

ROMEANTICALLY CHALLENGED by Marina Adair

Sexy humorous riff on *Three Men and a Baby* meets *27 Dresses*, in which a newly single physician's assistant who sets out on an exotic—and man-free—adventure gets stranded in a decidedly not exotic coastal town full of eccentric residents, nosy neighbors, and an infuriatingly sexy bunkmate who makes her question her anti-romance diet.

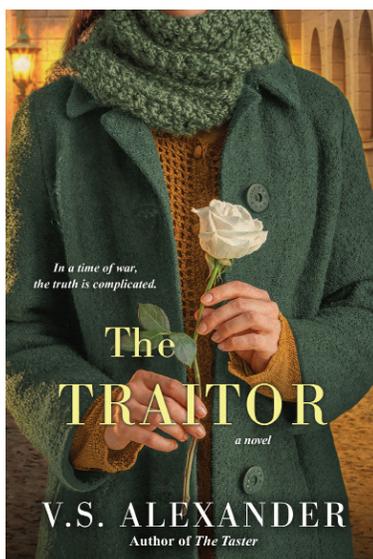
Growing up the lone Asian in her community, Annie has always felt out of place. Her solution? Start a family of her own. Not easy when every man she's dated, including her ex-fiancé, finds "his person" right after breaking up with her. New plan—find a fresh, man-free start. Too bad her exit strategy unexpectedly lands her working at a hospital and sharing a cabin with a big, brooding, and annoyingly hot male roommate.

Home on medical leave, investigative photojournalist Emmitt embarks on his most important assignment—cementing his place in his daughter's life. Three men and a baby might work in the movies, but with a stepdad and devoted uncle competing for Paisley's attention, Emmitt has lost his place. Then there's the adorably sexy squatter in his cabin. But he can't win—Annie has sworn off men, Paisley's gone boy crazy, and Emmitt's estranged father reappears with a secret that changes everything.

Annie and Emmitt are about to discover love comes in many forms, and sometimes the best families are the ones we make.

Adair is a USA Today and #1 nationally bestselling author who has sold over one million books.

AUGUST 2020



THE TRAITOR by V.S. Alexander

Set in Germany in 1942 and drawing on the true story of the White Rose: follows a group of Munich students who decide to take a stand against the Third Reich through non-violent resistance. Most of The White Rose, as they call themselves, will pay for their treason with their lives. THE TRAITOR is a novel of intrigue, betrayal, sacrifice, and the courage of one woman who risks her life in the battle against tyranny.

As war rages across Europe, a series of leaflets appears around the University of Munich, speaking out against escalating Nazi atrocities. Natalya, a student, knows who is behind the leaflets—a secret group called the White Rose, led by siblings Hans and Sophie Scholl.

As a nurse on the Russian front, Natalya witnessed the horrors of war. She willingly enters the White Rose's circle, where every hushed conversation, every small act of dissent could mean imprisonment or death. Natalya risks everything, hoping the power of words will encourage others to resist. But even among those she trusts most, there is no guarantee of safety.

Additional Information

Portuguese (Brazil & Portugal), Spanish and UK Rights Sold

Alexander's previous WWII historical novel sold in Czech, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil & Portugal), Spanish, and the UK

"This haunting and engrossing novel will appeal to fans of Anthony Doerr and Kristin Hannah."—*Booklist on The Taster*

MARCH 2020



WILD WOMEN AND THE BLUES

by Denny Bryce

Jazz-age Chicago comes to life in Bryce's evocative novel that links the stories of an ambitious chorus girl and a modern-day film student, both coming to grips with loss, forgiveness, and the limitations of love.

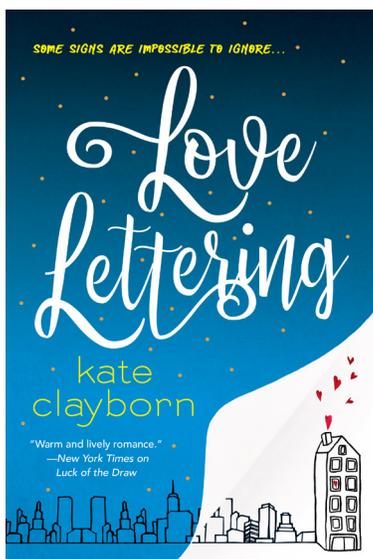
1925: Chicago is the jazz capital of the world, and the Dreamland Café is the ritziest black-and-tan club in town. Honoree is willing to work hard and dance every night on her way to the top. Dreamland offers a path to the good life, socializing with celebrities like Louis Armstrong and filmmaker Oscar Micheaux. But Chicago is also awash in bootleg whiskey, gambling, and gangsters. And a young woman driven by ambition might risk more than she can stand to lose.

2015: Film student Sawyer arrives at the bedside of 110-year-old Honoree, still reeling from a devastating loss. Sawyer has rested all his hope on this frail but formidable woman, the only living link to the legendary Oscar Micheaux. If he's right—if she can fill in the blanks in his research, perhaps he can complete his thesis and begin a new chapter in his life.

Piece by piece, Honoree reveals her past and her secrets, while Sawyer fights tooth and nail to keep his. It's a story of courage and ambition, hot jazz and illicit passions. And as past meets present, for Honoree, it's a final chance to be truly heard and seen before it's too late.

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Bryce writes reviews for NPR Books, Washington Independent Review of Books, and FROLIC Media. She has been an RWA Award finalist.



LOVE LETTERING

by Kate Clayborn

Layered romantic fiction in the style of novels like *The Rosie Project* and *Kiss Quotient*: Meg's hand-lettering skill has made her famous as the Planner of Park Slope, designing beautiful custom journals, invitations, and artwork in New York City. She has another skill too: reading signs that other people miss. Like the time she sat across from Reid and his gorgeous fiancée, and knew their upcoming marriage was doomed to fail. Weaving a secret word into their wedding program was a little unprofessional, but she was sure no one else would spot it. She hadn't counted on sharp-eyed, pattern-obsessed Reid.

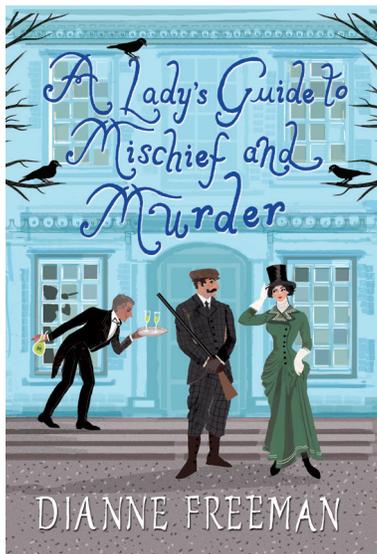
A year later, Reid has tracked Meg down to find out how she knew that his future was about to implode. But with a looming deadline, a fractured friendship, and a case of creative block, Meg doesn't have time for Reid's questions—unless he can help her find her missing inspiration. As they gradually open up to each other about their lives, work, and regrets, while exploring NYC together both try to ignore the fact that their unlikely connection is growing deeper.

Additional Information

Dutch, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Romanian, and UK Rights Sold.

Love Lettering was a Amazon Best Romance of the Month, a Goodreads Best Romance of the Month, an Entertainment Weekly Top Ten Best Romance, a Publisher's Weekly Top 10 Pick for Romance, a HelloGiggles 8 Best New Books to Read for the month, a Bookish Must Read, a Bustle 17 Best New Books of the month, and was featured in the Kirkus Reviews 9 Romances for People Who Don't Read Romances.

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A LADY'S GUIDE TO MISCHIEF AND MURDER by Dianne Freeman

In Freeman's charming Victorian-era mystery series, Frances Wynn, the American-born Countess of Harleigh, finds her sister's wedding threatened by a vow of vengeance: London is known for its bustle and intrigues, but the sedate English countryside can host—or hide—any number of secrets. Frances needs a venue for her sister Lily's imminent wedding, away from prying eyes. Risings, George Hazleton's family estate, is a perfect choice, and soon Frances, her beloved George, and other guests have gathered to enjoy the usual country pursuits—shooting, horse riding, and romantic interludes in secluded gardens.

But the bucolic setting harbors a menace, and it's not simply the arrival of Frances's socially ambitious mother. Above and below stairs, mysterious accidents befall guests and staff alike. Before long, Frances suspects these "accidents" are deliberate, and fears that the intended victim is Lily's fiancé, Leo. Frances's mother is unimpressed by Lily's groom-to-be and would much prefer that Lily find an aristocratic husband. But now that Frances has found happiness with George—a man who loves her for much more than her dowry—she heartily approves of Lily's choice. If she can just keep the couple safe from villains and meddling mothers.

Additional Information

Serbian and Spanish rights sold to the previous books in the *Lady's Guide* series.

Freeman's debut, *A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder*, won an Agatha Award and a Lefty Award and was nominated for the prestigious Mary Higgins Clark Award.

AUGUST 2020



OLIVE BRIGHT, PIGEONEER by Stephanie Graves

Set in a charming British village during World War II and introducing Olive Bright, a spirited young pigeon fancier who finds herself at the heart of a baffling murder.

Though war rages across mainland Europe the little village of Piple in Hertfordshire bustles along much as it always has. Adrift since her best friend, George, joined the Royal Air Force, 22-year-old Olive fills her days helping at her father's veterinary practice and tending to her racing pigeons. Desperate to do her bit, Olive hopes that the National Pigeon Service will enlist Bright Lofts' expertise, and use their highly trained birds to deliver critical, coded messages for His Majesty's Forces.

The strangers who arrive in Piple are not from the NPS. Instead, Jameson and his associate are tied to a covert British intelligence organization known as Baker Street. If Olive wants her pigeons to help the war effort, she must do so in complete secrecy. Tired of living vicariously through the characters of her beloved Agatha Christie novels, Olive readily agrees. But in the midst of her subterfuge, the village of Piple is dealing with another mystery. Local busybody Miss Husselbee is found dead outside Olive's pigeon loft.

Is the murder tied to Olive's new assignment? Or did Miss Husselbee finally succeed in ferreting out a secret shameful enough to kill for? With the gruff, handsome Jameson as an unlikely ally, Olive intends to find out—but homing in on a murderer can be a deadly business

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FOX CROSSING by Melinda Metz

A contemporary, lighthearted, feel-good fiction story with a lot of depth and character about how important relationships are – how they shape who we are, and how they can help us grow.

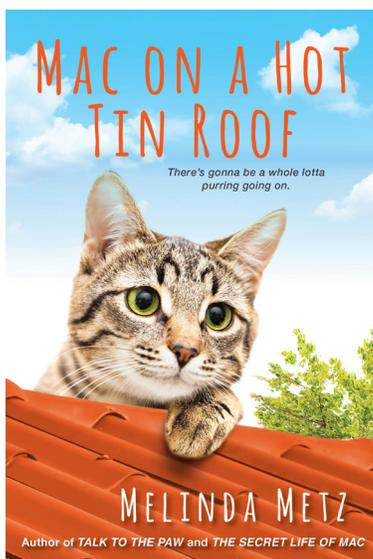
In the mountain village of Fox Crossing everyone knows the story of The Fox. According to local legend, one of the town’s founders crossed paths with a curious-looking fox. The unusual fox sighting not only inspired the town’s name, it sparked a piece of folklore. Some people say that whoever sees The Fox will be rewarded with good fortune. Others say it’s just a silly folk tale.

Annie doesn’t believe The Fox legend—even though it was her great-great-great-grandmother who first spotted the critter. But now it’s part of Annie’s legacy, along with her family business, Hatherley’s Outfitters. For years, Annie’s been selling gear to hikers heading onto the trail. Raised by her strong-willed grandmother Honey and single-mother Belle, Annie doesn’t think she needs anyone else in her life. That is until she feels an unwelcome spark between her and Nick, a woefully unprepared hiker who is trying to overcome his own emotional baggage. When an accident forces Nick to stay in Fox Crossing for a few weeks, their relationship is able to move forward – all with the help of the lovable town residents including bakery owner Shoo Fly, pub owner Banana, and longtime summer vacationer Chloe.

Additional Information

Melinda Metz and the Mac series have been published in: Czech, Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil and Portugal), Spanish, Thai, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

DECEMBER 2020



MAC ON A HOT TIN ROOF by Melinda Metz

Layered feel-good fiction in the vein of A Man Called Ove and featuring the infamous tabby cat Mac. This final installment of the Mac series focuses on several new inhabitants in Storybook Court: an endearing actress hoping for a second chance at her dream career, a heart-broken detective, and a group of kittens.

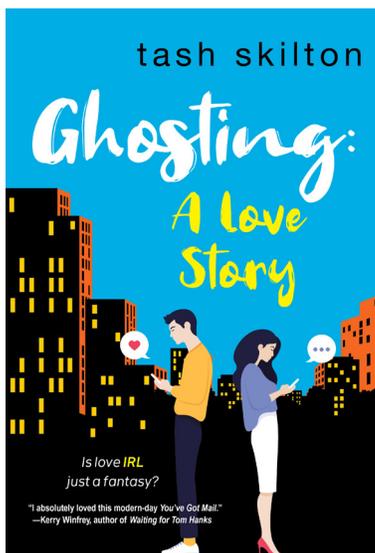
Serena cannot believe her luck on winning an award to live rent free for a year in a lighthouse shaped home in beloved Storybook Court. It will finally afford her the time and money to be able to pursue her acting career full time, instead of just teaching it to other people. Just a few hours into living there, and she is already in love with her neighbors: from vivacious set designer Ruby, fellow actor and barista Dan, town gossip Mary, and even Erik - the handsome detective patrolling the court.

At first Erik is horrified that he and his partner, facts and comic book obsessed Kait, were assigned the Court as their street beat - his ex Tulip used to live there, and the whole community brought back bittersweet memories. However, he perks up a bit when sparks fly between him and new resident Serena. That is, until he sees her walk into the lighthouse home that he spent so many nights in with Tulip. Luckily, Erik decides he can put of their mutual attraction by focusing on the case of some missing jewelry in the Court. Mac; however, has other plans for them.

Additional Information

Mac has been published in: Czech, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil, Portugal), Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese

DECEMBER 2019



GHOSTING: A LOVE STORY by Tash Skilton

Debut romantic comedy with a cheeky vibe in the vein of Sophie Kinsella: dumped by his fiancée, not only is Miles couch-surfing his way across New York City, downsizing his possessions has forced him to work from a cafe. Not to mention, he no longer believes in love. Which is not the best sentiment given his line of work - working as an internet cyrano for people on dating websites.

Aspiring screenwriter Zoey has moved from LA to NYC to “grow”. But beneath her chill California demeanor, she is terrified to venture beyond the cafe across the street. And the only job she has been able to land has been freelance ghostwriting “authentic” profiles for her online dating clients.

The only thing Miles and Zoey think they share is their daily battle for the last biscotti and prime seating. That is until they meet anonymously online - texting on the clock pretending to be other people. Soon, with their clients heading for dating disaster, both of their jobs are at stake. And once they find out their lines have crossed, will their love connection be the real thing?

Additional Information

Czech, German, Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish, and UK Rights Sold.

JUNE 2020

Tash Skilton is the pseudonym for two co-authors who formed their friendship and partnership when they met on Twitter.



WEDNESDAY WALKS & WAGS by Melissa Storm

Heartwarming story of friendship and second chances, featuring some adorable dogs and the ideal bookclub pick: in the rapidly blooming courtyard beneath Bridget’s new apartment, the signs are unmissable: spring has come. As she unpacks boxes, Bridget hopes that she too is moving forward. With her tight schedule—college, working as a vet tech, volunteering at the animal shelter, caring for her beloved dogs—Bridget strives to keep too busy to register the pain of losing her mother just months ago.

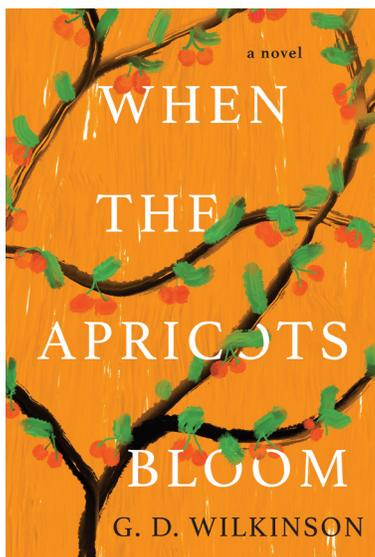
Bridget’s new neighbor, Wesley, also seems to be running from something—quite literally. He and his two energetic dogs jog by twice a day. It isn’t long before their paths intersect at their complex’s weekly dog-walking group. Bridget’s friends encourage her to enjoy Wesley’s company, though they understand all too well how tricky it can be to navigate life after loss.

Additional Information

Melissa storm is a *USA Today*-bestselling author.

SEPTEMBER 2020

“A poignant and touching story of friendship, love and healing. Perfect for your book club!” --#1 New York Times bestselling author, Barbara Freethy on The Sunday Potluck Club



WHEN THE APRICOTS BLOOM by G.D. Wilkinson

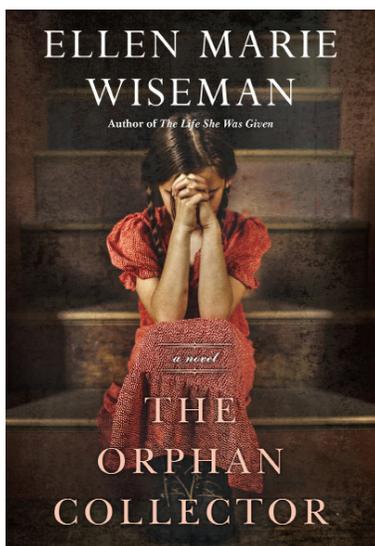
Inspired by real-life experiences, focusing on the limits of friendship and the strength of a mother's love: Huda, a secretary at the Australian embassy in Baghdad, lives in fear of the mukhabarat—the secret police who watch and listen for any scrap of information that can be used against America and its allies. They have ordered her to befriend Ally, the deputy ambassador's wife. Huda has no wish to be an informant, but fears for her teenaged son, who may be forced to join a deadly militia. Nor does she know that Ally has dangerous secrets of her own.

Huda's former friend, Rania, enjoyed a privileged upbringing as the daughter of a sheikh. Now her family's wealth is gone, and Rania too is battling to keep her child safe and a roof over their heads. As the women's lives intersect, their hidden pasts spill into the present. Facing possible betrayal at every turn, all three must trust in a fragile, newfound loyalty, even as they discover how much they are willing to sacrifice to protect their families.

Additional Information

Wilkinson is a former foreign correspondent, award winning journalist, and documentary maker who's reported for the BBC, NPR, the ABC, and other renowned public broadcasters. Wilkinson spent over a year in Baghdad under Saddam Hussein—at a time when Iraq was virtually sealed off from the outside world. During that period, her closest Iraqi friend worked as a secret police informant and reported on her every move. Her novel is inspired by that experience, and examines the complexities of trust, friendship, and family under the rule of a dictator and his ruthless secret police.

SEPTEMBER 2020



THE ORPHAN COLLECTOR by Ellen Marie Wiseman

In the fall of 1918, 13-year-old German immigrant Pia longs to be far from Philadelphia's overcrowded slums and the anti-immigrant sentiment that compelled her father to enlist in the U.S. Army. But as her city celebrates the end of war, an even more urgent threat arrives: the Spanish flu. Funeral crepe and quarantine signs appear on doors as victims drop dead in the streets and desperate survivors wear white masks to ward off illness. When food runs out in the cramped tenement she calls home, Pia must venture alone into the quarantined city in search of supplies, leaving her baby brothers behind.

Bernice has become lost in grief and bitterness since her baby died from the Spanish flu. Watching Pia leave her brothers alone, Bernice makes a shocking, life-altering decision and takes Pia's brothers as she desperately searches for food.

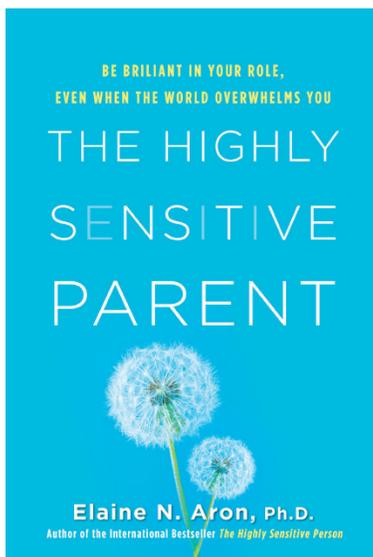
Waking in a hospital days after collapsing, Pia is frantic to return. Instead, she is taken to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum – the first step in a long and arduous journey to find her way back to her remaining family. As Bernice plots to keep the truth hidden at any cost, Pia must confront her own shame and fear, ultimately risking everything to see justice – and love – triumph at last.

Additional Information

Czech, Russian, and Turkish Rights Sold.

Wiseman has been published in: Albanian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, German, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (Portugal), Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian

AUGUST 2020



THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE PARENT by Elaine Aron, Ph.D.

Self-help parenting book for the significant number of parents who are attuned to their children; who think deeply about every issue affecting their kids and have strong emotions, both positive and negative; and who find parenting far more stressful than parents who are not highly sensitive. The book draws on more than 1200 responses the author received.

Parenting is the most valuable and rewarding job in the world, and also one of the most challenging. This is especially true for highly sensitive people. For highly sensitive people, parenting offers unique stresses—but the good news is that sensitivity can also be a parent’s most valuable asset, leading to increased personal joy and a closer, happier relationship with their child.

Aron, world-renowned author of the classic *The Highly Sensitive Person* and other bestselling books on the trait of high sensitivity, has written an indispensable guide for these parents. Drawing on extensive research and her own experience, she helps highly sensitive parents identify and address the implications of their heightened sensitivity.

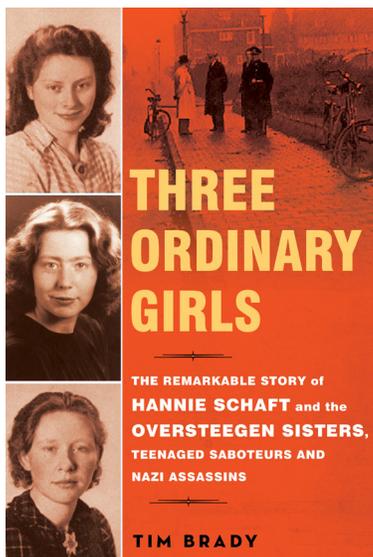
Additional Information

Chinese (Complex & Simplified), Dutch, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, and UK Rights Sold.

Aron is the author of *The Highly Sensitive Person* which has been translated in 28 different languages and is an international bestseller with more than 500,000 copies sold in the U.S alone.

“This book is filled with validating, healing and empowering information about how to navigate one of the most important roles of our lives while being highly sensitive. It changed my life in the most healing and empowering ways.” – Alanis Morissette, artist, activist, teacher

APRIL 2020



THREE ORDINARY GIRLS by Tim Brady

World War II story of a trio of fearless female resisters whose youth and innocence belied their extraordinary daring in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands.

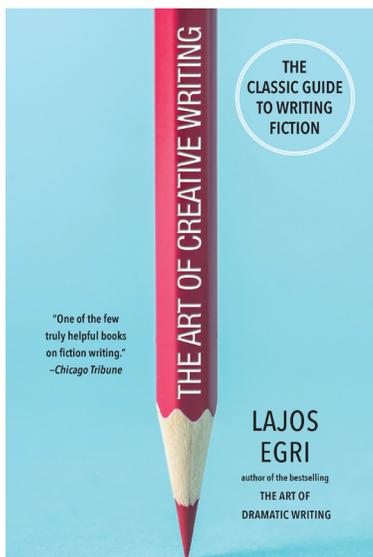
May 10, 1940. The Netherlands was swarming with Third Reich troops. In seven days it’s entirely occupied by Nazi Germany. Joining a small resistance in the Dutch city of Haarlem were three teenage girls: Hannie Schaft, and sisters Truus and Freddie Oversteegen who would soon form a singular female underground squad.

Smart, fiercely political, devoted solely to the cause, and “with nothing to lose but their own lives”, Hannie, Truus, and Freddie took terrifying direct action against Nazi targets. That included sheltering fleeing Jews, political dissidents, and Dutch resisters. They sabotaged bridges and donned disguises to lead children from internment in concentration camps to safehouses. They covertly transported weapons and set military facilities ablaze. And they carried out the assassinations of German soldiers and traitors with the cunning of seasoned spies.

In telling this true story through the lens of a fearlessly unique trio of freedom fighters, Tim Brady offers a never-before-seen perspective of the Dutch resistance during the war. Of lives under threat; of how these courageous young women became involved in the underground; and how their dedication evolved into dangerous, life-threatening missions on behalf of Dutch patriots—regardless of the consequences.

Brady has contributed to several PBS history documentaries and frequently writes for the History Channel Magazine.

MARCH 2021



THE ART OF CREATIVE WRITING by Lajos Egri

Master the fundamentals of great writing! Thousands of books have been written on the subject of writing and how to do it better. As in Egri's bestselling *The Art of Dramatic Writing*, still considered one of the most essential books on playwriting more than 75 years after publication, the author outlines in detail his highly acclaimed Egri Method of Creative Writing and shows how to apply it to all fiction formats—novels, short stories, and screenplays.

Grounded in Egri's assertion that "Every type of creative writing depends upon the credibility of a character," here is concise, clear advice on the most important element of good writing: characterization. Step by step, Egri shows writers how to probe the secrets of human motivation to create flesh-and-blood characters who create suspense and conflict, and who grow emotionally under stress and strain.

As practical as it is inspiring, *The Art of Creative Writing* remains a timeless, illuminating guide that teaches every writer, and aspiring writer, how to create works that are both compelling and enduring.

"One of the few truly helpful books on fiction writing."—*Chicago Tribune*

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ESCAPE EMOTIONAL ABUSE Healing the Shame You Don't Deserve by Beverly Engel

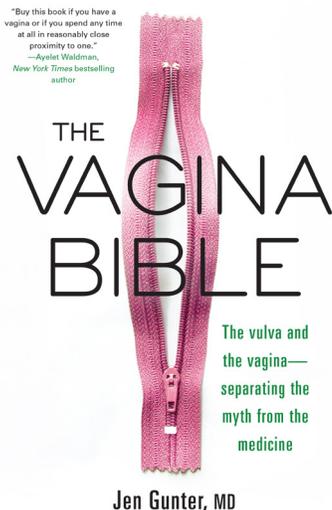
In her previously published *The Emotionally Abused Woman*, therapist Engel introduced the concept of emotional abuse, one of the most subtle, yet devastating forms of abuse within a relationship. Now Engel exposes the most destructive technique the abuser uses to break our spirit and gain control—and guides readers in how to free themselves from the shame that can keep them from the life, and the love, that they deserve.

Emotionally abused people are gradually stripped of self-esteem, dignity, and humanity—making them feel unworthy and utterly powerless to escape. But they possess a potent tool with which to combat shame: self-compassion. In these pages, Engel shows how to access it. Using her highly effective Shame Reduction Program, she helps readers jumpstart the process of recovery by offering specific steps to help heal, regain self-confidence—and ultimately become empowered enough to leave—for good.

Additional Information

Engel is an internationally recognized therapist with an expertise in emotional abuse, women's issues, relationships, and sexuality. She has been a practicing psychotherapist for 35 years, and is the author of the bestsellers *The Emotionally Abusive Relationship* and *The Emotionally Abused Woman*. She is considered one of the world's leading experts on the issue of emotional abuse, as well as a pioneer on the issue, having written one of the first recovery books on the subject.

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THE VAGINA BIBLE by Dr. Jen Gunter

New York Times, *Toronto Star*, *USA Today*, *Publishers Weekly* and Amazon bestseller! Internationally renowned OB/GYN and pain medicine physician Dr. Jen Gunter will bring women the facts and fiction of vaginal and vulval health.

So many important questions, so much convincing, confusing, contradictory misinformation! In this age of click bait, pseudoscience, and celebrity-endorsed products, it's easy to be overwhelmed—whether it's websites, advice from well-meaning friends, uneducated partners, and even healthcare providers. So how do you separate facts from fiction? Gunter, an expert on women's health, comes to the rescue with a book that debunks the myths and educates and empowers women. From reproductive health to the impact of antibiotics and probiotics, and the latest trends, including vaginal steaming, vaginal marijuana products, and jade eggs, Gunter takes us on a factual, fun-filled journey.

Additional Information

Canadian, Chinese (Simplified & Complex), Croatian, Czech, German, Greek, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese (Portugal), Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, and UK Rights Sold.

Gunter is a fierce advocates for women's health. In addition to academic publications, her writing has appeared in places like *The New York Times*, *The Cut*, *USA Today*, *The Hill*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Star*, and *Self*. Gunter currently has two regular columns in *The New York Times*. Her January 2020 Ted Talk has received 1.2 million views.



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YOUR BRAIN IN CRISIS by Jennifer Love, MD and Kjell Hovik, Ph.D

Our next in a line of mental health books published in partnership with Dr. Daniel Amen and the Amen Clinics.

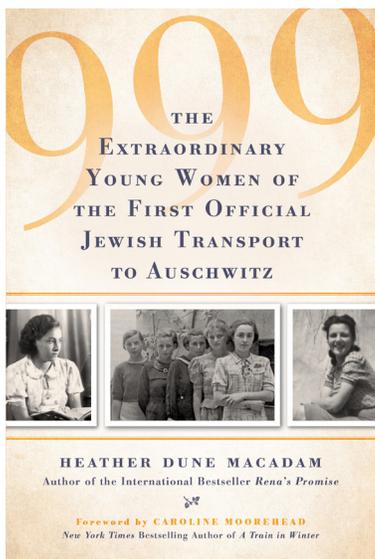
Our brains are wired to deal with acute stress. But what happens when stress is chronic? When multiple stressors keep piling on top of one another? With no simple solutions, situations causing brain crisis can wreak havoc in our lives and with our health, causing a cascade of symptoms from insomnia to exhaustion, tense muscles, weight gain, poor concentration and impaired functioning.

Based on 15 years of clinical practice. Drs. Love and Hovik present a proprietary five-step program that offers tools to regain control, balance and well-being when life swerves off track.

Additional Information

Dr. Love, MD is board-certified in psychiatry, addiction psychiatry and addiction medicine, and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the American Board of Addiction Medicine. Dr. Love is an award-winning researcher and international speaker, has appeared as a medical expert on *The Dr. Phil Show* and *The Doctors*.

Hovik, Ph.D. is a clinical neuropsychologist who has authored and co-authored more than 16 peer-reviewed academic articles and book chapters. He has trained professional athletes to use mental techniques to boost their peak performance potential. Dr. Hovik is Editor-in-Chief of *Nevropsykologi*, which is the peer-reviewed journal of the Norwegian Neuropsychological Society.



999 by Heather Dune Macadam

On March 25, 1942, nearly a thousand young, unmarried Jewish women boarded a train in Slovakia. Filled with a sense of adventure and national pride, they left their parents' homes wearing their best clothes believing they were going to work in a factory for a few months, they were eager to report for government service. Instead, the young women—many of them teenagers— were sent to Auschwitz. Their government paid 500 Reich Marks (about \$200) apiece for the Nazis to take them as slave labor. Of those 999 innocent deportees, only a few would survive. The facts of the first official Jewish transport to Auschwitz are little known, yet profound. These were not resistance fighters or prisoners of war. There were no men among them. Sent to almost certain death, the young women were powerless and insignificant not only because they were Jewish—but also because they were female. Now acclaimed author Macadam reveals their poignant stories, drawing on extensive interviews with survivors, and consulting with historians, witnesses, and relatives of those first deportees to create an important addition to Holocaust literature and women's history.

Additional Information

Catalan, Chinese, Czech, Dutch, French, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil & Portugal), Romanian, Russian, Slovakian, Spanish, and UK Rights Sold.

Macadam's work has been recognized by Yad Vashem in the UK, the USC Shoah Foundation, the National Museum of Jewish History in Slovakia, and the Memorial Museum of Auschwitz in Poland. Her writing has been featured in National Geographic, The New York Times, and The Guardian.

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BEE PEOPLE AND THE BUGS THEY LOVE by Frank Mortimer

Foray into the obsessions, friendships, scientific curiosity, misfortunes and rewards of suburban beekeeping—through the eyes of a Master Beekeeper.

Who wants to keep bees? And why? For the answers, Master Beekeeper Mortimer invites readers on an eye-opening journey into the secret world of bees, and the singular world of his fellow bee-keepers.

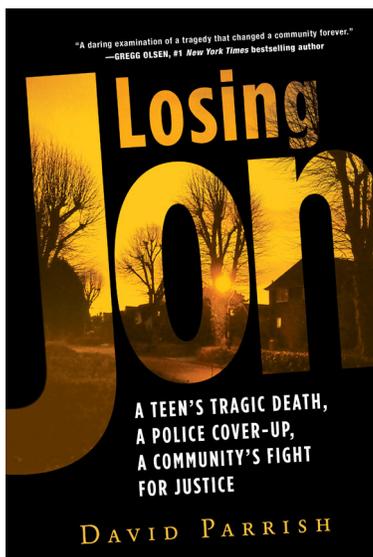
With a swarm of offbeat characters and fascinating facts (did that bee just waggle or festoon?), Frank the Bee Man delivers an informative, funny, and galvanizing book about the symbiotic relationship between flower and bee, and bee and the beekeepers who are determined to protect the existence of one of the most beguiling and invaluable creatures on earth.

Additional Information

Russian Rights Sold.

Mortimer is an adjunct instructor at the Cornell University Master Beekeeping Program, Vice President of the New Jersey State Beekeepers Association, and a certified master beekeeper. Frank has published multiple articles in Bee Culture Magazine and has led beekeeping seminars across New Jersey and at The New York Botanical Garden.

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LOSING JON by David Parrish

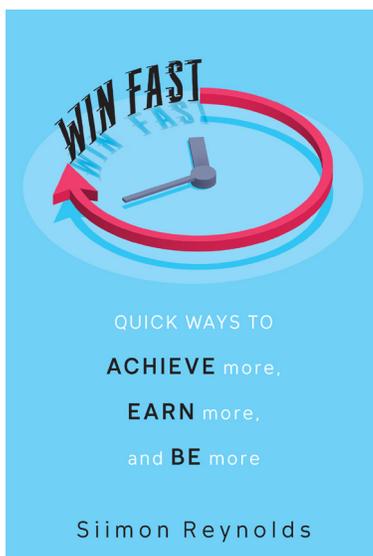
David Parrish was in disbelief when he learned that nineteen-year-old Jon Bowie's body had been found hanged from a backstop at the local high school's baseball field and the death declared a suicide. David had known Jon and his twin brother since they were boys. He had coached them on the baseball field and welcomed them into his home for sleepovers with his own sons. However, when David learned how Jon's body was found, he felt compelled to find the facts behind this incomprehensible tragedy.

Soon, David would learn of a brutal incident at a local motel where Jon and his brother had been severely beaten by police officers, the charges filed against those officers, and the months of harassment and intimidation Jon and his brother endured. Few in the utopian community of Columbia, Maryland, believed Jon could commit such a final act. Like many others, David wondered how a fateful night of teens blowing off steam could lead to such a tragic end. As law enforcement failed to find answers and seemed intent on preventing the truth from surfacing, David uncovered a system of cover-ups that could only lead to one conclusion—Jon's death was an act of murder.

Additional Information

"The twists and turns read like a page-turning thriller, but Losing Jon is all fact. This is true crime at the highest of levels. Scary, heartbreaking and completely insightful."—Brad Meltzer, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Escape Artist*

MAY 2020



WIN FAST by Siimon Reynolds

Self-help style book in the vein of *The Four Day Work Week* that offers short, easy-to-adopt, productivity hacks. Perfect for achievers with no time to waste!

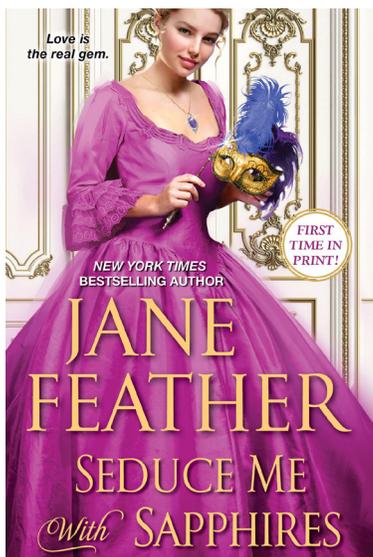
Provides concrete strategies on how to amplify your personal and business performance instantly and effectively. These strategies are quick, proven, and simple to adopt – they are techniques that you can implement immediately and offer fast results.

Succinctly outlines the principles you can put into practice right here and right now to maximize your time, sharpen your focus, and achieve your goals. These methods will take your career and your life to the next level. With short, digestible chapters packed with actionable strategies and zero fluff, *Win Fast* is perfect for today's busy, on-the-go achiever. It offers clear benefits for today's time scarce readers—quick and effective ways to achieve more, earn more and be more.

Additional Information

Reynolds is the founder of a multimillion-dollar business and one of the world's leading high-performance coaches for CEO's and ambitious entrepreneurs. The recipient of over 50 business awards, he received the silver medal for best business success book at the US Axiom Business Book Awards and was a CEO READ Book Award finalist. Founding his first company at just 23 years old, Reynolds went on to build many successful companies, including the 15th biggest marketing services group in the world. Reynolds has been featured on CNN, CNBC, Bloomberg, 60 Minutes, Australia's original version of *Shark Tank*, and countless print publications and radio shows.

SEPTEMBER 2020



SEDUCE ME WITH SAPPHIRES The London Jewels Trilogy (#2) by Jane Feather

New York Times-bestselling Jane Feather, one of the top names in historical romance returns with the second in a fabulous trilogy that showcases a glittering tale of the London stage filled with heart wrenching drama, momentous misunderstandings, and a battle of wits. Ideal for fans of Mary Balogh and Lisa Kleypas.

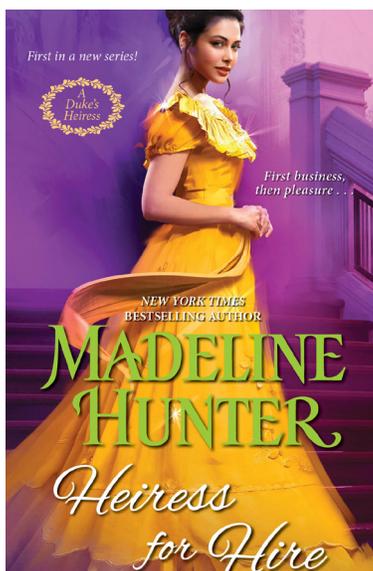
Set in London 1900, the Honorable Miss Fenella Grantley has a secret: she's been taking drama classes and longs to be an actress. Ladies of her standing don't appear on stage, but Fenella has never been one for society's rules. She's quite excited to take on the challenge of reading the leading role in a new play—until she meets the playwright. Toeing the line between infuriating and irresistible, his first impression leaves a lot to be desired.

Edward, illegitimate son of the Earl of Pendleton, scorned the ton years ago, making his own way in the world, and pursuing his literary gifts on the side. The only thing he misses from his old world is Fenella. Since seeing her at a ball when she was a young debutante, he's never forgotten her. Now that fate has reunited them, Edward's determined to make her his leading lady—in every way. But the only thing they see eye to eye on is their intense passion for each other. And it just may take a massive misunderstanding for their love to get on the same precious page

Additional Information

Slovakian Rights Sold.

FEBRUARY 2020



HEIRESS FOR HIRE A Duke's Heiress Romance (#1) by Madeline Hunter

Brand new Regency romance series from *New York Times*-bestselling author and historical romance legend Hunter: Minerva has learned the hard way how to take care of herself. When an intruder breaks into her home, she doesn't swoon or simper. Instead she wallops the rogue over the head and ties him up—only to realize he is Chase Radnor, the man who nearly got her convicted of her late husband's murder. Now he's insisting that Minerva has inherited a fortune from his uncle, a wealthy Duke. Only one thing could surprise her more: her sudden attraction to this exasperating man.

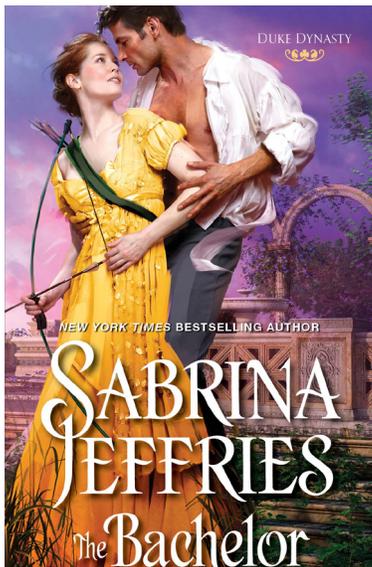
Chase can't decide whether Minerva is a wronged woman or a femme fatale. Either way, he's intrigued. Since the scandal surrounding her husband's death, she has set up a discreet detective business to rival Chase's own. She may be the perfect person to help him uncover the truth about his uncle's demise. But as proximity gives way to mutual seduction, Chase realizes he craves a much deeper alliance.

Additional Information

Portuguese Rights Sold in Portugal.

Rights to Hunter's previous trilogy with Kensington has sold in Estonian, French, Hungarian, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese (Brazil and Portugal), Romanian, and Russian.

MAY 2020



THE BACHELOR
Duke Dynasty (#2) by Sabrina Jeffries

Regency romance from *New York Times*-bestselling author Jeffries: features an irresistible family as the grown children of a thrice-married dowager duchess piece together the stories of their different fathers--while pursuing passions of their own.

Lady Gwyn has long protected her family's reputation by hiding an imprudent affair from her youth. But when her former suitor appears, threatening to go public with her secrets, it's Gwyn who needs protecting. Her twin brother hires Joshua, the estate's gamekeeper, to keep her safe in London during her debut. Joshua feels obligated to fulfill the assignment he has accepted. But it's torment to be so very close to the beauty he's fought to ignore.

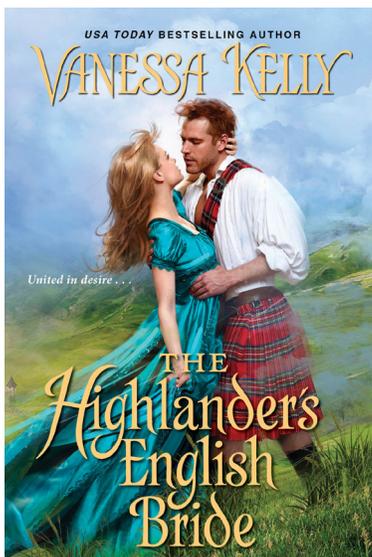
With Joshua monitoring her every move, Gwyn would prefer to forget both the past and the parade of bachelors at her coming out. But Joshua is unmoved by her attempts at flirtation, and the threat of blackmail still hangs over her. With danger closing in, Gwyn must decide which is the greater risk: deflecting a scoundrel's attempts to sabotage her—or revealing her whole heart to the rugged bodyguard she can't resist.

Additional Information

Czech, French, Greek, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil), Romanian, Russian, and UK Rights Sold.

"Anyone who loves romance must read Sabrina Jeffries!" –Lisa Kleypas, *New York Times* best-selling author

MARCH 2020



THE HIGHLANDER'S ENGLISH BRIDE
by Vanessa Kelly

In this dazzling new novel from bestselling author Vanessa Kelly, the wildest member of Clan Kendrick has found his purpose as a government agent. Now he must also meet his match.

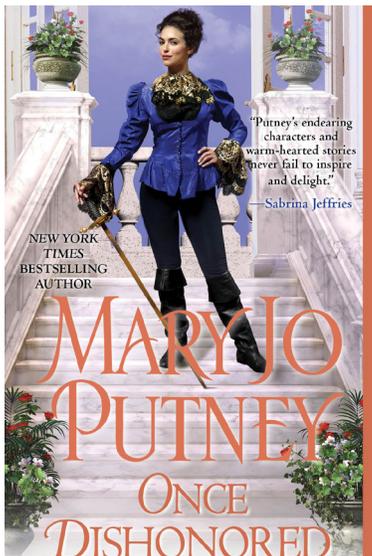
Lady Sabrina Bell has never been so embarrassed in her life. Not only did her new suitor fail to appear for their morning rendezvous in Hyde Park, but a thief pushed her into the Serpentine. Being rescued by a burly Highlander just adds to her humiliation. Nor is he content with rescuing her just once. Even when Sabrina travels to Edinburgh as part of King George's entourage, Graeme Kendrick is there, interfering, exasperating, and so very tempting.

Once notorious for being the most unruly Kendrick brother, Graeme now runs dangerous missions for the King's spymaster. Yet nothing has prepared him for Sabrina. The only child of a wealthy earl, and the pampered goddaughter of the king himself, she is stubborn, impetuous, and far too good for him. He doesn't deserve her, but he can protect her and then send her safely back home. But the bonny Sassenach has her own ideas—and a plan for seduction that no red-blooded Highlander could resist.

Additional Information

Kelly's previous historical romances have been published in French, Indonesian, Italian, Romanian, and Russian.

JUNE 2020



ONCE DISHONORED Rogues Redeemed (#5) by Mary Jo Putney

Set in London 1816, a series featuring Putney's signature strong female leads: as a Royal Navy officer, Lucas, Lord Foxton, has fought his share of battles on the high seas, followed by long years of imprisonment. But on this night, he'd rather be on the burning deck of a ship than in a ballroom.

When dark-haired beauty Kendra arrives, a whisper of scandal ripples through the ton. The disgraced divorcee's entrance is an act of daring. Which is exactly why Lucas asks her to dance.

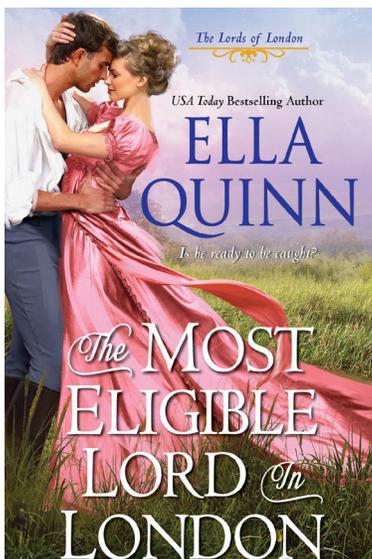
Seeking redemption for his past, Lucas offers Kendra his aid in finding the evidence to regain her name—and her beloved young son. Together they investigate the wicked conspiracy that destroyed her life, and in the midst of danger, find a deep and unexpected love—if only they can live long enough to build a future together.

Additional Information

The Rogues Redeemed series has sold in Hungarian, Romanian, and Spanish.

Putney is a *USA Today* and *New York Times*-bestselling author. Putney's previous novels have been published in Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, French, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Romanian, Russian, and Spanish. Putney is a 10-time finalist for the Romance Writers of America RITA, she has won the honor twice and is on the RWA Honor Roll for bestselling authors. In 2013 she was awarded the RWA Nora Roberts Lifetime Achievement Award.

OCTOBER 2020



THE MOST ELIGIBLE LORD IN LONDON The Lords of London (#1) by Ella Quinn

In this captivating new Regency trilogy, bestselling author Ella Quinn picks up where her beloved *Worthingtons* series left off, as three *Lords of London* discover true love at last.

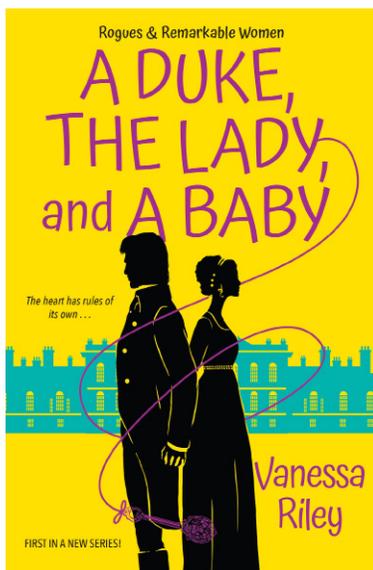
Handsome, rakish, incorrigibly flirtatious—Frederick, Lord Littleton, is notorious. Lady Adeline Wivenly is resolved to keep him at arm's length during her first Season—until she overhears another woman's plot to trick him into marriage. Even a rogue is undeserving of such deception, and Adeline feels obliged to warn him—only to find herself perilously attracted.

In the past, Littleton's charm nearly got him leg-shackled to the wrong woman. Now he's positive he's found the right one, for Adeline is everything he wants and needs in a wife. Her sense of justice is so strong she agrees to help him despite her mistrust. But can the ton's most elusive lord convince the lady he is finally serious about marriage—as long as she will be his bride?

Additional Information

Quinn's previous historical romance novels have been published in Italian, Japanese, and Portuguese (Brazil). She is a *USA Today*-bestselling author.

MARCH 2020



A DUKE, THE LADY, AND A BABY

Rogues and Remarkable Women (#1) by Vanessa Riley

Modern-style historical romance ideal for fans of Evie Dunmore's *Brining Down the Duke*, featuring an Afro-Caribbean heiress and the dashing Duke she unexpectedly falls in love with.

When headstrong West Indian heiress Patience Jordan questioned her English husband's mysterious suicide, she lost everything: her newborn son, Lionel, her fortune—and her freedom. Falsely imprisoned, she risks her life to be near her child—until The Widow's Grace gets her hired as her own son's nanny. But working for his unsuspecting new guardian, Busick Strathmore, Duke of Repington, has perils of its own. Especially when Patience discovers his military strictness belies an ex-rake of unswerving honor—and unexpected passion.

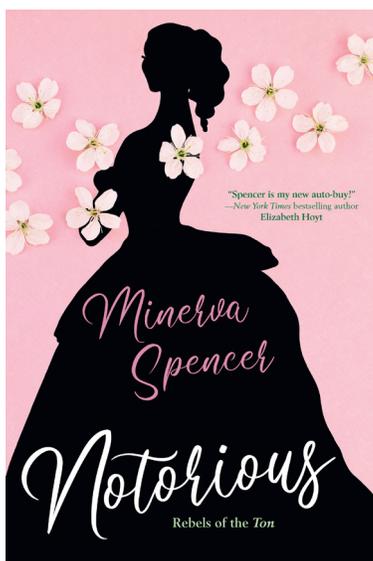
A wounded military hero, Busick is determined to resolve his dead cousin's dangerous financial dealings for Lionel's sake. But his investigation is a minor skirmish compared to dealing with the forthright, courageous, and alluring Patience. Somehow, she's breaking his rules, and sweeping past his defenses. Soon, between formidable enemies and obstacles, they form a fragile trus.

But will it be enough to save the future they long to dare together?

Additional Information

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JULY 2020



NOTORIOUS

Rebels of the Ton (#1) by Minerva Spencer

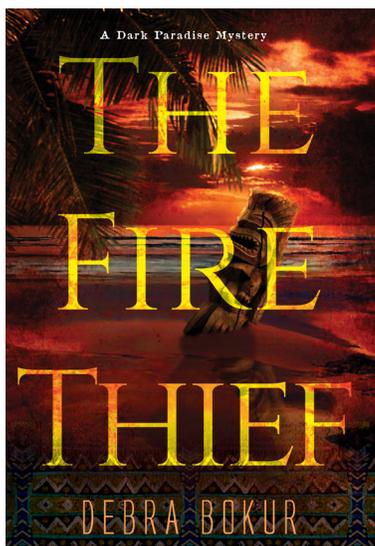
Drusilla is full of opinions about why a woman shouldn't marry. But that doesn't stop the rush of desire she feels each time her best friend's brother, notorious rake Gabriel, crosses her path. So imagine her dismay when she finds herself in the clutches of a scoundrel, only to be rescued by Gabriel himself. And when Gabriel's heartless—and heart-pounding—proposal comes, it's enough to make Dru's formidable resolve crumble .

She's sharp-tongued, exasperating—and due to one careless moment—about to become his wife. Still, something about Drusilla has Gabriel intrigued. First there's the delicious flush of her skin every time she delivers a barb—and then the surprisingly sensual feel of her in his arms. Gabriel even finds himself challenged by her unusual philosophies. And when he discovers a clandestine rival for Dru's affection, his temperature flares even hotter. But the real threat to their happiness is one neither of the newlyweds sees coming. If they're to save their future—and their very lives—they'll need to trust in each other and their growing love.

Additional Information

Spencer's previous trilogy has published in French, Japanese, and Portuguese (Portugal).
"A standout...Spencer's brilliant and original tale of the high seas bursts with wonderfully real protagonists, plenty of action, and passionate romance." — Publishers Weekly, Starred Review for *Scandalous*

DECEMBER 2020



THE FIRE THIEF by Debra Bokur

Thriller set in Maui following local detective Kali Mahoe: police captain Walter Alaka'i makes a tragic discovery: the body of a teenage surfer among the lava rocks of Maui's shore. It appears to be an accident, but closer inspection reveals something more sinister than the results of a savage wave gone wrong. Now that Alaka'i is looking at a homicide, he solicits the help of his niece, Detective Kali Māhoe.

The granddaughter of one of Hawaii's most respected spiritual leaders, and on the path to becoming a kahu herself, Kali sees evidence of a strange ritual murder. The suspicion is reinforced by a rash of sightings of a noppera-bō—a faceless and malicious spirit many believe to be more than superstition. When a grisly sacrifice is left on the doorstep of a local, and another body washes ashore, Kali fears that the deadly secret ceremonies on Maui are just beginning.

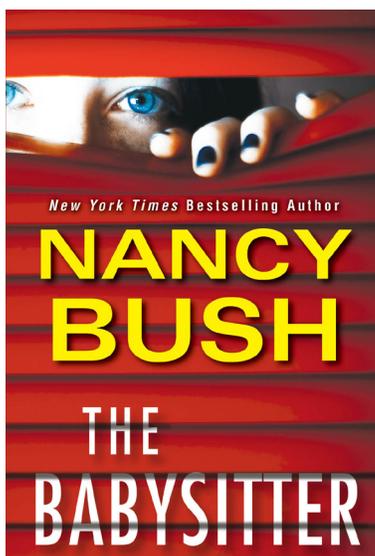
To uncover a motive and find the killer, Kali leans on her skills at logic and detection. But she must also draw on her own personal history with the uncanny legends of the islands. Now, as the skies above Maui grow darker, and as she balances reason and superstition, Kali can only wonder: Who'll be the next to die? And who—or what—is she even on the trail of?

Additional Information

German Rights Sold.

Bokur is an author, journalist, editor, screenwriter, and illustrator. Her work has appeared in a variety of domestic and international media outlets, including National Geographic Traveler, Islands, Experience Life Magazine, Natural Home, Global Traveler, and Women's Adventure.

JUNE 2020



THE BABYSITTER by Nancy Bush

Thriller from *New York Times* and *USA Today*-bestselling author Bush capitalizing on the recent retro suspense trend: rumors are spreading about the Babysitter Stalker. One victim was fatally stabbed. A second fell—or was pushed—from a rooftop deck. 15-year-old Jamie, scheduled to watch the Ryerson twins tonight, isn't worried. She's more interested in the party she'll go to later, as soon as her sister Emma arrives to take over babysitting duties. But nothing goes according to plan.

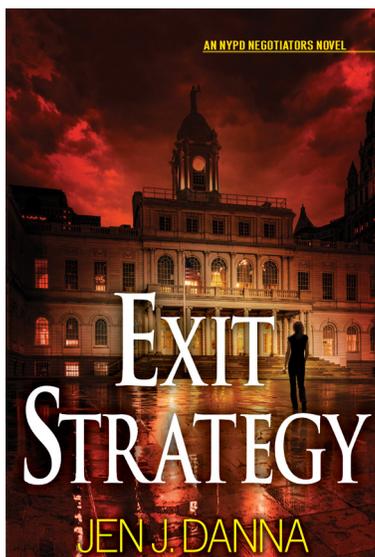
20 years after that night's vicious attack, Emma remains scarred in body and mind. Jamie, back in town after their mother's death, still feels guilty over trading places that fateful evening. Then suddenly another young babysitter is attacked. Jamie, with a teenage daughter of her own, fears something much more twisted than coincidence.

Is this new nightmare connected with those long-ago crimes? Emma's fractured memories may contain the answer. But the deeper Jamie digs, the darker the secrets waiting to be uncovered—and avenged.

Additional Information

"The suspense is at the forefront, with great focus given to outlining all of the complex dynamics between friends, lovers, and family. . . Dramatic and tense, the book delivers as a thriller with dark hometown secrets filled with drugs, sex, and lies." —Kirkus Reviews on *Bad Things*

JULY 2020



EXIT STRATEGY

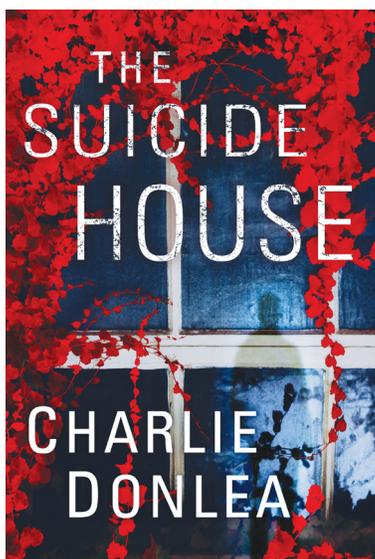
An NYPD Negotiators Novel (#1) by Jen Danna

After her mother's death during a bank robbery when she was a child, Gemma grew up to become one of the NYPD's elite hostage negotiators. In a family of cops, there's rarely a day when a Capello isn't facing down some form of threat. Still, despite their unpredictable schedules, they always find time for their annual family summer picnic. But this year, a sudden phone call changes everything.

A heavily armed gunman has taken hostages at City Hall. Gemma races downtown to join the rest of the Hostage Negotiation Team as they scramble to identify the captives—fearing the mayor may be among them. But as they scramble for answers and struggle to gain control of the circumstances, it becomes clear that the mayor is at the center of it all, just not in the way they initially believed.

With several lives on the line and a criminal who always seems to be one step ahead, Gemma is the only one able to connect with the suspect. Soon, she finds herself engaging in a battle of wits while enduring a battle of egos in the command center. With time running out and a mastermind who has proven he'll do whatever it takes to get what he wants, Gemma risks it all—her career and her life—in a last-ditch effort to save the hostages. Now, she needs to figure out how to save herself.

AUGUST 2020



SUICIDE HOUSE

by Charlie Donlea

In the vein of Scandinavian crime fiction and Riley Sager's *The Last Time I Lied*: loner and forensic reconstructionist Rory Moore and her psychologist partner Lane investigate a chilling murder in a prestigious prep school: inside the walls of the elite Westmont Preparatory School, expectations run high and rules are strict. But in the woods beyond the manicured campus sits an abandoned boarding house that is infamous among students as a late-night hangout. Here, only one rule applies: don't let your candle go out—unless you want the Man in the Mirror to find you.

One year ago, two students were killed there in a grisly slaughter. Though a teacher was convicted, mysteries and questions remain. The most urgent among them is why so many students who survived that horrific night have returned to the boarding house—to kill themselves.

Rory, a savant in reconstructing cold cases, is working on the case with Lane, recreating the night of the killings in order to find answers that have eluded the police. But the more they learn about the troubled students, the chillingly stoic culprit, and a dangerous game gone tragically wrong, the more convinced they become that something sinister is still happening.

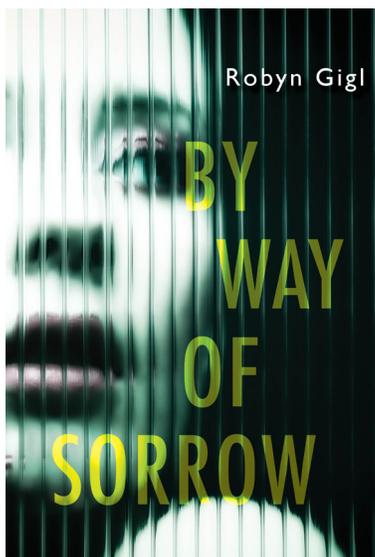
Connected to *SOME CHOOSE DARKNESS*, but works as a standalone.

Additional Information

Donlea is a #1 International bestseller, and a *USA Today* bestseller. His books have been published in Australia, Czech, Danish, French, German, Hebrew, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil & Portugal), Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian.

Portuguese (Brazil) and Australian Rights Sold.

AUGUST 2020



BY WAY OF SORROW by Robyn Gigl

Debut following Erin, a criminal defense attorney doing her best to live a quiet life in the wake of profound personal change—until a newsworthy case puts her career and safety in jeopardy.

Erin has been referred the biggest case of her career. Four months ago, William, son of a State Senator, was fatally stabbed in a rundown motel. Sharise, a 19-year-old transgender prostitute, is in custody, and given the evidence against her, there seems little doubt of a guilty verdict.

Erin knows that defending Sharise will blow her private life wide open, and doubtless deepen her estrangement from her family. Yet as a trans woman, she feels uniquely qualified to help Sharise, and duty-bound to protect her from the possibility of a death sentence.

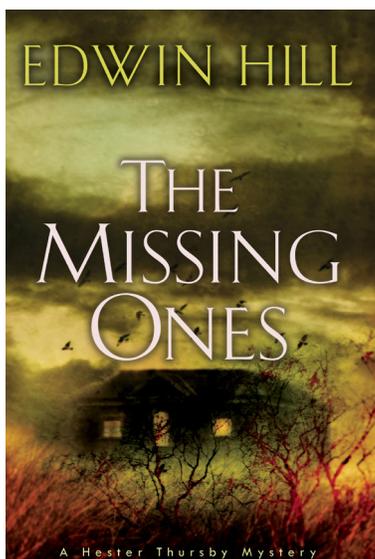
Sharise claims she killed the senator's son in self-defense. As Erin assembles the case with her partner, former FBI agent Duane, the circumstances hint at a more complex story with ties to other brutal murders. Senator Townsend is using the full force of his prestige and connections to publicly discredit everyone involved in defending Sharise. Behind the scenes, his tactics are even more dangerous. And as leads begin mysteriously disappearing, it's not just the life of Erin's client at stake, but her own.

Additional Information

Spanish Rights Sold.

Gigl is an attorney, speaker, and activist who has been honored for her work on behalf of the LGBTQ community. This is an Own Voices story inspired by her experience.

JULY 2020



WATCH HER A Hester Thursby Mystery (#3) by Edwin Hill

Harvard librarian Hester Thursby returns in Hill's thriller about a powerful Boston family desperate to keep their darkest secrets from coming to light.

While attending a gala at Prescott University's lavish new campus, Hester and fellow guest, Detective Angela, are called to the home of the college's owners, Tucker and Jennifer. Jennifer claims that someone broke into Pinebank, their secluded mansion. The more Hester and Angela investigate, the less they believe Jennifer's story, leaving Hester to wonder why she would lie.

When Hester is asked by the college's general manager to locate some missing alumni, she employs her research skills on the family and their for-profit university. Between financial transgressions, a long-ago tragedy, and rumors of infidelity, it's clear that the Matsons aren't immune to scandal or mishap. But when one of the missing students turns up dead, the mystery takes on new urgency.

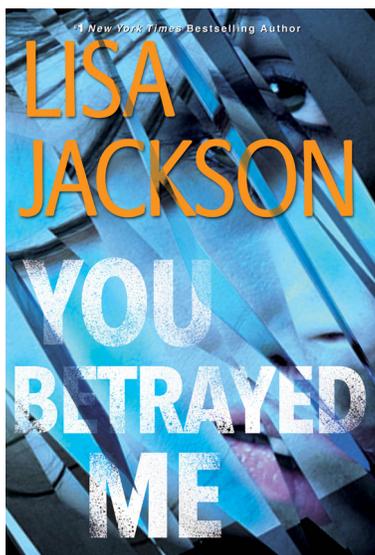
Hester is edging closer to the truth, but as a decades-old secret collides with new lies, a killer grows more determined to keep the past buried with the dead.

Additional Information

Previous books in the series have sold in Czech, Russian, and Slovakian.

"Intense...Hill is adept at building compassion for his characters in a tight knit social web while implicating them in dark thoughts and actions. He remains a writer to watch."—Publishers Weekly on *The Missing Ones*

JANUARY 2021



YOU BETRAYED ME

by Lisa Jackson

In a twisting, unpredictable new suspense by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Jackson, an heir to the Cahill fortune discovers just how dangerous, and duplicitous, family can be: the Cahills are famous for two things: their vast wealth, and the scandals that surround them. Murder, greed, deadly ambition . . . some people will do anything to get, and keep, the Cahills' kind of money. Not that James Cahill wants any of it. He's tried to make his own way, less interested in a future inheritance than in his construction company—and in enjoying the many women taken in by the easy charms of a handsome, soon-to-be-rich bad boy.

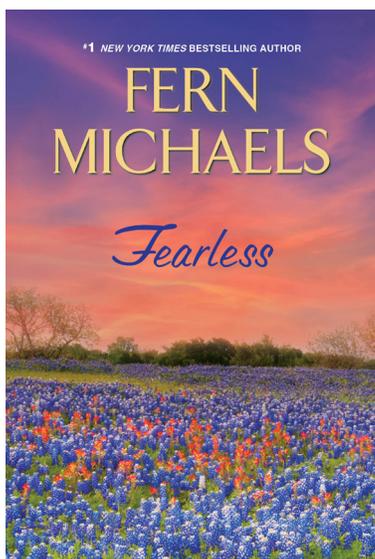
Waking up in a small hospital, James barely recognizes the woman who comes to visit. Through the haze of pain, he recalls that she is Sophia, the woman he's been cheating with. Gradually memories return—his girlfriend, Megan, had found out about Sophia. Now Megan is missing, her sister, Rebecca, is hounding him—and police and reporters are asking questions too. James insists he has no idea what happened. Yet he can't escape a feeling of dread.

Meanwhile, in a locked room, a woman waits, trapped, petrified, and desperate. She thought she knew who to trust. But the betrayal you can't imagine—or can't remember—may be the most terrifying weapon of all.

Additional Information

Lisa Jackson is an internationally bestselling author with over thirty million copies of her books in print in nineteen languages.

JULY 2020



FEARLESS

by Fern Michaels

Weaving a thread of suspense into her trademark powerful storytelling, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author Michaels delivers a compelling new novel about a woman who learns that her new life may not be all it appears.

Anna is ready to take her first tentative steps back into the world after widowhood. On a singles cruise, she meets divorced professor Ryan, and the sparks between them are undeniable. Back home, Anna and Ryan continue their romance, and Anna decides it's time for their families to meet.

Anna is delighted when her daughter, Christina, hits it off with Ryan's daughter, Renée. The two girls are close in age and have lots in common. Ryan's son, Patrick, is college-bound and somewhat aloof, but Anna feels sure they'll grow closer in time. She happily accepts Ryan's proposal, confident in the bond they've formed.

But the idyllic relationships Anna is hoping for are quickly thrown into doubt. Ryan and his children may not be all she thinks they are. And as the situation grows more desperate, Anna must reach deep within and draw on all her courage and self-reliance to fight for the family and home she deserves.

Additional Information

Michaels is the *USA Today* and *New York Times*-bestselling author of the Sisterhood, Men of the Sisterhood and Godmothers series, as well as dozens of other novels and novellas. There are over ninety-five million copies of her books in print.

APRIL 2020