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FICTION

Romance & Rom Com



Through the Snow Globe

Annie Rains

A woman about to lose it all receives an unexpected Christmas present that will take her on the a journey of self-discovery

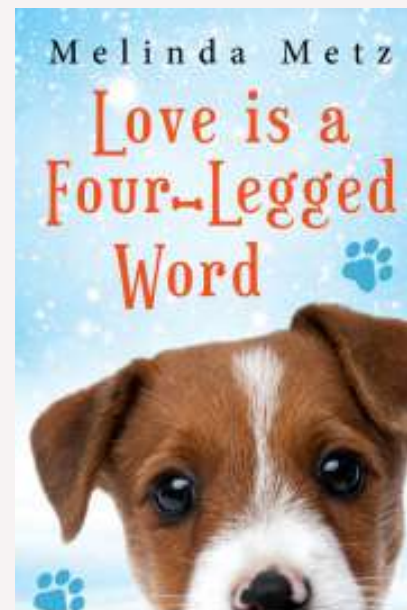
Diana, a physical therapist, is probably the only person in the small town of Snow Haven who isn't looking forward to Christmas. It's been three weeks since her fiancé Linus was critically injured when a car hit him as he biked home from the toy store he owns and manages. Watching him open his eyes is the only gift she wants, but she can't help losing a little more hope every day.

But an unexpected visit from a friendly neighbor and finding a snow globe of Snow Haven—a gift Linus had hidden in the closet—the night before Christmas Eve changes things in ways Diana never would have imagined. Because on Christmas Eve Diana wakes up to find that it's not—Christmas Eve, that is. Instead, it's somehow December 4 all over again, the day Linus got hurt, and as mystified as Diana is, she immediately starts a plan to save her partner from his fate.

Nothing is that simple, of course. Instead of a single repeat of that day, Diana finds herself in an endless loop of December 4, experiencing every possible variation of events. Along the way, she uncovers startling truths about herself, her relationship, and even her career that illustrate the ways she's retreated from her life—and in the face of life's slights and outright blows, from her deepest feelings. Suddenly hope is second only to joy as Diana opens her heart to the people she loves in every way she can.

Key Selling Points

- A romantic novel ideal for the Christmas season (but the themes are perennial!)
- An endearing mix between It's a Wonderful Life and Groundhog Day.
- From USA Today bestselling author Annie Rains.



Love Is a Four-Legged word

Melinda Metz

The charming story of one unruly dog looking for a home—and two unsuspecting humans who can't help falling for him or each other

Riley is living her best life. After landing a job at a resort in Sedona, her goal of being a nomad and working all over the world is well underway. Every thing is going according to plan—until she sees a dog limping on the road. The pup obviously needs help. Unfortunately, adopting a stray is not the best fit for Riley's wandering lifestyle.

Determined to find the dog a home, Riley coaxes him into her car and heads to work. She figures she can stash him in one of the empty guest cabins. But when she sneaks him inside, she's surprised to find it's occupied—by a very attractive, nearly naked Daniel, who is instantly charmed by the scruffy canine. With Daniel's help, Riley tries to find the dog a good home—at the risk of losing her job. Her micro-managing boss has a zero tolerance for trouble. And some how, Riley seems to attract other animals that need rescuing too, including an injured armadillo. But her biggest problem? The closer she gets to finding that trouble-making dog a home, the more she can't bear to part with him, or Daniel for that matter.

KENSINGTON

**Rom-Com
December 2023**

Available rights

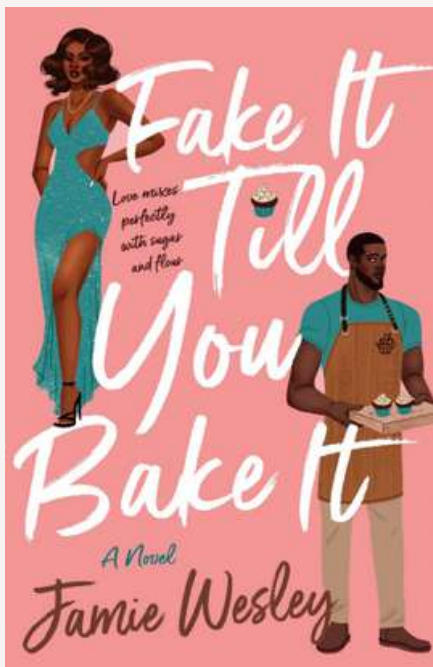
Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Previous work sold to

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Key Selling Points

- Metz is the author of Talk to the Paw, a charming fiction novel featuring a conniving cat, which has been published in Czech, Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (BR & PT), Spanish, Thai, Turkish, and Vietnamese.
- A charming love story spurred on by a furry friend.



KT LITERARY

Romance
336 pages

St. Martin's Griffin, June 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

Fake It 'Til You Bake It

Jamie Wesley

A reality star and a cupcake-baking football player pretend to be a couple in order to save his bakery in this sweet and sexy romance

Opening a cupcake shop was supposed to be the next step in pro football player Donovan Dell's plan for world domination. Except things aren't going as well as he'd hoped. Despite making the best damn cupcakes in San Diego, sales are lagging. The last thing he needs is a random (gorgeous) customer pontificating about his shop and its lack of "ambiance."

People like to call Jada Townsend-Matthews "flighty." Jada prefers spontaneous, which is how she ended up on a dating reality show and became a national pariah after dumping America's favorite bachelor instead of accepting his marriage proposal. And why she didn't think much of voicing her opinion (which was accurate, btw) to that (hella fine) dude at the cupcakery.

How was she supposed to know he plays for her grandmother's team? Or that Grams would ask him to give her a job to "teach her responsibility?"

Key Selling Points

- Sold in a major five-house auction for mid six-figures.
- "Funny, smart, and deliciously romantic. Jamie Wesley delivers it all with this adorably sweet start to her new series." Farrah Rochon, USA Today Bestselling Author
- "Super sweet with one hell of a kick." New York Times bestselling author Talia Hibbert



KT LITERARY

Romance
335 pages
Sourcebooks, July 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal

Rights sold

English (Sourcebooks Casablanca), Plish (Burda Media), Dutch (Zomer & Keuning), Russian (Eksmo)

Key Selling Points

- Readers love the swooney character of Beck and his backstory!
- A rare look into what happens when a therapist is struggling with her own life. Refreshing!
- Although this is the third book in Loren's series, it can be read as a standalone.

For You And No-One Else

Roni Loren

A woman struggling to find her place in the world. A man with a secret inner life. An unexpected friendship with sizzling benefits. And an emotional turning point that changes everything.

Eliza Catalano has the perfect life. So what if it actually looks nothing like the story she tells online? As a therapist, it's part of her job to look like she has all the answers, right? But when Eliza ends up as a viral "Worst Date Ever" meme, everything in her Instagram-filtered world begins to crumble.

Enter the most obnoxiously attractive man she's ever met, and a bet she can't resist: if she swears off social media for six months, Beck Carter'll teach her the wonders of surviving the "real world." No technology, no dating apps, no pretty filters, no BS.

It seems like the perfect deal - she can lay low until her sudden infamy passes, meet some interesting new people, and maybe even curate this experience into a how I quit the online dating racket book along the way. But something about Beck's raw honesty speaks to Eliza in ways she never expected. She knows he's supposed to be completely hands-off... but as complex feelings grow and walls come tumbling down, rough-around-the-edges Beck may be exactly what Eliza needs to finally, truly face herself-and decide who she really wants to be.



The Last Tale of the Flower Bride

Roshani Chokshi

A sumptuous, gothic-infused story about a marriage unraveled by dark secrets, a friendship cursed to end in tragedy, and the danger of believing in fairy tales— from New York Times bestselling author Roshani Chokshi

Once upon a time, a man who believed in fairy tales married a beautiful, mysterious woman named Indigo Maxwell-Casteñada. He was a scholar of myths. She was heiress to a fortune. They exchanged gifts and stories and believed they would live happily ever after—and in exchange for her love, Indigo extracted a promise: that her bridegroom would never pry into her past.

But when Indigo learns that her estranged aunt is dying and the couple is forced to return to her childhood home, the House of Dreams, the bridegroom will soon find himself unable to resist. For within the crumbling manor's extravagant rooms and musty halls, there lurks the shadow of another girl: Azure, Indigo's dearest childhood friend who suddenly disappeared. As the house slowly reveals his wife's secrets, the bridegroom will be forced to choose between reality and fantasy, even if doing so threatens to destroy their marriage . . . or their lives.

Combining the lush, haunting atmosphere of Mexican Gothic with the dreamy enchantment of The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, The Last Tale of the Flower Bride is a spellbinding and darkly romantic page-turner about love and lies, secrets and betrayal, and the stories we tell ourselves to survive.

Assigned for review at THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW and NPR.org!

SANDRA DIJKSTRA

Romantasy

304 pages

William Morrow & Company,
February 2023

Available rights

Portugal, Brazil

Rights sold

Spanish (Hidra)

Italian (Mondadori)

Russian (Eksmo)

UK (Hodder)

Key Selling Points

"Equal parts dizzying, dazzling, and foreboding."

Publishers Weekly

"This gothic tale is lush and haunting."

Booklist, starred review

"Recommended for lovers of gothic romance, magical realism, and stories where fairy tales come true."

Library Journal



SANDRA DIJKSTRA

Romcom

Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Key Selling Points

She is the author of: **Rootbound**, **Funny Feelings** that is fast approaching **6 million page reads**, and **The Co-op** which is on track to hit **4 million page reads** in its short time since being published late last year and all from word of mouth.

The author is a Bookstagram and Booktok Rising Star

Sage Advice

Tarah DeWitt

A romcom perfect for fans of Elena Armas, Tessa Bailey, and B.K. Borison, brought to you by massive TikTok star Tarah DeWitt!

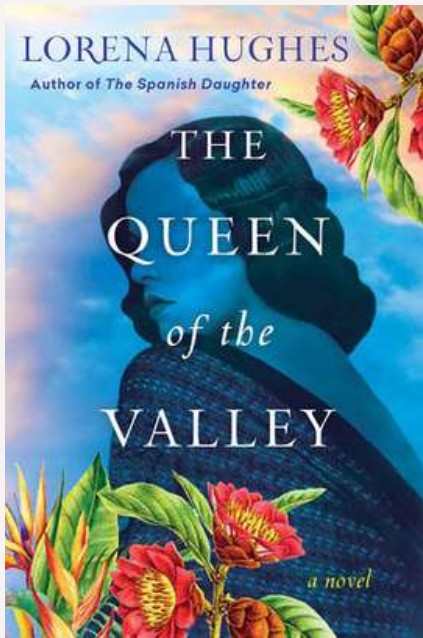
Sage Byrd loves her life. She's grateful for the town that helped raise her when her parents passed away, she enjoys teaching at the small high school, and loves her hobby farm. But less than a year after they broke up, her ex is already engaged, and she is once again partnerless for the Festival of Spunes, her town's yearly summer celebration. If she could find a partner and win, maybe she'd finally stop being looked upon with pity by the people of Spunes.

Fisher Lange is burnt out and reeling. Despite earning a Michelin star at a young age, his career took a nosedive before grief came crashing in and snuffed out the tepid flame, leaving him responsible for his fifteen year-old niece Indy. He's been relieved of his head chef position and sent off to Spunes, Oregon, (not to be confused with Forks, WA) to consult on his investor's new restaurant endeavor instead. However, his arrival to Spunes is anything but calm, as him and Indy mistake the Roomba in their rental to be a burglar, resulting in a very embarrassing 911 call with the local firefighters, sheriff, and pretty neighbor, Sage, showing up at his new abode.

As Sage and Fisher orbit each other, things become crystal clear: Fisher is officially the most eligible and reluctant bachelor in town, Indy is acting out in grief at losing her mother, and Sage can help them with both these problems, and solve her own partnerless problem at the same time, so a proposal is made. Fisher and Sage will "date" each other over the Summer to keep the bachelorettes at bay, and give Sage a leg up in the competition, while also being someone else to help watch Indy. The only problem? The Summer is shorter than they realize and Sage and Fisher might like each other in a way that transcends fake dating.



Historical Romance



KENSINGTON

**Historical Romance
352 pages**

Kensington, September 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Rights sold for

The Spanish Daughter

Arabic, Dutch, Russian,
and Spanish

The Queen of the Valley Lorena Hughes

After the devastation of the 1925 Cali earthquake in Colombia, the award-winning Ecuadorian American author of The Spanish Daughter plunges three strangers into a perilous search for the missing owner of a legendary hacienda amidst an emerging cholera epidemic.

Driven and recklessly daring, Martin Sabater follows his lifelong dream of owning a cacao plantation in Valle del Cauca. But on the night of a spectacular gala, he disappears—and is never seen again. Now his hacienda is a budding Catholic hospital saving lives during an emerging epidemic. And novice nun “Sor Puri” is there to uncover the truth behind Martin’s disappearance. But her real identity—and her past with the heartbreakingly charismatic Martin—will put far more than her perilous search at risk.

A professional photographer, Lucas Ferreira is Martin’s best friend since boyhood. He has his own reasons for helping the determined, alluring nun. But what this reserved man won’t reveal about his thwarted dreams and unrequited passion could prove key to the past—or a lethal trap.

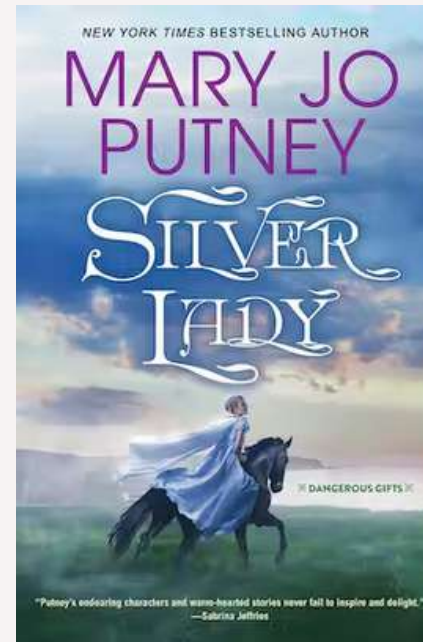
Martin was head nurse Sor Camila’s only love—until an unfortunate mistake changed the course of her life forever. Now, Martin’s home is an unexpected chance for her, Lucas, and Puri to set the past right. But with their secrets unearthing explosive memories and wrenching lies, can they survive the truth about Martin—and the consequences that will forever alter their destinies?

Key Selling Points

- A sweeping tale full of love and mystery.
- Lorena Hughes received massive praise for *The Spanish Daughter*:

“An engrossing, suspenseful family saga filled with unpredictable twists and turns.”
Chanel Cleeton, New York Times bestselling author of *Next Year in Havana*

“A sweepingly elegant historical novel.”—Ms. Magazine



KENSINGTON

**Historical romance
368 pages**

Kensington, December 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Silver Lady

Mary Jo Putney

Cornwall calling! From New York Times bestselling author Mary Jo Putney, the first in an intoxicating historical romance series set on the rugged Cornish coast, filled with swashbuckling adventure and real-life history, intrigue and an unshakeable love—perfect for fans of Poldark.

A smoldering nobleman and a beautiful amnesiac with paranormal gifts discover they share a powerful passion, a unique legacy—and a common enemy.

A sense of duty sends Bran Tremayne to Cornwall to confront his heritage of British nobility. Abandoned at birth, Bran wants nothing to do with the embittered remains of his family. But as a special agent for the Home Office, he senses trouble brewing along the coast. And he can’t turn away from the vulnerable woman he encounters in the Cornish countryside. Merryn’s amnesia makes her past a mystery to them both, but with her life in danger, the only thing Bran knows for sure is that the beautiful stranger needs his protection...

Leaning into Bran is difficult enough, but can Merryn trust the strong bond—and the powerful passion—she feels for her rugged rescuer? She has no choice once Bran uncovers that she is at the center of a plot between French agents and Cornish smugglers. From misty woodlands to stormy shores, the two join forces with a band of loyal Cornishmen to bring down a common enemy. Yet will their growing love survive the coming peril?

Previous work sold to

Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, Estonian, French, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, and Turkish.

Key Selling Points

- From a New York Times bestselling author whose works have sold to many languages and who has received endless praise.
- Reminiscent of works like *Outlander* or *Poldark*.

Historical Fiction



The Lost Daughters of Ukraine

Erin Litteken

A story of the strength of the human spirit, the personal cost of conflict and how love can be found even in the darkest times.

Summer 1941. War rages in Europe. The Germans march towards Ukraine. Halya, Liliya and Vika are no strangers to sorrow. They lost family during the Holodomor, loved ones in Stalin's purges, and war looms once more on the horizon.

Vika lives in fear for her children. She and her sister survived the terror famine by leaving their whole family behind. Now, years later, many believe the Germans will free them from the Soviets, but she's not so sure. Should they stay in Volhynia or flee the approaching Eastern front?

Liliya has lost too much in her 17 years. As those around her join the resistance, Liliya wonders how she can fight for her friends, family, and country. When the choice is made for her, can she find the will to survive and protect those still with her?

Twelve-year-old Halya is struggling to discover who she is. But as the war escalates, can her mother Katya's tactics keep her safe from the Nazi soldiers rounding up slave laborers? How can a child survive the horrors of war on her own?

These daughters of Ukraine will face devastation and loss as they fight to survive and protect the ones they love.

Key Selling Points

- A gripping page-turner of love, loss and resilience for fans of The Tattooist of Auschwitz.
- The Memory Keeper of Kyiv: — She Reads Best of 2022, historical fiction

TARYN FARGENESS

Historical Fiction
95K words

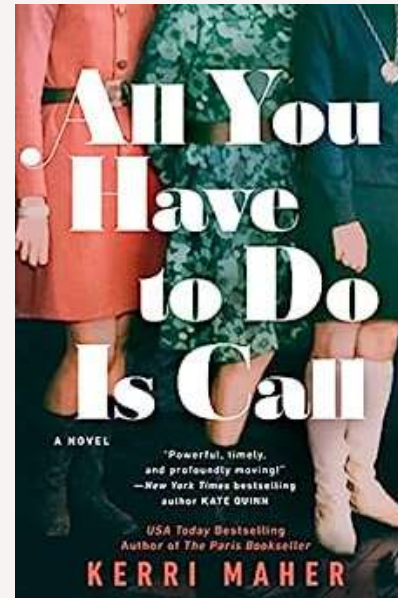
Boldwood Books, April 2023

Available rights

Spain, Brazil, Portugal

Previous Rights sold

Catalan (Navona), Czech (MOBA), Finland (Bazar Kustannus), France (BrageLonne), Ger many (Lübbe), Hungary (Alexandra), Italy (Piemme), Italy book club (Mondolibri), The Netherlands (HarperCollins Holland), Norway (Aschehoug), Poland (Muza), Portugal (ASA/Grupo Leya), Romania (Univers), Spain (Navona), Spain audio (Recorded Books), Sweden (Bazar Forlag)



All You Have to Do Is Call

Kerri Maher

A dramatic and inspiring novel based on the true story of the Jane Collective and the brave women who fought for our right to choose, from the USA Today bestselling author of The Paris Bookseller.

SChicago, early 1970s: Who does a woman call when she needs help? Jane.

The best-known secret in the city, Jane is an underground women's health organization composed entirely of women helping women, empowering them to live lives free from the expectations of society by offering reproductive counseling and safe, illegal abortions. Veronica, Jane's founder, prides herself on the services she has provided to thousands of women, yet the price of others' freedom is that she leads a double life. When she's not at Jane, Veronica plays the role of a conventional housewife—which becomes even more difficult during her own high-risk pregnancy.

Two more women in Veronica's neighborhood are grappling with similar disconnects. Margaret, a young professor at the University of Chicago, secretly volunteers at Jane as she falls in love with a man whose attitude toward his ex-wife increasingly disturbs her. Patty, who's long been content as a devoted wife and mother, has begun to sense that something essential is missing from her life. When her runaway younger sister Eliza shows up unexpectedly, Patty is forced to come to terms with what it really means to love and support a sister.

In this historic moment when the personal was nothing if not political, when television, movies, and commercials told women they'd "come a long way, baby," Veronica, Margaret, and Patty must make choices that will change the course of their lives forever.

TARYN FARGENESS

Historical Fiction
93K words

Berkley September 2023

Available rights

Spain, Brazil, Portugal

Previous Rights sold

: Brazil (Intrinseca), Catalan (Navona/Folch & Folch), Czech (Grada), Finland (Bazar Kustannus), Germany (Insel Verlag), Hungary (Nouvion Trade Sociedad Anonima), Italy (Garzanti), Italy book club (Mondolibri), The Netherlands (Orlando), Poland (Znak), Romania (Humanitas), Russia (MIF), Slovakia (IKAR), Slovenia (HKZ), Spain (Navona/ Folch & Folch)

Key Selling Points

- The Paris Bookseller: — BookBub Best Historical Fiction Book of 2022



KENSINGTON

Regency feminism
Kensington, February 2024

Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

First Lady of London

Andrea Penrose

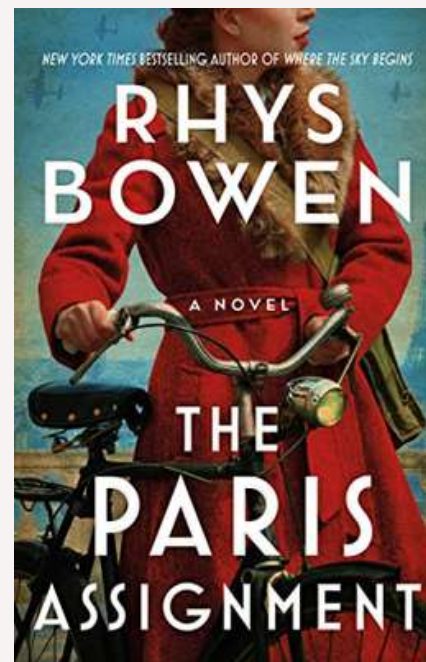
The story of a real-life woman who would not let her circumstances define her or hold her back from her ambitions

Even with her privileged life, Lady Hester Stanhope knows that claiming the adventurous life she truly wants will not be easy, thanks to her eccentric father's stifling grip. With the help of her renowned statesman uncle William Pitt the Younger, she takes on the glittering heights of London Society. Her formidable intelligence, outspoken opinions, and headstrong determination gain the favor leading taste-maker Beau Brummell—and she quickly learns to bend the rules of the ton to her own advantage. And as her uncle's hostess, she astutely uses her skills to preside over—and give advice to—the most influential figures of her day, rising to a position unequalled in society.

But when it comes to holy matrimony, Hester will settle for no less than a passionate match of equals—a search marked by challenges and heartbreak. Her affair with a charismatic naval officer tempts her with forbidden pleasures—even as it threatens her reputation. Her love for a sophisticated, brilliant diplomat offers the marriage of her dreams . . . and unsuspected betrayal. And as England is plunged into war, Hester's world changes forever, causing her to find courage and strength amid loss, chart a completely unexpected future— and make a glorious legacy forever hers.

Key Selling Points

- Penrose is a USA Today-bestselling author.
- Based on the real story of Lady Hester Stanhope (1776-1839), a British aristocrat, antiquarian, and adventurer who lived life on her own terms, defying all conventional strictures of what a woman could and couldn't do during the Regency era.



AMAZON

Historical Fiction
383 pages
Lake Union, August 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Previous works sold to

Albanian (Bota Sqiptare), Arabic (Dar Al Khayal), Bulgarian (Kragozor), Simplified Chinese (Changjiang Literature & Art), Croatian (Mozaik), Czech (Albatros, **at auction**), Estonian (Ersen), French (Amazon Crossing & City Editions), German (Amazon Crossing), Hungarian (Central Media), Italian (Amazon Crossing), Japanese (Hayakawa), Lithuanian (Balto, at auction), Macedonian (Matica Makedonska), Polish (MUZA), Russian (Arkadia), Slovak (Slovensky), Slovenian (Učila), Spanish (Amazon Crossing), Vietnamese (Tan Viet)

Key Selling Points

- Rhys Bowen's Amazon Publishing books have reached over 2 million readers.
- "Thoroughly entertaining."
—Publishers Weekly
- "A truly delightful read."
—Kirkus Reviews

The Paris Assignment

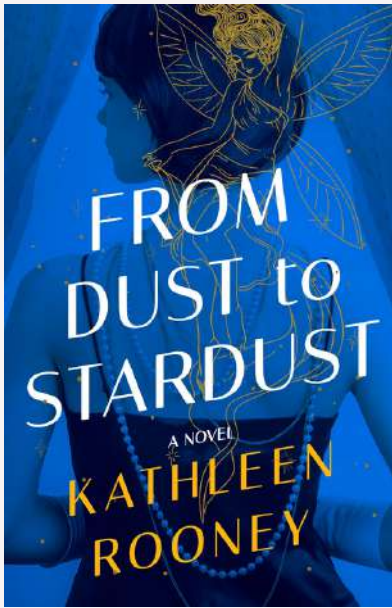
Rhys Bowen

She's a wife, mother, and fearless resister caught in the cross fire of WWII.

Londoner Madeleine Grant is studying at the Sorbonne in Paris when she marries charismatic French journalist Giles Martin. As they raise their son, Olivier, they hold on to a tenuous promise for the future. Until the thunder of war sets off alarms in France.

Staying behind to join the resistance, Giles sends Madeleine and Olivier to the relative safety of England, where Madeleine secures a job teaching French at a secondary school. Yet nowhere is safe. After a devastating twist of fate resulting in the loss of her son, Madeleine accepts a request from the ministry to aid in the war effort. Seizing the smallest glimmer of hope of finding Giles alive, she returns to France. If Madeleine can stop just one Nazi, it will be the start of a valiant path of revenge.

Though her perseverance, defiance, and heart will be tested beyond imagining, no risk is too great for a brave wife and mother determined to fight and survive against inconceivable odds.



AMAZON

Historical Fiction
285 pages
Lake Union,
September 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

From Dust to Stardust

Kathleen Rooney

On the silver screen in the 1920s, she enchants audiences. In real life, she inspires a nation

Chicago, 1916. Doreen O'Dare is fourteen years old when she hops a Hollywood-bound train with her beloved Irish grandmother. Within a decade, her trademark bob and insouciant charm make her the preeminent movie flapper of the Jazz Age. But her success story masks one of relentless ambition, tragedy, and the secrets of a dangerous marriage.

Her professional life in flux, Doreen trades one dream for another. She pours her wealth and creative energy into a singular achievement: the construction of a one-ton miniature Fairy Castle, the likes of which the world has never seen. So begins Doreen's public tour to lift the nation's spirits during the Great Depression—and a personal journey worth remembering.

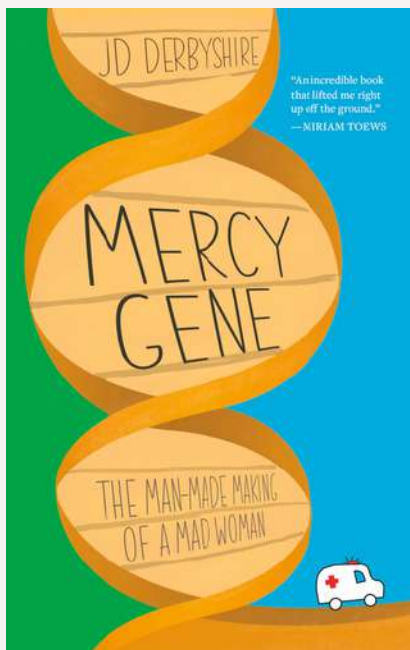
A sweeping journey from the dawn of the motion picture era through turbulent twentieth-century America, *From Dust to Stardust* is a breathtaking novel about one determined woman navigating change, challenging the price of fame, and sharing the gift of real magic.

Key Selling Points

- Based on a stunning true story!
- A novel about Hollywood, the cost of stardom, and one woman's relentless spirit.



Literary Fiction



WESTWOOD
CREATIVE ARTISTS

Experimental Memoir
224 pages
Goose Lane Editions,
March 2023

Available rights
Spain, Portugal

Key Selling Points

- A versatile work that explores addiction, abuse, the difficulty of being in a mental institution, and gender confusion, never losing its sense of humour.

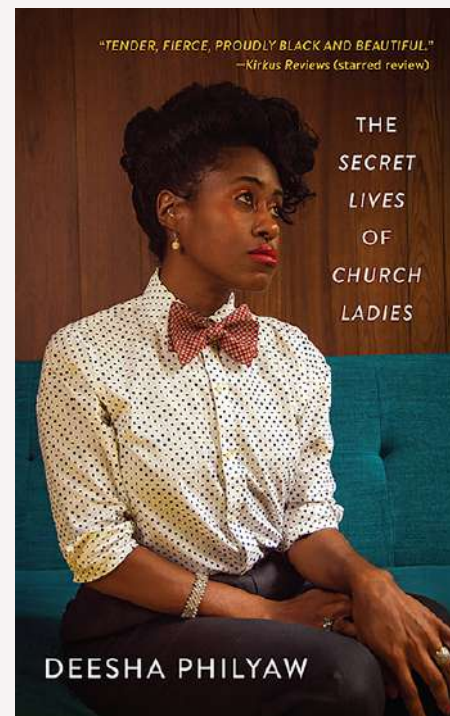
"Mercy Gene is an incredible book that lifted me right up off the ground and away to other places both hard and soft."
Miriam Toews, Giller Prize shortlisted author of **Fight Night**

Mercy Gene

JD Derbyshire

Think Maggie Nelson meets
Hannah Gadsby

Told in kaleidoscopic bursts of erratic recollections, daydreams, poetry, and lists, *Mercy Gene* is the powerful, genre-smashing debut work of auto-fiction by acclaimed writer, playwright, and comedian JD Derbyshire. Inspired by Derbyshire's critically acclaimed and award-winning stage play, *Certified*, and anchored by protagonist Janice/Jan/JD, *Mercy Gene* is a beautiful, humorous, and sometimes brutal look at queerness, gender confusion, institutionalization, addiction, and abuse.



UPSTART CROW

Literary Short Stories
179 pages
West Virginia University Press,
September 2020

Available rights
Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Key Selling Points

WINNER: 2021 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction
WINNER: 2020 LA Times Book Prize: Art Seidenbaum Award for First Fiction
WINNER: 2020/2021 Story Prize for debut collection
FINALIST: 2020 National Book Award for Fiction
TV series: HBO Max, Tessa Thompson producing
A Kirkus Best Book of 2020

The Secret Lives of Church Ladies

Deesha Philyaw

The Secret Lives of Church Ladies **explores the raw and tender places where black women and girls dare to follow their desires and pursue a momentary reprieve from being good**

The nine stories in this collection feature four generations of characters grappling with who they want to be in the world, caught as they are between the church's double standards and their own needs and passions. With their secret longings, new love, and forbidden affairs, these church ladies are as seductive as they want to be, as vulnerable as they need to be, as unfaithful and unrepentant as they care to be, and as free as they deserve to be.

"Tender, fierce, proudly black and beautiful, these stories will sneak inside you and take root."
Kirkus Reviews



WESTWOOD
CREATIVE ARTISTS

Literary fiction
304 pages
Knopf Books, April 2023

Available rights
Spain, Portugal

Snow Road Station

Elizabeth Hay

From the Giller Prize-winning author comes a novel, witty and wise, about thwarted ambition, unrealized dreams, the enduring bonds of female friendship, and love's capacity to surprise us at any age

In the winter of 2008, as snow falls without interruption, an actor in a Beckett play blanks on her lines. Fleeing the theatre, she beats a retreat into her past and arrives at Snow Road Station, a barely discernible dot on the map of Ontario.

The actor is Lulu Blake, in her sixties now, a sexy, seemingly unfooled woman well-versed in taking risks. Out of work, humiliated, she enters the last act of her life wondering what she can make of her diminished self. In Snow Road Station she decides she is through with drama, but drama, it turns out, isn't through with her. She thinks she wants peace. It turns out she wants more.

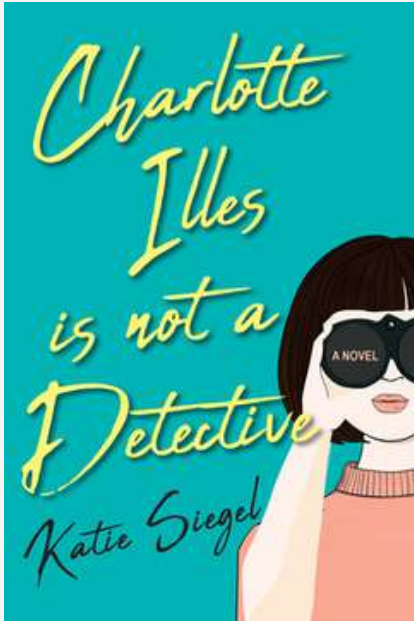
Looming in the background is that autumn's global financial meltdown, while in the foreground family and friends animate a round of weddings, sap harvests, love affairs, and personal turmoil. At the centre of it all is the friendship between Lulu and Nan. As the two women contemplate growing old, they surrender certain long-held dreams and confront the limits of the choices they've made and the messy feelings that kept them apart for decades.

Key Selling Points

- Hay is the author of the #1 nationally bestselling novel **Alone in the Classroom**, the Scotiabank Giller Prize-winning novel **Late Nights on Air**, as well as other highly acclaimed works of fiction,
- Her memoir **All Things Consolated** won the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize for Non-fiction, was shortlisted for the RBC Taylor Prize, and was a #1 national bestseller.



Contemporary



KENSINGTON

Humour
Kensington, June 2023

Available rights
Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Previous works sold to

UK (preempt)

Charlotte Illes Is Not a Detective

Katie Siegel

The downside about being a famous child detective is that sooner or later, you have to grow up...

As a kid, Charlotte Illes' uncanny sleuthing abilities made her a minor celebrity. But in high school, she hung up her detective's hat and stashed away the signature blue landline in her "office"—aka garage—convinced that finding her adult purpose would be as easy as tracking down missing pudding cups or locating stolen diamonds.

Now 25, Charlotte has a nagging fear that she hit her peak in middle school. She's living with her mom, scrolling through job listings, and her love life consists mostly of first dates. When it comes to knowing what to do next, Charlotte hasn't got a clue.

And then, her old blue phone rings...

Reluctantly, Charlotte is pulled back into the mystery-solving world she knew— just one more time. But that world is a whole lot more complicated for an adult. As a kid, she was able to crack the case and still get her homework done on time. Now she's dealing with dead bodies, missing persons, and villains who actually see her as a viable threat. And the detective skills she was once so eager to never use again are the only things that can stop a killer ready to make sure her next retirement is permanent...

Key Selling Points

- For anyone seeking to satisfy their Harriet the Spy or Encyclopedia Brown nostalgia.
- This modern, witty debut is based on the popular @katiefliesaway TikTok series.



AMAZON

Contemporary Fiction
367 pages
Lake Union, July 2023

Available rights
Spain, Portugal, Brazil

La Vie, According to Rose

Lauren Parvizi

A heartfelt novel about self-discovery, grief, and a once-in-a-lifetime chance to start over

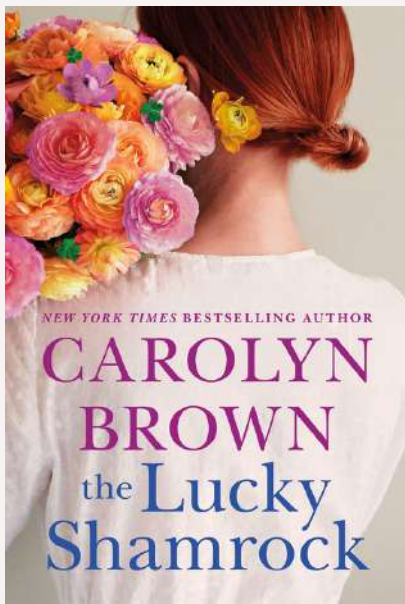
Rose Zadeh pleases everyone, except herself. Memories of her late Iranian-immigrant father, who valued hard work and family, keep Rose in a dead-end job as a Silicon Valley copywriter, and tethered to her guilt-trippy mom and needy sisters. As much as it would disappoint her father, Rose needs an escape. Voilà! A mandated vacation gives her the chance. Three weeks on a long-dreamed-of trip to the City of Light.

Instead of landing in a Parisian fairy tale, Rose falls under the spell of a charming and possibly dangerous expat and encounters an old family friend keeping a surprising secret. With the aid of a French self-help guru, Rose really believes she's blossoming. Until an unwelcome reminder of home proves that finding herself will require more than a change of scenery.

From Paris's cobblestone streets to Provence's sun-soaked hills, Rose embarks on a journey of adventure, betrayals, and even amour. For the first time, the directions she follows are up to her.

Key Selling Points

- Eleanor Oliphant meets Emily in Paris.
- A charming and wise novel about autonomy and self-worth.
- For those who need a little push to fulfil their dreams and be a bit more impulsive!



The Lucky Shamrock

Carolyn Brown

A bighearted novel about family, secrets, small-town Texas romance, and –with a little bit of luck–starting over

Family doesn't mean everyone has to like each other. That's the case when cousins Taryn, Anna Rose, and Jorja return to Shamrock, Texas, to help manage their grandmother's flower shop, the Lucky Shamrock. The reunion isn't exactly a beautiful arrangement—considering they're as compatible as ranchers and coyotes.

Thank heaven for a handsome go-between like Clinton, who lives above the shop. The easygoing war vet, and most eligible bachelor in Wheeler County, is now throwing romance into the mix and setting the local women to gossiping. But as the hot months wear on, hidden secrets begin to surface for the temperamental Irish trio. And it's bringing them closer together than they ever thought possible.

With a flurry of weddings, a love story in the making, a surprise baby, and crazy good fortune, maybe that shamrock painted on the window does bring luck. Because for Taryn, Anna Rose, and Jorja, this could be the summer that'll change their lives forever.

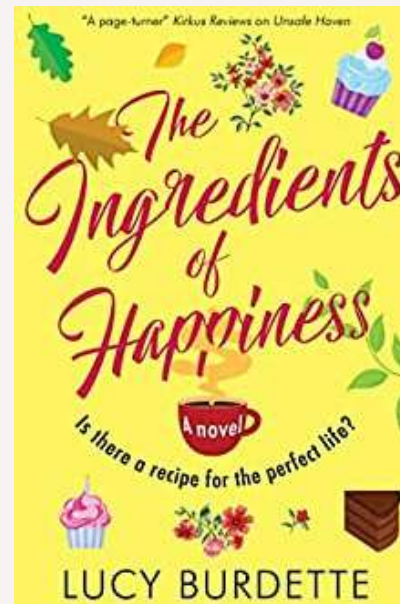
AMAZON

Humour
285 pages
Montlake, July 2023

Available rights
 Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Key Selling Points

- Sky-high ratings on Goodreads.
- A heart-warming novel full of women with character.
- Reminds us of the importance of family ties.



The Ingredients of Happiness

Lucy Burdette

A bighearted novel about family, secrets, small-town Texas romance, and –with a little bit of luck–starting over

Thirty-two-year-old 'happiness guru' Dr Cooper Hunziker has it all - a dream job as assistant psychology professor at Yale University, a soon to be published self-help book, The Happiness Connection, and the per fect man. But there's a problem. Cooper isn't happy.

Of course, it doesn't help that she's facing cut-throat competition for her tenure at Yale, an accusation of plagiarism that could cost her eve rything, or that her new book has irritated the department chairman, who assigns her to co-lead a happiness group at the New Haven Library.

As her friendship with the other women in the group flourishes, Cooper finds herself questioning her choices. Forced to face a life-changing be trayal and her own traumatic past, can she navigate a path to happiness with the help of a gargoyle's wisdom?

TARYN FAGERNESS

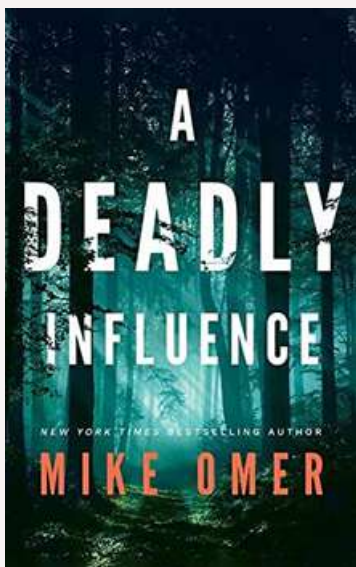
Women Fiction
95K words
Severn House, July 2023

Available rights
 Spain, Portugal, Brazil

Key Selling Points

- Fans are in for a treat — Publishers Weekly on A Dish to Die For
- Satisfying — Booklist on A Dish to Die For
- Charming characters, an appealing setting . . . make this a perfect choice — Publishers Weekly on The Key Lime Crime

Thriller & Suspense



AMAZON

Thriller
443 pages
Thomas & Mercer
Abril 2021

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

A Deadly Influence Trilogy

Mike Omer

From bestselling author Mike Omer comes the first in a new series full of the psychological twists and police procedural turns that his fans have come to know and love.

Lieutenant Abby Mullen is no stranger to crisis. As the hostage negotiation instructor for the NYPD, she deals with worst-case scenarios every day. Nothing fazes her anymore.

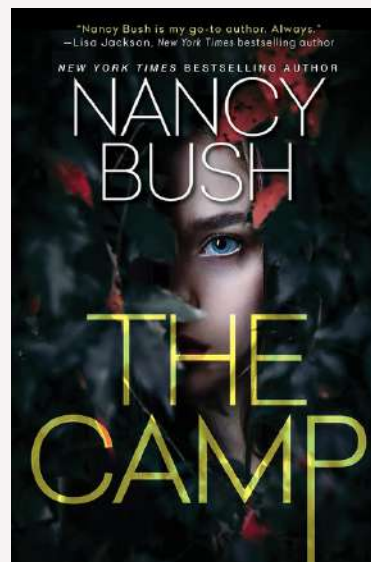
That all changes when she gets a call from Eden Fletcher, a fellow survivor of the infamous Wilcox cult. The two haven't spoken since the night of a tragic, fiery massacre, when their paths diverged. But now Eden needs Abby's help: someone has kidnapped her son and is demanding a \$5 million ransom. As Abby throws herself into the case, she can't help but wonder why the kidnapper has targeted Eden. But Eden refuses to talk. She's silent about the relics of their shared past hanging on her walls. About the kidnapper's possible motives. About what's happened in the years since she and Abby parted ways.

As the truth closes in, Abby realizes that her past may not be as far behind as she thought... and it's come home to collect.

Key Selling Points

"An expert ticking-clock suspenser best consumed in one prodigious gulp."
—Kirkus Reviews

"In this smart series debut from Omer...readers will eagerly await Abby's next outing." —Publishers Weekly



KENSINGTON

Thriller, Suspense
384 pages
Zebra
July 2023

Available rights

Spain and Portugal

Sold to

Portuguese (BR) and UK
Rights Sold.

Key Selling Points

"Bush's pulse-pounding thriller takes readers on a journey two decades in the making...Plenty of suspense and a dollop of romance gives this broad appeal." —Publishers Weekly

"Fast-paced and thrilling! This book pulls you right along in a heart-pounding ride." —Suspense Magazine

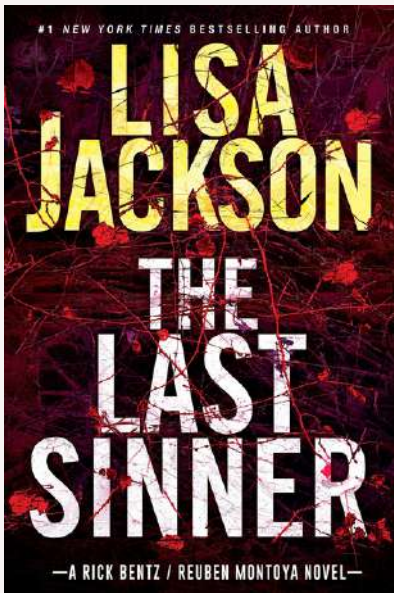
The Camp

Nancy Bush

Friday the 13th meets Friends Like These at a summer sleepaway camp isolated in the woods of Oregon, as New York Times bestselling author Nancy Bush puts a diabolical modern twist on the classic 1980s slasher film trope!

There are always stories told around the fire at summer camp—tall tales about gruesome murders and unhinged killers, concocted to scare new arrivals and lend an extra jolt of excitement to those hormone-charged nights. At Camp Luft-Shawk, nicknamed Camp Love Shack, there are stories about a creeping fog that brings death with it. But here, they're not just campfire tales. Here, the stories are real.

Twenty years ago, a girl's body was found on a ledge above the lake, arms crossed over her heart. Some said it was part of a suicide pact, connected to the nearby Haven Commune. Brooke, Rona, and Wendy were among the teenagers at camp that summer, looking for fun and sun, sex and adventure. They've never breathed a word about what really happened—or about the night their friendship shattered. Now the camp, renamed Camp Fog Lake, has reopened for a new generation, and many of those who were there on that long-ago night are returning for an alumni weekend. But something is stirring at the lake again. As the fog rolls in, evil comes with it. Those stories were a warning, and they didn't listen. And the only question is, who will live long enough to regret it?



KENSINGTON

Thriller
 432 pages
Mulholland Books
July 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Sold to

Czech, German, and UK

The Last Sinner
#9 New Orleans Series

Lisa Jackson

From #1 New York Times-bestselling author Jackson comes the novel her fans have been waiting for since 2015: THE LAST SINNER, the ninth installment in her New Orleans series

New Orleans detectives Rick Bentz and Reuben Montoya are back!

Father John, the notorious serial killer introduced in HOT BLOODED is back for revenge, as well an all new killing spree - he hires prostitutes and then strangles them with rosary beads, leaving behind a hundred dollar bill with Ben Franklin's eyes burned out. Also in his cross-hairs is Bentz's daughter, Kristi, a true crime writer, who survives an attack when the novel opens but it ends with her husband Jay's death. Was the attack the work of Father John? Or is there another killer on the loose in New Orleans, this one with his own agenda for revenge against Kristi...

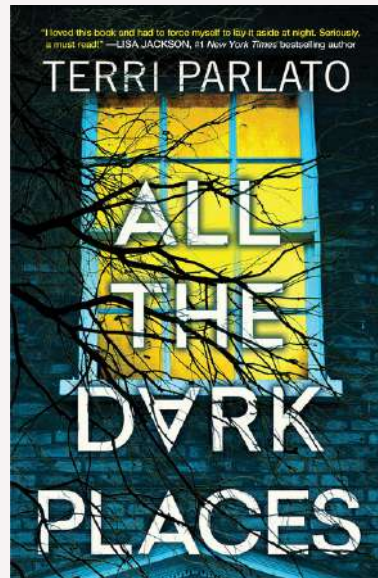
Key Selling Points

THE FINAL BOOK IN A GRIPPING CRIME SERIES FROM 30 MILLION COPY SELLING AUTHOR.

Jam-packed with scary chills. — Booklist on

Absolutely tension filled...Jackson is on top of her game. — Suspense Magazine on TELL ME

Lisa Jackson shows yet again why she is one of the best at romantic suspense. A pure nail biter. — Harlan Coben



KENSINGTON

Suspense, Crime
 320 pages
Kensington
December 2022

Available rights

Spain, Brazil and Portugal

All The Dark Places

Terri Parlato

A dark new thriller perfect for fans of Megan Miranda and Shari Lapena where murder exposes the dark secrets at the center of a group of friends and sets two women - one with a traumatic past, the other a Boston police detective - on a hunt for truth.

Snow falls softly outside Molly Bradley's home on a frigid January night. Inside, half a dozen close friends are gathered to celebrate the fortieth birthday of Molly's psychologist husband, Jay. Candlelight gleams against dark wood, wine flows, and the house rings with laughter. Everybody loves Jay, Molly most of all. Yet next morning, Molly discovers Jay dead on the floor of his office, his throat brutally slashed.

After decades working with the Boston PD, Detective Rita Myers has grown accustomed to the banality of evil—the murders that make no sense beyond bad luck or a tragic brush with the worst of humanity. But Jay Bradley's murder isn't random, or a mere crime of opportunity. Rita is convinced that someone in the couple's small circle killed him. Someone who was celebrating with them that night.

Devastated, Molly tries to make sense of her husband's death. Jay was her rock, the only person who really understood the nightmare she lived through long ago. He knew the horrors she's kept hidden even from her friends. But shocking revelations are making her question if Jay was all he seemed to be—and whether someone else knows her past too. And until Molly figures out who she can really trust, she won't be able to stop herself becoming the next target . . .

Key Selling Points

"A moody, atmospheric thriller perfectly crafted."

—Charlie Donlea, USA Today bestselling author of Twenty Years Later

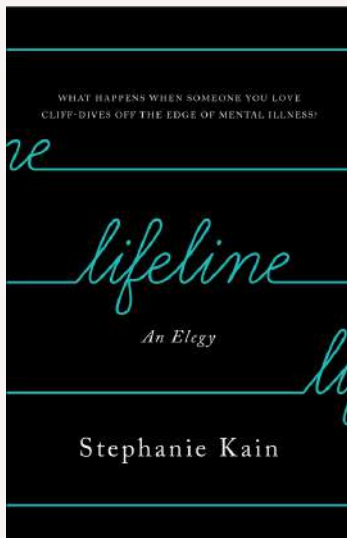
"Crippling...Parlato is off to a strong start." - Publishers Weekly

"A creepy debut." - Kirkus Reviews

LONDON 2023



NON-FICTION



WESTWOOD CREATIVE ARTISTS

Experimental Memoir
180 pages
ECW Press
October 2023

Available rights
Spain and Portugal

Key Selling Points

Despite the heavy themes and events that LIFELINE covers, Stephanie's skillful writing allows for moments of brevity and comedy. Not only is this memoir about Stephanie's relationship with S., it also serves as an indictment of how those afflicted with mental illness are treated by the medical system. This book pushes the boundaries of form, and I hope you will find a publisher in your territory that believes in the convictions of this book.

LIFELINE: An Elegy

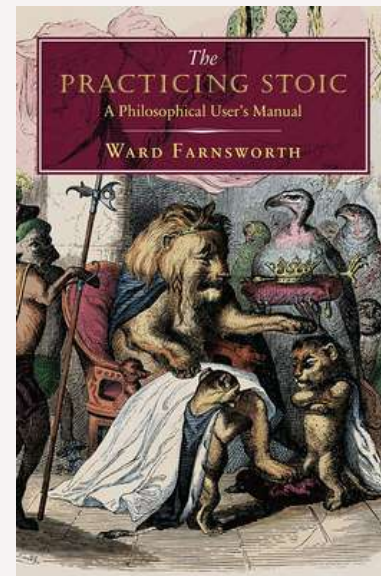
Stephanie Kain

What happens when someone you love suddenly cliff-dives into mental illness? And then you discover that there may be no return?

This book is an experimental memoir that reflects on the author's intimate and complicated relationship with her best friend and soulmate S., a young woman diagnosed with suicidal depression, and the startling and chaotic new world of locked psychiatric wards, heavy medications, and electroconvulsive therapy that follows.

Interweaving personal essays, fragmented prose, poetry, stream-of-consciousness, and text exchanges, this collage-style book invites the reader into the mysterious world of a treatment-resistant condition and illuminates the urgency and intimacy of caring for someone with an ultimately fatal mental illness. Running through the center of the narrative is the relationship between two people whose fierce love for each other is both the tie that binds and the anchor that drowns.

LIFELINE is a testament to the importance of hard conversations, humor, and dignity in the face of a courageous battle for sanity; an interrogation of the flaws in the medical system; a debate on when life stops being worth living; and a conversation and reflection on what it means to love someone enough to go on without them.



GODINE

Philosophy
256 pages
Full-colour illustrations
David R. Godine Publisher
May 2018

Available rights

Spain and Portugal

Sold to

Brazil, China, Simplified
China, Complex, Germany, Hungary
Korea, Poland, Russia, Turkey

Key Selling Points

"It is reported that upon Seneca's tomb are written the words, Who's Minding the Stoa? He would be pleased to know the answer is Ward Farnsworth." —David Mamet

"This is a book any thoughtful person will be glad to have along as a companion for an extended weekend or, indeed, for that protracted journey we call life." —The New Criterion

The Practicing Stoic

Ward Farnsworth

"Farnsworth beautifully integrates his own observations with scores of quotations from Epictetus, Seneca, Marcus Aurelius, Montaigne and others. This isn't just a book to read—it's a book to return to, a book that will provide perspective and consolation at times of heartbreak or calamity."
—The Washington Post

See more clearly, live more wisely, and bear the burdens of this life with greater ease—here are the greatest insights of the Stoics, in their own words. Presented in twelve lessons, Ward Farnsworth systematically presents the heart of Stoic philosophy accompanied by commentary that is clear and concise.

A foundational idea to Stoicism is that we appear to go through life reacting directly to events. That appearance is an illusion. We react to our judgments and opinions—to our thoughts about things, not to things themselves. Stoics seek to become conscious of those judgments, to find the irrationality in them, and to choose them more carefully.

In chapters including Emotion, Adversity, Virtue, and What Others Think, here is the most valuable wisdom about living a good life from ages past—now made available for our time.



GABAL

Business

205 pages

GABAL Verlag GmbH

October 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Key Selling Points

We individualistic Europeans can learn from other cultures about better social coexistence and how we can make our everyday lives more joyful and meaningful. And in doing so, we simultaneously create a healthier and significantly more sustainable way of thinking and acting in our civilisation.

Was Wir Von Anderen Kulturen Lerner Könn

Gundula Gwenn Hiller

Solving the challenges of the future through cross-cultural perspectives

This book shows how it can be done! Gundula Gwenn Hiller, a renowned expert on interculturality and diversity, invites you to explore what we can learn from other cultures and offers solutions for individual and societal challenges.

It is time to rethink: we need new perspectives on ourselves and the world in order to overcome the current crises in the economy and society. Measured in terms of knowledge and technological progress, humanity has never been as advanced as it is today. But at the same time we feel that we have never been so close to the abyss.

But we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Looking beyond our own horizons already takes us further. Knowledge from other cultures is a valuable resource for developing new ideas and solutions. Other social concepts and wisdom teachings provide new perspectives on familiar problems and inspire a better life.

Health, good interpersonal relationships, mutual consideration and sustainable action are becoming increasingly important. More and more people want a better work-life balance, society lacks cohesion and the economy needs innovation, diversity and flexibility. However, our current value system and cultural orientation in education, business and society contradict this in many ways.



GABAL

Business

231 pages

GABAL Verlag GmbH

October 2022

Available rights

Spain, Brazil and Portugal

Key Selling Points

This book is for you if, like Lena, you have relied on others when it comes to money, and you finally want to take your finances into your own hands. Or maybe you actually must take on financial management because of a change in your circumstances. This book is for you if, like Doreen, you are a single parent with a part-time job. On one hand, you're paying close attention to the household budget, and on the other hand, you're dreaming of creating a secure future for your daughter. This book is for you if, like Anna, you have created a powerful career with a six-figure salary.

Throughout the course of this book, we'll present the voices and stories of a variety of women, and we hope you might even find aspects that resonate in your own life.

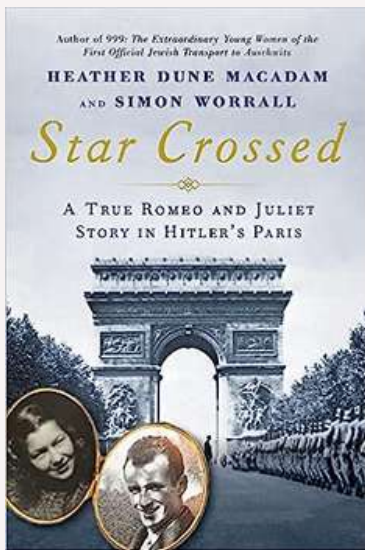
This book is for you if you want to create a positive vision for your future and lack confidence that you can ever be financially free and independent.

Finanzen Sind Weiblich

Karolina Decker

Women: claim your financial power!

Today, women pursue careers, found businesses, manage teams, raise children and deal with a multitude of family responsibilities. Their own needs and interests often fall by the wayside - especially when it comes to money matters. High time, then, for women to take their financial security into their own hands. There is a plethora of life events - divorce, bereavement, disability and more - that can throw a seemingly certain life plan into disarray. In addition, it has never been more vital to plan early for retirement. With this in mind, this comprehensive financial guide show how women can act to claim their financial independence. The expert authors foster a positive, open attitude towards the subject of money, answer key questions on investing with confidence and address many of the life situations women typically face. This is a book that every woman should read - and then buy for her best friend!



KENSINGTON

Historical
320 pages
Citadel
September 2023

Available rights

Portugal, Brazil

Sold to

Czech, Hebrew,
Slovakian, and Spanish

Star Crossed: A Romeo and Juliet Story in Hitler's Paris

Heather Dune Macadam

For readers of *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah who are hungry for a non-fiction account of Nazi-occupied Paris, *Star Crossed* is an epic true story of love and resistance during WWII from the award-winning author of *999*.

Part historical portrait of life during the Occupation, part valentine to *The City of Light* and the resilience of its people, this true love story follows the romance between the Romeo and Juliet of war-torn Paris – a Catholic Resistance fighter and a Holocaust victim who meet at the famous Café Flore before war, prejudice, and disapproving families set them on divergent and tragically inevitable paths.

Paris, 1940. The City of Light has fallen under German Occupation. Among patriotic Parisians, the pursuit of art, culture, and jazz have become bold acts of defiance. So has forbidden romance for talented and spirited Jewish teenager Annette Zelman, a student at the Beaux-Arts, and dashing young Catholic poet Jean Jausion. Despite their devout families' vehement opposition, the young couple finds acceptance at the famed Café de Flore, whose habitués include Simone de Beauvoir, Jean-Paul Sartre, Pablo Picasso, Django Reinhardt, and other luminaries of the Latin Quarter's creative world.

For a time, Annette and Jean feel they have eluded the brute might of the relentless Nazis -- and more immediately, their parents' threats and demands. But as restrictions on the Jewish community escalate to arrests and deportations, the maleficent forces gathering around the young lovers set them on divergent and tragically inevitable paths.

Key Selling Points

Drawn from never-before-published family letters and other treasures, as well as archival sources and exclusive interviews, *Star-Crossed* offers us precious insight into the Holocaust and the lives French people bravely led under the Hitler regime. This breathtaking true story of beauty, art, liberation, and the transformative power of love resonates with an intimate story of undying devotion, seen through the prism of history.



JILL GRINBERG

LITERARY MANAGEMENT

Historical
512 pages
Farrar Straus & Giroux
August 2023

Available rights

Spain, Brazil and Portugal

Young Queens

Leah Redmond Chang

The boldly original, dramatic, intertwined story of three queens exercising power in a world dominated by men.

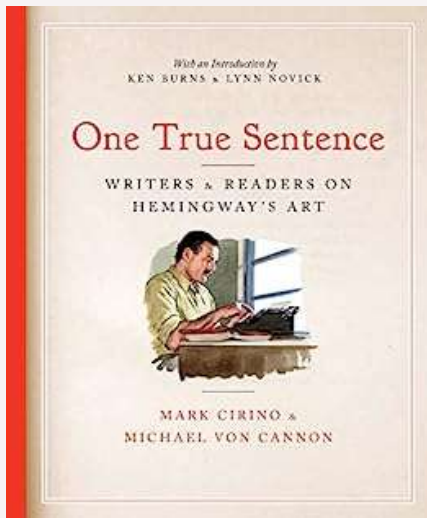
Orphaned from infancy, Catherine de' Medici endured a tumultuous childhood. Married to the French king, she was widowed by forty, only to become the power behind the French throne during a period of intense civil strife. In 1546, Catherine gave birth to a daughter, Elisabeth de Valois, who would become Queen of Spain. Two years later, Catherine welcomed to her nursery the beguiling young Mary Queen of Scots, who would later become her daughter-in-law.

Together, Catherine, Elisabeth, and Mary lived through the sea changes that transformed sixteenth-century Europe, a time of expanding empires, religious discord, and populist revolt, as concepts of nationhood began to emerge and ideas of sovereignty inched closer to absolutism. They would learn that to rule as a queen was to wage a constant war against the deeply entrenched misogyny of their time.

Following the intertwined stories of the three women from girlhood through young adulthood, Leah Redmond Chang's *Young Queens* paints a picture of a world in which a woman could wield power at the highest level yet remain at the mercy of the state, her body serving as the currency of empire and dynasty, sacrificed to the will of husband, family, kingdom.

Key Selling Points

"Alluring, gripping, real; an astonishing insight into the lives of three queens, stepping out from the shadows of the patriarchy – we meet them on their own terms." - Alice Roberts, author of *Buried and Ancestors*



GODINE

Contemporary, Literature
229 pages
David R. Godine Publisher
August 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Key Selling Points

"All good books are alike in that they are truer than if they had really happened," wrote Hemingway. "And after you're finished reading one, you will feel that all that happened to you and afterwards, it all belongs to you."

For readers of American literature, *One True Sentence* is full of remembrances—of words you read and the feelings they gave you. For writers, this is an inspiring view of an element of craft—a single sentence—that can make a good story come alive and become a great story.

One True Sentence: Writers & Readers on Hemingway's Art

Mark Cirino & Michael Von Cannon

A selection of the greatest sentences by the master, Ernest Hemingway. Sentences that can take a reader's breath away and are not easily forgotten. Each sentence has been selected and examined by authors; filmmakers and many others in this celebration and conversation between Hemingway and some of his most perceptive and interesting readers.

"All you have to do is write one true sentence," Hemingway wrote in his memoir, *A Moveable Feast*. "Write the truest sentence that you know." If that is the secret to Hemingway's enduring power, what sentences continue to live in readers' minds? And why do they resonant? The host and producer of the *One True* Podcast have gathered the best of their program (heard by thousands of listeners) and added entirely new material for this collection of conversations about Hemingway's truest words.

From the long, whole-story-in-a-sentence line, "I have seen the one-legged streetwalker who works the Boulevard Madeleine between the Rue Cambon and Bernheim Jeunes' limping along the pavement through the crowd on a rainy night with a beefy red faced episcopal clergyman holding an umbrella over her.", to the short, pithy line that closes *The Sun Also Rises*, "Isn't it pretty to think so?", this is a collection full of delights, surprises, and insight.

Doctored: Fake Hubris And Tragedy In The Quest To Cure Alzheimer's

Charles Piller

A riveting work of nonfiction from journalist Charles Piller, exposing the series of calculated actions, fabrications and forgeries that may have set back Alzheimer's research by decades.

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JILL GRINBERG
LITERARY MANAGEMENT

Contemporary Essay
Simon & Schuster / One Signal
2025

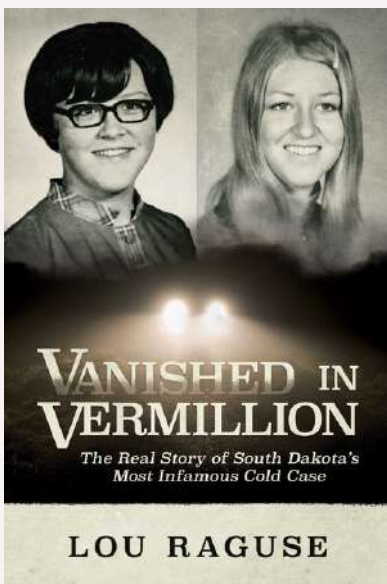
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Spain, Brazil and Portugal

In the vein of titles like *Bad Blood* and *Dopesick*, Piller's *DOCTORED* will expose the network of deceit and its distinct players—world-class scientists, as well as ambitious wannabes, frauds, and dupes—that stretches to all facets of the scientific enterprise, from university labs to scientific journals, all the way up to the FDA. *DOCTORED* will reveal how a heroic young neuroscientist and doctor challenged his field's institutional powers, never losing sight of the tens of thousands of individuals like Stephen P, also a "character" in the narrative, who have been drawn into trials to test these dubious drugs. It is a shocking tale with huge ramifications not only for Alzheimer's research, but for scientific research, funding, and oversight at large. But the story also offers a crucial, hopeful takeaway: there is a growing cadre of visionary researchers who are pioneering new ideas—separately and in combination—that look poised to finally transport patients and families beyond disappointment and fear if we can release the hunt for a cure from its current stranglehold.

Key Selling Points

Piller is an Investigative Correspondent for *Science*, one of the world's preeminent scholarly journals, and has received more than 35 honors from a wide variety of awarding bodies. His work has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize nine times by *STAT*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and The *Sacramento Bee*.



WESTWOOD

True Crime

384 pages

ECW Press

February 2023

Available rights

Spain and Portugal

Key Selling Points

"Lou's terrific storytelling and investigative skills give the reader a front-row seat as he unravels this bizarre case, chock-full of twists and turns."

—Caroline Lowe, veteran crime journalist and member of the FindJodi team

"Readers who enjoy procedural true crime will appreciate the well-researched, linear narrative, while readers interested in cold-case true crime will take satisfaction in the forensic storytelling." -- Booklist

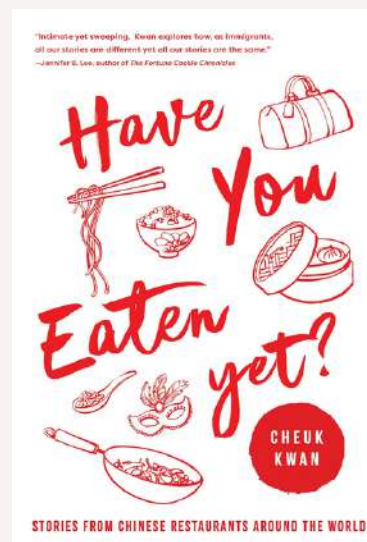
"A wonderfully-written, compassionate, and shocking true crime story. Lou Raguse mastered the technical retelling of courtrooms long adjourned, bringing an emotional edge to this heart-wrenching tale." -- Michael Brodkorb, award-winning author of bestselling true crime book, *The Girls are Gone*

Vanished In Vermillion

Lou Raguse

The result of hundreds of interviews, *Vanished in Vermillion* is a cold case story that flips the script on a typical investigation narrative, revealing the biggest law enforcement embarrassment in South Dakota history.

In May 1971, Pam Jackson and Sherri Miller were two seventeen-year-olds driving to an end-of-the-school-year party in a rundown Studebaker Lark when they seemingly disappeared off the face of the earth. Police back then didn't do enough to try and find them. Investigators thirty years later did too much. Two families endure decades of pain as they await answers of what happened to their girls. When a third family is pulled into the mystery, they quickly learn their nightmare is just beginning.



WESTWOOD

Food & Travel

260 pages

Pegasus Books

January 2021

Available rights

Spain and Portugal

Key Selling Points

A PEOPLE MAGAZINE BEST NEW BOOK

A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITOR'S CHOICE

A NEW YORK POST BEST NEW BOOK

Have You Eaten Yet: Stories from Chinese Restaurants Around the World

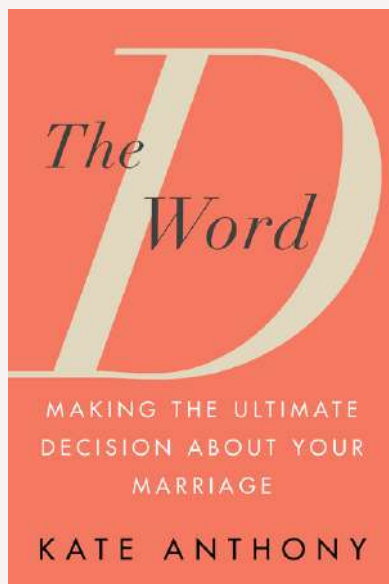
Cheuk Kwan

An eye-opening and soul-nourishing journey through Chinese food around the world.

From Cape Town, South Africa, to small-town Saskatchewan, family-run Chinese restaurants are global icons of immigration, community and delicious food. The cultural outposts of far-flung settlers, bringers of dim sum, Peking duck and creative culinary hybrids, Chinese restaurants are a microcosm of greater social forces. They are an insight into time, history, and place.

Author and film-maker Cheuk Kwan, a self-described "card-carrying member of the Chinese diaspora," weaves a global narrative by linking the myriad personal stories of chefs, entrepreneurs, labourers and dreamers who populate Chinese kitchens worldwide. Behind these kitchen doors lies an intriguing paradox which characterizes many of these communities: how Chinese immigrants have resisted—or have often been prevented from—complete assimilation into the social fabric of their new homes. In both instances, the engine of their economic survival—the Chinese restaurant and its food—has become seamlessly woven into towns and cities all around the world.

An intrepid travelogue of grand vistas, adventure and serendipity, *Have You Eaten Yet?* charts a living atlas of global migration, ultimately revealing how an excellent meal always tells an even better story.



KENSINGTON

Self-help, Relationships

304 pages

Citadel

December 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

The D Word: Making the Ultimate Decision for Your Marriage

Kate Anthony

THE D WORD is an accessible guide for everyone who wants to take control of their lives, either by ending or repairing their marriage.

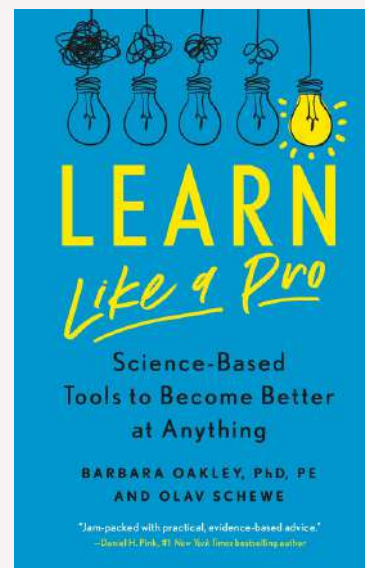
Every year, close to a million women struggle to decide whether to divorce their partners. Some are in relationships they know to be unsalvageable, yet they're terrified that divorce will hurt their kids. Others feel guilt-ridden and confused over their unhappiness with a spouse who seems, to the outside world at least, to be perfectly fine. And then there are those in between, restless and aware of problems that may or may not be fixable, with no idea how to tell the difference.

The D Word is the definitive yet accessible guide for everyone who wants to take control of their lives, either by ending or repairing their marriage. Written in Kate Anthony's signature straight-talking, empowering style, The D Word is more than a practical handbook for those considering divorce. It also reveals how cultural and societal influences negatively affect our relationships and expectations, stacking the odds against women. And it provides a template for confident decision-making and lasting growth and change—whether readers choose to stay in a marriage or leave it.

Key Selling Points

From the host of the critically acclaimed The Divorce Survival Guide Podcast comes a book that provides the clarity, peace, and answers women need to make empowered decisions about their marriages, break unhealthy patterns, and build the life they truly want.

When you're ready for honest answers to these and other questions, The D Word shows you how to dig deep and find them—and then move forward into a better, brighter future.



**STILTON LITERARY
AGENCY NORWAY**

Self-help

160 pages

Essentials

June 2021

Available rights

Spain and Portugal

Sold to

Brazilian Portuguese (Cedet), Russian (Popuri), Simplified Chinese (Huazhang), Complex Chinese/Taiwan (Sun Color), Danish (Samfunnslitteratur), Dutch (Business Contact), Japanese (Achievement Publishing), English (St. Martin's Press - World), French (Editions First World) + 7 more languages

Key Selling Points

Learn Like a Pro is the book I wish I'd had when I was a student. It is jam-packed with practical, evidence-based advice for overcoming procrastination, strengthening memory, and reading more effectively. You'll find a nugget of learning gold on every page."--Daniel H. Pink, #1 New York Times bestselling author of When, Drive, and To Sell is Human

Learn Like A Pro

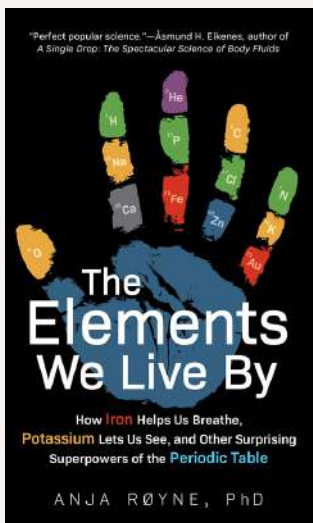
Barbara Oakley

Do you put off studying because it's boring and you're easily distracted? This book is for you.

Do you spend too much time learning with disappointing results? Do you find it difficult to remember what you read? Do you put off studying because it's boring and you're easily distracted? This book is for you. Dr. Barbara Oakley and Olav Schewe have both struggled in the past with their learning. But they have found techniques to help them master any material.

Building on insights from neuroscience and cognitive psychology, they give you a crash course to improve your ability to learn, no matter what the subject is. Through their decades of writing, teaching, and research on learning, the authors have developed deep connections with experts from a vast array of disciplines. And it's all honed with feedback from thousands of students who have themselves gone through the trenches of learning.

Successful learners gradually add tools and techniques to their mental toolbox, and they think critically about their learning to determine when and how to best use their mental tools. That allows these learners to make the best use of their brains, whether those brains seem "naturally" geared toward learning or not. This book will teach you how you can do the same.



**STILTON LITERARY
AGENCY NORWAY**

Self-help
239 pages
EXPERIMENT
June 2020

Available rights

Spain and Portugal

Sold to

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Key Selling Points

"Physicist Røyne explains the role played by different elements within the human body, and visits various sites around the world where these elements can be found."— Publishers Weekly

"An excellent book about the elements . . . Physicist Anja Røyne has achieved the feat of producing a popular science heavyweight that wears its knowledge lightly."—Mari Crydeland, Aftenposten

Winner of the prestigious Brage Prize for best popular science book in Norway 2018.

The Elements We Live By

Anja Røyne

Where do the elements come from and could we use them up?

Physicist Anja Røyne takes an original approach, writing a book about the building blocks from which we humans – and the whole of the world – are made. By asking questions like "could we run out of iron?" and "is there enough sand?", she leads the reader into discussions about the world's resources at both the micro and macro level, and about how the universe fits together. Røyne writes in clear language and demonstrates throughout a fearless ability to tackle the big questions that concern us all, which lifts the book up to an existential level; at the same time, she connects physics to the reader's everyday life.

The book starts and ends with outer space, where the elements originated and where we may perhaps be able to obtain resources sometime in the far future. Yet at the same time, the book is firmly anchored in our own planet, and its message is to explain how we need to protect the planet with its existing elements. In this way, physics becomes directly relevant to the reader, making this a book that elegantly links the tiniest particles with the biggest questions.



SANDRA DIKJSTRA

Essay
376 pages
The MIT Press
March 2023

Available rights

Spain and Portugal

Sold to

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Review Russia: AST
Taiwan: Yuan Liou

Key Selling Points

Business Week has named Norman one of the world's most influential designers.

His numerous books have been translated into over 20 languages

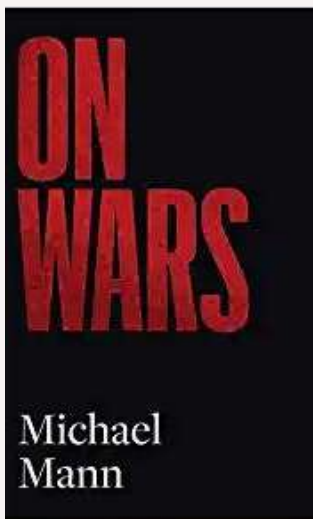
Design For A Better World

Don Norman

Human behavior brought our world to the brink, human behavior can save us.

The world is a mess. Our dire predicament, from collapsing social structures to the climate crisis, has been millennia in the making and can be traced back to the erroneous belief that the earth's resources are infinite. The key to change, says Don Norman, is human behavior, covered in the book's three major themes: meaning, sustainability, and humanity-centeredness. Emphasize quality of life, not monetary rewards; restructure how we live to better protect the environment; and focus on all of humanity. Design for a Better World presents an eye-opening diagnosis of where we've gone wrong and a clear prescription for making things better.

Norman proposes a new way of thinking, one that recognizes our place in a complex global system where even simple behaviors affect the entire world. He identifies the economic metrics that contribute to the harmful effects of commerce and manufacturing and proposes a recalibration of what we consider important in life. His experience as both a scientist and business executive gives him the perspective to show how to make these changes while maintaining a thriving economy. Let the change begin with this book before it's too late



SANDRA DIJKSTRA

Essay

616 pages

Yale University Press

August, 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal, Brazil

On Wars

Michael Mann

**A history of wars through the ages
and across the world, and the
irrational calculations that so often
lie behind them**

Benjamin Franklin once said, “There never was a good war or a bad peace.” But what determines whether war or peace is chosen? Award-winning sociologist Michael Mann concludes that it is a handful of political leaders—people with emotions and ideologies, and constrained by inherited culture and institutions—who undertake such decisions, usually irrationally choosing war and seldom achieving their desired results.

Mann examines the history of war through the ages and across the globe—from ancient Rome to Ukraine, from imperial China to the Middle East, from Japan and Europe to Latin and North America. He explores the reasons groups go to war, the different forms of wars, how warfare has changed and how it has stayed the same, and the surprising ways in which seemingly powerful countries lose wars. In masterfully combining ideological, economic, political, and military analysis, Mann offers new insight into the many consequences of choosing war.

Key Selling Points

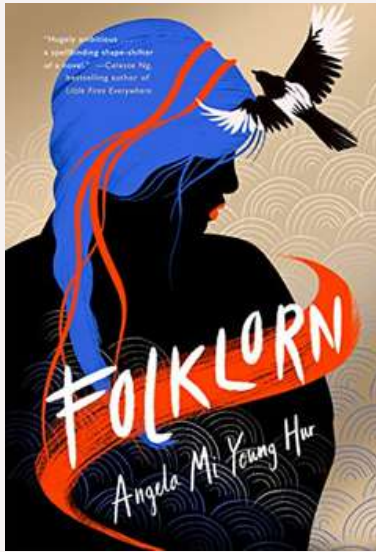
“Mann explains why wars happen although they seldom achieve their ends, whether material aggrandizement or altruistic ideals. *On Wars* again shows why Mann is the Max Weber of our time.”—Randall Collins, author of *Explosive Conflict: Time Dynamics of Violence*

“The greatest comparative historical sociologist of our time here considers the motivations for warfare in the world and through recorded time. The result is breathtaking, and shocking in its normative challenges—particularly in its no-hold-barred attack on the ‘realism’ of international relations specialists.”—John A. Hall, McGill University

LONDON 2023



NEW ADULT



KENSINGTON

Magical Realism

416 pages

Erewhon Books

April 2021

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Key Selling Points

"Ghost story, family saga, parable, feminist reimaged myth: Angela Mi Young Hur's hugely ambitious *Folklor* is a spellbinding shape-shifter of a novel that tackles questions of race, culture, and history head-on, exploring the blurry boundaries between past and present, fact and fantasy, and personal and cultural—or cosmic." —Celeste Ng, author of *Little Fires Everywhere*

A New York Times Best Sci-Fi and Fantasy Novel of 2021 | An NPR Best Book of 2021

Folklor

Angela Mi Young Hur

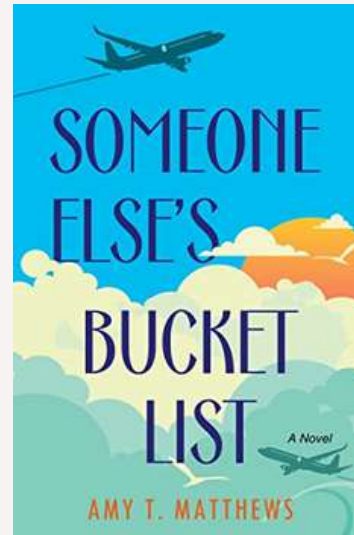
A genre-defying, continents-spanning saga of Korean myth, scientific discovery, and the abiding love that binds even the most broken of families.

Elsa Park is a particle physicist at the top of her game, stationed at a neutrino observatory in the Antarctic, confident she's put enough distance between her ambitions and the family ghosts she's run from all her life. But it isn't long before her childhood imaginary friend—an achingly familiar, spectral woman in the snow—comes to claim her at last.

Years ago, Elsa's now-catatonic mother warned her that women of their line were doomed to repeat the narrative lives of their ancestors from Korean myth and legend. But Elsa also faces a more earthly fate: the mental illness and generational trauma that run in her immigrant family.

When her mother breaks her decade-long silence and tragedy strikes, Elsa must return to her childhood home in California. There, among family wrestling with their own demons, she unravels the secrets hidden in the handwritten pages of her mother's dark stories: of women's desire and fury; of magic suppressed, stolen, or punished; of the hunger for vengeance.

Folklor is a wondrous and necessary exploration of the myths we inherit and those we fashion for ourselves.



KENSINGTON

Inspirational

434 pages

Kensington Books

May 2023

Available rights

Spain and Portugal

Sold to

Brazil

Key Selling Points

Perfect for fans of Josie Silver and Rebecca Serle.

"A poignant look at how the bonds of sisterhood can shape our lives."

—Namrata Patel, author of *The Candid Life of Meena Dave*

Someone Else's Bucket List

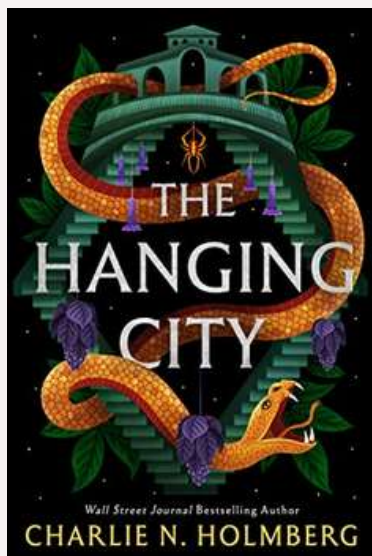
Amy Matthews

A binge-worthy, bittersweet, sisterly P.S. I Love You for the digital age, *Someone Else's Bucket List* follows shy Jodie Boyd after the untimely death of her outgoing, hugely successful Instagram influencer sister, Bree—and Bree's last wish: that Jodie complete her bucket list.

My dying wish is for you to finish my bucket list. I refuse to die without knowing this list will be completed. And I refuse to die without knowing my family will be okay...

Jodie Boyd is a shy and anxious twenty-something, completely unsure what to do with her life. Her older sister, Bree, is an adventurous, globe-trotting, hugely successful Instagram influencer with more than a million followers. She's the most alive person Jodie knows—up until Bree's unfathomable, untimely death from Leukemia. The Boyds are devastated, not to mention overwhelmed with medical debt. But Bree thought of everything—and soon, Jodie is shocked by a new post on her sister's Instagram feed.

The first of many Bree recorded in secret, the post foretells a jaw-dropping challenge for Jodie: to complete Bree's very public bucket list. From "Fly over Antarctica," to "Perform a walk-on cameo in a Broadway musical," if Jodie does it—and keeps all Bree's followers—a corporate sponsor will pay off the staggering medical debt. If she gains followers, the Boyds won't be the only ones to benefit. It's crazy. It's terrifying. It's impossible, immoral even, to refuse. So, despite the whole world watching, Jodie plunges in, never imagining that in death, her sister will teach her how to live, and that the last item on the list—"Fall in love"—may just prove to be the easiest.



AMAZON

Fantasy

344 pages

47North

August 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

The Hanging City

Charlie N. Holmberg

For a young woman who wields the power of fear, humanity's greatest enemy is her only hope in a new fairy-tale adventure by Amazon Charts and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

Seven years on the run from her abusive father, and with no hope of sanctuary among the dwindling pockets of human civilization, Lark is out of options. Her only leverage is a cursed power: she can thrust fear onto others, leaving all threats fleeing in terror. It's a means of survival as she searches for a place to call home. If the campfire myths of her childhood are true, Lark's sole chance for refuge could lie in Cagmar, the city of trolls—a brutal species and the sworn enemies of humanity.

Valuing combat prowess, the troll high council is intrigued. Lark could be much more useful than the low-caste humans who merely labor in Cagmar. Her gift makes her invaluable as a monster slayer to fight off the unspeakable creatures that torment the trolls' hanging city, suspended from a bridge over an endless dark canyon.

Lark will do anything to make Cagmar her home, but her new role comes with a caveat: use her power against a troll, and she'll be killed. Her loyalty is quickly put to the test when she draws the hatred of a powerful troll who loathes humankind. Still, she finds unexpected friendship in the city and, even more surprisingly, love. But if everything else doesn't undo her, being caught in the arms of a troll surely will. Now in the fight of her life, Lark has a lot to learn—about her past, about trust and hope when all seems lost, and above all, about the extraordinary power of fear itself.

Key Selling Points

"Lyrical and striking, *The Hanging City* is an enchanting story of romance within a harsh world and an even more unforgiving society. Navigating class conflict, rigid social rules, and bitter hierarchies, *The Hanging City* explores the many types of love that people can find between one another, and is as unsparing in its depiction of the consequences of love as it is thrilling, rewarding, and heart-felt."

—Robert Jackson Bennett, author of *Foundryside* and *City of Stairs*



AMAZON

Fantasy

348 pages

47North

November 2022

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Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Previous rights sold

Spain (Oz Editorial),
Portugal (Ediçoes Banian)
and Brazil (Vinteuil)

Keeper Of Enchanted Rooms Duology

Charlie N. Holmberg

A house of haunted history and ill temper. Make yourself at home in this beguiling novel of love, magic, and danger by Amazon Charts and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

Rhode Island, 1846. Estranged from his family, writer Merritt Fernsby is surprised when he inherits a remote estate in the Narragansett Bay. Though the property has been uninhabited for more than a century, Merritt is ready to call it home—until he realizes he has no choice. With its doors slamming shut and locking behind him, Whimbrel House is not about to let Merritt leave. Ever.

Hulda Larkin of the Boston Institute for the Keeping of Enchanted Rooms has been trained in taming such structures in order to preserve their historical and magical significance. She understands the dangers of bespelled homes given to tantrums. She advises that it's in Merritt's best interest to make Whimbrel House their ally. To do that, she'll need to move in, too.

Prepared as she is with augury, a set of magic tools, and a new staff trained in the uncanny, Hulda's work still proves unexpectedly difficult. She and Merritt grow closer as the investigation progresses, but the house's secrets run deeper than they anticipated. And the sentient walls aren't their only concern—something outside is coming for the enchantments of Whimbrel House, and it could be more dangerous than what rattles within.

Key Selling Points

"Filled with delightful period details and artfully shaded characters, this whimsical, thoughtful look at magic and its price is the perfect read for a cold fall night." —Publishers Weekly

"[R]eaders will be drawn in..." —Booklist

"Holmberg...has a deft hand portraying internal emotional responses... *Keeper of Enchanted Rooms* combines lighthearted entertainment and nail-biting excitement." —Historical Novels Review



Trading Places

Emily Duvall

Trading Places and 10 Things I Hate About You collide when a socialite and a blue collar mechanic have to trade lives for two months in this delightful romcom from debut author Emily Duvall.

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THE SEYMOUR AGENCY

Contemporary Romance
 352 pages
Entangled Amara
September 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Key Selling Points



Planes, Trains And All The Feels

Lily Hart

Fans of Christina Lauren and Tessa Bailey will adore this witty and unforgettable rom-com about skyways, highways, and all the perfectly wrong ways to fall in love.

When Cassidy Bliss vowed she'd do anything to get to California in time for her sister's wedding, she never expected "anything" would involve sharing the last rental car in all of south Missouri with the devastatingly hot—and infuriating—Luke Carlisle.

THE SEYMOUR AGENCY

Contemporary Romance
 352 pages
Entangled Amara
May 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Key Selling Points

A smart, feel-good contemporary in which two strangers hit the road on a trip full of distractions, detours and disasters...and maybe, just maybe, a happily-ever-after.

Mr. Tall, Blond and Overly Competent may be the oil to her water and the yield to her merge, but with flights grounded and Cassidy's judgemental family depending on her arrival ASAP, horrible times call for here-goes-nothing-measures. It's either ride with him, or continue her reign as Worst Bliss Sister and let her family down. Again.

Luke Carlisle's plate is full. Overflowing. With a sick mother who needs his help, siblings who need support, and a job that demands all his time, his inconvenient attraction to sexy spitfire Cassidy is a Big Problem. His priorities do not leave room for love, let alone distractions, detours, or disasters on this trip. The universe has other ideas.

As the hits keep coming and the longer they're trapped in tight quarters, the walls they've put up start to crack. But after a life of being second-best, Cassidy isn't about to risk her heart on an unavailable man. Which would be a heck of a lot easier if he'd keep those baby hazels on the road and his hands on the wheel...



The Dark King

Gina L. Maxwell

"Neon Gods meets Fifty Shades... Deliciously dark and sexy!" —#1 NYT bestselling author Helen Hardt

When Bryn Meara received a promotional offer for an all-expenses paid trip to the famous Nightfall Hotel and Casino in Vegas the same day she lost her job, she took it as a sign from the universe. She expected to soak in the sun, get some R&R, and maybe try her luck at the tables. What she didn't expect was to get hit on by Nightfall's sexy owner and media-dubbed 'King of Vegas', Caiden Verran. Not one to look a real-life Prince Charming in the mouth, they hit the hotel nightclub where she enjoyed a few dirty martinis... and a lot of dirty dancing.

Meeting and connecting with a handsome, surprisingly down-to-earth billionaire was a huge surprise. But not as big of a surprise as waking up next to Caiden with their clothes littering the floor and matching wedding bands on their fingers. And if that wasn't enough, overnight her prince charming has turned into a domineering billionaire that won't let her leave. Now, for better or worse they're stuck together until they can get their marriage annulled.

THE SEYMOUR AGENCY

Fantasy Romance

339 pages

Entangled Publishing

September 2022

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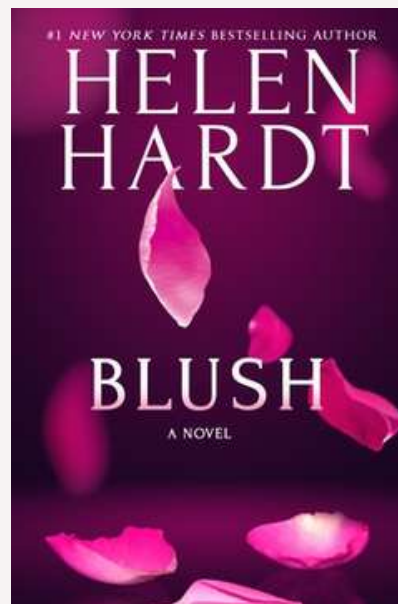
Portugal and Brazil

Sold to

Spain (PRH)

Key Selling Points

- ✧ Interesting fantasy world
- ✧ Sexy, powerful, rich MMC
- ✧ Sweet, funny, book-loving FMC
- ✧ Crumpy x Sunshine
- ✧ Forced proximity
- ✧ Multiple POV
- ✧ Witty banter
- ✧ BDSM spice
- ✧ Found Family
- ✧ Interesting side characters
- ✧ Surprising ending
- ✧ Another book that's also a standalone!



Blush

Helen Hardt

What he wants from you will make you... Blush

Amanda Thomas is hopelessly in love with Jackson Paris, but he will never see her as anything more than his sweet and innocent bestie. After being virgin-adjacent for too long, Mandy is officially ready to move on. She wants to learn about hot, dirty sex, so she joins an online dating app where the enigmatic Mr. Dark promises to fulfill all of her wicked fantasies...

Jackson Paris has been keeping secrets from his stunning, too-innocent best friend—like forbidden sexual proclivities and his membership at the exclusive Black Rose Underground club. But Mandy has decided she needs an education—the filthy kind. As Mr. Dark, Jackson can safely give her a taste of what she wants—and deter her from pursuing more—without revealing his identity.

But in the dim, provocative atmosphere of Black Rose Underground, there are no secrets. Here, every wicked appetite is satisfied. And for the first time, Mandy will discover who her best friend really is...just in time to shock him with a secret of her own.

THE SEYMOUR AGENCY

Contemporary Erotic

Romance

336 pages

Entangled Amara

January 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Key Selling Points

Blush is a tantalizing, dramatic, sexy start to this new Black Rose series by Hardt that has all the spicy elements we've come to know and love about her novels, including a little forbidden love, a lot of seduction, and some light BDSM fun."

-What's Better Than Books

"This is the start of a new series and I loved the chemistry between Jackson and Mandy."

-Reads by Radus



You've Been Served

Kristen Alicia

One woman puts love—and law school—into the hands of fate in this spirited rom-com, perfect for fans of Legally Blonde and The Hating Game

It's the Magic 8 Ball's fault. All of it. One teeny little question, and suddenly Simone Alexander is chucking her whole life out the window. So long, being a chef in California—it's time for law school. In Michigan. Where there's actual winter. And law school's nothing like the romantic comedies said it was.

Simone is tragically underprepared. Hell, she's already behind before classes have even begun, and her hard-as-nails Contracts professor is giving her no mercy. Then there's Silas Whitman, her tall and annoyingly cute neighbor. Off campus, Silas is incredible. Kissable, even. In class, he is one thousand percent the obnoxious kiss-ass.

But Simone's given up everything to be a lawyer. The competition is fierce and she has a hateful professor gunning for her to fail, but she's not about to let little things like sleep, or love, stop her from kicking law school ass...

Key Selling Points

A fluffly, very quick and cute read. It's one of those realistic romance books where the progression of events and relationships feels very grounded and realistic. It's well-developed and an easy read.

You should read this if you're in the mood for Legally Blonde vibes, the Elle Woods vibes are strong with this one.



Breaking All The Rules

Amy Andrews

Sometimes you gotta toss your whole life into a burning dumpster to find what's most important...

Beatrice Archer has always done everything she's supposed to —worked her ass off, ignored her non-existent personal life, and kept her mouth shut. Now she's over it. The rat race, respectability...the underwire bras. She's taking her life back. Starting with moving to Nowhere, Colorado to live life on her own terms.

Now Bea gives exactly zero forks. Beer for breakfast. Sugar for everything else. Baggy sweats and soft cotton undies FTW. Then a much younger and delightfully attractive cop is called to deal with her flagrant disregard for appropriate clothing outside the local diner (some folks just don't appreciate bunny slippers) and Bea realizes there's something missing from her little decathlon of decadence...and he might be the guy to help her out.

When it comes to breaking rules, Officer Austin Cooper is surprisingly eager to assist. He's charming, a little bit cowboy, and a whole lot sexy. But Bea's about to discover that breaking the rules has consequences. And all of the cherry pies in Colorado can't save her from what's coming...

Key Selling Points

Dual 3rd person POV, Cop, Small town, Reverse age gap (h-35 & H-25), Steamage

Amy is an award-winning, USA Today best-selling Aussie author who has written sixty plus contemporary romances in both the traditional and digital markets. She's sold two million books and been translated into over a dozen languages.

THE SEYMOUR AGENCY

Rom-Com

304 pages

Entangled Amara

June 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

THE SEYMOUR AGENCY

Contemporary Romance

368 pages

Entangled Amara

January 2023

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LONDON 2023



YOUNG ADULT



HARPER COLLINS

Historical Fiction
368 pages
HarperCollins
December 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

A Million To One

Adiba Jaigirdar

A priceless treasure is on board the Titanic. Four girls are about to steal it.

Josefa is an unapologetic and charismatic thief, who loves the thrill of the chase. She has her eye on her biggest mark yet—the RMS Titanic, the most luxurious ship in the world. But she isn't interested in stealing from wealthy first-class passengers onboard. No, she's out for the ultimate prize: the Rubiyat, a one of a kind book encrusted with gems that's worth millions.

Josefa can't score it alone, so she enlists a team of girls with unique talents: Hinnah, a daring acrobat and contortionist; Violet, an actress and expert dissembler; and Emilie, an artist who can replicate any drawing by hand.

They couldn't be more different and yet they have one very important thing in common: their lives depend on breaking into the vault and capturing the Rubiyat. But careless mistakes, old grudges, and new romance threaten to jeopardize everything they've worked for and put them in incredible danger when tragedy strikes.

While the odds of pulling off the heist are slim, the odds of survival are even slimmer...

Key Selling Points

Adiba Jaigirdar, author of one of Time's Best YA books of all time, gives Titanic an Ocean's 8 makeover in this nail-biting heist set onboard the infamous ship.

Perfect for fans of Stalking Jack the Ripper and Girl in the Blue Coat, this high-seas heist from the author of The Henna Wars is an immersive story that makes readers forget one important detail—the ship sinks.



ADAMS

Dark Fantasy
400 pages
Scholastic Press
October 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

The Whispering Dark

Kelly Andrew

"A haunting, dreamlike tale of sacrifice, love, and obsession."
-- **Cassandra Clare, #1 New York Times bestselling author.**

Delaney Meyers-Petrov is tired of being seen as fragile just because she's Deaf. So when she's accepted into a prestigious program at Godbole University that trains students to slip between parallel worlds, she's excited for the chance to prove herself. But her semester gets off to a rocky start as she faces professors who won't accommodate her disability, and a pretentious upperclassman fascinated by Delaney's unusual talents.

Colton Price died when he was nine years old. Quite impossibly, he woke several weeks later at the feet of a green-eyed little girl. Now, twelve years later, Delaney Meyers-Petrov has stumbled back into his orbit, but Colton's been ordered to keep far away from the new girl... and the voices she hears calling to her from the shadows.

Delaney wants to keep her distance from Colton -- she seems to be the only person on campus who finds him more arrogant than charming -- yet after a Godbole student turns up dead, she and Colton are forced to form a tenuous alliance, plummeting down a rabbit-hole of deeply buried university secrets. But Delaney and Colton discover the cost of opening the doors between worlds when they find themselves up against something old and nameless, an enemy they need to destroy before it tears them -- and their forbidden partnership -- apart.

Key Selling Points

"A paranormal thriller laced with twists and revelations that will stop your heart and make your blood run cold." -- **Aiden Thomas, New York Times bestselling author of Cemetery Boys**

"The Whispering Dark will burrow into your bones and nestle deep, refusing to let go. Kelly Andrew's prose is aching and lyrical, the mark of a master in the making. This is a story I won't soon forget." -- **Hafsah Faizal, New York Times bestselling author of We Hunt The Flame and We Free the Stars**



ADAMS

Fantasy, Adventures
395 pages
Clarion Books
July 2022

Available rights

Portugal and Brazil

Sold to

Spain (Urano)

Key Selling Points

An enchanting and wildly clever debut, Mara's *The Darkening* delivers on every promise. From its storm-tossed world, to its lyrical prose, to its propulsive, electrifying plot, readers will find themselves utterly ensnared by this book--it is a true masterclass in young adult fantasy.

-- Ayana Gray, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Beasts of Prey*

A thrilling, fast-paced adventure by an exciting new voice. Mara has crafted a brutal, richly-woven world balanced by the most lush and beautiful prose. *The Darkening* is a wild and thrilling ride, with twists and turns that will have you on the edge of your seat and an ending that'll have you begging for the sequel.

-- Adalyn Grace, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Stars and Teeth*

The Darkening Duology

Adiba Jaigirdar

The Raven Boys meets Ninth House in the most exciting debut of 2022, a dark, atmospheric fantasy about a Deaf college student with a peculiar connection to the afterlife.

Vesper Vale is the daughter of revolutionaries. Failed revolutionaries. When her mother was caught by the queen's soldiers, they gave her a choice: death by the hangman's axe, or death by the Storm that surrounds the city and curses anyone it touches. She chose the Storm. And when the queen's soldiers—led by a paranoid prince—catch up to Vesper's father after twelve years on the run, Vesper will do whatever it takes to save him from sharing that fate.

Even arm herself with her father's book of dangerous experimental magic.

Even infiltrate the prince's elite squad of soldier-sorcerers.

Even cheat her way into his cold heart.

But when Vesper learns that there's more to the story of her mother's death, she'll have to make a choice if she wants to save her city: trust the devious prince with her family's secrets, or follow her mother's footsteps into the Storm.



HOLIDAY HOUSE

Dark Fantasy

257 pages

Holiday House

September 2016

Available rights

Spain

Kingdom Of Ash and Briars Trilogy

Hannah West

Welcome to Nissera, land of three kingdoms and home to spectacular magic.

Bristal, a sixteen-year-old kitchen maid, finds herself in a gritty fairy tale gone wrong when she discovers she has magic in her blood. She's descended from an ancient line of immortal sorcerers called elicromancers—a race that has all but died out in her world, but only two remain in Nissera after a bloody civil war. Bristal joins their ranks without knowing that one of them has a dark secret . . .

Tamarice is plotting a quest to overthrow the realm's nobility and take charge herself. Together, Bristal and Brack must guard the three kingdoms of Nissera against Tamarice's black elicromancy. There are princesses to protect, royal alliances to forge, and fierce monsters to battle—all with the hope of preserving peace.

With clever homages to *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and the Chinese legend of *Hua Mulan*, Hannah West makes a fast-paced, exciting, and wholly original debut. The *Nissera Chronicles* begin here and continue with *Fields of Fire*, a short story set against the events of *Kingdom of Ash and Briars*, and *Realm of Ruins*, a gripping companion novel.

Key Selling Points

* "West mixes fairy-tale charm with contemporary mysticism to create a world both terrifying and wonderful." —Kirkus (starred review)

"Classically crafted high fantasy - a call to love, a call to power, a crown at stake, a family at war - where magic runs through every word. Fans of *The Shannara Chronicles* or *The Grisha Trilogy*, look no further." —Margaret Stohl, #1 *New York Times* best selling author of the *Beautiful Creatures* novels

"Brilliant, fascinating, and utterly impossible to put down. Hannah West makes a triumphant entry into the world of fairy tale retellings with one of the best books I've ever read." —C.J. Redwine, *New York Times* best selling author of *The Shadow Queen*

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ADAMS

Fantasy
x pages
Harper Collins
Summer 2024

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Key Selling Points

Lady's Knight

Amie Kaufman
& Meagan Spooner

Welcome to the story you were never told in the latest from the bestselling duo. Gwen, a blacksmith's daughter, and Lady Isobelle, go from ladies night to lady's knight. The plan is for Gwen—as "Sir Gawain"—to win a jousting competition and save Isobelle from her suitors. The plan is not for the charade of courtship to become real. And the plan is definitely not to fall in love. Oops. Mistaken identities. Masked balls. Deadly dancing instructors and conniving sewing circles, and a nosy reporter who might blow the whole charade. Oh, and don't forget the dragons.



UPSTART CROW

Fantasy
288 pages
Rocky Pond Books
May 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Ever Since

Alena Bruzas

This intense, beautiful debut—perfect for fans of Nina LaCour and Kathleen Glasgow—is about the power of finding your voice and sharing your story after trauma.

Seventeen-year-old Virginia makes bad choices. In fact, she's That Kind of Girl, according to the whispers. But as long as she has her tight group of best friends by her side, she's able to ignore the gossipers. Until she finds herself spending time with Rumi, Poppy's boyfriend. Breaking with tradition, she doesn't hook up with Rumi. Worse, she falls in love with him.

While Virginia and Rumi's relationship grows in secret, she discovers that his little sister, Lyra, is being groomed for abuse. The soon-to-be-abuser is a respected member of the community, and only Virginia knows who he is and what he does. If she stays quiet, Lyra will become a victim. But coming forward feels equally impossible.

"Lyrical prose combines with a searing indictment of how society treats young women." —Kirkus

Excerpt:

Once there were five princesses. No, I mean five witches. Actually, they were goddesses. Anyway, whatever they were, they were friends.

Once there were five friends. And the story goes like this:

It's finally summer and we're road-tripping out to the coast. Poppy is driving, so of course I'm sitting shotgun. Ramona, Paz, and Thalia take photos of their faces squished together. I say we have to make a pact to keep our phones in the glove box and we're singing to the radio until it dissolves into static and then we play the license plate game and now we're playing truth or dare. I tell Ramona to flash the SUV next to us and she gets me back by daring me to hang my butt out the window.

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A knife-sharp, fiercely feminist YA horror with the hammering pulse of Jesse Q. Sutanto's *The Obsession* and the vicious revenge fantasy of Hannah Capin's *Foul Is Fair*.

JILL GRINBERG
LITERARY MANAGEMENT

Feminist Horror
395 pages
Disney Hyperion
Summer 2024

Available rights
Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Here Lies A Vengeful Bitch

Codie Crowley

In a society that teaches girls to prioritize being nice above all else, protagonist Annie Lane's unapologetic disregard for her reputation is only part of what makes *HERE LIES A VENGEFUL BITCH* such a rage-fueled gasp of fresh air.

Between a mother who considers her a lost cause, classmates who see her as either a vulgar, crass monstrosity or a hot hookup, school authorities who anticipate her failure with perverse glee, and local men whose misogyny barely hides the fact that they would if they could, sharp-tongued seventeen-year-old Annie Lane has been left to fall through the cracks for most of her life. But she's never been left for dead before—until she wakes up in the woods, disoriented and terrified, only to soon learn that her body has been dumped on a mountain with a legendary reputation for raising the dead.

Dead, but dead set against disappearing, Annie returns to her backwoods hometown, furious and hellbent on vengeance. Sure, there are some complications: she can't stop puking up ectoplasm, she's being hunted by hellhounds who want to drag her back where she belongs, and she might have a crush on this beatnik bad boy psychopomp who gives off more mixed signals than a retro radio.

But the biggest problem of all? She can't remember who killed her. It could've been her ex and his creep posse—or maybe it was her much-too-friendly boss at the diner. Hell, it might've even been her best friend, who apparently skipped town after Annie's murder. All she has to go on are her tequila-fogged memories and her bloodstained leather jacket, but Annie can't stop until she uncovers the truth. Because girls like her don't get answers unless they go hunting for them themselves.

Someone knows the truth. Someone is to blame. Someone has to pay for what happened to Annie Lane.

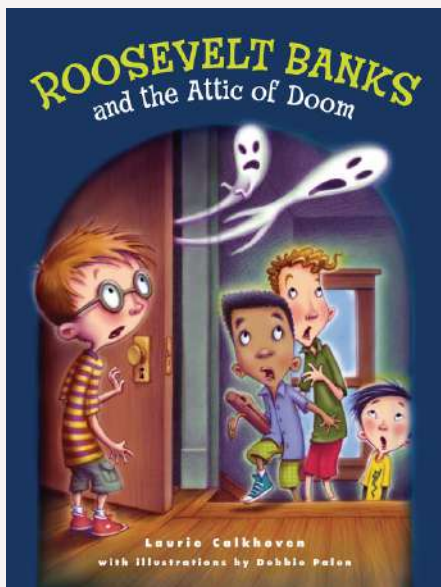
Key Selling Points

Inspired by campy cult horror movies and the tragic true stories of missing girls written off as runaways, *HERE LIES A VENGEFUL BITCH* is at once a propulsive twist on the final girl trope, an exhilarating love letter to “unlikeable” girls everywhere, and a searing indictment of a culture that treats such girls as collateral.

LONDON 2023



MIDDLE GRADE



LERNER

**Friendship, Supernatural
Mystery**
176 pages
B&W illustrations
One Elm Books
February 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Roosevelt Banks And The Attic Of The Doom

Laurie Calkhoven

With a new sister on the way, Roosevelt Banks has to give up his bedroom and move into the attic, which must be haunted because of all the squeaks and groans coming from the spooky place at the top of the stairs.

After his plan to move into a fort in the woods fails, and a ghost-busting exercise goes terribly wrong, Roosevelt—with the help of Tommy, Josh, and Eddie Spaghetti—has to find the courage to defeat the biggest, spookiest ghouls ever and turn the Attic of Doom into a Room with a View.



Key Selling Points

"The crux of the book is a kid-orchestrated ghost exorcism that involves loud noises, bad smells, and slime. What could possibly go wrong? This book has a lot going for it—a serious life change, a kooky childhood challenge, an affable cast of pals, and caring, serious parents to gently guide their children's emotional development. As depicted by Palen's bubbly intermittent illustrations, Banks is white, and his friends are white, Black, and Asian American. VERDICT An often silly, sometimes sweet read; many kids will recognize themselves in Roosevelt's big imagination and will enjoy spending the summer in his insular, intimate neighborhood universe". - Emilia Packard



HARPER COLLINS

Fantasy, Adventures
256 pages
Clarion Books
June 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

The Shelterlings

Sarah Beth Durst

Get involved in a group of magical misfit animals that learn to appreciate their seemingly useless power when they work together to thwart a villain's attempt to steal their magic!

Holly, a grey squirrel, and her animal friends have accepted that they will never be wizards' familiars. Though they are each magical, their powers are so offbeat—Holly herself can conjure pastries (and only pastries)—that no professional magic-worker would choose any of them as a companion for noble quests. So instead of going on adventures, they languish at the Shelter for Rejected Familiars, where they are known as "shelterlings."

When an old friend appears with a plan for curing the shelterlings' defective magic, everyone is on board to help him locate and retrieve the ingredients for a powerful spell. But when they learn that his offer is not what it seems, Holly and the shelterlings must fight to defend their magic, discovering in the process that their unorthodox skills may just be what is needed to save the day.

Key Selling Points

"[A] clever squirrel embarks on a journey of self-discovery [in] an amusing, fast-paced fantasy." — Kirkus Reviews

A group of magical misfit animals learns to appreciate their seemingly useless powers—and themselves—when they work together to thwart a villain's attempt to steal their magic.

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GALLT & ZACKER

Adventure, Science Fiction
Random House Books for
Young Readers

October 2023

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

Project F

Jeanne DuPrau

From the bestselling author of
The City of Ember comes a
tension-filled post-
apocalyptic novel like nothing
you've read before...

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE.

There are no cars, planes, television, or smart phones. Climate change wreaked havoc on Earth hundreds of years ago, and now people live a simpler life.

Then thirteen-year-old Keith uncovers a secret. It's a mysterious mission known only as Project F. It's advanced, it's scientific, and it's going to change the world. It's exactly the kind of adventure Keith has always longed to be a part of.

And what is adventure without a little danger, right? But how much danger is Keith willing to risk? For himself? For his family? For his community? For the entire world...?

Jeanne DuPrau's *The City of Ember* was an instant hit when it arrived on bookshelves. It has become a modern classic beloved by readers selling hundreds of thousands of copies a year! In her latest novel, she explores timely questions about the Earth and our use of its resources. A bold novel, *Project F* asks how much you are willing to risk to save the future.

Key Selling Points

From New York Times bestselling author Jeanne DuPrau.

WHAT IS PROJECT F? It's life-changing! It's an adventure! It's freedom! It's dangerous.

From the bestselling author of *The City of Ember* comes a post-apocalyptic story set hundreds of years in the future, where life is simple and modern conveniences are a thing of the past until a boy enchanted by technology is forced to choose between doing the right thing for his community and pursuing his dreams of adventure.

LONDON 2023



PICTURE BOOK



This Is Not an Egg

Laura and Philip Bunting

Open your mind to a humorous, lighthearted and ironic story, because what looks like an egg may not be an egg... or is it?

This is not a book about an egg. This is a book about imagination! And friendship. And the magic that happens when the two unite. So take a walk on the wild side and see the world through the mind of one mischievous marsupial.

SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA

Imagination, Friendship
36 pages
Full-colour illustrations
Scholastic Australia
February 2022

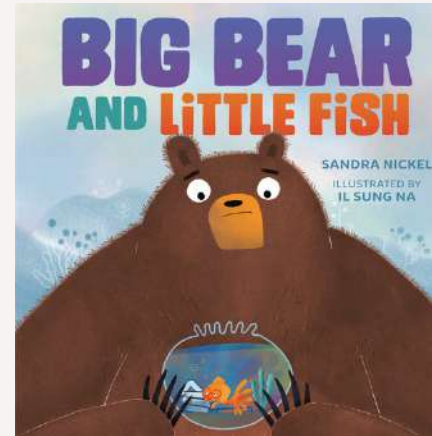
Available rights

Spain and Portugal



Key Selling Points

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Big Bear and Little Fish

Sandra Nickel

At the carnival, Bear wants a teddy bear. And not just any teddy bear—she wants the biggest one of all.

But instead she gets a fish. A very small fish. Bear is so very big and Fish is so very small that Bear worries they have nothing in common. Can they possibly be friends? Gentle, accessible prose by Sandra Nickel is paired with richly textured illustrations by Il Sung Na in this sweet story of unexpected friendship.

LERNER

Friendship
32 pages
Full-colour illustrations
Carolrhoda Books
September 2022

Available rights

Spain, Portugal and Brazil

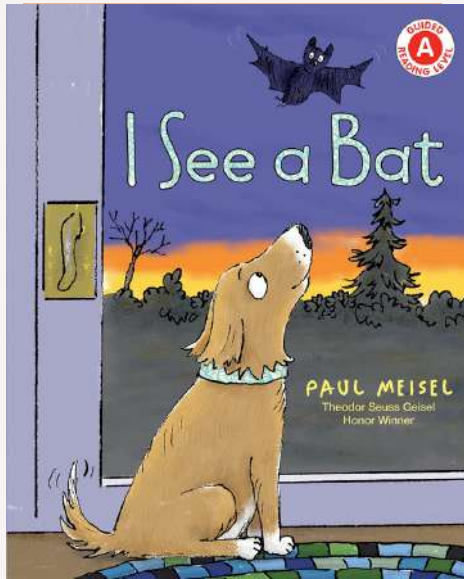


Key Selling Points

"This story showcases our similarities, even if we might not see them at first glance, opening the door to discussion about how we connect with each other more deeply than appearances."—Children's Literature

"The expressive, stylized art makes excellent use of color, and, like the well-worded narrative, it contrasts the small but confident fish with the large yet tentative bear . . . Fun for reading aloud."— Booklist

"A delightful tale of unexpected friendship."—Kirkus Reviews



I See A Bat

Paul Meisel

A dog explores the night and finds a bat, the moon, and his favorite boy!

Easy-to-read text and fun pictures follow a dog through the nighttime. Sitting inside his house by his empty bowl, the dog watchesthe nightly sights outside until he falls asleep. When morning comes, his favorite boy comes to fill his empty bowl!



HOLIDAY HOUSE

Early Readers

32 pages

Full-colour illustrations

Holiday House

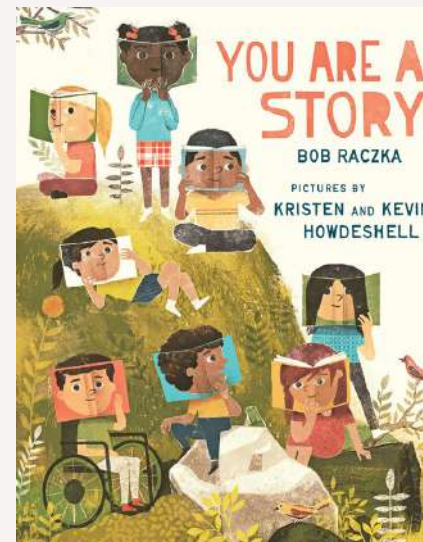
April 2023

Available rights

Spain

Key Selling Points

From two-time Theodor Seuss Geisel Honoree Paul Meisel, kindergarteners can read this Level A book on their own.



You Are A Story

Bob Raczka

An empowering reflection on the many things we are and the ways we relate to the world.

Poet Bob Raczka's You are a Story highlights all of the nuance and potential of a growing person's identity, delighting in the things that make us special and connect us to others. Text and illustrations replete with inventive imagery and appealing metaphors show how we all live as individuals and citizens of the world.

HOLIDAY HOUSE

Friendship

32 pages

Full-colour illustrations

Holiday House

February 2023

Available rights

Spain

You are a living thing.

You breathe. You eat. You Sleep.

You work and play.

You have dreams and fears.

You have thoughts and memories.

You are.

What makes you you? So much goes into who you are, and you are so many different things: A child, an animal, a body of water, a friend, a mystery, one-of-a-kind, a miracle. You are and could be so many things, but whatever you choose to do, it's your life to write, you are a story.

Key Selling Points

★ "This delightful primer on being human is a mix of facts, speculation, and advice which is not to be missed."—School Library Journal, Starred Review

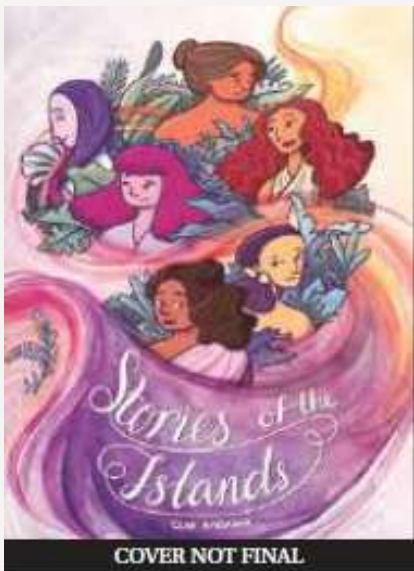
"The Howdeshells . . . give digital spreads a friendly feel, portraying figures with varied abilities and skin tones via textures that recall printmaking techniques. People flourish in varied ways, but this compendium contains affirmations that are broadly applicable to many."—Publishers Weekly

"Bold and stirring."—Kirkus Reviews

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GRAPHIC NOVEL



HOLIDAY HOUSE

MG, Folklore

176 pages

Full-colour illustrations

Holiday House

October 2023

Available rights

Spain

Stories of the Islands

Clar Angkasa

Journey into a land of magic and powerful women based on Indonesian folk tale, lushly reimagined by a debut graphic novelist

Once upon a time...

A princess was cursed to live as a snail,
Two sisters were trapped by their father's
wrath,

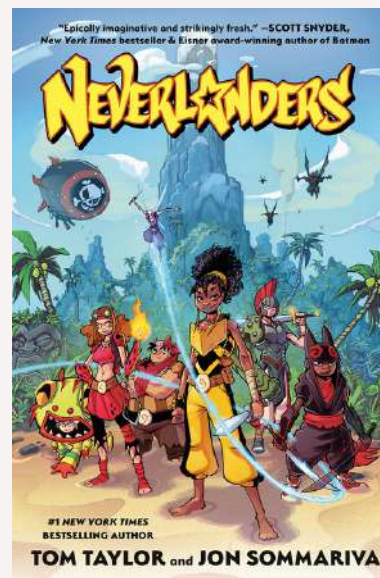
And a mother and daughter faced a hungry
giant.

No one is coming to save them.
Will they get their happily ever after?

In *Stories of the Islands*, debut graphic novelist Clar Angkasa takes three folk tales from her childhood in Indonesia and gives them back to the girl characters, following their hopes, dreams, and journeys for freedom from natural and unnatural forces. Why should women in folk tales be sidelined or reduced to tropes? What if we tell their stories, instead?

Key Selling Points

Gorgeously illustrated with a dedicated color palette for each tale, this collected retelling of “Keong Mas,” “Bawang Merah Bawang Putih,” and “Timun Mas” combines fresh fantasy with a meditation on the power of solidarity and care. Filled with deep emotion, spectacular settings, and a mix of panel art and full dramatic spreads, *Stories of the Islands* is a bright reimagining of familiar stories for a new generation.



ADAMS LITERARY

YA, Fantasy, Adventures

192 pages

Full-colour illustrations

Razorbill

August 2022

Available rights

Brazil and Portugal

Sold to

Norma (SPain)

Neverlanders

Tom Taylor

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Jon Sommariva for this gritty young adult graphic novel set in the world of Peter Pan.

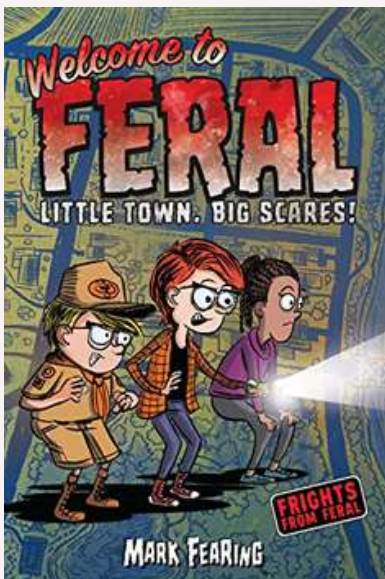
Neverland has become a war zone and now it's up to a new group of lost teens to set things right!

Bee and her fellow runaways are their own found family. So when a stranger named Paco saves her life, Bee invites him to join their crew, thinking he's another lost teen. Someone else the world has overlooked. The truth is Paco's not just a lost teen, he's a Lost Boy from Neverland. And he needs Bee and the others to come back with him.

When the group is then spirited away by a foul-mouthed Tinker Bell, they discover that Neverland is not some fun-filled hideaway. It's a war zone under siege by a horde of pirates with a merciless new leader who will stop at nothing to steal the land's magic. Tink leads a fairy army that barely holds them at bay. Peter Pan is gone. And rest of the Lost Boys have been killed. Paco is all that remains... but he hopes that this group of teens will become the new Lost Ones. These young runaways may be Neverland's only hope—but they're about to learn that it'll take a lot more than happy thoughts to win a war.

Key Selling Points

Award-winning and worldwide bestselling author Tom Taylor (*Dark Knights of Steel*, *Marvel's Dark Ages*, *Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man*) and artist Jon Sommariva (*Marvel Action: Avengers*, *Batman/Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*) take readers back to the world of Peter Pan, but this explosive reimagining is not your parents' Neverland.



HOLIDAY HOUSE

MG, Mystery

192 pages

Full-colour illustrations

Holiday House

November 2022

Available rights

Spain

**Welcome to Feral
(Frights from Feral #1)**

Mark Fearing

How many kids will go missing before this town admits it's haunted? Find out in this freakily fun new graphic novel series!

Feral has everything a small town should have: Main Street, City Hall, a population just over sixteen thousand . . .

But Feral also has secrets. Mysteries. Unexplained disappearances.

In five spooky stories, an intrepid young resident invites readers to look a little closer at this scenic rural town. Are you game to investigate what's going on in Feral? If you pay attention, you might notice something where it shouldn't be.

Be careful, though. Whatever you do, do not go into the Messner Mansion. Don't say we didn't warn you!

With vibrant art, clever humor, and heaps of unsolved mysteries, animator Mark Fearing conjures a fearsome saga out of small-town terrors. The first entry in this inventive new series is sure to scare young readers silly.

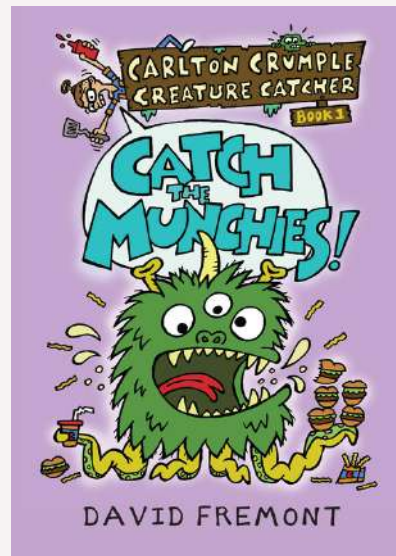
Key Selling Points

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

"An amusing, just-scary-enough graphic novel for young genre fans and perhaps even those hesitant to try spookier fare."—**School Library Journal**

"Fearing's sketchy, full-color cartoon artwork nicely balances the horror of monsters, portals, and ghosts with a kid-friendly style that tones down the scares just enough. . . . A perfect choice for kids who love anything by R. L. Stine, this will thrill kids who like to get a little scared."—**Booklist**

"Thrill-seeking readers will be eager to visit."—**Kirkus Reviews**



HOLIDAY HOUSE

MG, Adventures

128 pages

Full-colour illustrations

Pixel+Ink

August 2020

Available rights

Spain

**Catch the Munchies!
(Carlton Crumple
Creature Catcher #1)**

David Fremont

Fast food, monsters, and super funny, madcap adventure combine in this graphic novel series starter as Carlton Crumple sets out to stop the Munchie monsters from taking over every Chubby Cheeseburger in America! Fans of series like Lunch Lady and Dog Man will gobble this down.

Carlton Crumple has been obsessed with monsters ever since his older brother dressed up like them to scare him. He is determined to rid the world of monsters! Even though he's only eleven. . . .

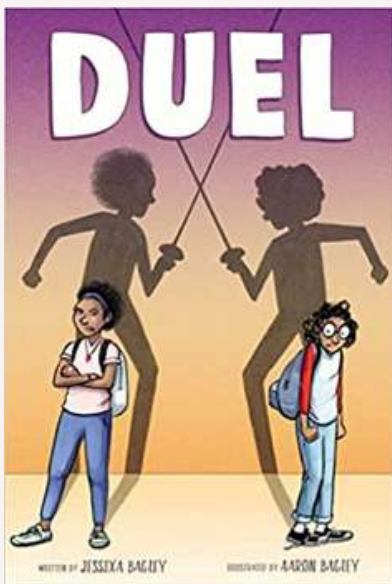
When a band of fast food crazed Munchies storm into a burger joint where Carlton is working, he finally has his chance! A cross-country chase ensues. Cops! Munchies! Carlton and his best friend Lulu!

Cheeseburgers! Awesome!

Key Selling Points

With its bright art and over-the-top escapades, *Catch the Munchies!* is a hilarious and delicious treat, launching a new series that's sure to be devoured by middle grade graphic novel readers, especially fans of *Lunch Lady* and *Dog Man*.

"those who want their humor to have a fast and furious velocity should be right at home here . . . Like fast food, this is quick and goes down easy."—**Kirkus Reviews**



Duel

Jessixa Bagley

A rivalry between sisters culminates in a fencing duel in this funny and emotional debut graphic novel sure to appeal to readers of Raina Telgemeier and Shannon Hale.

Sixth grader Lucy loves fantasy novels and is brand-new to middle school. GiGi is the undisputed queen bee of eighth grade (as well as everything else she does). They've only got one thing in common: fencing. Oh, and they're sisters. They never got along super well, but ever since their dad died, it seems like they're always at each other's throats.

When GiGi humiliates Lucy in the cafeteria on the first day of school, Lucy snaps and challenges GiGi to a duel with high sisterly stakes. If GiGi wins, Lucy promises to stay out of GiGi's way; if Lucy wins, GiGi will stop teasing Lucy for good. But after their scene in the cafeteria, both girls are on thin ice with the principal and their mom. Lucy stopped practicing fencing after their fencer dad died and will have to get back to fighting form in secret or she'll be in big trouble. And GiGi must behave perfectly or risk getting kicked off the fencing team.

As the clock ticks down to the girls' fencing bout, the anticipation grows. Their school is divided into GiGi and Lucy factions, complete with t-shirts declaring kids' allegiances. Both sisters are determined to triumph. But will winning the duel mean fracturing their family even further?

UPSTART CROWN

MG, Contemporary

320 pages

Full-colour illustrations

Simon & Schuster

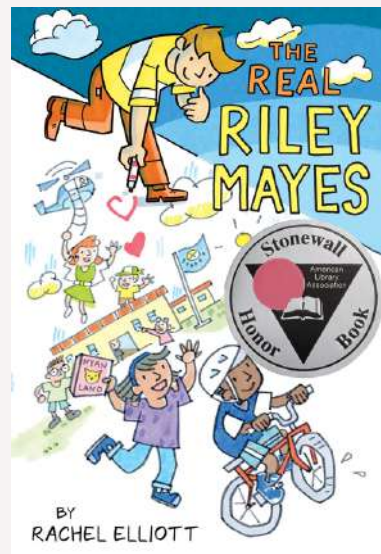
November 2023

Available rights

Spain, Brazil and Portugal

Key Selling Points

"I loved this book and found myself rooting for both sisters. I adored their complex, funny, and realistic relationship. Kids are going to love this story of sibling rivalry set in the fascinating world of competitive fencing. En garde!"--Victoria Jameson, New York Times bestselling author of Roller Girl



The Real Riley Mayes

Rachel Elliott

Funny and full of heart, this debut graphic novel is a story about friendship, identity, and embracing all the parts of yourself that make you special.

Fifth grade is just not Riley's vibe. Everyone else is squaded up—except Riley. Her best friend moved away. All she wants to do is draw, and her grades show it.

One thing that makes her happy is her favorite comedian, Joy Powers. Riley loves to watch her old shows and has memorized her best jokes. So when the class is assigned to write letters to people they admire, of course Riley's picking Joy Powers!

Things start to look up when a classmate, Cate, offers to help Riley with the letter, and a new kid, Aaron, actually seems to get her weird sense of humor. But when mean girl Whitney spreads a rumor about her, things begin to click into place for Riley. Her curiosity about Aaron's two dads and her celebrity crush on Joy Powers suddenly make more sense.

Readers will respond to Riley's journey of self-discovery and will recognize themselves in this character who is less than perfect but trying her best. And creative kids will recognize themselves in her love of art and drawing.

While often funny and light, Riley's exploration of what it feels to be an outsider and how hard it can be to make a friend break your heart in the best way. And with all of Riley's hijinks and missteps, this story is laugh-out-loud funny from start to finish.

UPSTART CROWN

MG, Contemporary

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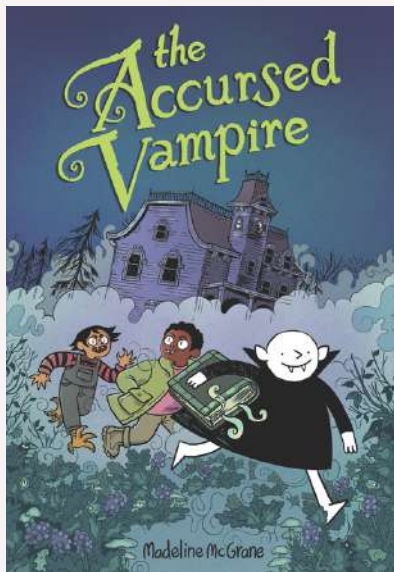
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Key Selling Points

"An exploration of self-identity that is both LOL funny and touching.... Elliott brings readers crisp linework, a bright palette, expressive body language, rich narrative details, and (bonus!) kitty comics. Best of all is inimitable Riley, who endears herself to readers with her budding self-awareness and undeniable moxie." — Horn Book (starred review)

"Readers—especially fans of Jeff Kinney and Amy Ignatow—will love the mixture of realism and imagination that fuels Riley's world. This story is real—and really great!" — Kirkus Reviews



Accursed Vampire

Madeline McGrane

A spooky and funny graphic novel perfect for fans of The Witch Boy and Real Friends

Dragoslava is a vampire kid. It has its perks, but sometimes being stuck as a kid forever can be a pain in the neck. And that's not even the worst part. A few centuries ago, Drago was cursed by a witch. If they don't complete every task she sets, they will be turned into worms.

When the witch wants a spellbook from Baneberry Falls, Drago sets off with their immortal friends. But mysteries await in this sleepy Midwestern town, and Drago must figure out if the keepers of the spellbook have a hidden agenda, like everyone else they've ever known.

One thing's for sure: after this accursed mission, Drago's immortal life will never be the same again!



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Key Selling Points

"Humor and cute illustrations disarm readers just in time for deftly handled themes of accepting joy. McGrane's silly and spooky tale uses poignant moments about found families to touch readers' hearts between bouts of laughter."

-- School Library Journal (starred review)

"Quirky art and [a] satisfying resolution emphasizes the joy of chosen families. A mischievous and treacherous adventure." -- Kirkus Reviews



Strange Bedfellows

Ariel Slamet Ries

This YA Graphic Novel will endear itself to fans of character-driven, slice-of-life science fiction such as The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet by Becky Chambers, or the cozy relationship drama of Heartstopper by Alice Oseman.

In the year 2378, most of humanity's remaining population resides on the planet Meridian, where extraterrestrials and superhumans—though they're more above average than super—aren't all that uncommon.

None of that is really important, though, because Oberon just had a "mildly" public breakdown, dropped out of college, and broke up with his boyfriend. He's a little depressed and very bored— but hey, he doesn't fully loathe himself yet, so he's doing pretty well, all things considered. That is, until the day he develops the ability to conjure his dreams in real life, including a facsimile of Kon: His high school crush who moved towns and dropped off social media years ago. Turns out the boy you liked in high school can be kind of infuriating when you're 19. (If not also infuriatingly hot.)

Dream-Kon takes it upon himself to become a mentor to Oberon, and as the two fumble their way through his newfound powers, Oberon also tries to get his life back on track. However, when strange nightmare creatures start manifesting in the real world, and Dream-Kon starts to develop a mind of his own, it seems like Oberon might have more on his plate than he originally thought.

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