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MEET ME UNDER THE LIGHTS

by Cassie Miller



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About the author:

Cassie Miller is a former high school English and creative writing teacher turned elementary librarian. She has a teaching degree from Radford University and library endorsement from the University of Virginia. She wears many hats but finds her favorites are: "stage and lighting director," "eccentric storyteller," and "mom" of two wonderfully creative boys. Cassie currently resides in southwest Virginia with her family and an ever-growing amount of cardigans and nerdy bookish shirts. MEET ME UNDER THE LIGHTS is her debut novel.

MY LIFE WITH THE WALTER BOYS meets THE NOTEBOOK in this small town baseball romance perfect for fans of Kasie West and Carley Fortune.

High school junior Eliza Crowley is known as the Princess of Fairfield, a farm town in North Carolina that loves two things —tradition and baseball. Although Eliza loves "the game," her life goal is to become a lighting designer on Broadway. Shaking off her reputation as the rich girl and focusing on her town's community theater production are what she's set her sights on this summer, and nothing will stand in her way. That is until Reed Fulton, the grandson of a struggling Fairfield farmer, and ace pitcher of the Fulton Hawks, returns to town. Reed dreams of putting the catastrophe of last season behind him and leading the Hawks to a championship victory against the Crowley Cardinals. When his childhood friend turned stranger, Eliza, strolls back into his life, she makes his heart accelerate quicker than his fastball, and he's not sure he can stay away from the girl he's supposed to despise. Small-town summers and baseball draw Reed and Eliza together, even though the Crowleys and the Fultons are determined to run each other out of town. When the families make a deal to settle their thirty-year-long dispute once and for all, Eliza and Reed are stuck in the middle during the most important summer of their lives.

DO NOT FORGET SECTION

Titles that you have heard about before but that deserve another push due to publicity and other sales



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Middle
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WHEN DEALING WITH DRAGONS by Dana Swift

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A copper-crafting dragon conservationist must put rivalries and class divisions aside and partner with a silver-crafting dragon racer to save the last known gold plated dragon from corrupt powers that would exploit it for its priceless scales ... but what draws them together may be the very thing that puts them at risk. *WHEN DEALING WITH DRAGONS*, complete at 97,000 words, brings the intriguing low fantasy world and racing excitement of Maggie Stiefvater's *SCORPIO RACES* to the romance of Emma Lord to create a compelling romantasy that oozes with chemistry and action.

Copper-crafter Farren Walsh has her sights set on college and a profession as a dragon veterinarian. Farren has a way with the mighty creatures and a deep-seated hatred for those who exploit them for their precious metal. Number one on that list? Arrogant, stoic, dragon racer James Murphy, whose silver-crafting family not only represents the worst of human greed and dragon abuse, but is also her top competition for the scholarship she needs to attend college.

So, when James uses his privilege as a silver-crafter to intern at her family's dragon sanctuary, it's Farren's worst nightmare, as his presence puts everything she holds dear at risk. For under the sanctuary resides Nity, the last-known gold plated dragon who is guarding her clutch of eggs. But when James not only discovers Nity, but saves the dragonlings as they hatch, Farren starts to see that there is more to James than meets the eye. The two realize they must work together to keep Nity and her hatchlings safe, but a friendship between them could draw attention from James's ambitious family—attention that could put Nity and her brood in danger.

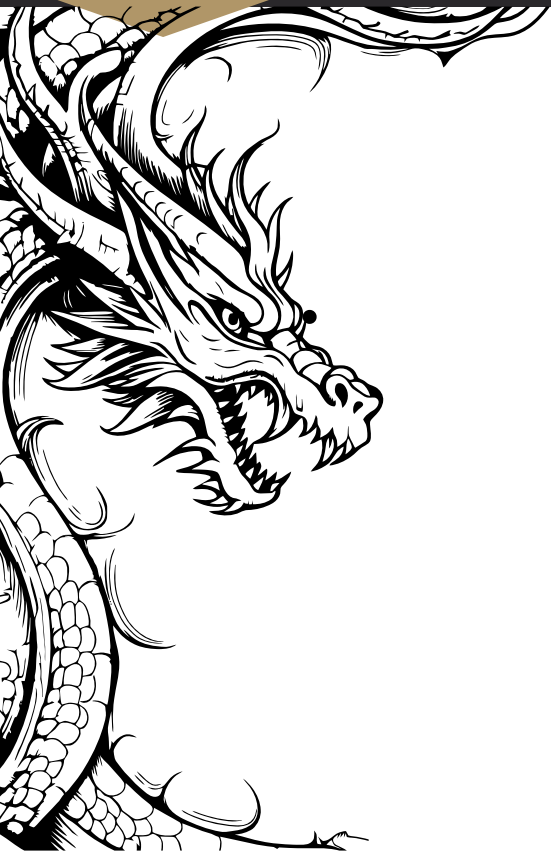
Enter the pact: a deal to fake-hate one another in order to protect Nity and her hatchlings. Farren easily agrees, because there is nothing easier than hating James Murphy--or so she thought.

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About the author:

Dana Swift is the children's book buyer for Books & Books, an indie bookstore in Miami, Florida, where she lives with her husband and goldendoodle. Her debut, *CAST IN FIRELIGHT*, was published January 19, 2021 with Delacorte Press. Its sequel, *BOUND BY FIRELIGHT*, came out January 18, 2022.



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DAUGHTERS OF THE LAMP series by Nedda Lewers



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About the author:

Nedda Lewers is a USA Today Bestselling Egyptian American author and former teacher. She writes books that take children on fun adventures and feature characters who are trying to make sense of the big, complicated world and their place in it. As a kid, Nedda lived in Queens, NY, where she spent many Sundays at the local library deciding how many books she could possibly carry on the fifteen-minute walk home. Every summer, she visited Cairo, where her parents are from, getting to know her big extended family. Even though it wasn't easy growing up with one foot in America and the other in Egypt, Nedda cherishes how that experience has given her a rich and expansive perspective from which she draws to write her stories. She has an MSEd from Bank Street and enjoyed a career of learning from her early childhood students. In 2017, she moved with her daughters and husband to Los Angeles and decided to focus on her writing. Her favorite place to craft stories is an old but loved striped chair in her living room with her dogs nestled at her side.

Percy Jackson meets Arabian fairy tales in this stunning middle grade fantasy debut about a girl who becomes the guardian of Ali Baba's legendary treasure. Now in paperback!

Believe in fairy tales.

Sahara Rashad lives by logic. Loves science. And always has a plan. Except her dad just whisked her away to her uncle's wedding in Egypt, upending every single plan she had for the summer.

In Cairo, Sahara's days are filled with family—and mystery. First, Sahara's cousins claim the pretentious bride-to-be is actually a witch. Then her late mother's necklace starts glowing—and disappears.

Sahara's attempts to recover the necklace lead her to the greatest mystery yet. Deep in an underground chamber lies Ali Baba's magical treasure. Hidden from a line of sorcerers who threatened to use its powers for evil, the treasure was given to Sahara's ancestor Morgana for safekeeping and passed down from mother to daughter for generations. Now only Sahara stands in the sorcerers' way.

Can the girl who's never believed in magic trust the unknown and claim her legacy as the treasure's keeper?

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Review
Praise for *Daughters of the Lamp*

An Indies Introduce pick
A Junior Library Guild selection
A Best Book of the Month for Amazon and Kobo

★ "An engaging fantasy inspired by a classic tale that's guaranteed to leave readers eager for more." —Kirkus, starred review

"This terrific two-pronged adventure [brings] together modern life and classic tales of Ali Baba, with some gratifying twists. . . . A memorable adventure that's as exciting as it is insightful." —Booklist

"A fulfilling, atmospheric story in which Lewers draws on Arabian myth and Egyptian culture to weave a fast-paced magical tale of family, destiny, and belonging." —Publishers Weekly

"Gorgeously vivid and endlessly exciting, *Daughters of the Lamp* brims with magic, emotion, and the importance of family." —Aisling Fowler, author of the *Fireborn* series

"Witty, wondrous, and a mesmerizing glimpse into the magic that's always hidden in the mundane." —M.T. Khan, author of *Nura* and *the Immortal Palace*

"*Daughters of the Lamp* triumphs as an action-packed journey across oceans and centuries. I couldn't put down Lewers's electrifying debut!" —George Jreije, author of the *Shad Hadid* series

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