do anything to keep her. Though she tries to hate me, too, the inexorable pull between us will not be denied.

And neither will I.

THE KINGMAKER is the first installment in the All the King's Men series followed by THE REBEL KING, and QUEEN MOVE, a spinoff that releases May 2020

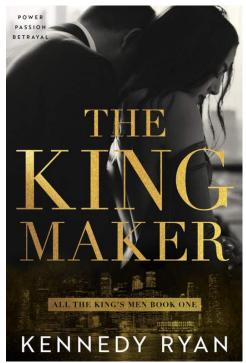
**Also available:** Kennedy Ryan's Hoops series, Soul series, and Grip series. Information and manuscripts furnishable upon request.

## **Praise for The Kingmaker:**

"Powerful, gripping, unflinchingly honest and sensuously gorgeous writing." Kristan Higgins, *New York Times* bestselling author

"The Kingmaker is a dazzling, thought-provoking, layered romance that will keep you on the edge of your seat. A round of applause for one of the best books of 2019." L.J. Shen, *USA Today* bestselling author

"Every time I think Kennedy Ryan can't possibly raise the bar any further, she proves me wrong in the most delightful way possible. Lennix left me breathless. Maxim stole my heart. I cannot recommend The Kingmaker highly enough!" Katee Robert, *New York Times* bestselling author



Self-Published October 2019

**Poland:** Papierówka Publishing House

All other translation rights available.

#### **About Kennedy:**

As the first African-American author to win a RITA® award, a *USA Today* bestseller, and a *Top 25 Amazon* bestseller, **KENNEDY RYAN** writes for women from all walks of life. She has always leveraged her journalism background to write for charity and non-profit organizations, but enjoys writing to raise Autism awareness most. A contributor for *Modern Mom Magazine*, Kennedy's writings have appeared in *Chicken Soup for the Soul, USA Today* and many others. The founder and executive director of a foundation serving Atlanta families living with Autism, she has appeared on *Headline News, Montel Williams, NPR* and other media outlets as an advocate for families living with autism.

www.kennedyryanwrites.com

Twitter: @kennedyrwrites Instagram: @kennedyryan1

# THIN ICE by Paige Shelton

First in a new series set in Alaska from beloved cozy author Paige Shelton, Thin Ice will chill your bones.

Beth Rivers is on the run – she's doing the only thing she could think of to keep herself safe. Known to the world as thriller author Elizabeth Fairchild, she had become the subject of a fanatic's obsession. After being held in a van for three days by her kidnapper, Levi Brooks, Beth managed to escape, and until he is captured, she's got to get away. Cold and remote, Alaska seems tailormade for her to hideout.

Beth's new home in Alaska is sparsely populated with people who all seem to be running or hiding from something, and though she accidentally booked a room at a halfway house, she feels safer than she's felt since Levi took her. That is, until she's told about a local death that's a suspected murder. Could the death of Linda Rafferty have anything to do with her horror at the hands of Levi Brooks?

As Beth navigates her way through the wilds of her new home, her memories of her time in the van are coming back, replaying the terror and the fear—and threatening to keep her from healing, from reclaiming her old life again. Can she get back to normal, will she ever truly feel safe, and can she help solve the local mystery, if only so she doesn't have to think about her own?

COLD WIND, the second book in the WILD ALASKA series publishes December 2020.

#### **Praise for Paige Shelton:**

"[A] riveting story with an unusual setting and cast of characters. Fans of strong amateur sleuths will admire Beth's struggle to build a new future in a remote location." *Library Journal* (Starred, Pick of the Month)

"A page-turner with an unusual location and a coda that provides more questions than answers." *Kirkus* 

"Readers are left wondering up to the last exciting page what the answers are, and will eagerly await the second in this new Alaska mysteries series from the author of the Scottish Bookshop mysteries." *Booklist* 

## **About Paige:**

**PAIGE SHELTON** is the *New York Times* Bestselling author of the Farmers' Market, Country Cooking School, Dangerous Type, and Scottish Bookshop mysteries. She's lived lots of places but currently resides in Arizona.



#### St. Martin's Press / Minotaur December 2019

**Czech:** Dobrovsky All Other Translation Rights Available

Twitter: @AuthorPaige Instagram: @paigebooks

# AFTER ELIAS By EDDY BOUDEL TAN

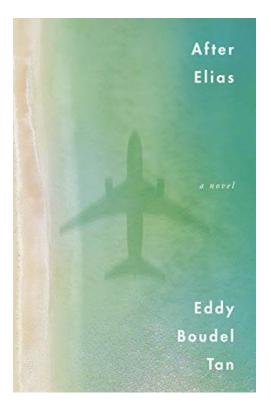
When the airplane piloted by Elias Santos crashes one week before their wedding day, Coen Caraway loses the man he loves and the illusion of happiness he has worked so hard to create. The only thing Elias leaves behind is a recording of his final words, and even Coen is baffled by the cryptic message.

Numb with grief, he takes refuge on the Mexican island that was meant to host their wedding. But as fragments of the past come to the surface in the aftermath of the tragedy, Coen is forced to question everything he thought he knew about Elias and their life together. Beneath his flawed memory lies the truth about Elias — and himself.

From the damp concrete of Vancouver to the spoiled shores of Mexico, After Elias weaves the past with the present to tell a story of doubt, regret, and the fear of losing everything.

#### **Praise for Eddy Boudel Tan:**

Coming soon!



**Dundurn Press September 2020** 

All translation rights available.

## **About Eddy:**

**EDDY BOUDEL TAN** writes stories from his book-filled apartment in Vancouver. When he's not writing, Eddy plans advertising campaigns through his work as a marketing strategist and runs a non-profit initiative that feeds the homeless with home-cooked meals. A second-generation Asian-Canadian, Eddy celebrates diverse voices and is proud to identify as queer, and champion stronger LGBTQ+ representation in the arts.

www.eddyboudeltan.com Twitter: @eddyautomatic Instagram: @eddyautomatic

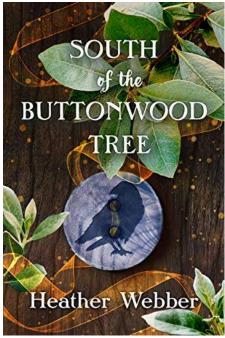
## **South of the Buttonwood Tree By Heather Webber**

Blue Bishop has a knack for finding lost things. While growing up in charming small-town Buttonwood, Alabama, she's happened across lost wallets, jewelry, pets, her wandering neighbor, and sometimes, trouble. No one is more surprised than Blue, however, when she comes across an abandoned newborn baby in the woods, just south of a very special buttonwood tree.

Sarah Grace Landreneau Fulton is at a crossroads. She has always tried so hard to do the right thing, but her own mother would disown her if she ever learned half of Sarah Grace's secrets.

The unexpected discovery of the newborn baby girl will alter Blue's and Sarah Grace's lives forever. Both women must fight for what they truly want in life and for who they love. In doing so, they uncover long-held secrets that reveal exactly who they really are—and what they're willing to sacrifice in the name of family.

**Also available:** Midnight at the Blackbird Café and many mysteries. Information and manuscripts furnishable upon request.



Forge Books July 2020

All translation rights available.

# Praise for Heather Webber's previous works:

"Webber infuses her charming Southern small-town tale with lighthearted magic and gentle humor, and the cast of supporting characters adds to the quirky fun. Readers of Sarah Addison Allen and Joshilyn Jackson will enjoy spending time at the Blackbird Café." *Booklist* 

"Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe is an enchanting gem of a novel, brimming with charming characters, heartwarming connections, old secrets, and a setting that makes you want to move there... this is truly magical realism at its best!" Karen White, New York Times bestselling author

"Out this summer, Heather Webber's *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* is perfect for fans of *Like Water for Chocolate* and *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*." Bustle.com

#### **About Heather:**

**HEATHER WEBBER** grew up in a suburb of Boston, where she learned early on how to ride the T, skip rocks in the ocean, and root for the Red Sox. As a young mother, she tried her hand at writing novels and is now an Agatha Award-nominated author. She is the author of the Lucy Valentine novels—Truly, Madly; Deeply, Desperately; and Absolutely, Positively—and the Nina Quinn mysteries, among other books. Heather now lives in southwestern Ohio with her high school sweetheart and their three children.

www.heatherwebber.com Twitter: @BooksbyHeather Instagram: @BooksbyHeather

## COMING SOON...

#### **WATCH ME by Stacey Kennedy**

In the Phoenix club, there is only one rule; watch, don't touch, until the powerful owner falls for his new star in this deliciously intriguing romance from USA Today bestselling author Stacey Kennedy.

In one night, Olivia Watts' life goes from ordinary to out of this world after she's introduced to Rhys Harrington, the owner of Phoenix, an ultra-exclusive, upscale sex club. He's the one man she should stay away from... and the only man she wants.

Rhys needs a new performer for his high-end clients, who pay extravagant amounts to watch others indulge their fantasies, and one look at Olivia tells Rhys he's found his star. Only Rhys wants her all to himself, and the addictive passion between them sets the stage for the perfect show...

It'll be Olivia's choice to play Rhys's game. But if she says yes, there will be more on the line than just her pleasure. Because Rhys's sizzling touch doesn't only capture her body, it also commands her heart.

**STACEY KENNEDY** is a *USA Today* bestselling author who writes contemporary romances full of heat, heart, and happily ever afters. With over 50 titles published, her books have hit Amazon, B&N, and Apple Books bestseller lists. Stacey lives with her husband and two children in southwestern Ontario—in a city that's just as charming as any of the small towns she creates.



Self-published August 2020

All Translation Rights
Available

## COMING SOON...

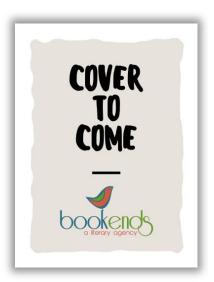
#### **HALL OF SMOKE by Hannah Long**

In a world that merges Garth Nix's Old Kingdom series with Master and Commander, adult crossover fantasy THE MISFORTUNE OF MARY GREY by Hannah Long (author of the forthcoming HALL OF SMOKE, Titan Books) is a fast-paced read filled with the allure of the eighteenth century, battles at sea, volatile creatures, and tantalizing romance.

The year is 1739. Eighteen-year-old Mary is adrift and dying at sea. Saved by a ghisting — a spectral creature bound to wood until released by fire — she wakes to find her soul and the creature's inseparably entwined. Mercilessly hunted by a notorious pirate, she falls into the hands of his archrival, pirate James Demery. Locked inside their bloody conflict with a pirate hunter on her heels, Mary must face the sins of her mother and the reality that, like her, her enemies might be something more than human. In the balance hangs the location of a lost fleet, wrecked in the icy waters of the South Atlantic, and the life of the unfortunate Mary Grey.

Inspired by a childhood love of reading, **HANNAH LONG** began writing and reading at a young age and has produced ten novels since, both in the adult and YA spheres. Her debut novel Hall of Smoke sold to Titan Books in a 2-book deal in 2019, with audio rights sold at auction to Recorded Books. She continues daily to progress at multiple new projects, reading extensively and seeking to refine and stretch her craft.

The currently unedited manuscript is available.



Titan Books January 2021

All Translation Rights
Available

# NON-FICTION

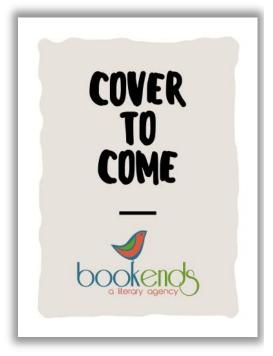
#### THE TIN CAN CRUCIBLE By Christopher Davenport

Sorcery and spirits are things of fiction—but not in Papua New Guinea. There, even today, innocent men and women—sometimes even children—are killed when accused of witchcraft by their neighbors. This is a horror Christopher Davenport knows all too well. Twenty years ago, while in the Peace Corps, he lived with a group of subsistence farmers in Papua New Guinea's Eastern Highlands. During his time there, the villagers kidnapped and killed a woman accused of sorcery.

Chris has documented this experience in THE TIN CAN CRUCIBLE. After arriving on the island, he settled into a village with a host family, began learning the language, and came to love the people there. But when an elder passed away, the distraught villagers accused a woman of killing him by black magic. They kidnapped, tortured, and ultimately murdered her. In the aftermath, Chris was left to face that the people he had grown so close to had the capacity for remarkable kindness and unspeakable brutality. He had to recognize the complexity of humanity. And he had to ask the question: how can we love someone even after they've done the unthinkable?

# **Praise for THE TIN CAN CRUCIBLE:**

Coming soon!



**Endeavour Media Summer 2020** 

All translation rights available.

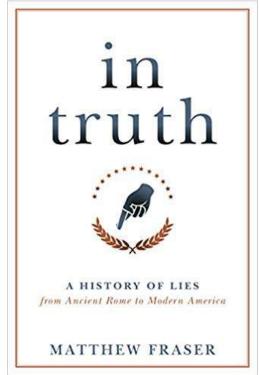
#### **About Christopher:**

**CHRISTOPHER DAVENPORT** is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. He has served tours in Vietnam, Guatemala and Tajikistan, as well as the Department's prestigious Operations Center in Washington, D.C. Chris is on tour as Press Attaché at the United States Embassy Tbilisi, Georgia. There, he's serving as Embassy Spokesperson and primary liaison with the Georgian press, as well as the Ambassador's principal speech writer. Along with his work in the Foreign Service, Chris earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in narrative nonfiction from George Mason University in 2007. He's published essays in *The American Scholar* and *Rough Guides*.

# IN TRUTH By Matthew Fraser

From ancient Rome to the current Internet age, this sweeping history of ideas explores how different epochs wrestled with the issue of truth and lies.

From the ancient Greeks and Romans to the modern era, how have people determined what is true? How have those with power and influence sought to control the narrative? Are we living in a post-truth era, or is that notion simply the latest attempt to control the narrative? The relationship between truth and power is the key theme. Moving through major historical periods, the author focuses on notable people and events, from well-known leaders like Julius Caesar and Adolf Hitler to lesser-known individuals like Procopius and Savonarola. He notes distinct parallels in history to current events. Julius Caesar's publication of his Gallic Wars and Civil Wars was an early exercise in political spin not unlike what we see today. During the English Civil War and the Enlightenment, pamphleteering coupled with the new power of the printing press challenged the status quo, as online and social media does in our time. And "fake news" was already being used by German chancellor Otto von Bismarck in nineteenth-century Europe and by the "yellow journalism" of American newspaper magnates William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer near the turn of the twentieth century. The author concludes optimistically, noting that we are debating and discussing truth more fiercely today than in any previous era. The determination to arrive at the truth, despite the manipulations of the powerful, bodes well for the future of democracy.



#### Prometheus Books April 2020

All translation rights available.

#### **Praise for IN TRUTH:**

Coming soon!

#### **About Matthew:**

MATTHEW FRASER is a professor of communications and international politics at the American University of Paris. Formerly, he was a senior research fellow for INSEAD, editor in chief and a columnist for Canada's *National Post*, host of CBC's primetime TV show *Inside Medi*a, professor of communications at Ryerson University in Toronto, and a reporter for the Montreal Gazette and the Globe and Mail. He is the author of *Throwing Sheep in the Boardroom: How Online Social Networking Will Transform Your Life, Work and World* (with Soumitra Dutta); *Weapons of Mass Distraction: Soft Power and American Empire; and Free-for-All: The Struggle for Dominance on the Digital Frontier*. He was educated at Oxford University, the London School of Economics, and La Sorbonne-Panthéon, and holds a PhD in political science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.

## FRAGILE BULLY By Dr. Laurie Helgoe

Obsessive self-promotion, an aggressive triggering response, and retaliatory rants.

Even before Donald Trump entered America's highest office, an international survey revealed that narcissism is part of the assumed "national character" of Americans. While only a small number actually meet the criteria for Narcissistic Personality Disorder, those exploitive few have a way of gaining center stage in our culture.

Fragile Bully: Understanding Our Destructive Affair With Narcissism in the Age of Trump looks beyond the sound bites of self-aggrandizing celebrities and selfish tweets to the real problem of narcissism. We see past the solo act to the vicious circles that arise in relationships with a fragile bully, and how patterns like this generate both power and self-destruction. We also look at the problem of Echo, how so many of us get hooked by the narcissist, and how variations on the destructive affair leave both partners dehumanized and diminished. Once we recognize the steps in each dance, we can break the cycle and allow and the possibility of true engagement.

#### **Praise for Laurie Helgoe, PhD:**

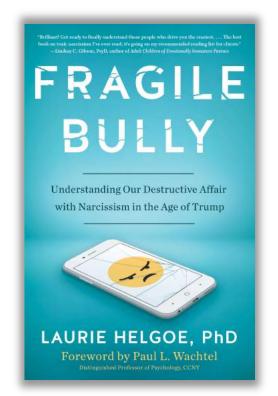
"Both sensitive and incisive, beautifully capturing the paradoxical dynamic of narcissism—that the grandiosity and surrounding bravado belies an underlying fragility and brittleness." Kenneth N. Levy, PhD, Associate Professor, Penn State University; Senior Fellow, Personality Disorders Institute, Cornell University

"Brilliant! Get ready to finally understand those people who drive you the craziest... The best book on toxic narcissism I've ever read; it's going on my recommended reading list for clients." Lindsay C. Gibson, PsyD, author of *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents* 

"A thought-provoking book that reveals what drives the narcissists in our lives, and the dances that keep us engaged with them. . . Given the current political scene and our fascination with reality TV, it has something relevant to offer for everyone." Judith Siegel, PhD, LCSW, author of *Stop Overreacting: Effective Strategies for Calming Your Emotions*.

#### **About Laurie:**

**LAURIE HELGOE, PhD** is a clinical psychologist, educator, and author, with a special interest in the relationship between personality and culture. Dr. Helgoe is an Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences at the Ross University School of Medicine. She is also author of the critically acclaimed book, *Introvert Power: Why Your Inner Life Is Your Hidden Strength* (Sourcebooks, 2013, 2008), which is published in six languages. Dr. Helgoe served as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the West Virginia University School of Medicine, and was an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Social Sciences Division Chair at Davis & Elkins College. Dr. Helgoe authors a blog for PsychologyToday.com entitled Introvert Power: Food for the Inner Life.



#### Diversion Books March 2019

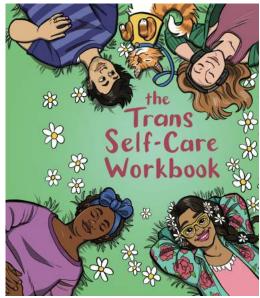
All translation rights available.

#### THE TRANS SELF-CARE BOOK By Theo Nicole Lorenz

This workbook of exercises, journal prompts, and affirmations for transgender and non-binary readers provides 30+ coloring pages of affirmations aimed specifically at trans readers, providing a relaxing and positive activity when readers need a distraction. Journaling pages will give readers prompts for when they need a safe place to explore ideas and write down their feelings.

#### **Praise for Theo Nicole Lorenz:**

Coming soon!



Jessica Kingsley Publishers October 2020

All translation rights available.

#### **About Theo:**

**THEO NICOLE LORENZ** was born in 1985, weighing only six pounds and yelling a lot. Now many pounds larger and with more than ten delightful all-ages coloring books published, Theo still yells a lot, though mostly at the internet. They make coloring books and sometimes comics in St. Paul, Minnesota. They're the author/illustrator of over 10 books, including *the Trans Self-Care Workbook* and the illustrator of the forthcoming graphic novel about the Stonewall Riots.

www.theonicole.com

Twitter: @TheoNicole Instagram: @theocolors

# **PEOPLE YOU FOLLOW By Hayley Gene Penner**

Singer-songwriter Haley Gene Penner tells all in this heartfelt and harrowingly honest memoir of her relationships and life in the music industry.

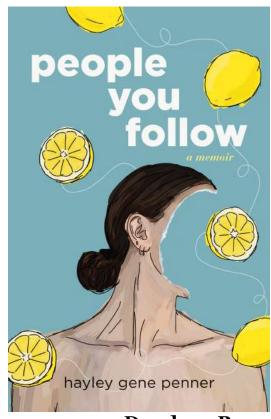
Hayley Gene Penner's memoir takes a brutally honest yet humorous look at the dark, intimate truths we spend our lives running from and the hidden side of the music industry. Like a map of beautiful fuck ups, Hayley's stories of questionable sexual encounters, artistic aspirations, and emotional abuse trace her coming of age in the music industry.

Hayley explores all her relationships — from her childhood as the daughter of a celebrity, to the destructive and coercive relationship with her boss, to the actor we all know but who mustn't be named — all brought together in a series of sharp, touching vignettes. People You Follow straddles the delicate boundary between ethical and unethical behaviour, self-protection and self-destruction, power and weakness, giddiness and despair.

#### **Praise for People You Follow:**

"Hayley's journey to find self love is both heartbreaking and humorous. I recognized my own younger self and how we, as women, struggle to find our value through the eyes of others. While Hayley's story may be more dramatic than others, we are rooting for her as she finds herself and the power of 'no'." Cindy Crawford

"This is Hayley in book form. So perfectly written, with her humor giving a light to situations that don't always have one. Beautifully written words for a good laugh and the occasional necessary cry." Kaia Gerber



**Dundurn Press July 2020** 

All translation rights available. Performance rights optioned.

#### **About Hayley:**

As a teenager and daughter to the legendary Fred Penner (aka Canada's Mr. Rogers), **HAYLEY GENE PENNER** starred in her own show on Canadian television. She's now in her early thirties and is a singer-songwriter in Los Angeles. She's worked on songs for Justin Bieber and the Dixie Chicks, to name a few. Her upcoming album, also titled *People You Follow*, will release in conjunction with her book.

www.hayleygpenner.com
Instagram: @hayleygenepenner

#### THE 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 for The Mindful Millionaire:**

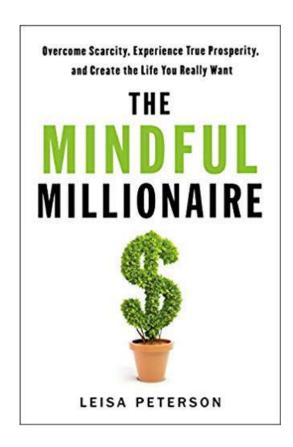
"If you've read other finance books and still felt empty, this is the book you've been waiting for." Joe Saul-Sehy, Creator and Co-Host, Stacking Benjamins Podcast

"If you would like to go to the core of your mindset issues once-and-forall, then this book is a MUST-have for your library." Dana Wilde, bestselling author of *Train Your Brain* and Host of Positive Mindset for Entrepreneurs

#### **About Leisa:**

**LEISA PETERSON**, CFP® is on a mission to help 1,000,000 people elevate their financial consciousness. As a money coach, business consultant and spiritual teacher, Leisa hosts the Mindful Millionaire podcast as well as virtual workshops and deep-dive retreats. Her masterful blend of sound financial strategy and mindfulness training helps people break free of patterns of lack, scarcity and money fears, allowing them to finally lead the rewarding, fulfilling, and abundant lives they most desire.

Leisa has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal, FastCompany, Forbes, The Week, Huffington Post* and has been featured on many podcasts and radio shows. Prior to starting WealthClinic®, LLC, Leisa worked with some of the largest financial and business services companies in the world including Wells Fargo, State Farm Insurance, UNUM Life Insurance, New York Life, Federal Express, Pitney Bowes, Ford Motor Company, and General Motors.



#### St. Martin's Essentials June 2020

All translation rights available.

#### SEALAND By Dylan Taylor-Lehman

The saga of Sealand, the world's smallest rebel nation, is a swashbuckling tale of international intrigue, armed battles, and Swingin' Sixties radio pirates over a fifty-year span of self-proclaimed sovereignty.

In 1967, retired army major and self-made millionaire Paddy Roy Bates cemented his family's place in the history books when he inaugurated himself King of the Principality of Sealand, dwarf-sized dominion of the high seas. And so began the peculiar story of the world's most stubborn micronation on a World War II anti-aircraft qun platform off the coast of England.

Sealand is the raucous tale of how a rogue, larger-than-life adventurer seized the disused Maunsell Sea Fort from a group of pirate radio broadcasters, settled his eccentric family on it, and defended their tiny kingdom from UK government officials and armed mercenaries for half a century. Incorporating original interviews with surviving members of the principality's royal family, Dylan Taylor-Lehman recounts the riveting battles and schemes as Paddy and his crew engaged with diplomats, entertained illegal pirate radio and TV broadcasting, and even thwarted an attempted coup that saw the Prince Regent taken hostage. Incredibly, more than fifty years later, the self-proclaimed independent nation still stands—replete with its own constitution, national flag and anthem, currency, and passports—and offers the esteemed titles of "Lord" or "Lady" to its loyal patrons.

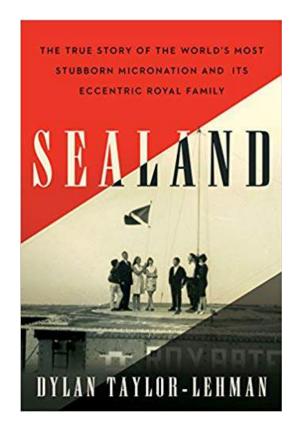
Complete with rare, vintage photographs of the Bates clan and their unusual enterprises, this definitive, stranger-than-fiction account of a dissident family and their outrageous attempt to build a sovereign kingdom on an isolated platform in shark-infested waters is the stuff of legend.

## **Praise for Dylan Taylor-Lehman:**

"Dylan Taylor-Lehman has a curiosity that knows no bounds, and he has trained it on the quirky concerns of a village and township in southwest Ohio where he lived for two years. Lucky for us, the readers, his narrative voice is as charming and distinctive as his curiosity is strong. This book is a funny, informative, and delightful look at small town shenanigans and goings-on." Diane Chiddister, Editor, *Yellow Springs News* 

#### **About Dylan:**

**DYLAN TAYLOR-LEHMAN** is a nonfiction writer from Ohio who recently relocated to the endless xenoscape of western Texas. Previously a reporter for the award-winning *Yellow Spring News*, his work has also been published in *Gastro Obscura*, *The Millions*, and *614 Magazine*. Dylan's first book was *Dance of the Trustees*.



## Diversion Books June 2020

All translation rights available.

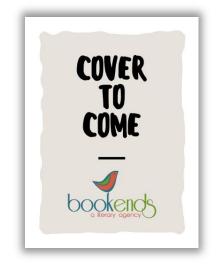
## COMING SOON...

# MESSAGES FROM THE PLAYGROUND by Chris Tompkins

Even though same-sex marriage is legally recognized in twenty-six countries and transgender rights have become an international conversation, we all still grow up in the same patriarchal society. We pick up the same subconscious programming about what it means to be a man, a woman, gay, or straight. Even the most accepting families, such as Chris's, unintentionally pass along fragments of heteronormative, and homophobic, messaging.

MESSAGES FROM THE PLAYGROUND encourages families to question their beliefs and have open conversations in an inclusive way. By showing parents the importance of having these discussions with children at a young age, it helps prevent children from picking up homophobic beliefs, while helping adult readers explore how to be better allies to the LGBTQ kids in their life. It also opens doors for a potential conversation with your own child about their gender and/or sexuality. Filled with conversation starters and proactive steps, this is a book that could not only help every parent, but extended family, teachers, and anyone who works with children.

**CHRIS TOMPKINS** is a TEDx speaker, teacher, life coach, and an LGBTQ inner-advocate. He teaches youth personal development, self-empowerment, mindfulness, and confidence building throughout Southern California. His writings have been published in *HuffPost, Scary Mommy, Guide for Spiritual Living, Elephant Journal*, among others. You can learn more about him on his website, www.aroadtriptolove.com.



Rowman & Littlefield Fall 2020

All Translation Rights
Available

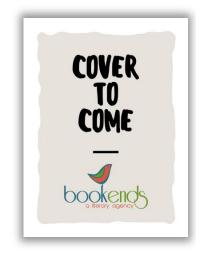
## COMING SOON...

## **GENTELLIGENCE By Dr. Megan Gerhardt**

Complaining about the generations is as old as Socrates who once said, "The children now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households."

Sound familiar? He could just as easily be talking about Millennials, or how Millennials are frequently portrayed in the media. In her book, GENTELLIGENCE: THE REVOLUTIONARY APPROACH TO LEADING AN INTERGENERATIONAL WORKFORCE, Dr. Gerhardt ignores stereotypes and moves beyond the teaching of typical "how to lead Millennial books" to show leaders of all generations how to harness the power of intergenerational partnerships and grow a team that thrives.

Unlike other works on how to understand the different generations, Dr. Megan Gerhardt doesn't see generational differences as a problem to overcome, but instead an asset the most successful leaders embrace. With Generation Z now entering the workforce, businesses are bracing for even more generational challenges, and this book will help successfully navigate this path.



Rowman & Littlefield Spring 2021

All Translation Rights
Available

As a leadership consultant and professor at the Farmer School of Business at Miami University, **MEGAN GERHARDT** is often asked to speak on intergenerational leadership. Her Tedx Talk has over 10,000 views and her work on Gentelligence has been featured in *The Washington Post, Inc. Magazine, Business Insider, The Chicago Tribune*, and *MarketWatch* among others.

# CHILDREN'S -YOUNG -YOULT

# **GOODBYE, MR. SPALDING By Jennifer Robin Barr**

Set in Philadelphia during the Great Depression, this middle-grade historical novel tells the story of a twelve-year-old boy and his best friend as they attempt to stop a wall from being built at Shibe Park, home of the Philadelphia Athletics, that would block the view of the baseball field from their rooftops.

In 1930s Philadelphia, twelve-year-old Jimmy Frank and his best friend Lola live across the street from Shibe Park, home of the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team. Their families and others on the street make extra money by selling tickets to bleachers on their flat rooftops, which have a perfect view of the field. However, falling ticket sales at the park prompt the manager and park owner to decide to build a wall that will block the view.

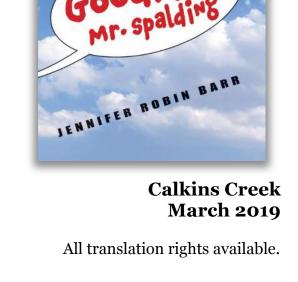
Jimmy and Lola come up with a variety of ways to prevent the wall from being built, knowing that not only will they miss the view, but their families will be impacted from the loss of income. As Jimmy becomes more and more desperate to save their view, his dubious plans create a rift between him and Lola, and he must work to repair their friendship.

# **Praise for GOODBYE MR. SPALDING:**

\*"(I)nformative, entertaining, nostalgic, and...humorous. Background information and primary source photos about Athletics personnel, Shibe Park, the bleacher community, and the Spalding Baseball Company help readers to better understand the story. This novel works well as a read-aloud and would be a great addition to the history curriculum." *School Library Connection*, starred review

"This appealing historical middle-grade novel is perfect for fans of beloved baseball-centered novels like Linda Sue Park's *Keeping Score*. Barr knows her baseball history and brings rich detail to mid-1930s Philadelphia...sports fanatics will eat up the appended material. A sweet debut about friendship and the love of the game." *Booklist* 

"Barr carefully constructs a well-paced adventure...completely accessible to modern readers. All the characters...are well-developed...(and) (q)uotes from the 1934 Sporting News...further illuminate the actual events. Life lessons, baseball, and good friends; it's all here." *Kirkus* 



#### **About Jennifer:**

**JENNIFER ROBIN BARR** is the author of two how-to books for adults. *Goodbye, Mr. Spalding* is her debut middle-grade novel. She is drawn to writing about little-known nuggets of history. She lives in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Visit her at jenniferrobinbarr.com.

www.jenniferrobinbarr.com Twitter: @JenniferRBarr

#### YOUNG CAPTAIN NEMO By JASON HENDERSON

Armed with his wits, his friends, and his Nemotech submarine, a twelve-year-old descendant of Jules Verne's famous antihero is determined to help make the ocean a safer place one adventure at a time in Jason Henderson's Young Captain Nemo, first in a new middle-grade series.

Gabriel Nemo is not your typical 12-year-old. A descendant of the famous Captain Nemo, he spent the first years of his life living in obscurity, isolated in his parents' peaceful underwater research lab. But with his older sister off following in their ancestor's footsteps, sinking whalers and running away from vengeful navies, Gabriel decides it's time to forge his own path, and use his Nemotech legacy for good.

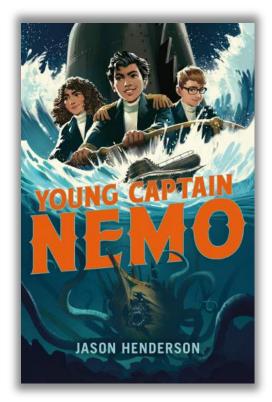
Armed only with his wits, his friends, and his Nemotech submarine, Gabriel embarks on a series of daring rescues and exciting undersea battles. But when Gabriel's sister suddenly appears with proof of previously undiscovered sea creatures—giant beasts inhabiting wrecked war planes and ships—Gabriel and his new friends must face their biggest and most dangerous mission ever!

Book 2 in the Young Captain Nemo Series is available in March 2020, with a third title planned for 2021.

#### **Praise for YOUNG CAPTAIN NEMO:**

"There's both futuristic and classic steampunk appeal here, admirably mixing Jules Verne lore with 007-level gadgetry. Stakes are high, the pace is fast, and there are excellent (and surprisingly subtle) messages of coping with childhood loneliness and the importance of taking care of our planet's oceans." *Booklist* 

"Fractured retelling of 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA...that will have Jules Verne fans geeking out.... However, a reader who's never even heard of *The Nautilus* will devour this timely STEM / sci-fi adventure story." KidLit Underground



Feiwel & Friends March 2019

All translation rights available.

#### **About Jason:**

**JASON HENDERSON** is the author of the Alex Van Helsing series from HarperCollins/HarperTeen, which was been named by the Texas Library Association to the Lone Star Reading List, a list of the top 20 books published in the previous year for young readers. He lives in Colorado with his wife and two daughters. An active writer of comics and games, his most recent comic series is IDW and Cartoon Network's Ben 10. His most recent game screenplay was for Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles for 3DS, and he was nominated for a WGA Screenwriting Award for his script for Activision's Singularity.

Twitter: @jasondhenderson

# FOX AND THE BOX By Author/Illustrator Yvonne Ivinson

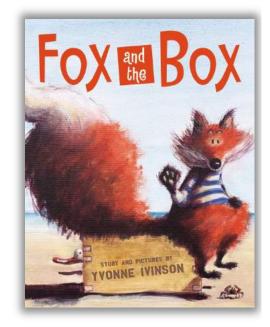
#### What can a fox do with a box? Have a grand adventure!

In this debut picture book, author-illustrator Yvonne Ivinson invites readers on an imagination- and vocabulary-fueled journey. With colorful, engaging paintings; a lively, limited word count; an adorable fox; and a story with a surprise ending, this book is a great choice for emerging readers.

What can one little fox do with only a box? Perhaps make it a ship, and go on a trip? A boat that floats across the sea, with a tail as a sail and endless possibilities?

Author-illustrator Yvonne Ivinson's debut picture book is a celebration of imagination, creativity, and language arts, starring a memorable main character. With a brief, engaging text, humorous illustrations, and a surprise ending, this is a perfect book for emerging readers and for sharing together.

Yvonne is currently working on her next two books set in the same world!



HarperCollins: Greenwillow May 2019

All translation rights available.

#### **Praise for Yvonne Ivinson:**

"Exciting and easy to read. Ivinson tells her story in 46 simple words. . . the paintings of storm, waves, and the small boat and occupants alone on a vast expanse of sea are pretty thrilling. . . Dramatic and accessible for new readers." *Kirkus* 

"All the creatures depicted throughout the story burst with energy and personality, which allows those sharing the book together to extend the minimal text into an exciting adventure. The punchy words play with phonics and rhyme to create an enjoyable read-aloud as well as opportunities for new readers, and those sounding out their first words, to find success." *Horn Book Magazine* 

"Full-bleed acrylic paintings wonderfully convey Fox's changing fortunes. Shifting visual perspectives follow him through contemplation, action, success, danger, and rescue. The text, employing rhythm, rhyme, and sound-work, is comprised only of singular words and short phrases, making this appealing picture book accessible to emergent readers." *ALA Booklist* 

#### **About Yvonne:**

**YVONNE IVINSON** lives in the lovely countryside not too far from London and enjoys painting, fox spotting and long dog walks. You can see more of her art at <a href="yvonneivinsonart.com">yvonneivinsonart.com</a>.

#### SOLOMON THE LION By Author/Illustrator Kristina Jones

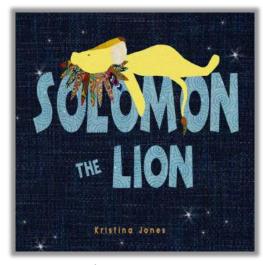
Solomon is a young lion who can't fall asleep. He tries sleeping in a tree like the bats, but that's not quite right. He tries a snooze in the pond with the hippos, but that doesn't quite fit either. Will Solomon realize that it's not where you sleep, but who tucks you in at night?

A charming story about feeling safe and peaceful with those you love, SOLOMON THE LION is sure to be a new bedtime favorite.

Illustrated using shweshwe fabric, this book has more of the charming animals found in Kristina's debut!

#### **Praise for Kristina Jones**

"There's an exciting world of words waiting to be discovered through this educational alphabet book, which will help to expand your child's vocabulary and encourage him to read. Each illustration is accompanied by a sentence, introducing the different animals. The sentence structure is the same for each animal, because the best way for kids to learn is through repetition." — Living and Loving on THE AMAZING AFRICAN ANIMAL ALPHABET



Penguin Random House South Africa Fall 2020

All translation rights available.

#### **About Kristina:**

**KRISTINA JONES** is a Canadian illustrator currently living and working in Swaziland. She holds a BA (Hons) in Illustration and has worked for many years as a fine artist.

<u>Jonescre8tive.com</u> Instagram: @jones.cre8tive

# ONE HUG By Katrina Moore

Debut author Katrina Moore and illustrator Julia Woolf have created a cozy rhyming picture book that follows a Chinese American family as they celebrate the arrival of their immigrant relatives and showcases the many sweet ways of expressing love.

Told in sweet, joyful rhymes and bright, colorful illustrations, One Hug celebrates the many ways we embrace our loved ones. As a Chinese American family wakes up to begin preparing for the arrival of their immigrant family, the littlest girl begins to feel left out and nervous. But an encouraging brother and the welcoming arms of her grandma help end the day with a belly full of food, jars full of fireflies, and cozy, snuggly slumber.

# **Praise for ONE HUG and Katrina Moore:**

"The excitement is catching, and readers would need hearts of stone not to be moved by the family togetherness on display. By the end, readers will be searching out hugs of their own. The book amply demonstrates that 'hugging makes us family.'" *Kirkus* 

"The simple rhyming text describes the many ways loved ones may hug. Although the text focuses on different kinds of hugs, the overall story manages to dig deeper into the many facets of love, affection, and what makes a family. An enjoyable read-aloud to be shared one-on-one or in a small group setting. Recommended." *School Library Journal* 



#### HarperCollins: Katherine Tegen Books December 2019

All translation rights available.

#### **About Katrina:**

**KATRINA MOORE** writes and teaches in New Jersey. Earning her M.A. in elementary education, she's been a teacher for a decade in Maryland, Massachusetts, and New York. Her mission is to create books that children will hug for ages. Her debut picture book, *One Hug*, is, forthcoming from HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen Books in 2019. Her second picture book, *Grandpa Grumps*, is forthcoming from Little Bee Books in 2020.

## A CUBAN GIRL'S GUIDE TO TEA AND TOMORROW By Laura Taylor Namey

Master of Cuban cuisine, Lila Flores, is eager to inherit her family's Miami bakery. She has a very set life plan. But spring and graduation, that plan takes a few hits. Fearing Lila's emotional health, her parents defy her wishes and entrust her summer to family and their English inn. Even though she has space to cook at the inn, she longs for Miami, the seat of her Cuban roots.

Days into her stay, Orion Maxwell barges into Lila's inn kitchen with a delivery from his family's tea shop. A nuisance at first, these opposite ingredients soon learn to blend. Before long, Lila can't control the route of her own heart as she begins to fall for more than a new love: England has charmed her.

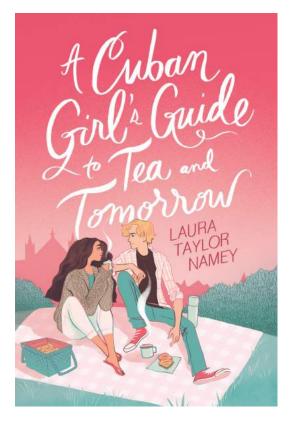
And the London branch of Le Cordon Bleu's esteemed pastry program tempts her. As her return ticket looms, Lila feels impossibly caught between two flags. Hearts aren't supposed to split like this—between a beautiful boy and a beautiful family legacy.



"Watch out or you'll lose your heart in this library! Laugh and cry and look up words of the day with your new favorite heroine, Darcy, as she finds first love. This story will give you All the Feels!" Kelly deVos, author of *Fat Girl on a Plane* 

"A poignant tale about a young woman with a book-shaped-heart who finds the courage to write her own story." Nancy Richardson Fischer, author of *The Speed of Falling Objects* 

"The Library of Lost Things is a compelling family drama with a literary through line that will delight bibliophiles-a classic lit quote begins every chapter, and Darcy works in a bookstore. Though the romance is appropriately sweet, it's Darcy's family dynamics-the war waging within her between love and resentment, the desperation to cling to loyalty while running toward independence-that sets the book apart. Book lovers will find Namey's story especially compelling because, in Darcy, they'll find a kindred spirit." *Booklist* 



#### Simon & Schuster, Atheneum Fall 2020

All translation rights available.

#### **About Laura:**

**LAURA TAYLOR NAMEY** is a Cuban-American Californian who can usually be found haunting her favorite coffee shops, drooling over leather jackets and wishing she was in London or Paris. She lives in San Diego with her husband, two superstar children and her beloved miniature schnauzer/muse. Her debut novel, *The Library of Lost Things*, was released in 2019 with Inkyard Press.

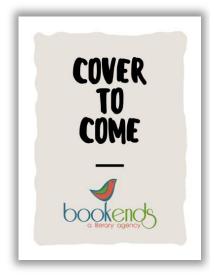
## THE OCTOBER GIRL by Matthew Dow Smith

Life hasn't turned out the way Autumn Ackerman expected. She grew up believing in fairies and magic and princesses that battled dragons. Now, at eighteen, she's stuck behind the counter of her local coffee shop and realizing the world is a lot less magical she dreamed of as a little girl.

Until Barnaby, her imaginary friend from childhood, walks into her life as a living, breathing thing. Drawn into the world of the Night Folk, Autumn soon befriends fantastic characters that should only exist in the pages of myths and legends. But these creatures are real. However, not everyone welcomes Autumn with open arms. As she navigates this strange world, the mysterious Mr. Balloon dogs her every move and is hell-bent on destroying her. Apparently, everyone else knows more about her connection to the Night Folk than she does. Autumn's world has become a lot more interesting—and dangerous—than she ever could have imagined.

THE OCTOBER GIRL is the first in a planned trilogy.

**MATTHEW DOW SMITH** is an Eisner-nominated, Harvey-nominated, and Bram Stoker Award-winning writer and artist who has worked for nearly every major American comic book publisher. He is the writer/artist of *THE OCTOBER GIRL* graphic novel series forthcoming from Insight Comics and is currently in development in Hollywood.



Insight Comics Fall 2020

Translation Rights Available for: Brazil, Germany, France, Italy & Israel.

## COMING SOON...

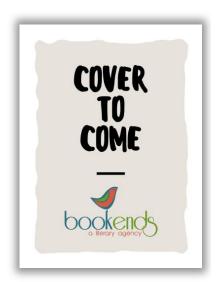
## THESE FEATHERED FLAMES by Alexandra Overy

Two sisters. Separated by duty. One certain truth: magic always comes with a price. In the land of Tóurin, when twin heirs are born, one is raised to rule and the other becomes the next Firebird, a creature to ensure magic remains balanced.

While Izaveta remained at court, learning the lies and deception needed to survive, Asya was taken away to train with her aunt, the mysterious and deadly Firebird. But before Asya's training is completed, the ancient power suddenly blooms inside her, which can mean only one thing: the queen is dead, and a new ruler must be crowned. Asya returns to court for her sister's coronation, only to feel the stirring of her first calling as the Firebird.

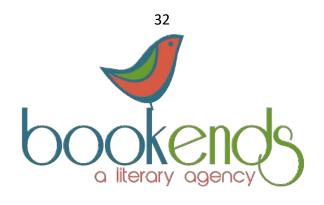
Now, she must navigate the unfamiliar territory of the royal courts, where friend and foe are often one and the same, to hunt down the person who used the forbidden magic.But not all is as it seems, for magic is dying in Tóurin, political schemes are in motion, and the two sisters will soon find how much their years apart have changed them both.

THESE FEATHERED FLAMES is a young adult fantasy retelling of the Russian folktale, The Firebird. It combines the complicated sister relationships of Kendare Blake's THREE DARK CROWNS with the world and magic of Naomi Novik's UPROOTED.



Inkyard Press Spring 2021

All Translation Rights
Available



#### **OUR CO-AGENTS**

For any territories not listed, please contact Jessica Alvarez at <a href="mailto:foreignrights@bookendsliterary.com">foreignrights@bookendsliterary.com</a>

## Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

Corto Literary Diana Matulić diana@cortoliterary.com

#### **Brazil**

Agencia Riff Roberto Matos roberto@agenciariff.com.br

#### China

Andrew Nurnberg China Jackie Huang jhuang@nurnberg.com.cn

Big Apple Agency Wendy King wendy-king@bigapple1-china.com

#### <u>Czech Republic, Slovak Republic,</u> Slovenia

Andrew Nurnberg Prague Lucie Poláková polakova@nurnberg.cz

#### **France**

Agence Michelle Lapautre Catherine Lapautre <a href="mailto:catherine@lapautre.com">catherine@lapautre.com</a>

#### **Germany**

Michael Meller Agency Franziska Hoffman f.hoffman@melleragency.com

#### Greece

Reed n' Right Agency Nike Davarinou nike@readnright.gr

#### Italy

Gabriella Ambrosioni Literary Agency Gabriella Ambrosioni gabriella@gabriellaambrosioni.com

#### **Israel**

The Deborah Harris Agency Geula Guerts geula@thedeborahharrisagency.com

#### <u>Japan</u>

The English Agency Corinne Shoji corinne@eaj.co.jp

Tuttle-Mori Agency Misa Morikawa misa@tuttlemori.com

#### **Korea**

Imprima Korea Agency Terry Kim terrkim@imprima.co.kr

#### Latin America, Spain, Portugal

Julio F-Yanez Agencia Literaria S.L. Montse Yáñez montse@yanezag.com

#### **Poland**

book/lab Piotr Wawrzenczyk piotr@literatura.com.pl

#### Taiwan

Andrew Nurnberg Taiwan Whitney Hsu whsu@nurnberg.com.tw

#### **Turkey**

Nurcihan Kesim Literary Agency Filiz Karaman filiz@nurcihankesim.net