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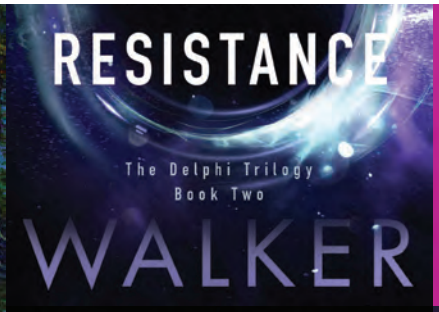

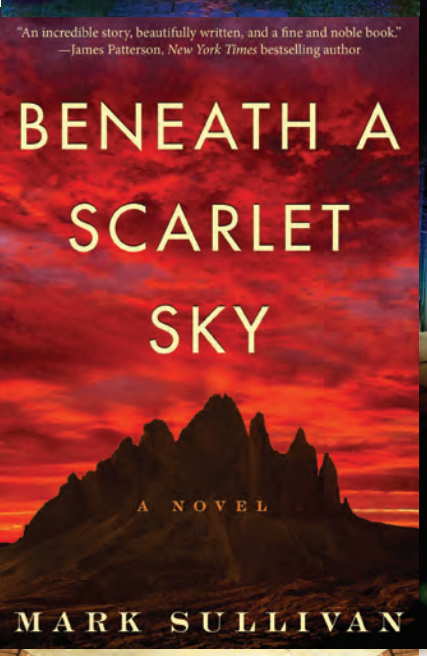


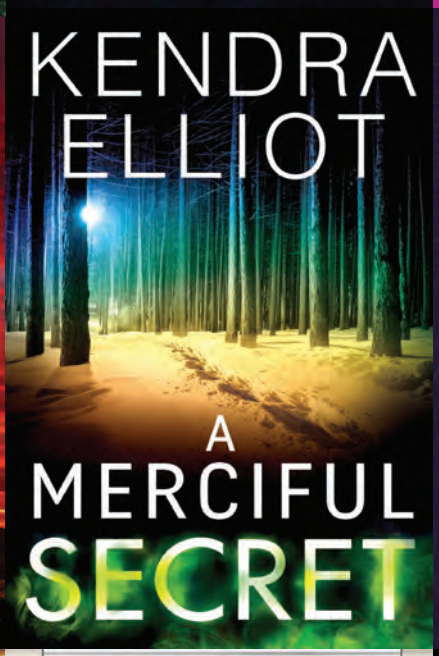


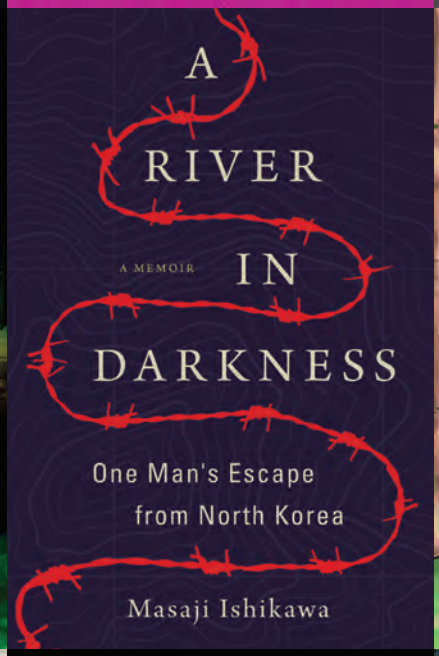

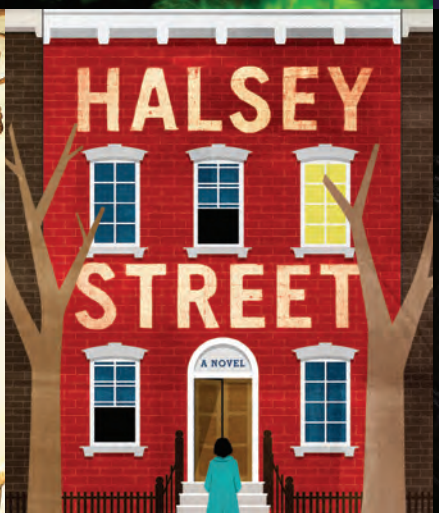


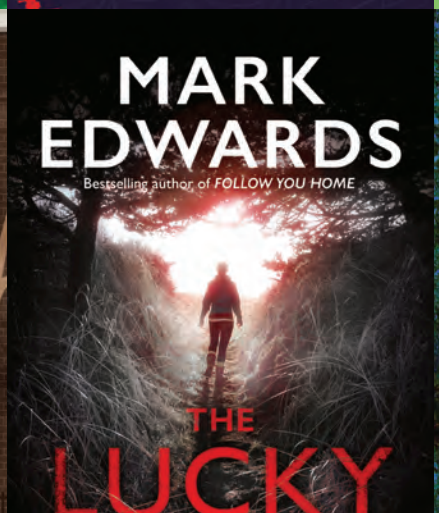

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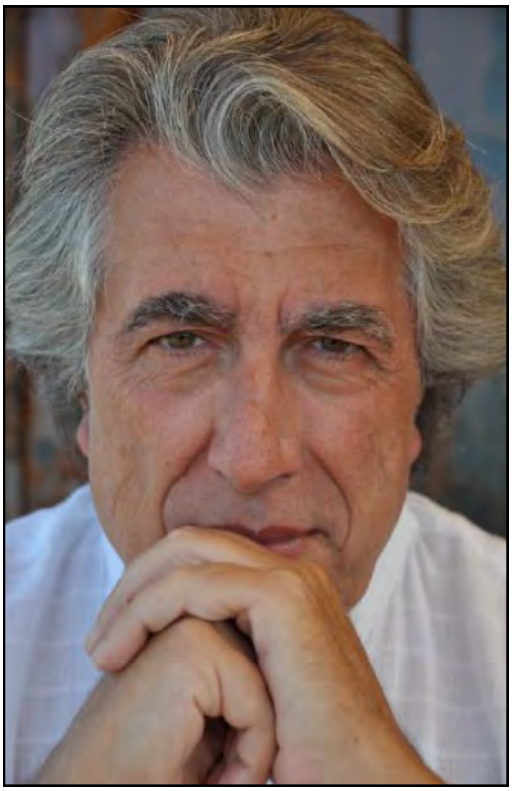


# Do Not Photograph Soldiers Crying (No fotografíes soldados llorando)

## Jordi Sierra i Fabra

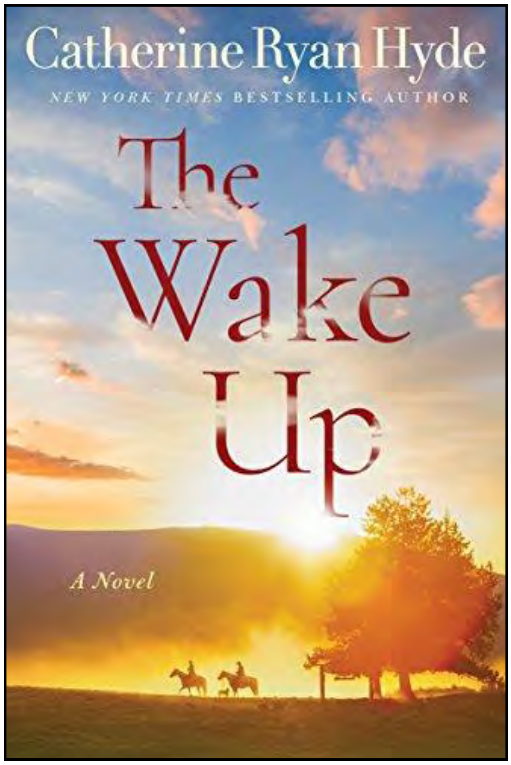
Book Club Fiction - Contemporary
Imprint: Amazon Publishing - Spanish Language
Publication Date: 10/31/2017
Page Count: 238
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**A new novel from one of the most beloved authors of Spanish literature, who has won nearly forty literary prizes and whose work has reached more than twelve million readers.**

Damián is young, adventurous, and an excellent photographer. At twenty-five, he embarks on his first mission as a war correspondent with the Spanish army in Bosnia to capture the harsh reality of the conflict. He takes his camera and some very clear instructions: Do not take unnecessary risks, stay close to the troops and, last and most important, do not photograph soldiers crying. But Damián knows that the latter is the perfect photograph when he witnesses the scene. The shot will lead him to seek the truth behind a dark mystery at the heart of the army.

Thanks to the literary prowess of Sierra i Fabra, we accompany the photographer in his struggle to break the code of silence and demonstrate that not everything is fair in war.

**Jordi Sierra i Fabra** was born in Barcelona in 1947. He published his first book in 1972, and has since written more than four hundred works. He is one of the first six authors to be inducted into the Spanish Literature Hall of Fame.




## The Wake Up

**Catherine Ryan Hyde**

Book Club Fiction - Family Life
Imprint: Lake Union
Publication Date: 12/5/2017
Page Count: TBD
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**From *New York Times* bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde—whose books have reached over 2.5 million readers and have been translated into more than two dozen languages—comes a hauntingly emotional novel of how one man's life changes forever when he rediscovers his ability to feel the pain of others.**

Something has been asleep in forty-year-old cattle rancher Aiden Delacorte for a long time. It all comes back in a rush during a hunting trip, when he's suddenly attuned to the animals around him, feeling their pain and fear as if it were his own. But the newfound sensitivity of Aiden's "wake up" has its price. He can no longer sleepwalk through life, holding everyone at arm's length. As he struggles to cope with a trait he's buried since childhood, Aiden falls in love with Gwen, a single mother whose young son bears a burden of his own.

Sullen and broken from his experiences with an abusive father, Milo has turned to acting out in violent and rebellious ways. Aiden can feel the boy's pain, as well as that of his victims. Now he and Milo must sift through their pasts to find empathy with the innocent as well as the guilty, to come to terms with their deepest fears, and to finally discover the compassionate heart of a family.

**Catherine Ryan Hyde**'s 1999 novel, *Pay It Forward*, was adapted into a major Warner Bros. motion picture starring Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt.

## The Storyteller's Secret

**Sejal Badani**

Book Club Fiction - Family Drama
Imprint: Lake Union
Publication Date: 3/27/2018
Page Count: TBD
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**Another gorgeously written, heartfelt novel from the author of the #1 Kindle bestseller *Trail of Broken Wings*—which has received more than two thousand five-star customer reviews on Amazon.com, and has had translation rights sold into four languages.**

*The Storyteller's Secret* is an epic story of the unrelenting force of maternal love, the power of healing, and the invincible desire to dream.

Nothing prepares New York journalist Jaya for the heartbreak of her third miscarriage and the slow unraveling of her marriage in its wake. To assuage her deep anguish, she decides to attempt a rediscovery of sorts by making her first pilgrimage to India, her family's homeland.

Intoxicated by the sights, smells, and sounds she experiences, Jaya becomes a fast and hungry student of the culture. But it is Ravi—her grandmother's aged and longtime servant, friend, and trusted confidante—who reveals the story of resilience, struggles, secrets, and tragic fall of Jaya's pioneering grandmother. And it is through that telling that Jaya discovers her own personal history—and the legacy bequeathed to her by her ancestors and the culture she's only now coming to know.

"Rarely have I been so moved or more compelled to share a book with others. I expect you will want to reread and share it, too." —Danielle Marshall, Editor, on *Trail of Broken Wings* by Sejal Badani

## Seasons of the Moon (Le sourire du clair de lune)

**Julien Aranda**

Book Club Fiction - Historical Fiction
Imprint: Amazon Publishing - French Language
Publication Date: 12/1/2015
Page Count: 310
Rights Acquired: All Languages, excluding Korean
Rights Sold: English, Italian, and Spanish

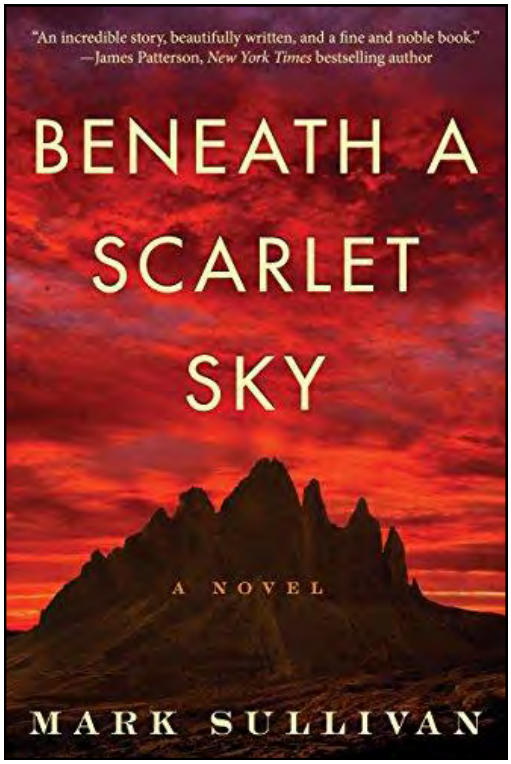
**This beautifully moving and deeply profound debut novel by French author Julien Aranda was released in the original French by Amazon Publishing in 2015. It has since been translated into English, Italian, and Spanish by AmazonCrossing and is available for translation into other languages.**

At the close of World War II, a chance encounter sets the course for one man's destiny…

During the Nazi occupation, fifteen-year-old Paul Vertune, the sensitive son of wheat farmers, prefers gazing at the ocean and contemplating life's mysteries over toiling in the fields of the Brittany coast. One fateful day, Paul's life is spared by a compassionate German soldier with eyes as blue as the sea. When Paul's village is liberated, an angry mob turns against their occupiers. The German soldier, near death, asks Paul to promise him one thing: find his daughter and tell her that her father loved her.

As Paul becomes a man, he fulfills his childhood dream of sailing the world, even as twists of fate steer his life in unexpected directions. But through it all, Paul never forgets his promise.

*Seasons of the Moon* evokes a sense of wonder at the mystery of human connection and the powerful ripple effects of kindness.




## Beneath a Scarlet Sky

**Mark Sullivan**

Book Club Fiction - Historical Fiction

Imprint: Lake Union

Publication Date: 5/1/2017

Page Count: 526

Rights Acquired: English, Portuguese, French, Chinese, German, Italian, Spanish, and Japanese

Rights Sold: Italian and Simplified Chinese

Kindle First

**A *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, #1 Amazon Charts, and #1 Kindle bestseller. Film rights have been acquired by Pascal Pictures, with Tom Holland (*Spider-Man*) attached to play the lead role.**

"What makes a hero? If you are Pino Lella, the protagonist in Mark Sullivan's riveting World War II thriller, you risk everything to save as many souls as you can by sneaking them over the Swiss Alps to safety. You put yourself in harm's way, enlisting as a German soldier and becoming an Allied spy inside the German High Command. And you forgo the life you thought you'd have to do whatever you can to stop the madness.

"It's not often I get to publish true stories, especially ones that have been crafted into page-turning fiction. But after I picked up *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* and read into the wee hours, I was absorbed and amazed by the story of Italy's Pino Lella, a real-life unsung hero of World War II, and felt compelled to publish this one. The tale of a young man, at the tender age of seventeen, pushed headlong into the horrors of war is timeless, relevant, and inspiring.

"I'm not sure I would ever be as brave as Pino, and I'm so honored to share his story with you. But ultimately my feelings are superseded by my hope that *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* will be a 'stay up all night to read' book that you will not soon forget." —Danielle Marshall, Editor

"An incredible story, beautifully written, and a fine and noble book." —James Patterson, *New York Times* bestselling author

# The Secret Healer Series

## The Secret Healer and the Dead, Book Three (Die heimliche Heilerin und die Toten)

**Ellin Carsta**

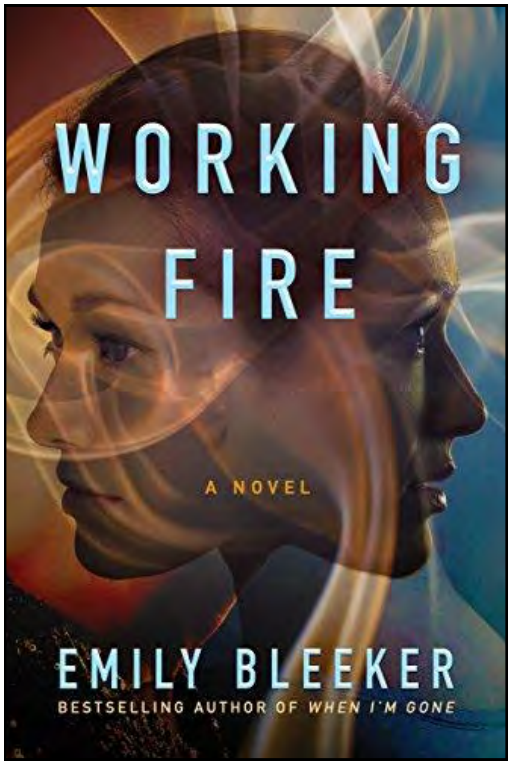
Book Club Fiction - Historical Fiction
Imprint: Tinte & Feder -
German Language
Publication Date: 3/7/2017
Page Count: 350
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**The third book in a bestselling German historical fiction series. The first two books have been translated into English by AmazonCrossing, and the entire series is available for translation into other languages.**

Madlen Goldmann has a talent for healing people, but in fourteenth-century Germany, her skill is considered unnatural at best and heretical at worst. For the sake of her family, she attempts to suppress her passion for medicine. But when lives are at stake, she cannot ignore her determination to help.

Cologne, 1402: A messenger from the archbishop knocks on the door of the Goldmann family's townhome with an urgent command: Madlen is ordered to attend to his wife, who is in labor. The circumstances are suspicious: Madlen is blindfolded so that she does not know where the birth is taking place, and is asked to maintain absolute secrecy. The birth is relatively smooth, but as the newborn girl cries out for the first time, guards rush into the room and take the baby away from Madlen. Did the orders actually come from the archbishop? It soon becomes clear that not only is the child's life in danger, but also the mother's—and Madlen's own.

"Like me, you may feel inspired by Madlen's brave dedication, spellbound by the light of her healing flame, and moved by the bonds this 'secret healer' forges with those around her." —Gabriella Page-Fort, Editor, on the first book in the series, *The Secret Healer*




## Working Fire

**Emily Bleeker**

Book Club Fiction - Mystery & Suspense
Imprint: Lake Union
Publication Date: 8/29/2017
Page Count: 322
Rights Acquired: English, Portuguese, French, Chinese, German, Italian, Spanish, and Japanese
Rights Sold: German

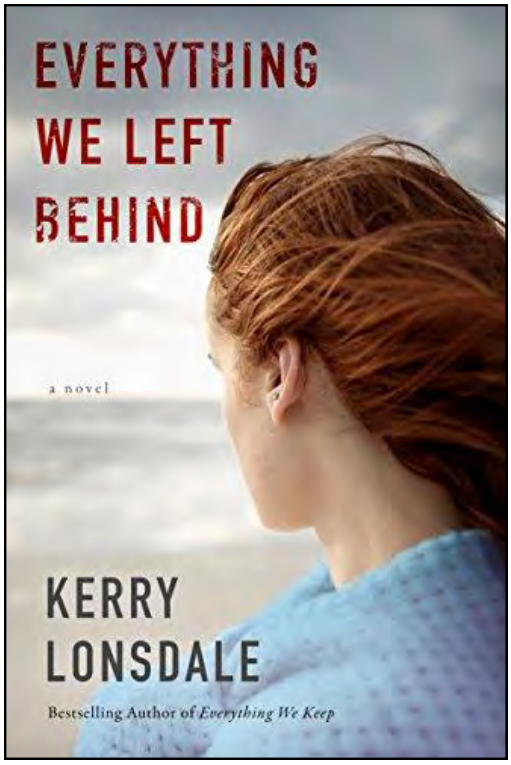
**A compelling novel of a bond between sisters, tested by tragedy, from the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *When I'm Gone* and *Wreckage*—which has been optioned for film by Winkler Films, and has had translation rights sold into fourteen languages.**

Ellie Brown thought she'd finally escaped her stifling hometown of Broadlands, Illinois; med school was supposed to be her ticket out. But when her father has a stroke, she must return home to share his care with her older sister, Amelia, who's busy with her own family. Working as a paramedic, Ellie's days are monotonous, as she drives an ambulance through streets she'd hoped never to see again.

Until a 911 dispatch changes everything. The address: her sister's house. Rushing to the scene, Ellie discovers that Amelia and her husband, Steve, have been shot in a home invasion. After Amelia is rushed to the hospital, Ellie tries to make sense of the tragedy. But what really happened inside her sister's house becomes less and less clear. As Amelia hangs on in critical condition, Ellie uncovers dark revelations about her family's past that challenge her beliefs about those closest to her…and force her to question where her devotions truly lie.

"Compelling…" —*RT Book Reviews*

## Everything Series




# Everything We Left Behind (Book Two)

**Kerry Lonsdale**

Book Club Fiction - Mystery & Suspense
Imprint: Lake Union
Publication Date: 7/4/2017
Page Count: 350
Rights Acquired: All Languages
Rights Sold: Czech, Indonesian, and Italian

**The Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling follow-up to the #1 Kindle bestseller *Everything We Keep*, which has reached over one million readers and has had translation rights sold into seventeen languages.**

Told from one man's two perspectives, *Everything We Left Behind* effortlessly blends suspense, mystery, and romance in an exploration of loss, resilience, and the compelling need to protect the ones we love at all cost.

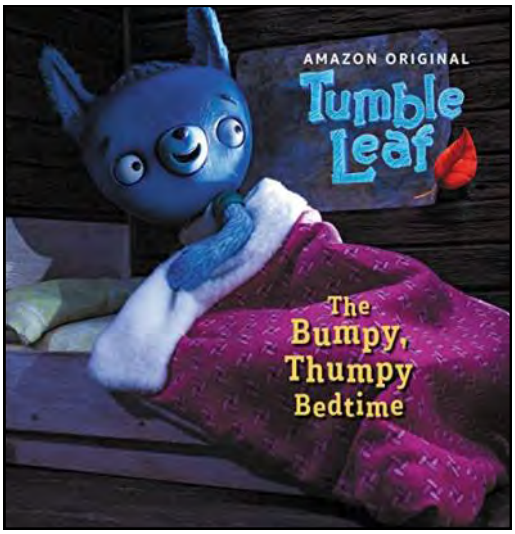
"In this suspenseful sequel to *Everything We Keep*…readers will be captivated as the truth unravels, hanging on every word." –*RT Book Reviews*

"A stunning fusion of suspense, family drama, and redemption, *Everything We Left Behind* will hold the reader spellbound to the last sentence." —A. J. Banner, #1 Kindle and *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Twilight Wife* and *The Good Neighbor*

"Love, loss, and secrets drive Kerry Lonsdale's twisty follow-up to the bestselling *Everything We Keep*. *Everything We Left Behind* is an enthralling and entertaining read. You'll be turning the pages as fast as you can to see how it ends." —Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke, authors of *The Good Widow*

**Stay tuned for the next book in the series, *Everything We Give*, which will be released in July 2018!**

# Tumble Leaf Series




## The Bumpy, Thumpy Bedtime

**Lara Bergen**

Picture-Book Fiction
Imprint: Two Lions
Publication Date: 8/8/2017
Page Count: 24
Rights Acquired: All Languages

## The Tinsel Tree Celebration

**Lara Bergen**

Picture-Book Fiction
Imprint: Two Lions
Publication Date: 8/8/2017
Page Count: 24
Rights Acquired: All Languages

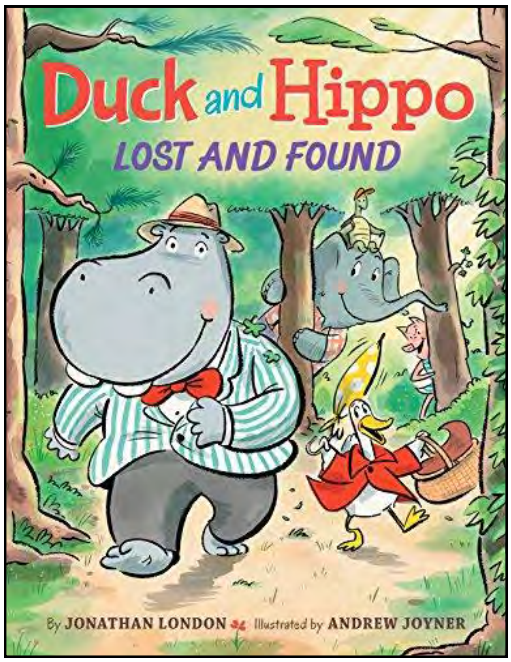
**Storybooks based on the award-winning Amazon Original Series!**

*Tumble Leaf* is a nine-time Daytime Emmy award-winning stop-motion animated series for preschoolers, set in a whimsical land where a blue fox named Fig plays and discovers adventure, friendship, and love around every bend in the path. Children will be enriched by these stories that promote play, the fun of learning, and understanding the world around them.

In *Bumpy, Thumpy Bedtime*, Fig, Stick, and their friends solve a bumpy, thumpy bedtime mystery!

In *The Tinsel Tree Celebration*, Fig and friends have a Tinsel Tree trimming party!

# Duck and Hippo Series




## Duck and Hippo  Lost and Found (Book Two)

**Jonathan London**

**Illustrated by Andrew Joyner**

Picture-Book Fiction

Imprint: Two Lions

Publication Date: 8/15/2017

Page Count: 32

Rights Acquired: All Languages

**The second book in a picture-book series featuring two lovable friends from the author of the bestselling Froggy books.**

Share a picnic adventure with Duck and Hippo and their friends!

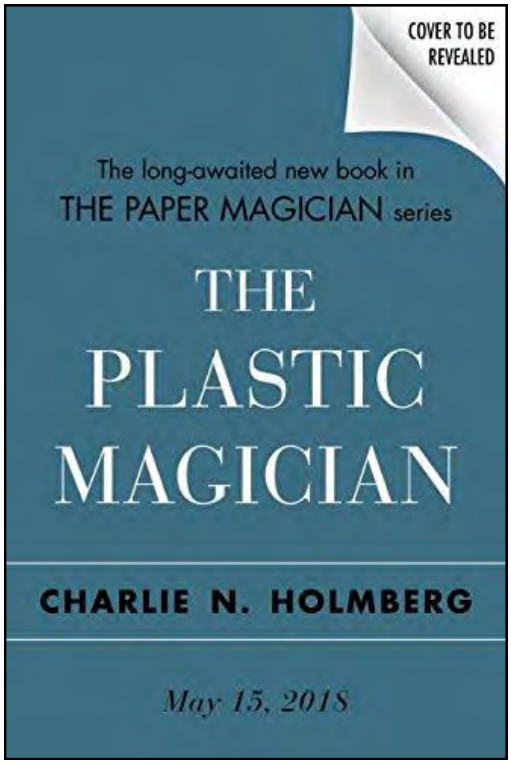
“Children are unlikely to feel any anxiety as these friends bumble along in the dark, so calm and good-hearted is the story. Friendship stories are plentiful, and outdoor adventures are not unusual, but this lively lark is a picnic basket full of fun.” —*Kirkus Reviews,* on *Duck and Hippo Lost and Found (Book Two)*

“A sweet story of friendship between a proper hippo and a vivacious duck… This unlikely duo show that friendship comes in all shapes and sizes and pals are there for each other through thick and thin. Sure to be a storytime staple.” —*School Library Journal*, on *Duck and Hippo in the Rainstorm (Book One)*

“Playful type and wordplay add to the amusement.”—*Kirkus Reviews*, on *Duck and Hippo in the Rainstorm (Book One)*

**Stay tuned for the next book in the series, *Duck and Hippo Give Thanks*, which will be released in Summer 2018!**

# The Paper Magician Series




## The Plastic Magician (Book Four)

**Charlie N. Holmberg**

Fantasy & Science Fiction - Historical Fantasy
Imprint: 47North
Publication Date: 5/15/2018
Page Count: 226
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**The long-awaited fourth book in the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling Paper Magician series, which has been optioned for film by Disney and has had translation rights sold into sixteen languages.**

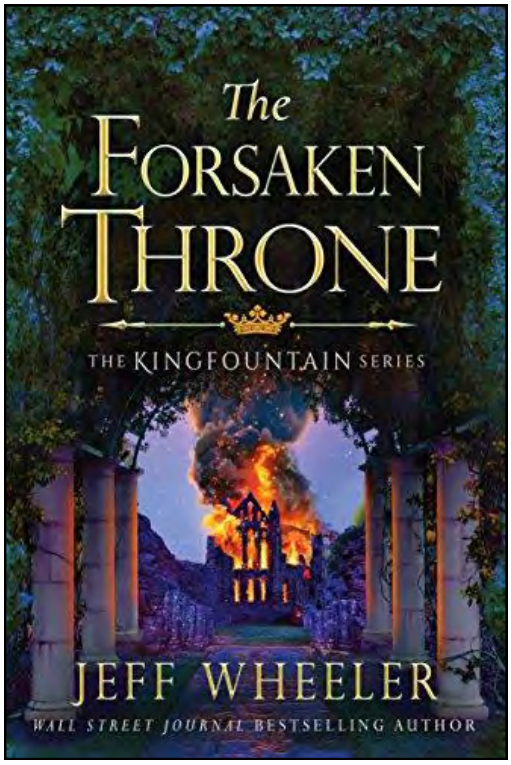
Continuing her whimsical series exploring a world of magicians who animate man-made materials, in *The Plastic Magician* author Charlie N. Holmberg raises the stakes with a new heroine, a bold expansion of the series' magic system, and cameos from beloved characters in the original trilogy.

"Charlie is a vibrant writer with an excellent voice and great world building. I thoroughly enjoyed the *Paper Magician*." —Brandon Sanderson, author of *Mistborn* and *The Way of Kings*

"Ceony displays commendable pluck facing a more experienced mage trained in the dark arts, and Holmberg gives her a complete story while leaving ample room for sequels…This promising debut recalls the early work of Patricia Wrede." —*Publishers Weekly*

***The Paper Magician* was short-listed for the 2015 ALA Fantasy Reading List.**

## The Kingfountain Series




### The Forsaken Throne (Book Six)

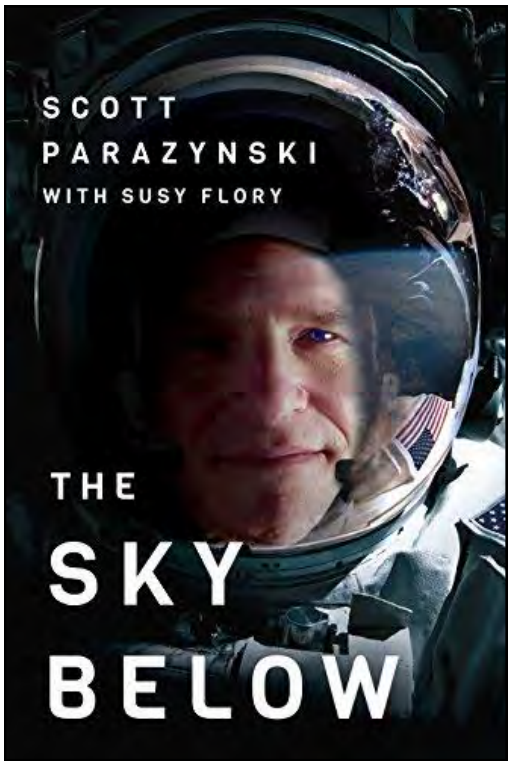
**Jeff Wheeler**

Fantasy & Science Fiction - Historical Fantasy
Imprint: 47North
Publication Date: 11/14/2017
Page Count: 320
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**In the thrilling conclusion to the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling Kingfountain Series for which translation rights have sold into three languages, a conflicted champion must navigate a treacherous world to secure the peace.**

“Through twelve novels and counting, Jeff Wheeler’s storytelling has maintained a singular knack for making everything else in my life rush to the background within a few sentences and then disappear completely. He weaves immersive worlds that forgo the explicit brutality of some popular fantasy sagas in favor of a deft touch that’s as welcoming as it is rife with conniving, trickery, heartbreak; and beautiful, memorable magic. At least until I stop reading, these worlds take center stage in mine.

“I should admit that I’ve already read the two sequels to *The Queen’s Poisoner* (both due out later this year), in which Owen ages from eight to seventeen to twenty-four years old. And I’m pleased to report that just when it seems as if Jeff Wheeler has achieved an imaginative apex, the story expands to envelop wider lands, richer magic, deeper intrigue, and all-around higher stakes for Owen and the entire realm of Kingfountain. I’m sorely tempted to say more, but I wouldn’t dare rob other readers of the exhilarating experience of getting lost in Jeff Wheeler’s worlds on their own.”
—Jason Kirk, Editor




## The Sky Below: A True Story of Summits, Space, and Speed

**Scott Parazynski with Susy Flory**

General Nonfiction - Memoir

Imprint: Little A

Publication Date: 8/1/2017

Page Count: 286

Rights Acquired: All Languages

Kindle First

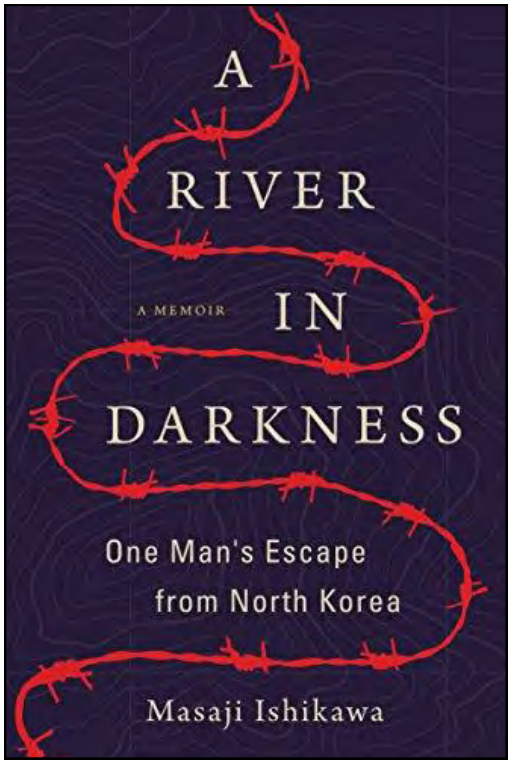
**An Amazon Charts bestseller.**

“Here is a memoir that blows your hair back—the true story of Scott Parazynski’s boundless life, a thrill-seeking Denver General ER resident turned NASA recruit who would one day make emergency repairs to the International Space Station (which he helped build over the course of several missions to space, and where Parazynski also served as John Glenn’s personal space physician).

“In the present tense, we experience the development of a national hero as he takes us into the training simulators at NASA, the cockpits of fighter jets, the top of Everest, the inside of an Andean volcano. You get the idea. Stop reading this, and start reading *The Sky Below*. Feel what it’s like to challenge the bounds of a planet.” —Barry Harbaugh, Editor

“Scott Parazynski’s drive, curiosity, inventiveness, and great humor shine through the pages of *The Sky Below* and will certainly inspire future generations to pursue their dreams with every fiber in their being.” —John Glenn, NASA astronaut

“Relatable, down-to-earth discourse mingles the ordinary with the extraordinary and will have readers feeling like they’re catching up with a best friend—one who happens to be an astronaut—over beers.” —*Booklist*




## A River in Darkness: One Man's Escape from North Korea

### Masaji Ishikawa

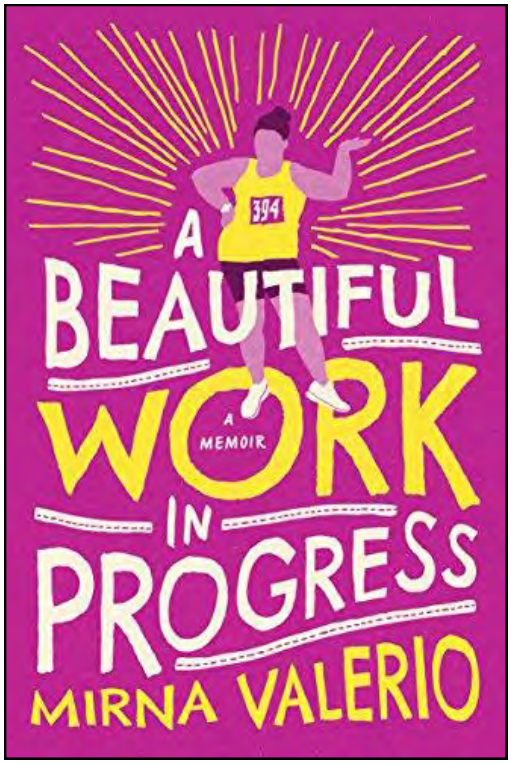
General Nonfiction - Memoir
Imprint: AmazonCrossing
Publication Date: 1/1/2018
Page Count: TBD
Rights Acquired: All Languages, excluding Japanese

**The harrowing true story of one man's life in—and subsequent escape from—North Korea, one of the world's most brutal totalitarian regimes. *A River in Darkness* was originally published in Japanese and is being translated into English by Risa Kobayashi and Martin Brown.**

Half-Korean, half-Japanese, Masaji Ishikawa has spent his whole life feeling like a man without a country. This feeling only deepened when his family moved from Japan to North Korea when Ishikawa was just thirteen years old, and unwittingly became members of the lowest social caste. His father, himself a Korean national, was lured to the new Communist country by promises of abundant work, education for his children, and a higher station in society. But the reality of their new life was far from utopian.

In this memoir translated from the original Japanese, Ishikawa candidly recounts his tumultuous upbringing and the brutal thirty-six years he spent living under a crushing totalitarian regime, as well as the challenges he faced repatriating to Japan after barely escaping North Korea with his life. *A River in Darkness* is not only a shocking portrait of life inside the country but a testament to the dignity—and indomitable nature—of the human spirit.

Born in 1947 in Kawasaki, Japan, **Masaji Ishikawa** moved with his parents and three sisters to North Korea in 1960 at the age of thirteen, where he lived until his escape in 1996. He currently resides in Japan.




## A Beautiful Work in Progress

**Mirna Valerio**

General Nonfiction - Memoir
Imprint: Grand Harbor Press
Publication Date: 10/1/2017
Page Count: 295
Rights Acquired: All Languages

Kindle First

**Runner Mirna Valerio goes beyond the finish line to break through the sport's gender, weight, and race stereotypes.**

"Go for a run with Mirna; I promise you won't regret it. From the sights, sounds, and smells of her youth on Hart Street in Brooklyn to a grueling 50K trail race in the forested hills of humid South Carolina, you can't help but be held tight by her biting wit, humble appreciation, and stubborn determination to conquer each mile, each step of life. Underrepresented in the fitness world, Mirna lets you into her world as an overweight, black, working wife and mother, proving over and over again she will not give up.

"Running has changed Mirna Valerio, but not because of significant weight loss. She's been transformed into a warrior, a champion for those who understand that real reward is in the attempt of something you thought was impossible. A self-described 'fat girl,' she's persevered through injury, doubt, judgment and body-shaming, as well as racism and rejection by her peers—and not just on the racecourse.

"The self-discovery and self-love that Mirna finds each time she laces up her running shoes is undeniably inspiring. I've found myself running more regularly since reading this memoir. Some runs are long, some are short, most of them hurt, and sometimes I don't finish; on one run I even got lost for a bit—but Mirna is with me each and every time, and like her, I am unstoppable." —Erin Calligan Mooney, Editor

## Halsey Street

**Naima Coster**

Literary Fiction
Imprint: Little A
Publication Date: 1/1/2018
Page Count: 300
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**"A quiet gut-punch of a debut…Absorbing and alive, the kind of novel that swallows you whole." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review**

A modern-day story of family, loss, and renewal, *Halsey Street* captures the deeply human need to belong—not only to a place but to one another.

"In this lovely novel, Naima Coster captures, with depth and nuance, the yearnings, ambivalence, and insecurities of a woman on the brink of adulthood. In the process of healing old wounds, Penelope Grand must mend complex fractures in relationships with her estranged mother in the Dominican Republic and her father in Brooklyn. An exceptional debut that explores how to find meaning within the shifting emotions and tangled webs of connection." —#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Christina Baker Kline

"Naima Coster's first novel is rich and flavorsome, a portrait of a Brooklyn neighborhood in decline and renewal, and of a young woman—a risk-taker, fierce and yet loving. First novels rarely come as skilled, touching, and real as *Halsey Street*." —John Crowley, author of *Ka* and *Little, Big*

"How does one gifted young woman find her life? Through a deep journey of mind, body, and spirit across cultures, classes, and city blocks. Coster's Penelope rises and falls, flies and stumbles, and goes straight to the heart in this beauty of a debut. Get to *Halsey Street* as fast as you can." —Stacey D'Erasmo, author of *Wonderland*

## A Dark Heart (Un cuore oscuro)

**Maria Luisa Minarelli**

Mystery & Thriller - Historical Thriller

Imprint: Amazon Publishing - Italian Language

Publication Date: 7/11/2017

Page Count: 334

Rights Acquired: English, Portuguese, French, Chinese, German, Italian, Spanish, and Japanese

**A new stand-alone historical thriller set in Milan, from the beloved Italian author of the Venice series, which is being translated into Spanish and French.**

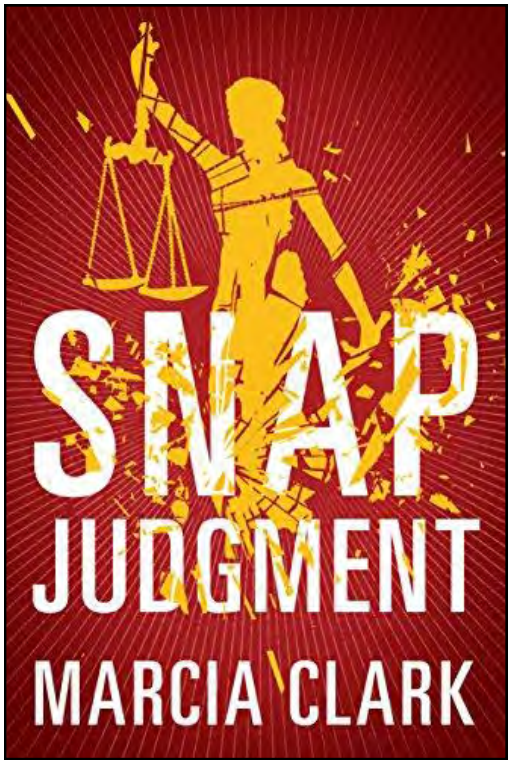
Milan, 1980: Pina Accorsi, a middle-aged seamstress, is found dead in her apartment in a banister house on the Naviglio Pavese. Her throat was cut and she was robbed.

Milan, 1938: The young Olimpia Cavenaghi dreams of leaving her poor banister house in viale Col di Lana to flee to Rome and enter the fabulous world of cinema.

What connects two women who are so different, more than forty years apart? That is what the Commissioner Marco Pisani must discover, when called to investigate the death of Pina Accorsi.

Maria Luisa Minarelli leads us into a long, dark journey through the history of Italy: from the popular celebrations of the fascist regime to the receptions of the high-class Roman world in Cinecittà; from the years of war to the bloody clashes between partisans and Germans; from the economic boom to the lean years. Masterfully drawn characters and a rich plot of unexpected twists sweep readers to the novel’s gripping conclusion.

## Samantha Brinkman Series




### Snap Judgment (Book Three)

**Marcia Clark**

Mystery & Thriller - Legal Thriller
Imprint: Thomas & Mercer
Publication Date: 8/29/2017
Page Count: 462
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**“It’s no big surprise that Marcia Clark knows her way around a courtroom, and a murder mystery—but she’s also a terrific writer and storyteller.” —James Patterson**

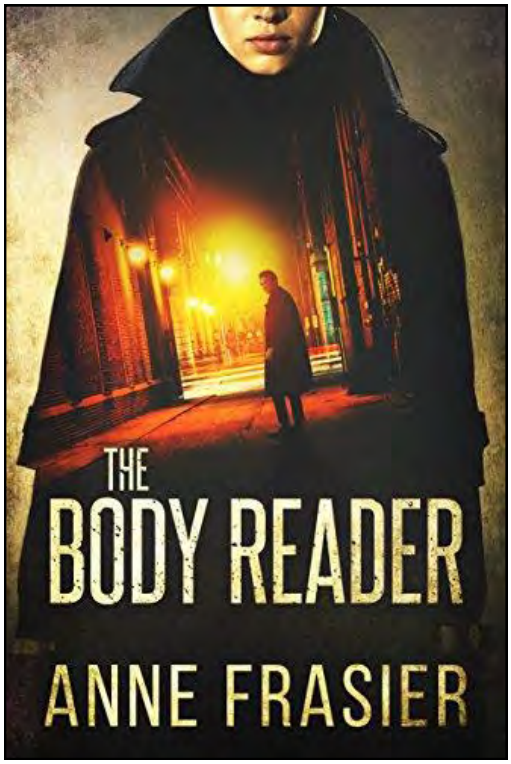
In the third installment of the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling Samantha Brinkman series from bestselling author and famed O. J. Simpson trial prosecutor Marcia Clark, attorney Samantha Brinkman’s investigation into a family’s deadly secrets is compromised by a threat from her past.

“Samantha Brinkman, Clark’s flawed but sympathetic Los Angeles defense attorney protagonist, must deal with more than one explosive case in her highly suspenseful third outing...Clark keeps up the frenetic pace, but never allows the plot’s tricky developments to overwhelm her characterizations.” —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“A twisting plot informed by Clark’s legal know-how will keep readers turning pages.” —*Booklist*

“[*Moral Defense* (Book Two)] has it all: a hard-charging lawyer heroine, tough-as-nails cops…as well as fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants pacing and page-turning twists.” —*The Associated Press*

# Detective Jude Fontaine Mysteries




## The Body Reader (Book One)

**Anne Frasier**

Mystery & Thriller - Police Procedural
Imprint: Thomas & Mercer
Publication Date: 6/21/2016
Page Count: 304
Rights Acquired: All Languages
Rights Sold: German, Hungarian, and Simplified Chinese

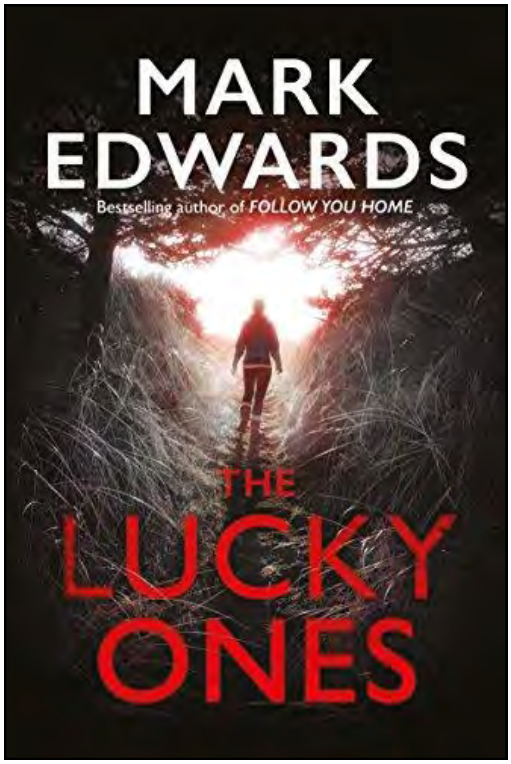
**A Thriller Award winner, Best Paperback Original Novel, from *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Anne Frasier.**

For three years, Detective Jude Fontaine was kept from the outside world. Held in an underground cell, her only contact was with her sadistic captor, and reading his face was her entire existence. Learning his every line, every movement, and every flicker of thought is what kept her alive.

After her experience with isolation and torture, she is left with a fierce desire for justice—and a heightened ability to interpret the body language of both the living and the dead. Despite colleagues' doubts about her mental state, she resumes her role at Homicide. Her new partner, Detective Uriah Ashby, doesn't trust her sanity, and he has a story of his own he'd rather keep hidden. But a killer is on the loose, murdering young women, so the detectives have no choice: they must work together to catch the madman before he strikes again. And no one knows madmen like Jude Fontaine.

"*The Body Reader* is a superb novel full of suspenseful exploits…An electrifying murder mystery—one of the best of the year." —*Mysterious Reviews*

**Stay tuned for the next book in the series, which will be released in Spring 2018!**




## The Lucky Ones

**Mark Edwards**

Mystery & Thriller - Psychological Thriller
Imprint: Thomas & Mercer
Publication Date: 6/15/2017
Page Count: 382
Rights Acquired: All Languages

***The Lucky Ones* is the terrifying new thriller from the #1 Kindle bestselling author of *Follow You Home* and *The Devil's Work*, whose books have reached more than two million readers and have had translation rights sold into eleven languages.**

When a woman's body is found on the grounds of a ruined priory, Detective Imogen Evans realizes she is dealing with a serial killer—a killer whose victims appear to die in a state of bliss, eyes open, smiles forever frozen on their faces.

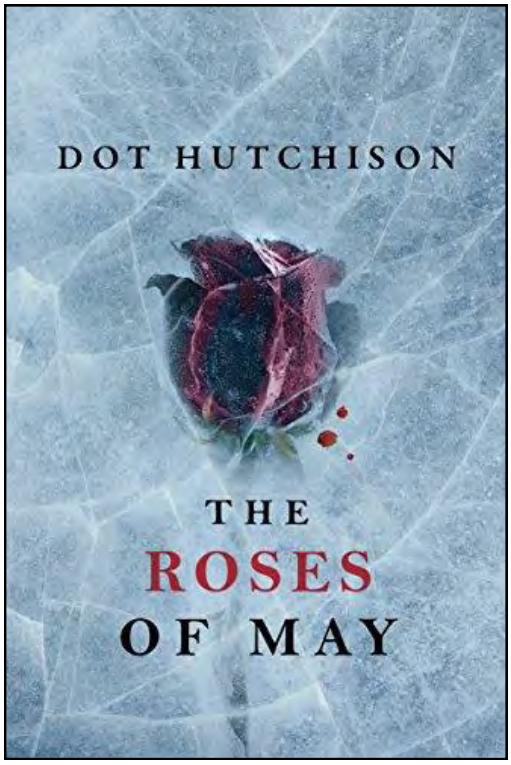
A few miles away, single dad Ben Hofland believes his fortunes are changing at last. Forced to move back to the sleepy village where he grew up following the breakdown of his marriage, Ben finally finds work. What's more, the bullies who have been terrorizing his son, Ollie, disappear. For the first time in months, Ben feels lucky.

But he is unaware that someone is watching him and Ollie. Someone who wants nothing but happiness for Ben. Happiness…and death.

"Written with such verve and wit, it makes multiple murder enormous fun." —*The Sunday Mirror*

"[Edwards's] most cunning offering…This page-turner…is a solid entrant into the psycho-killer canon." —*Shots Magazine*

## The Collector Trilogy




### The Roses of May (Book Two)

**Dot Hutchison**

Mystery & Thriller - Psychological Thriller
Imprint: Thomas & Mercer
Publication Date: 5/23/2017
Page Count: 302
Rights Acquired: All Languages
Rights Sold: Bulgarian, Serbian, Simplified Chinese, and Turkish

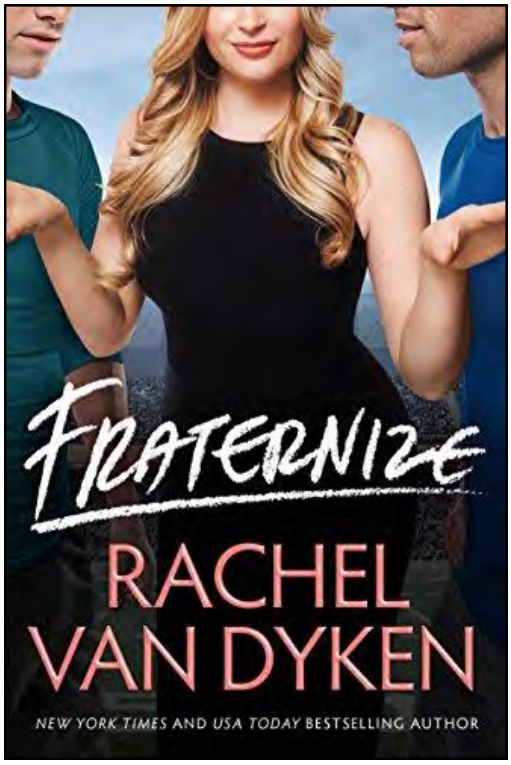
**The highly anticipated follow-up to #1 Kindle bestseller *The Butterfly Garden*, which has been optioned for film by Anonymous Content and PalmStar Media, and has had translation rights sold into 21 languages.**

The sister of a murder victim searches for answers—and comes face-to-face with the killer.

Four months after the explosion at the Garden, a place where young women known as the Butterflies were kept captive, FBI agents Brandon Eddison, Victor Hanoverian, and Mercedes Ramirez are still entrenched in the aftermath, helping survivors in the process of adjusting to life on the outside. With winter coming to an end, the Butterflies have longer, warmer days of healing ahead. But for the agents, the impending thaw means one gruesome thing: a chilling guarantee that another young woman will turn up dead in a church with her throat slit and her body surrounded by flowers.

Priya Sravasti's sister fell victim to the killer years ago. Now she and her mother move every few months, hoping for a new beginning. But when she ends up in the madman's crosshairs, the hunt takes on new urgency. Only with Priya's help can the killer be found—but will her desperate hope for closure compel her to put her very life on the line? **Stay tuned for the next book in the series, which will be released in Spring 2018!**

## Players Game Series




### Fraternize (Book One)

**Rachel Van Dyken**

New Adult - Romance

Imprint: Skyscape

Publication Date: 9/12/2017

Page Count: 320

Rights Acquired: All Languages

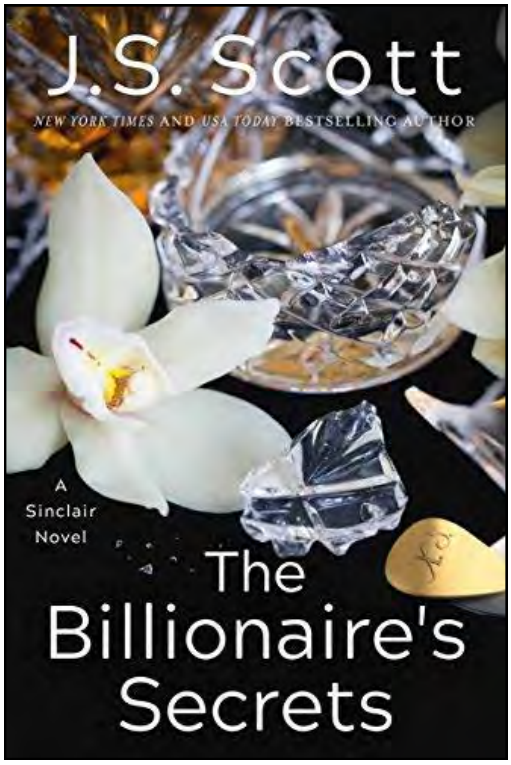
***New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author Rachel Van Dyken—whose translation rights have sold into eight languages—kicks off a brand-new series in which romance is a game and love is a touchdown.**

"Van Dyken has brought her A game to the first book in her new series. *Fraternize* is a witty and sexy read...A perfect combination of funny, laugh-out-loud moments and hot, steamy ones." —*RT Book Reviews*

"Van Dyken (*Cheater's Regret*) crafts a strong romance...The actual progress toward a happily-ever-after for two of the three members of this love triangle is delightful." —*Publishers Weekly*

Teammates. Friends. Brothers. The Bellevue Bucks aren't just any pro football team: they're the best. They train hard to win, and they party even harder. They have one another's backs—always. Of course, off the field is another story. Between old enemies, new rivals, and one of the guys getting in way over his head, there is plenty of drama inside and outside the locker room. Because while football has rules, love definitely doesn't. And when it comes to the hot, crazy-talented Bucks cheerleaders, nothing in the playbook says anything about playing fair…**Stay tuned for the next book in the series, which will be released in Spring 2018!**

## The Sinclairs Series




### The Billionaire's Secrets (Book Six)

**J. S. Scott**

Romance - Contemporary Erotic

Imprint: Montlake Romance

Publication Date: 11/7/2017

Page Count: TBD

Rights Acquired: All Languages, excluding German and Portuguese

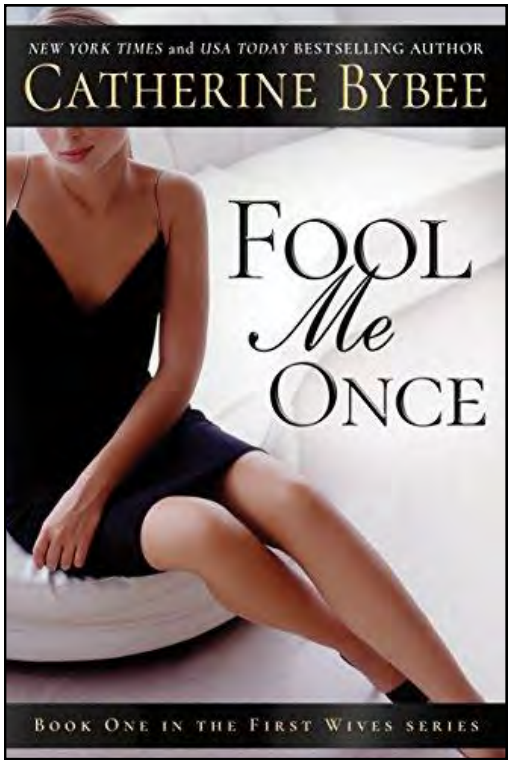
**The latest installment in a *Wall Street Journal* bestselling contemporary erotic romance series for which translation rights have sold into five languages. From *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author J. S. Scott.**

Julian, Micah, and Xander Sinclair have experienced an unspeakable tragedy—one that has sent them scattering in different directions, unable or unwilling to cope with a world that has been completely and irreparably shattered. One by one, however, these once-close brothers will learn that there is still love, surprise, and plenty of passion to be discovered. As they embark on their journeys toward healing, they must fight to rebuild their family. Can they re-form their brotherly bonds, or will their ties prove forever broken?

In *The Billionaire's Secrets*, out of rehab but still haunted by his past, an ex-rocker earns an unexpected chance at love.

"Plenty of heat and tenderness...The subplot...meshes perfectly with the romance, making for a well-rounded story." —*Publishers Weekly*, on *No Ordinary Billionaire (Book One)*

# First Wives Series




## Fool Me Once (Book One)

**Catherine Bybee**

Romance - Contemporary
Imprint: Montlake Romance
Publication Date: 9/19/2017
Page Count: 350
Rights Acquired: All Languages

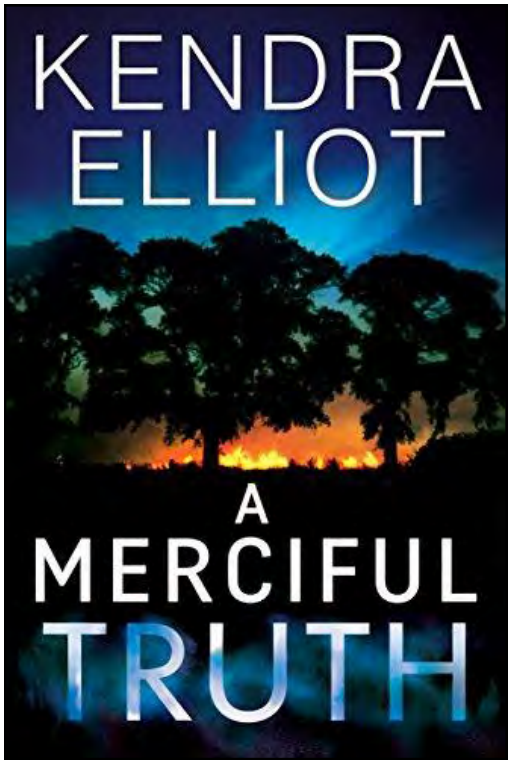
**From Weekday Brides to First Wives, a dazzling series about four women and their alliance of newfound friendship, unexpected love, and second chances from *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and Amazon Charts bestselling author Catherine Bybee, whose books have reached over 3.5 million readers and have had translation rights sold into fifteen languages.**

In the First Wives series, a spin-off of bestselling author Catherine Bybee's wildly popular Weekday Brides series, the fun starts when the contracted marriages end. Four women, all involved in a matrimony-for-hire service to the rich and famous, discover that there is life—and love—after divorce. Attorney Lori and her three Alliance clients, Shannon, Avery, and Katrina, learn that the journey from wealthy man's wife to seemingly cast-off bride is anything but smooth. Still, as they band together and regain their footing, these first wives are about to find out that the second time really is the charm.

This divorce attorney has sworn off love—until she meets the man sent to destroy her…

**Stay tuned for the next book in the series, which will be released in Summer 2018!**

## Mercy Kilpatrick Series




### A Merciful Truth (Book Two)

**Kendra Elliot**

Romantic Suspense

Imprint: Montlake Romance

Publication Date: 6/6/2017

Page Count: 322

Rights Acquired: All Languages

**From award-winning, bestselling author Kendra Elliot—whose books have reached over 3.5 million readers, and have had translation rights sold into seven languages—comes the Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling second book in the Mercy Kilpatrick romantic-suspense series.**

"In the debut of her new Mercy Kilpatrick series, Elliot crafts an eerily fascinating small town. An air of menace is palpable throughout the story, and the characters hide a wealth of secrets and twisted loyalties." —*RT Book Reviews*, on *A Merciful Death (Book One)*

"Elliot is a master of romantic suspense." —Adrian Liang, *Amazon Book Review*

Special Agent Mercy Kilpatrick has been waiting her whole life for disaster to strike. A prepper since childhood, Mercy grew up living off the land—and off the grid—in rural Eagle's Nest, Oregon. But tragedy shook her belief system to its core. Her family shunned her. Now she works for the FBI, keeping her antigovernment roots hidden from her colleagues. In this exciting suspense series, Mercy will use her survivalist instincts to defend her hometown from the people the law can't reach—only this time, she's ready for them. **Stay tuned for the third book in the series, which will be released in Spring 2018!**

## Morgan Dane Series

### Her Last Goodbye (Book Two)

**Melinda Leigh**

Romantic Suspense
Imprint: Montlake Romance
Publication Date: 9/26/2017
Page Count: 336
Rights Acquired: All Languages
Rights Sold: Hungarian

**The second book in the Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling Morgan Dane series, from award-winning author Melinda Leigh, whose books have reached over 2.5 million readers and have had translation rights sold into seven languages.**

"Leigh masters every aspect of a thriller, and with every book sets the crime fiction bar higher." —*USA Today*

"Bestseller Leigh (*Midnight Obsession*) begins a series set in Scarlet Falls, N.Y., with this solid contemporary romantic thriller. Romantic suspense fans will look forward to following several tantalizing subsidiary mysteries in subsequent volumes." —*Publishers Weekly*, on *Say You're Sorry (Book One)*

Bestselling author Melinda Leigh revisits the small upstate New York town of Scarlet Falls with a new spin-off series featuring former prosecutor Morgan Dane. In *Her Last Goodbye*, the Morgan Dane series continues as the fearless attorney and her partner, investigator Lance Kruger, take on a disturbing disappearance…

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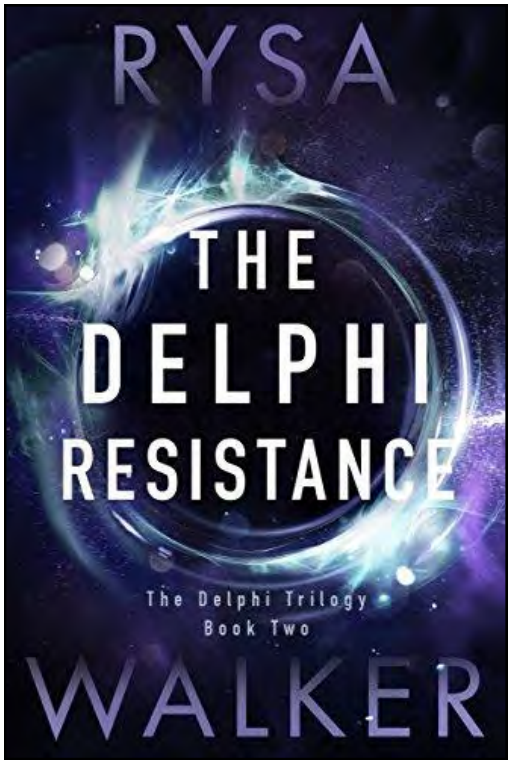
# The Delphi Trilogy




## The Delphi Resistance (Book Two)

**Rysa Walker**

Young-Adult Crossover - Science Fiction
Imprint: Skyscape
Publication Date: 10/24/2017
Page Count: 400
Rights Acquired: All Languages

**The follow-up to *The Delphi Effect* (a Fall 2016 Junior Library Guild Selection), from the award-winning, bestselling author of the Chronos Files series, for which translation rights have sold into twelve languages.**

Seventeen-year-old Anna Morgan's chaotic life spent in foster care and psychiatric institutions isn't caused by a severe personality disorder, as everyone believes. Instead, it's because of her ability to interact with the dead—and one spirit has now entangled her in a secret war against a covert organization that wants to turn gifted teens like Anna into weapons to control the public. The Delphi Trilogy presents a near-future Washington, DC, where psychic forces are pitted against a government conspiracy in a desperate race for answers and survival.

In *The Delphi Resistance*, Anna and her equally exceptional friends are on the run from the ruthless Graham Cregg, leader of a covert operation known as the Delphi Project. Cregg has already killed repeatedly to test Anna's ability. Now, he and his father, a presidential contender, will stop at nothing to recapture the Delphi adepts, whom they see as weapons to be controlled—or destroyed.

**Stay tuned for the third book in the trilogy, which will be released in Fall 2018!**