

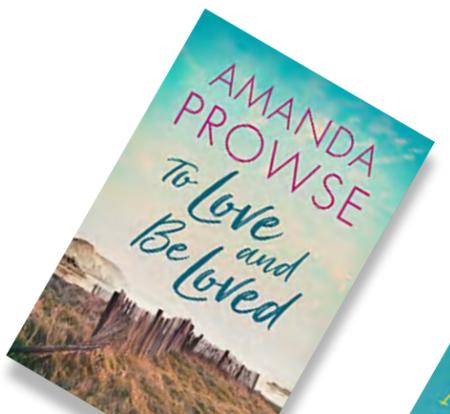
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The Other Man

FARHAD J. DADYBURJOR

OCTOBER 12, 2021

A heartwarming and transporting romantic comedy about love and longing in Mumbai, and finding happy ever after on your own terms, perfect for fans of *Crazy Rich Asians*. *The Other Man* is an affecting story of identity, familial expectations, and how the power of love can change everything.

Heir to his father's Mumbai business empire, Ved Mehra has money, looks, and status. He is also living as a closeted gay man. Thirty-eight, lonely, still reeling from a breakup, and under pressure from his exasperated mother, Ved agrees to an arranged marriage. He regrettably now faces a doomed future with the perfectly lovely Disha Kapoor.

Then Ved's world is turned upside down when he meets Carlos Silva, an American on a business trip in India.

As preparations for his wedding get into full swing, Ved finds himself drawn into a relationship he could never have imagined—and ready to take a bold step. Ved is ready to embrace who he is and declare his true feelings regardless of family expectations and staunch traditions. But with his engagement party just days away, and with so much at risk, Ved will have to fight for what he wants—if it's not too late to get it.

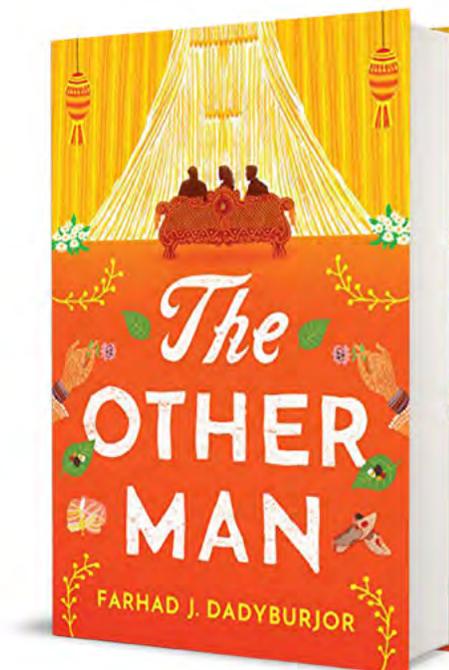
About Farhad J. Dadyburjor

Farhad J. Dadyburjor has been an entertainment and lifestyle journalist for over twenty years. Born and based in Mumbai, India, he has held several senior editorial positions, including at *DNA* newspaper, as launch editor at the international men's magazine *FHM*, and currently at *The Leela Magazine*. He has also written for numerous publications and has a blog of his own. His debut novel, *How I Got Lucky*, was a satire on India's celebrity culture that was hailed as "racy, sexy, and riotous" by *Vogue* India.

Praise for *The Other Man*

****Entertainment Tonight*'s Most Anticipated LGBTQ Books**

***LGBTQReads Most Anticipated Adult Fiction**



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Contemporary Fiction
PAGE COUNT	300

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The Apology Project

JEANETTE ESCUDERO

AUGUST 1, 2021

A debut acquired in a pre-empt that's perfect for readers of Taylor Jenkins Reid and Jennifer Weiner, this is a sharp, witty, and conversation-starting portrait of a woman who gets an abrupt wake-up call when no one turns up for her fortieth birthday celebrations. Deciding to right her wrongs, Amelia's learning just how many ways there are to say sorry... for some things.

Dear (almost) everyone: Can we be friends again?

Life is about to get complicated for Amelia Montgomery, a prominent litigator in Chicago. She's been fired for not compromising her principles in a high-profile case and then punching her partner in the nose for the misogynistic comment he made in retort (not her finest moment). Leaving a career that gave her purpose, Amelia can only ask, What next?

Let it be better than her epic failure of a fortieth birthday party: an open bar full of no-shows except for John Ellis, a total stranger and the new associate at her ex-firm. As it turns out, though, he's very good company—and a wake-up call. With the help of John and a lot of champagne, Amelia considers the people she's wronged, from old besties to former boyfriends to coworkers. Amelia resolves to make amends—to those who really deserve it.

One apology at a time, Amelia's looking at the choices she's made in the past, the new ones she's making with John, and those she's making for herself. What next? Maybe a second chance she never expected.

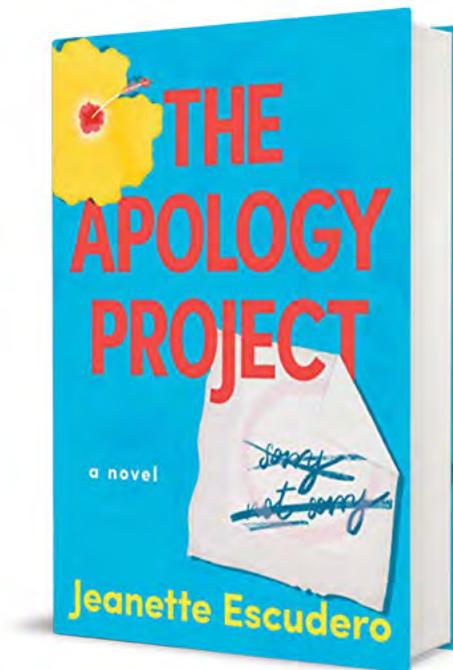
About Jeanette Escudero

Jeanette Escudero worked as an attorney before picking up a pen at thirty years old to write something other than legal briefs. Being published fulfilled a dream and gave her an outlet for her imaginative, romantic side. Writing as Sidney Halston, she is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the Panic series, the Worth the Fight series, the Iron-Clad Security novels, and the Seeing Red duet. In addition to writing and reading, Jeanette has a passion for travel and adventure. She and her family have been to the Galapagos Islands and have hiked Yellowstone, the Shenandoah mountains, and the Great Smoky Mountains. Born in Miami, Florida, to Cuban parents, she currently lives in South Florida with her husband and her three children, in whom she's instilled a love of nature and an appreciation for the planet. For more information visit www.sidneyhalston.com.

Praise for *The Apology Project*

"Jeanette Escudero wraps up *The Apology Project* with one perfectly poignant and witty bow. This novel shines with sparkling humor, saucy banter, and honest self-reflection, amidst realistic discussions about identity, feminism, and #metoo. Sorry to say, but you're going to ignore everything else once you dive into these pages." —**Tif Marcelo, *USA Today* bestselling author of *In a Book Club Far Away***

"Jeanette Escudero's *The Apology Project* took me on a satisfying journey that compelled me to the finish line. It strikes a beautiful balance between humor and vulnerability, proving messy, soft-hearted women still deserve their happily ever afters." —**Camille Baker, author of *Have We Met?***



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Book Club Fiction
PAGE COUNT	331

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The Seven Day Switch

KELLY HARMS

JULY 1, 2021

Two moms as opposite as a Happy Meal and a quinoa bowl inadvertently swap lives for a week and in so doing, make new discoveries about themselves and about what it means to be a mother. What a difference a week makes in a new heartfelt, laugh-out-loud novel by the *Washington Post*, Amazon Charts, and #1 Kindle bestselling author of *The Overdue Life of Amy Byler*, which will be translated into 11 languages.

Celeste Mason is the Pinterest stay-at-home supermom of other mothers' nightmares. Despite her all-organic, SunButter-loving, free-range kids, her immaculate home, and her volunteering awards, she still has time to relax with a nice glass of pinot at the end of the day. The only thing that ruins it all is her workaholic, career-obsessed neighbor, who makes no secret of what she thinks of Celeste's life choices every chance she gets.

Wendy Charles is a celebrated productivity consultant, columnist, and speaker. On a minute-by-minute schedule, she makes the working-mom hustle look easy. She even spends at least one waking hour a day with her kids. She's not apologizing for a thing. Especially to Celeste, who plays her superior parenting against Wendy whenever she can.

Who do Celeste and Wendy think they are? They're about to find out thanks to one freaky week. After a neighborhood potluck and too much sangria, they wake up—um, what?—in each other's bodies. Everything Celeste and Wendy thought they knew about the "other kind of mom" is flipped upside down—along with their messy, complicated, maybe not so different lives.

Praise for *The Seven Day Switch*

"Harms delights in *The Seven Day Switch*. When polar-opposites Celeste and Wendy chug magical sangria and find themselves literally walking in the other's shoes, they'll soon discover that maybe they aren't so different after all. Heartwarming and hilarious, with an incredibly satisfying ending, we guarantee you will love this book!" —**Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke, authors of *How to Save a Life***

"Kelly Harms has created a funny, zany story of two moms who drink some sangria with imported vodka and suddenly find themselves inhabiting each other's bodies. (Think *Freaky Friday* with two grown women who don't much like each other.) As she takes us on a ride exploring the ever-present 'mommy wars'—starring one way-too-busy productivity-expert mom and a stay-at-home mother who has become the neighborhood carpooler—Harms very quietly brings us to some profound and unexpected truths about love and parenting and what makes a satisfying life. Written with Harms's disarming humor and honesty, *The Seven Day Switch* is fun and funny—and leaves you with a powerful punch." —**Maddie Dawson, bestselling author of *Matchmaking for Beginners***



IMPRINT Lake Union Publishing

GENRE Book Club Fiction

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About Kelly Harms

Kelly Harms is the Amazon Charts, *Washington Post*, and *USA Today* bestselling author of five books, including *The Overdue Life of Amy Byler*, a Goodreads top ten fiction book of the year and a WFWA STAR Award finalist. Her work has been translated into a dozen languages throughout the world. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin, with her clever son, Griffin; charming Irishman Chris; and Scout, the best dog in dogtown. For more information visit www.kellyharms.com.

To Love and Be Loved

AMANDA PROWSE

JANUARY 11, 2022

In this life-affirming tale from international bestselling author Amanda Prowse, whose books have been translated into a dozen languages and whom the *Daily Mail* called “the queen of family drama,” one woman built a new life to escape her humiliation. Now, can she put the shame behind her and finally find happiness?

Young and desperately in love, Merrin had the whole world ahead of her. But just as her new life was about to start, the ground beneath her feet was cruelly swept away. Devastated by the humiliation, she ran far away from the beloved fishing village she had always called home to lick her wounds and escape her gossiping friends and neighbours.

It hasn't been easy, but six years later Merrin has forged a new life for herself far from the sea, burying the impulsive girl she once was. But when tragedy strikes, she has no choice but to return to the village she swore she'd never set foot in again.

Reluctantly back in the arms of her community, Merrin begins to realise what she's been missing out on all these years. As she begins to remember the person she used to be, she is forced to make choices about her future, and to question the past. What does she want from her life? Who is important to her? Who is to blame for everything that went wrong? And can she forgive them, let old wounds heal and finally be her true self again?

About Amanda Prowse

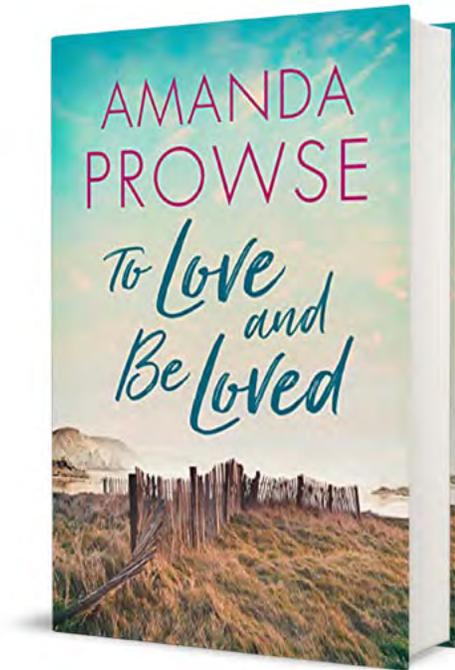
Amanda Prowse is an international bestselling author of twenty-eight novels published in dozens of languages. Her chart-topping titles *What Have I Done?*, *Perfect Daughter*, *My Husband's Wife*, *The Coordinates of Loss*, *The Girl in the Corner* and *The Things I Know* have sold millions of copies around the world.

Other novels by Amanda Prowse include *A Mother's Story*, which won the coveted Sainsbury's eBook of the Year Award. *Perfect Daughter* was selected as a World Book Night title in 2016. She has been described by the *Daily Mail* as 'the queen of family drama'.

Amanda is the most prolific writer of bestselling contemporary fiction in the UK today. Her titles consistently score the highest online review approval ratings across several genres.

A popular TV and radio personality, Amanda is a regular panellist on Channel 5's Jeremy Vine show, as well as featuring on numerous daytime ITV programmes. She also makes countless guest appearances on national and independent radio stations, including LBC and talkRADIO, where she is well known for her insightful observations and infectious humour.

Amanda's ambition is to create stories that keep people from turning off the bedside lamp at night, that ensure you walk every step with her great characters, and tales that fill your head so you can't possibly read another book until the memory fades...



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Family Drama
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Praise for Amanda Prowse

“Amanda Prowse is the queen of heartbreak fiction.” —**The Mail online**

“Uplifting and positive but you may still need a box of tissues.” —**Cosmopolitan**

“Captivating, heartbreaking and superbly written.” —**Closer**

The Last Rose of Shanghai

WEINA DAI RANDEL

DECEMBER 1, 2021

Set against the backdrop of World War II, this heart-wrenching love story between a wealthy Chinese woman and the persecuted Jewish man she falls in love with brings to life the little-known history of Jewish refugees in old Shanghai.

In Japanese-occupied Shanghai, two people from different cultures are drawn together by fate and the freedom of music...

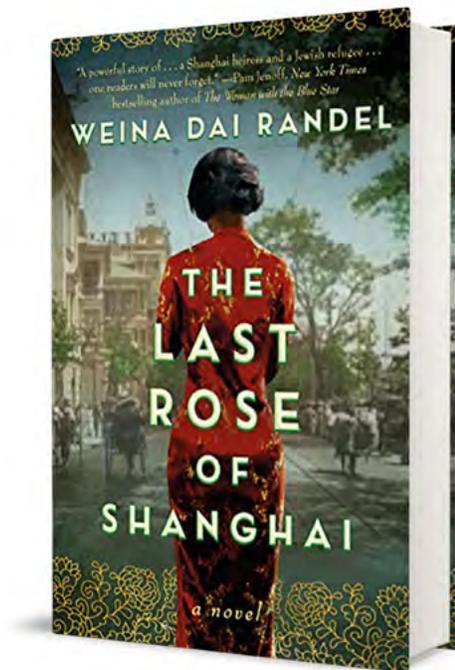
1940. Aiyi Shao is a young heiress and the owner of a formerly popular and glamorous Shanghai nightclub. Ernest Reismann is a penniless Jewish refugee driven out of Germany, an outsider searching for shelter in a city wary of strangers. He loses nearly all hope until he crosses paths with Aiyi. When she hires Ernest to play piano at her club, her defiance of custom causes a sensation. His instant fame makes Aiyi's club once again the hottest spot in Shanghai. Soon they realize they share more than a passion for jazz—but their differences seem insurmountable, and Aiyi is engaged to another man.

As the war escalates, Aiyi and Ernest find themselves torn apart, and their choices between love and survival grow more desperate. In the face of overwhelming odds, a chain of events is set in motion that will change both their lives forever.

From the electrifying jazz clubs to the impoverished streets of a city under siege, *The Last Rose of Shanghai* is a timeless, sweeping story of love and redemption.

About Weina Dai Randel

Weina Dai Randel is the award-winning author of the novels *The Moon in the Palace* and *The Empress of Bright Moon*, a historical duology about Wu Zetian, China's only female emperor. *The Moon in the Palace* won the RWA RITA Award in 2017, and the series has been translated into seven languages and sold worldwide. Born in China, Weina came to the United States at twenty-four. She holds an MA in English from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas, and has worked as the subject-matter expert for Southern New Hampshire University's online MFA program and as an adjunct professor for Eastfield College. Interviews with Weina have appeared on WFAA's *Good Morning Texas* as well as in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Huffington Post*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *RT Book Reviews*, and *BooksbyWomen.org*. She lives in Texas with her loving husband and two children. For more information visit www.weinarandel.com.



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Praise for *The Last Rose of Shanghai*

"The Last Rose of Shanghai is a powerful story of the relationship between a Shanghai heiress and a Jewish refugee, set against the backdrop of a nightclub in China on the eve of the Second World War. Weina Dai Randel skillfully shines a light on a little-known moment in history through the lens of two vividly drawn characters whose unique and unexpected relationship is one readers will never forget." —**Pam Jenoff, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Woman with the Blue Star***

*"Set in Japanese-occupied Shanghai, this is an unforgettable, page-turning tale of an impossible affair between lovers from two cultures. Randel casts an unflinching eye at the horrors of wartime Shanghai, where refugees starve while the wealthy and privileged continue to drink and dance, and where daily threats of danger and death only serve to fan forbidden passions to a blazing climax." —Janie Chang, bestselling author of *Dragon Springs Road* and *The Library of Legends**

The Taste of Ginger

MANSI SHAH

JANUARY 1, 2022

In Mansi Shah's stunning debut novel, which is perfect for readers of Tayari Jones and Jhumpa Lahiri, a family tragedy beckons a first-generation immigrant to the city of her birth, where she grapples with her family's past in search of where she truly belongs.

After her parents moved her and her brother to America, Preeti Desai never meant to tear her family apart. All she did was fall in love with a white Christian carnivore instead of a conventional Indian boy. Years later, with her parents not speaking to her and her controversial relationship in tatters, all Preeti has left is her career at a prestigious Los Angeles law firm.

But when Preeti receives word of a terrible accident in the city where she was born, she returns to India, where she'll have to face her estranged parents...and the complicated past they left behind. Surrounded by the sights and sounds of her heritage, Preeti catches a startling glimpse of her family's battles with class, tradition, and sacrifice. Torn between two beautifully flawed cultures, Preeti must now untangle what home truly means to her.

About Mansi Shah

Mansi Shah is a writer who lives in Los Angeles. She was born in Toronto, Canada, was raised in the midwestern United States, and studied at universities in Australia and England. When she's not writing, she's traveling and exploring different cultures near and far, experimenting on a new culinary creation, or trying to improve her tennis game.

Praise for *The Taste of Ginger*

"A refreshingly honest novel that deftly captures the demands and delights of living in between East and West and the status of never quite belonging in either sphere. The need to assimilate in order to survive immigration to America, the bonds and boundaries of race and caste, and the power of privilege and pain of poverty are all explored with large-hearted insight in Mansi Shah's debut." —**Marjan Kamali, bestselling author of *The Stationery Shop***

"*The Taste of Ginger* is a compelling exploration of family, identity, and what it means to belong. Told with empathy and warmth, this heartfelt debut is a delight from start to finish!" —**Saumya Dave, author of *What a Happy Family***



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GENRE	Family Drama
PAGE COUNT	TBD

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All Languages

A Home Again

COLLEEN ROWAN KOSINSKI,
ILLUSTRATED BY VALERIA DOCAMPO

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

Told from the perspective of a house, this is a heartfelt picture book about family, saying goodbye, and becoming a home again.

After the last brick is laid, a family moves into a brand-new house. As the family grows, the house delights in the sound of laughter echoing in its halls and the pitter-patter of little feet traversing its floors and realizes it is no longer just a house. It has become a home—their home. One day, the family packs up, and with tears in their eyes, they say goodbye. The house doesn't know if it can ever be happy again until a special couple appears and it begins to feel a sliver of hope. Perhaps it can become a home once more...

This story's heartfelt text and beautiful illustrations convey a warmth of feeling as two families change and grow at different times within the same four walls.

About Colleen Rowan Kosinski

Colleen Rowan Kosinski is the author-illustrator of *Lilla's Sunflowers* and *A Promise Stitched in Time*. She received her BA from Rutgers University in visual art, is an alumna of Philadelphia's Moore College of Art, and spent many years as a successful freelance fine artist. Colleen calls New Jersey her home and resides there with her family. Learn more at www.colleenrowankosinski.com.

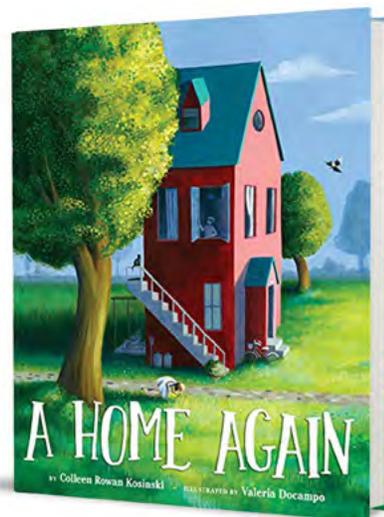
About Valeria Docampo

About Valeria Docampo has a background in fine arts and has also been a teacher. She is the illustrator of many books for publishers around the world, including *La Grande Fabrique de Mots*, which has been translated into thirty languages. Originally from Argentina, she now makes her home in France with her family. Learn more at www.valeriadocampo.com.

Praise for *A Home Again*

"The expert use of light and dark creates beautiful, emotional contrasts of warmth and isolation—a wonderful match of both verbal and visual tone...Heartfelt and filled with possible connections for families." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Sleekly rendered acrylic and colored pencil art...casts the house's interior in rich chiaroscuro...in this familiar narrative of being left behind and learning to love again." —**Publishers Weekly**



IMPRINT	Two Lions
GENRE	Children's Picture Book
PAGE COUNT	32

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All Languages

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French and Italian

Julius and Macy

ANNELOUISE MAHONEY

APRIL 1, 2021

An enchanting woodland tale about bravery and friendship from a debut author-illustrator.

Julius and Macy like to play heroes. Julius pretends he's the defender of the forest, while Macy has a quieter strength. When their snack disappears one night, they decide to track down the only one who could have taken it—the Night Goblin. They both have to be brave in their own ways, and they ultimately discover that the real thief isn't anything like they imagined.

With its endearing characters, this gently told tale reminds us that we each have courage within us and that kindness can make all the difference.

About Annelouise Mahoney

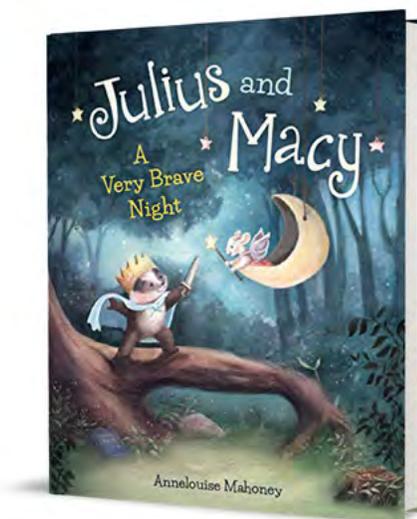
Annelouise Mahoney has worked in animation for DreamWorks, DIC Animation, Sony, and Saban Entertainment. She has also worked as a colorist for Marvel and Image Comics on such series as Uncanny X-Men, Generation X, and others. This is her first picture book, and it was inspired by the depths of her daughters' friendships and the many ways they are brave, especially with someone on their side. She loves to explore the forest, can't resist a cave, and has a lot of love for all those named Julius in her life. Annelouise lives in Southern California with her family. Learn more about her at www.woodlandabbey.com.

Praise for *Julius and Macy*

"Watercolor illustrations further the text's magical qualities by adding important details, such as the solitary nature of Sherwin's home. Softly glowing with campfire and starlight, this tale is an inviting bedtime story and a gentle ode to kindness." —**Booklist**

"Many young listeners will appreciate the warmth and sweetness of this comforting selection as they follow the appealing, accessible tale and learn about kindness and friendship. A warm nursery tale sprinkled with traditional sugar and spice." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Soft, expressive illustrations, lyrical language, and a story of friendship and bravery will make this book a favorite for readers both young and old." —**Midwest Book Review**



IMPRINT	Two Lions
GENRE	Children's Picture Book
PAGE COUNT	32

Rights Available

All Languages

Rights Sold

Russian

Between the Lines

LINDSAY WARD

OCTOBER 1, 2021

A new picture book from the bestselling author of the Dexter T. Rexter series. With vibrant art that shifts to a colorless world and back again, this is a story of a community lost and rediscovered—and how one child's actions can cascade into something that makes all the difference.

A young boy who loves his community notices that as neighbors stop interacting, the colors around them slowly fade. Then a thunderstorm sweeps away the last hints of bluebird skies and lemon-Popsicle days and leaves a rift in the road that doesn't get fixed. As the adults around him move on, the boy dreams of the way life once was. He decides that he doesn't want to live in a world without color, so he sets out to change things...

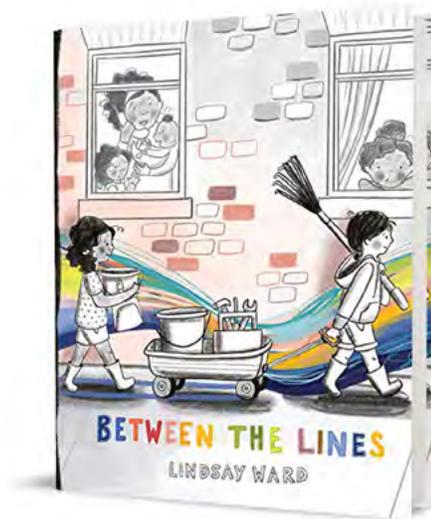
About Lindsay Ward

Lindsay Ward is the creator of the Dexter T. Rexter series as well as *Scooper and Dumper*; *Rosie: Stronger than Steel*; *This Book Is Gray*; *Brobarians*; *Helping Hospital*; *Rosco vs. the Baby*; *The Importance of Being 3*; and the *Wheels on the Go* series. Her book *Please Bring Balloons* was also made into a play. Lindsay lives with her family in Peninsula, Ohio. Learn more about her at www.lindsayward.com.

Praise for *Between the Lines*

"A vibrant neighborhood loses its color, literally, as the community becomes fractured." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"The illustrations...bring the atmosphere and ideas of the story to life. The depictions of both isolation and community in a dense urban neighborhood are poignant, especially after a year when COVID-19 forced people worldwide to forgo, and then to reinvent, community togetherness." —**Booklist**



IMPRINT	Two Lions
GENRE	Children's Picture Book
PAGE COUNT	48

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Rights Available

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Her Name Is Knight (Book One)

Nena Knight series

YASMIN ANGOE

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

An explosive espionage thriller by a debut author that has been optioned for a TV series adaptation in a seven-figure deal by Endeavor Content and Ink Factory.

Stolen from her Ghanaian village as a child, Nena Knight has plenty of motives to kill. Now an elite assassin for a powerful business syndicate called the Tribe, she gets plenty of chances.

But while on assignment in Miami, Nena ends up saving a life, not taking one. She emerges from the experience a changed woman, finally hopeful for a life beyond rage and revenge. Tasked with killing a man she's come to respect, Nena struggles to reconcile her loyalty to the Tribe with her new purpose.

Meanwhile, she learns a new Tribe council member is the same man who razed her village, murdered her family, and sold her into captivity. Nena can't resist the temptation of vengeance—and she doesn't want to. Before she can reclaim her life, she must leverage everything she was and everything she is to take him down and end the cycle of bloodshed for good.

About Yasmin Angoe

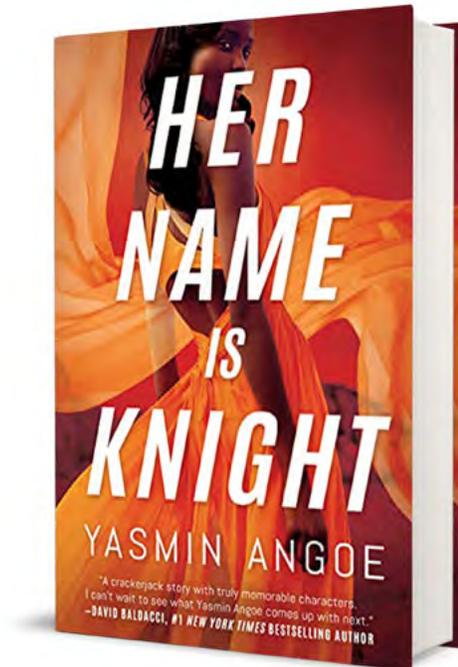
Hailing from Northern Virginia, Yasmin Angoe is a first-generation Ghanaian American who grew up in two cultural worlds. She taught English in middle and high schools for years, served as an instructional coach for virtual teachers, and spent time as a freelance copy editor.

Angoe recently received the Eleanor Taylor Bland Award for emerging writers of color from Sisters of Crime, of which she's a proud member. When she's not writing, she's in South Carolina with her beautiful blended family, trying new recipes and absorbed in an audiobook. *Her Name Is Knight* is Yasmin's debut novel.

Praise for *Her Name Is Knight*

"A crackerjack story with truly memorable characters. I can't wait to see what Yasmin Angoe comes up with next." —**David Baldacci, #1 New York Times bestselling author**

"It's hard to believe that *Her Name Is Knight* is Yasmin Angoe's debut novel. This dual timeline story about a highly trained Miami-based assassin who learns to reclaim her power after having her entire life ripped from her as a teenager in Ghana is equal parts love story, social commentary, and action thriller. Nena Knight will stay with you long after you've read the last word, and this is a must-read for fans of Lee Child and S. A. Cosby. I found myself crying in one chapter and cheering in the next. I couldn't put it down!" —**Kellye Garrett, Anthony, Agatha, and Lefty Award-winning author**



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Espionage Thriller
PAGE COUNT	431

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Under Color of Law (Book One)

Trevor Finnegan Series

AARON PHILIP CLARK

OCTOBER 1, 2021

An authentic and timely crime novel inspired by the author's experiences as an LAPD police recruit that was acquired in a six-figure two-book deal.

The murder of a police recruit pins a black LAPD detective in a deadly web where race, corruption, violence, and cover-ups intersect in this relevant, razor-sharp novel of suspense.

Black rookie cop Trevor "Finn" Finnegan aspires to become a top-ranking officer in the Los Angeles Police Department and fix a broken department. A fast-track promotion to detective in the coveted Robbery-Homicide Division puts him closer to achieving his goal.

Four years later, calls for police accountability rule the headlines. The city is teeming with protests for racial justice. When the body of a murdered black academy recruit is found in the Angeles National Forest, Finn is tasked to investigate.

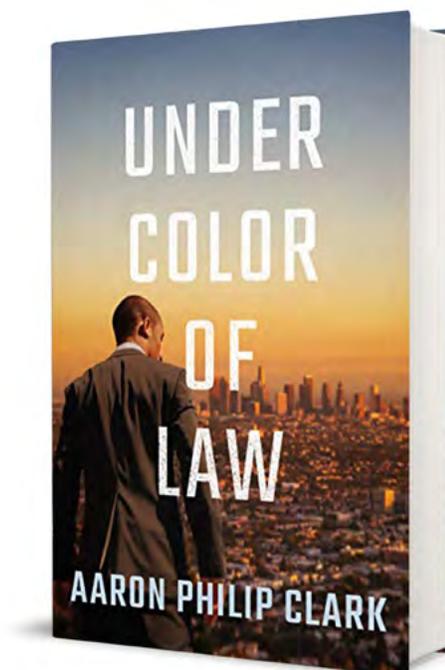
As pressure mounts to solve the crime and avoid a PR nightmare, Finn scours the underbelly of a volatile city where power, violence, and race intersect. But it's Finn's past experience as a beat cop that may hold the key to solving the recruit's murder. The price? The end of Finn's career... or his life.

About Aaron Philip Clark

Aaron Philip Clark is a novelist and screenwriter from Los Angeles. In addition to his writing career, he has worked in the film industry and in law enforcement. For more information, visit www.aaronphilipclark.com.

Praise for *Under Color of Law (Book One)*

"Harrowing evidence for Spike Lee's famous claim that everything that happens in America is about race." —*Kirkus Reviews*



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Police Procedural
PAGE COUNT	298

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Rights Available

All Languages

Murder at St Anne's (Book Seven)

A Yorkshire Murder Mystery

J. R. ELLIS

DECEMBER 7, 2021

A dark and suspenseful police procedural set in rural England—the latest installment in the bestselling series that will be translated into Czech.

Winter, snow, murder—and a centuries-dead suspect.

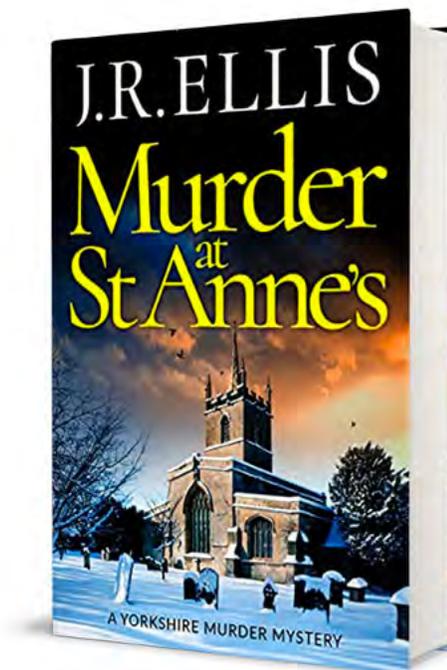
In the chilly depths of a Yorkshire winter, a well-liked rector is found bludgeoned to death in her own church. With no sign of a murder weapon, local superstition quickly pins the blame on the ghost of a medieval monk believed to haunt the building...

Well accustomed to unusual murder investigations, DCI Jim Oldroyd takes on the case, along with his assistant, Sergeant Andy Carter, but they are hampered at every turn by the deepening snow and the threat of the supernatural. Even as possible motives and opportunities begin to reveal themselves, Oldroyd struggles to find a better suspect than the hooded phantom.

Has Oldroyd really found himself in the midst of a Gothic ghost story or is there a very real killer at large? Spectre or otherwise, it soon becomes apparent that the murderer is not yet finished. And, for Oldroyd, it's about to become personal...

About J. R. Ellis

John R. Ellis has lived in Yorkshire for most of his life and has spent many years exploring Yorkshire's diverse landscapes, history, language and communities. He recently retired after a career in teaching, mostly in further education in the Leeds area. In addition to the Yorkshire Murder Mystery series, he writes poetry, ghost stories and biography. He has completed a screenplay about the last years of the poet Edward Thomas and a work of fiction about the extraordinary life of his Irish mother-in-law. He is currently working on his memoirs of growing up in a working-class area of Huddersfield in the 1950s and 1960s.



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Police Procedural
PAGE COUNT	283

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These Toxic Things

RACHEL HOWZELL HALL

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

From the *New York Times* bestselling author comes an exciting suspense thriller that's part Agatha Christie and part Ruth Ware, blending quirky settings with a serial killer and dark family secrets.

A dead woman's cherished trinkets become pieces to a terrifying puzzle.

Mickie Lambert creates “digital scrapbooks” for clients, ensuring that precious souvenirs aren't forgotten or lost. When her latest client, Nadia Denham, a curio shop owner, dies from an apparent suicide, Mickie honors the old woman's last wish and begins curating her peculiar objets d'art. A music box, a hair clip, a key chain—twelve mementos in all that must have meant so much to Nadia, who collected them on her flea market scavenges across the country.

But these tokens mean a lot to someone else, too. Mickie has been receiving threatening messages to leave Nadia's past alone.

It's becoming a mystery Mickie is driven to solve. Who once owned these odd treasures? How did Nadia really come to possess them? Discovering the truth means crossing paths with a long-dormant serial killer and navigating the secrets of a sinister past. One that might, Mickie fears, be inescapably entwined with her own.

About Rachel Howzell Hall

Rachel Howzell Hall is the author of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize- and Lefty Award-nominated *And Now She's Gone*; and the Anthony Award-, Lefty Award-, and International Thriller Writers Award-nominated *They All Fall Down*. She also writes the acclaimed Detective Elouise Norton series, including *Land of Shadows*, *Skies of Ash*, *Trail of Echoes*, and *City of Saviors*. Rachel is also the coauthor of *The Good Sister* with James Patterson, which was included in the *New York Times* bestseller *The Family Lawyer*. She lives in Los Angeles. You can find her at www.rachelhowzell.com and on Twitter @RachelHowzell.

Praise for *These Toxic Things*

“This cleverly plotted, surprise-filled novel offers well-drawn and original characters, lively dialogue, and a refreshing take on the serial killer theme. Hall continues to impress.” —***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

“A mystery/thriller/coming-of-age story you won't be able to put down till the final revelation.” —***Kirkus Reviews***



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Suspense
PAGE COUNT	430

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The Woman from the North Sea (Die Frau aus der Nordsee) (Book Eight)

Die Inselkommissarin

ANNA JOHANNSEN

OCTOBER 19, 2021

The latest installment from *Bild*, *Spiegel* and Amazon Charts bestselling author Anna Johanssen, in the atmospheric crime series that will be translated into Czech, English and Lithuanian.

A woman's body is recovered from the cold North Sea between the towns of Pellworm and Nordstrand. The post-mortem examination confirms the suspicion of a homicide. At the same time, the police discover that Maren Witte had secretly given birth two weeks before her death and abandoned the child in a baby clinic. Lena Lorenzen takes on the case and investigates Pellworm, the island Maren grew up on.

The victim's parents are distraught about the loss, but it quickly becomes clear that they have had very little contact with their daughter for quite some time. The investigation raises several other questions as well: how was the young woman able to afford an expensively furnished apartment in the city of Kiel, even though she didn't have a regular job? And who is the father of the newborn? For Lena, the case becomes a very special challenge, not least because of a development in her own life.

About Anna Johanssen

Anna Johanssen has lived in Northern Friesland since her childhood. She loves the landscape and the people of the region and is especially fond of the North Frisian islands that provide the setting for her Island Mystery novels starring DI Lena Lorenzen. *The Body on the Beach* is a #1 Kindle bestseller.



IMPRINT	Edition M
GENRE	Crime
PAGE COUNT	384

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All Languages

Mrs. Rochester's Ghost

LINDSAY MARCOTT

AUGUST 1, 2021

In a modern and twisty retelling of *Jane Eyre*, a young woman must question everything she thinks she knows about love, loyalty, and murder. This is an atmospheric and suspenseful psychological thriller by an author and screenwriter, who wrote for HBO award-winning series *The Hitchhiker*.

Jane has lost everything: job, mother, relationship, even her home. A friend calls to offer an unusual deal—a cottage above the crashing surf of Big Sur on the estate of his employer, Evan Rochester. In return, Jane will tutor his teenage daughter. She accepts.

But nothing is quite as it seems at the Rochester estate. Though he's been accused of murdering his glamorous and troubled wife, Evan Rochester insists she drowned herself. Jane is skeptical, but she still finds herself falling for the brilliant and secretive entrepreneur and growing close to his daughter.

And yet her deepening feelings for Evan can't disguise dark suspicions aroused when a ghostly presence repeatedly appears in the night's mist and fog. Jane embarks on an intense search for answers and uncovers evidence that soon puts Evan's innocence into question. She's determined to discover what really happened that fateful night, but what will the truth cost her?

About Lindsay Marcott

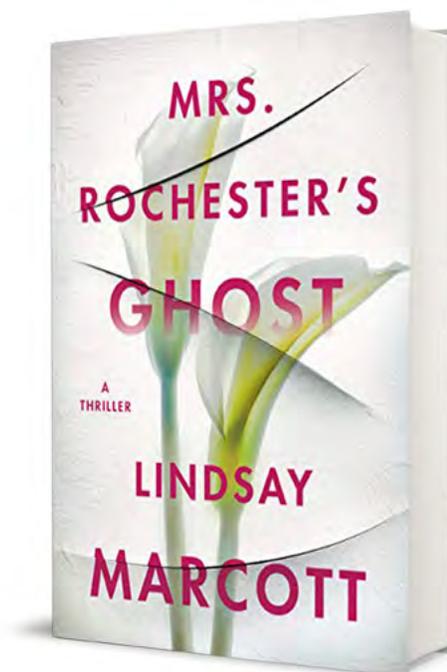
Lindsay Marcott is the author of *The Producer's Daughter* and six previous novels written as Lindsay Maracotta. Her books have been translated into eleven languages and adapted for cable. She also wrote for the Emmy-nominated HBO series *The Hitchhiker* and coproduced a number of films, including Hallmark's *The Hollywood Moms Mystery* and the feature *Breaking at the Edge*. She lives on the coast of California.

Praise for *Mrs. Rochester's Ghost*

"A modern American *Jane Eyre*...Marcott's reworking of this Gothic classic holds its own." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"This imaginative take on Charlotte Brontë's Gothic novel has several satisfying nods to the source material, but veers away just enough to create a refreshing new experience. Marcott's Jane is a formidable protagonist... Fans of *Jane Eyre* who enjoyed Rachel Hawkins's *The Wife Upstairs* will appreciate this equally enjoyable retelling from Marcott." —**Library Journal (starred review)**

"[A] clever, lively update of *Jane Eyre*...[a] twisty tale of madness and desire..." —**Publishers Weekly**



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	398

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Rights Available

All Languages

The Receptionist

KATE MYLES

AUGUST 1, 2021

A dazzling debut novel of domestic suspense for readers of *A Good Marriage* and *The Wife Between Us* set inside a top Hollywood talent agency and the startup tech world by television producer Kate Myles.

In this domestic thriller, sex, ambitions, and disaster burn more intensely than the Los Angeles sun.

Emily is a top talent agent who rules the land of talk shows and reality TV. Whip-smart and brutally practical, she outmaneuvers all rivals...except in her personal life. Emily willfully ignores her CEO husband Doug's philandering in exchange for their glamorous one-percenter lifestyle, until a surprise pregnancy changes everything.

A TED-Talking business guru with a reckless streak, Doug embarks on an audacious relationship with Chloe, the stunning young receptionist at his market research firm. But Chloe has a secret: a volatile past she's desperate to forget. Their chaotic entanglement sets off a chain of shocking scandals, plunging Emily into a scheming fight for survival.

As they each try to fight their way to the top, there's only one question: How far will Emily go to protect her child and preserve her carefully curated life?

About Kate Myles

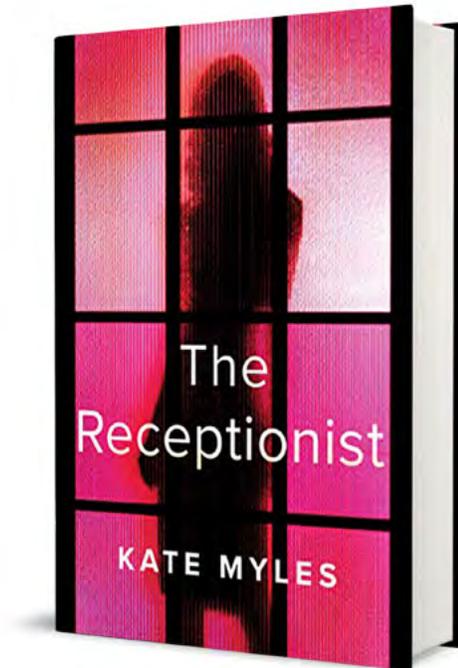
Kate Myles is a television producer for networks such as the Food Network and OWN. Before producing, she worked as an actor and comedian, enjoying a two-year stint as a host and video journalist for the Travel Channel series *Not Your Average Travel Guide*, among other adventures. Her fiction has appeared in *Necessary Fiction*, *Quarterly West*, and *Storm Cellar Quarterly*. *The Receptionist* is her first novel.

Praise for *The Receptionist*

"[*The Receptionist*] has all the fascination of a train wreck...The malicious actions of these angry, narcissistic people are appalling, but that won't stop readers from turning the pages to see what happens to them next."
—**Publishers Weekly**

"The perfect maelstrom of revenge, crazy, and absolute rage. *The Receptionist* has it all...[Kate Myles] is definitely one to watch."
—**Mystery & Suspense Magazine**

"A fast-paced, gripping tale..." —**Authorlink**



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
PAGE COUNT	379

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Innate Magic (Book One)

The Marrowbone Spells

SHANNON FAY

DECEMBER 1, 2021

A historical fantasy debut for fans of V E Schwab and Leigh Bardugo set in 1950s London, where magic is real, and power is reserved only for the top of society.

Delightfully cheeky, unquestionably charming, and sometimes maddeningly naive, cloth mage Paul Gallagher is desperately trying to make a name for himself in a reimagined postwar London. But in a world where magic is commonplace, sewing enchanted clothes is seen as little more than a frivolous distraction. Paul is hiding a secret, however: he possesses a powerful—and illegal—innate magic that could help him achieve his wildest dreams.

Unfortunately, Paul confides in the wrong person—his latest crush, Captain Hector Hollister—and is drawn into a sinister plot that risks reigniting the machinery of war. To make matters worse, the pretty American gossip reporter Paul just met reveals her personal quest to expose a government cover-up may be related to Hollister's magical goals. When Hollister threatens the life of Paul's dearest friend, he realizes that his poor judgement has put not only his family and friends in danger, but also the whole world.

The only way to set things right may be for Paul to undergo the dangerous ritual to become Court Magician—the most powerful magician in the country. But is becoming part of the institution the best way to enact change in a terribly unjust society? Look out for the next book in the series, coming fall 2022!

About Shannon Fay

Shannon Fay is a writer living in K'jipuktuk/Halifax, Canada. She attended the Clarion West Writers Workshop in 2014 and has a day job editing manga. She lives with her biggest critic (a very vocal, very fluffy white cat) and her biggest supporter (a very kind human). When not writing novels and short stories, she likes to go ice-skating (in the winter) and play board games (year-round). *Innate Magic* is her first novel.

Praise for *Innate Magic (Book One)*

"Fay expertly crafts a delightfully adventurous tale, animated by Paul's chance encounters and audacious antics. This promising series starter announces Fay as a writer to watch." —*Publishers Weekly*



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Historical Fantasy
PAGE COUNT	384

Rights Available

All Languages

Star Mother (Book One)

Star Mother

CHARLIE N. HOLMBERG

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

A captivating fantasy novel by the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author whose books have reached over one million readers, and will be translated into seventeen languages. Charlie N. Holmberg is the author of *The Paper Magician*, which has been optioned for film by the Walt Disney Company.

When a star dies, a new one must be born.

The Sun God chooses the village of Endwever to provide a mortal womb. The birthing of a star is always fatal for the mother, and Ceris Wenden, who considers herself an outsider, sacrifices herself to secure her family's honor and take control of her legacy. But after her star child is born, Ceris does what no other star mother has: she survives. When Ceris returns to Endwever, however, it's not nine months later—it's seven hundred years later. Inexplicably displaced in time, Ceris is determined to seek out her descendants.

Being a woman traveling alone brings its own challenges, until Ceris encounters a mysterious—and desperate—godling. Ristriel is incorporeal, a fugitive, a trickster, and the only being who can guide Ceris safely to her destination. Now, as Ceris traverses realms both mortal and beyond, her journey truly begins.

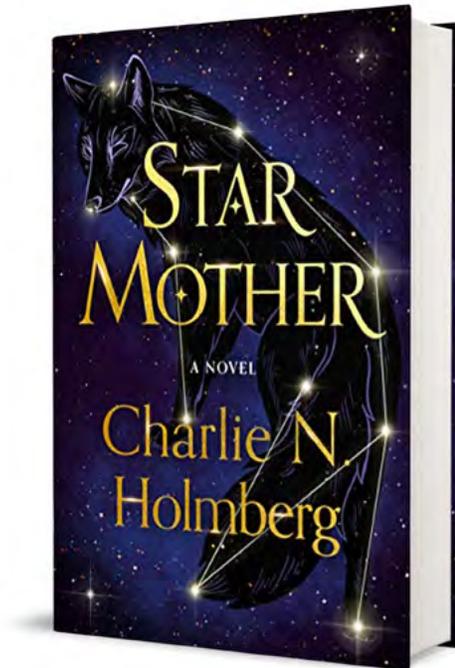
Together, pursued across the Earth and trespassing the heavens, Ceris and Ristriel are on a path to illuminate the mysteries that bind them and discover the secrets of the celestial world.

About Charlie N. Holmberg

Charlie N. Holmberg is the author of the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling Paper Magician series and the Amazon Charts bestselling Spellbreaker series. She is also the author of the Star Mother series and the Numina series, as well as five stand-alone novels, including *Followed by Frost*, a 2016 RITA Award finalist for Young Adult Romance, and *The Fifth Doll*, winner of the 2017 Whitney Award for Speculative Fiction. Born in Salt Lake City, Charlie was raised a Trekkie alongside three sisters who also have boy names. She is a proud BYU alumna, plays the ukulele, and owns too many pairs of glasses. She currently lives with her family in Utah. Visit her at www.charlieholmberg.com.

Praise for *Star Mother (Book One)*

"Readers will find entertainment and hope in this sweeping, mythic tale."
—**Publishers Weekly**



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Fantasy
PAGE COUNT	271

Rights Available

All Languages

The Raven Spell

LUANNE G. SMITH

MARCH 1, 2022

A bewitching standalone historical fantasy novel by the *Washington Post* and Amazon Charts bestselling author of the *Vine Witch* series.

After a nearly fatal blow to the skull, traumatized private detective Ian Cameron is found dazed and confused on a muddy riverbank in Victorian London. Among his effects: a bloodstained business card bearing the name of a master wizard and a curious pocket watch that doesn't seem to tell time. To retrieve his lost memories, Ian demands answers from Edwina and Mary Blackwood, sister witches with a murky past. But as their secret is slowly unveiled, a dangerous mystery emerges on the darkened streets of London.

About Luanne G. Smith

Luanne G. Smith is the *Washington Post* bestselling author of *The Vine Witch* series. She lives in Colorado at the base of the beautiful Rocky Mountains, where she enjoys hiking, gardening, and a glass of wine at the end of the day. For more information, visit www.luanneasmith.com.

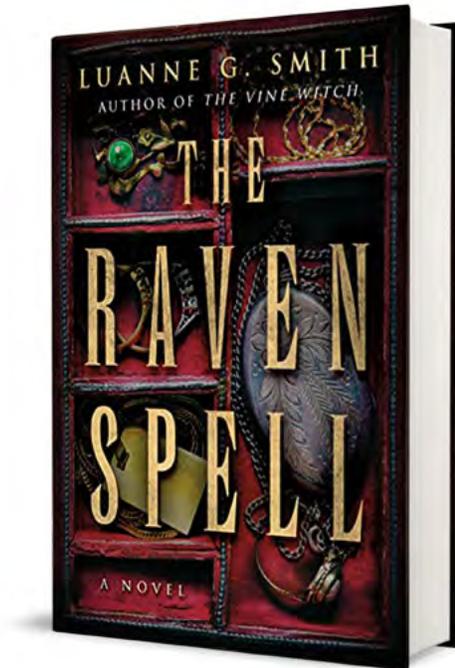
Praise for *The Raven Spell*

Praise for the Author:

"The vineyards of the fictitious Chanceaux Valley play home to magic, romance, and mystery in Smith's contemporary debut fantasy...The specter of savage, early European witch hunts ups the stakes, mixing real history with folklore...this is an ambitious debut from a promising author.

—***Publishers Weekly***

"Cleverly crafted...*The Vine Witch* is a grown-up fairy tale with a twisty-turn-y story line of magic, love and betrayal that holds your attention. A great book to read while savoring a glass of wine...pure escapism." —***Forbes***



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GENRE	Historical Fantasy
PAGE COUNT	TBD

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All Languages

Fate's Ransom (Book Four)

The First Argentines

JEFF WHEELER

JANUARY 4, 2022

The latest installment in the *First Argentines* epic fantasy series by the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author whose books have reached over four million readers and will be translated into eight languages.

Ransom Barton has served three Argentine kings. The new successor to the throne is the ruthless Jon-Landon, a fallible strategist when it comes to war. After losing against the Occitanian armies, the king forces Ransom to bear the blame and removes him from the council. But Jon-Landon isn't yet through with humbling the honorable knight of Ceredigion.

When a retaliatory battle succeeds, Jon-Landon invites Ransom back into his circle. Though Ransom's Fountain magic is made stronger by his fealty, he's once again forced to make a terrible choice. And this time, Ransom's wife, Claire, and their sons could pay the price for Ransom's loyalty.

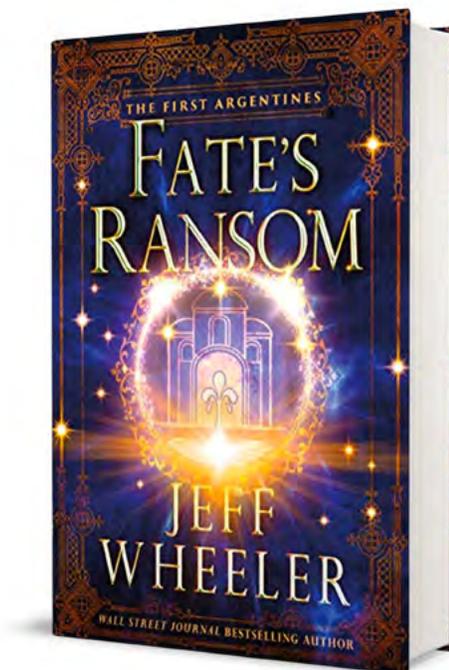
But as tensions between Ceredigion and Occitania reignite and alliances at court begin to crumble, a desperate Jon-Landon discovers his only ally is the knight he betrayed. With the future of Kingfountain hanging in the balance, Ransom agrees to help. And as secret enemies reveal their endgame, Ransom knows that he may have to make the ultimate sacrifice for the survival of the Argentine dynasty.

About Jeff Wheeler

Jeff Wheeler is the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *The Immortal Words*, *The Buried World*, and *The Killing Fog* in the Grave Kingdom series; the Harbinger and Kingfountain series; the Muirwood, Mirrowen, and Landmoor novels; and *Fate's Ransom*, *Lady's Ransom*, *Warrior's Ransom*, and *Knight's Ransom* in the First Argentines series. He left his career at Intel in 2014 to write full-time. Jeff is a husband, father of five, and devout member of his church. He lives in the Rocky Mountains and is the founder of Deep Magic: The E-Zine of Clean Fantasy and Science Fiction. Find out more about Deep Magic at <https://deepmagic.co>, and visit Jeff's many worlds at <https://jeff-wheeler.com>.

Praise for the Series

"Jeff Wheeler has always been one of our more dependable storytellers. *Knight's Ransom* adds to his reputation. A fine page-turner." —**Terry Brooks**, *New York Times* bestselling author.



IMPRINT	47North
GENRE	Epic Fantasy
PAGE COUNT	456

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Bed Stuy

JERRY MCGILL

DECEMBER 1, 2021

From the author of *Dear Marcus* comes a breathtaking novel about a fated love affair that crosses the divides of race and class.

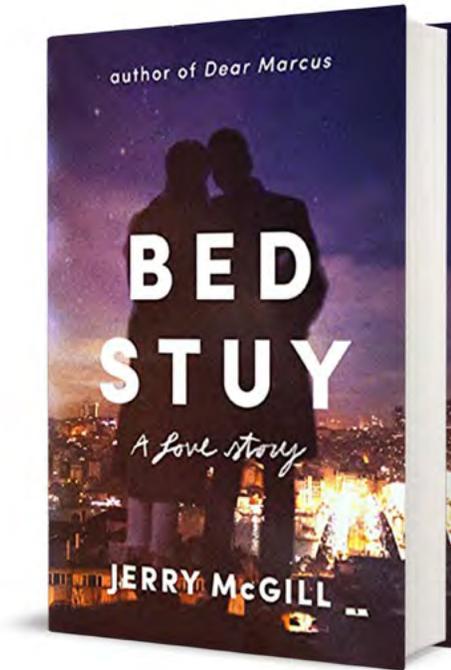
Rashid is a young Black man from Bed Stuy, Brooklyn, with a complicated life. Looking for an escape from a neighborhood few ever leave, he finds it in Rachel—married, twenty years his senior, and the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. It begins with a flirtation and a tryst. It becomes an intense romance, exhilarating and enriching, that defies the expectations of Rashid's friends and family. What draws Rachel to Rashid is his curiosity, his need for intimacy, and his adoration—everything lacking in her crumbling marriage. But as the fault lines of their relationship become more prevalent, so do the inevitable choices one makes when falling in love.

About Jerry McGill

Jerry McGill is a writer and artist. He is the author of a memoir, *Dear Marcus: A Letter to the Man Who Shot Me*. After receiving a BA in English literature from Fordham University in the Bronx and a master's degree in education from Pacific University in Oregon, Jerry went on to teach high school and travel the world mentoring disabled children. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

Praise for *Bed Stuy*

"In *Bed Stuy*, Jerry McGill crafts a love story that is as gritty as a New York sidewalk and as tender as a first embrace. Two people from different worlds grapple with the challenge of how to bridge their divides—made chasms by race, age, and privilege—to connect, to understand, and to forgive. McGill's knowing gaze is unflinching but compassionate, conveying in all its complexity the terror of love, the fear and doubt that plague it, and the bone-deep need for more." —**W. S. Winslow, author of *The Northern Reach***



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Literary Fiction
PAGE COUNT	208

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All Languages

Flying on the Inside

RACHEL GOTTO

DECEMBER 1, 2021

The remarkable true story of one woman's journey back from the brink. Newly widowed and faced with a deadly brain tumour, she was given two years to live. She wanted more...

When her six-year-old daughter found her collapsed on the kitchen floor, Rachel had no idea how much her life was about to change.

A brain scan revealed a dark shadowy mass, a huge abnormal growth of tissue that, whilst benign, was still growing and would surely kill her. It was too big to operate on. It needed to be 'managed', and Rachel had, at best, two years to live.

Refusing to accept the bleak prognosis, Rachel was determined to stay alive. She had already lost far too much. She had already watched her brother succumb, at only twenty-eight, to cancer. She had already lost her beloved husband in a terrible scuba diving accident when she was six months pregnant. So she did the only thing she knew how to do. She fought for her life.

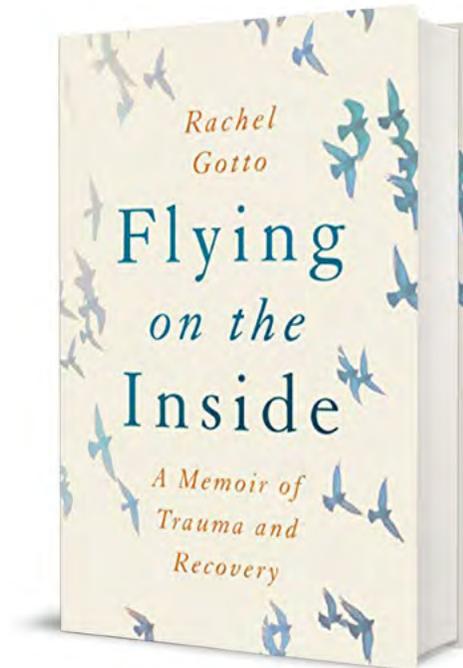
This gripping and inspiring memoir about overcoming tragedy and trauma charts one tenacious woman's incredible fight to find light in the darkest of journeys. It is a life-affirming tale of positivity and hope in the face of the most difficult of human experiences.

About Rachel Gotto

Rachel Gotto was born and grew up in Glandore in West Cork, a few short steps from the Atlantic Ocean. An adept boat person from an early age, and most at home on the waves, it was there she developed the tenacious spirit that later proved invaluable when faced with a litany of personal traumas and tragedies.

Having lost her closest brother as a young man to cancer, Rachel was six months pregnant with her daughter when her husband died in a tragic diving accident. Diagnosed a few years later with a life-threatening brain tumour, she underwent life-saving surgery that resulted in her becoming paralysed. What followed was a slow and painful recovery marred by a growing dependence on her prescribed medication.

Now a celebrated keynote speaker, life coach and clinical hypnotherapist, Rachel lives on the west coast of Ireland, in County Galway, where she enjoys being in nature. She loves to swim, fish, read, walk, keep pet hens, and spend time with family and friends.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Memoir
PAGE COUNT	254

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All Languages

The Fallen Stones

DIANA MARCUM

MARCH 1, 2022

A Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist and author of the national bestseller *The Tenth Island* which will be translated into Korean and Russian, finds hope and personal metamorphosis on a butterfly farm in the Maya Mountains.

Atop a hill in the rainforest of Belize, next to the ruins of a fallen civilization, a butterfly farm raises the brilliant blue morpho.

What starts out as the worst vacation ever turns into a quest to learn more about the first-of-its-kind farm when journalist Diana Marcum inadvertently discovers this wildlife sanctuary, which is supported by an international live-butterfly trade.

She quickly becomes acquainted with Clive, the whimsical British millionaire whose childhood passion created an industry, and Sebastian, the Maya farm manager whose stern expression belies a soft heart. Before long Diana and her partner, Jack Moody—new to being a couple—have moved into a long-empty jungle house, cohabitating with bats, scorpions, toucans, iguanas, and the vulnerable but resilient butterflies. She comes to be obsessed with the array of iridescent creatures.

Just ahead, although they don't know it, are a hurricane and a global pandemic.

This warm, funny tale of finding a way forward when the world seems to be falling apart is filled with the beauty of the natural world and a heartfelt cry to protect it—beginning with butterflies.

About Diana Marcum

Diana Marcum is the nationally bestselling author of *The Tenth Island: Finding Joy, Beauty, and Unexpected Love in the Azores*. A feature writer at the *Los Angeles Times*, Diana won the Pulitzer Prize in 2015 for her narrative portraits of farmers, field workers, and others in the drought-stricken towns of California's Central Valley.

Praise for *The Fallen Stones*

"In her engaging travel memoir [Marcum] captures the spirit of saudade with an eye for detail and a playful earnestness... In the remote islands of the Azores, Marcum seems to have found her spot."

—*The New York Times Book Review*



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Narrative Nonfiction
PAGE COUNT	TBD

Rights Available

All Languages

The One You Want to Marry (And Other Identities I've Had)

SOPHIE SANTOS

OCTOBER 1, 2021

A hilarious and heartfelt memoir about finding your true voice by Sophie Santos, the fearless comic and host of *The Lesbian Agenda*.

From the self-proclaimed Queen of the Stunted Late Bloomers and one of the most exciting emerging voices in comedy comes an honestly funny memoir about the awkward, cringeworthy, hilarious, and longest possible journey of coming of age and into her own.

The only child of a perpetually transferring Filipino-Spanish US Army officer and a spitfire nurse, Sophie Santos spent her early years starting over again and again—and accumulating her fair share of anxieties. Growing up in 99.6 percent white communities, where girls had to learn to flash Vaseline-capped smiles before they'd be considered real women, Sophie adapted. Determined to fit in, she transformed from a tomboy misfit into a hormone-crazed beauty pageant contestant and a southern sorority girl, among other personalities. She nailed each role she took on, not shockingly, but nothing seemed to fit her true self.

In her twenties, floundering and locked in her bedroom with lesbian YouTube clips playing on repeat, Sophie began to understand that her true self might be more tomboy misfit than southern belle. That realization set her off on a journey that led her through an unexpected lesbian puberty and eventually toward a New York comedy career.

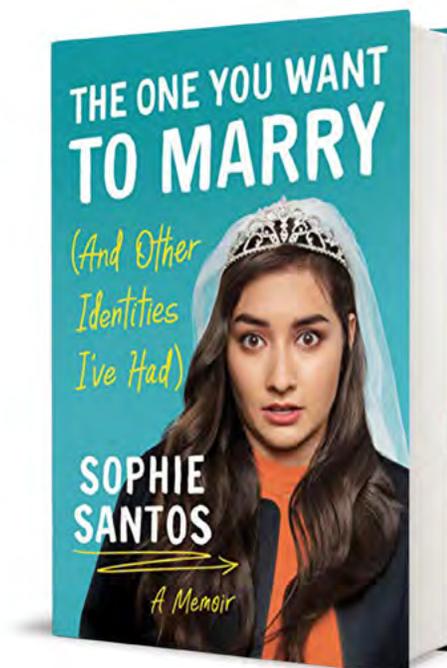
About Sophie Santos

Sophie Santos is a comedian and writer based in New York. She's written for TV shows on Bravo and MTV and currently hosts the satirical comedy show *The Lesbian Agenda*. Her writing has also been featured in *McSweeney's*. Sophie has appeared on *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* and *MTV News*, and she has performed at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the Kennedy Center. Follow her on social media for lesbian propaganda. For more information, visit www.sophiesantos.com.

Praise for *The One You Want to Marry (And Other Identities I've Had)*

"Her breezy tone feels intimate and makes the more serious and somber moments—such as her first comprehension of race (and the term 'ethnically ambiguous'), her struggles with mental health, and rueful admissions of having mistreated former girlfriends—hit all the harder. LGBTQ millennials are sure to find a kindred spirit, warts and all, in these clever pages." —**Publishers Weekly**

"Sophie Santos is a surprising and gifted writer, and I'm grateful to her for sharing her many lives with me, and us all, with this terrific debut that made me LAUGH, and then laugh more." —**Matt Rogers, comedian, entertainer, and cohost of the Las Culturistas podcast**



IMPRINT	TOPPLE Books & Little A
GENRE	Memoir
PAGE COUNT	400

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Rights Available

All Languages

Why Not Alone?! (Warum nicht solo?!)

HANNA SCHILLER

JANUARY 11, 2022

An honest and deeply personal memoir by a woman who decided to have a child alone, when her long-term partner declared he did not want children, by one of the most important leaders of the single-mother movement in Germany.

Hanna had always been sure that one day she would be a mother. When she discovered that her long-term partner did not share her wish for a child, and his often stated “maybe someday” is actually a “no, sorry”, Hanna, deeply disappointed and sick of waiting for prince charming, decided to get pregnant on her own and become a single mother.

In her book, Hanna describes all the hurdles she had to overcome as single mother: The pressures of society, the reactions of friends and family, the challenges of finding a sperm donor, dealing with self-doubt during pregnancy or dealing with situations that normally already overwhelm a parent duo.

The author writes in merciless openness and with great humor about her experiences, which she also repeatedly contrasts with interesting facts and research results. *Why not alone?!* is an incredibly personal book that will encourage many women or single fathers to speak out and follow their own path against all traditions and conventions.

Hanna Schiller is one of the most important leaders of the single-mom movement in Germany. She has a prominent blog, gave numerous interviews for podcasts, magazines and newspapers and was part of TV documentary of a public broadcaster (ARD).

About Hanna Schiller

Hanna Schiller was born in 1981. After growing up in a tranquil village in Lower Saxony with mom and dad and two siblings, she went to Berlin to study after graduating from high school. After a few failed courses, she finally decided on English/American Studies and French. In the meantime, she worked her way around and, in her late 20s, landed a job as a project manager in the field of digitalization, which she still does today. After becoming a single mom, Hanna Schiller founded the blog “Solomamapluseins” (www.solomamapluseins.de), through which she did numerous interviews for podcasts (including eltern.de, emotion.de, [Die Frauenbeauftragtinnen](http://DieFrauenbeauftragtinnen)), magazines (including *Brigitte.de*, *Laura*, *EMOTION*, *Rossmann*, *BILD der FRAU*) and newspapers (including *Stern.de*, *NEON*, *FAZ*, *WELT am Sonntag*). She was also the protagonist in a 45-minute documentary about single mothers on the German TV network ARD. In addition, the author launched her own podcast in April 2020. With a new platform, *Solomamawege* (June 2020), she and a partner are expanding their business. They are now jointly offering online courses, group coaching and everything to do with single motherhood, because this niche topic has not yet been addressed by anyone to this extent and with their expertise. Hanna Schiller is very open with her story, but her son is always anonymized in order to protect her private life as well as possible.



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Digging Up Love

CHANDRA BLUMBERG

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From debut author Chandra Blumberg comes a playful, heartfelt romance about chasing your dreams and finding love in the process.

Alisha Blake works her magic in the kitchen, creating delectable desserts for her grandfather's restaurant in rural Illinois. Though Alisha relishes the close relationship she has with her family, she can't help but dream about opening a cookie shop in Chicago. She may be a small-town baker, but Alisha has big ambitions.

Then a dinosaur bone turns up in her grandparents' backyard. When paleontologist Quentin Harris arrives to see the discovery for himself, he's hoping that the fossil will distract him from a recent painful breakup. Instead, he finds Alisha—and sparks fly. The big-city academic and the hometown baker seem destined for a happily ever after.

But Alisha is scared to fall in love. And Quentin's trying to make a name for himself in a competitive field, which gets even more complicated when the press shows up at the dig site. For love to prevail, the two may have to put old bones aside—and focus on the future.

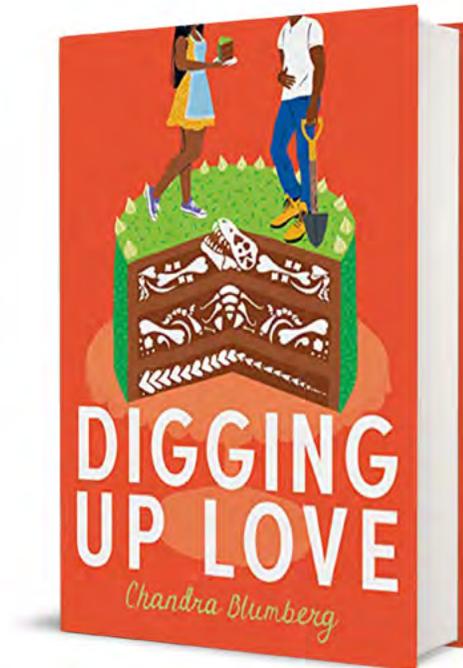
About Chandra Blumberg

Chandra Blumberg is originally from Michigan, and loves writing funny, heartwarming love stories about characters that feel real and relatable. When it comes to her writing process, getting to that happily ever after is half the fun.

After majoring in English at Michigan State University, Blumberg moved to the Chicago area, where she enjoys exploring museums and the beauty of Lake Michigan in all seasons. When she's not writing, she's usually making a mess in the kitchen with her kids, lifting heavy barbells at the gym, or traveling with her family. *Digging Up Love* is her first novel.

Praise for *Digging Up Love*

"Blumberg's charming debut combines true love, delicious cookies, and dinosaurs...fans will adore the well-drawn love story between these funny and lovable dinosaur lovers." —***Publishers Weekly***



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Someone Wanton His Way Comes (Book One)

Wantons of Waverton

CHRISTI CALDWELL

APRIL 20, 2021

Christi Caldwell, USA Today bestselling author of the Wicked Wallflowers series, whose books will be translated into nine languages, invites you to join London's most scandalous society in a witty romance of love, rebellion, and second chances, perfect for fans of *Bridgerton*.

Widowed Lady Sylvia Elton is out to save young ladies from the terrible fate of love and marriage. Her former husband has retained his reputation as an honorable and loving man in death, but Sylvia has privately mourned his lies and infidelity. Joined by two equally scorned and cast-off friends, Sylvia establishes the Mismatch Society. With each new liberated member, the scandalous circle wreaks havoc on the romantic prospects of London's frustrated male peerage. But nothing prepares Sylvia for the Viscount St. John, a familiar face and her most formidable challenger.

Clayton Kearsley, the Viscount St. John, can't allow these wantons to dismantle the Marriage Mart. Until he discovers the ringleader is his old friend's widow, a fine woman for whom he's carried a torch since the day they met. Thinking himself undeserving of a diamond like her, he introduced her to his best friend—a decision he now regrets deeply, knowing of the hurt she carries in secret.

Now he is positioned to match wits with this woman, who is determined to save young ladies from future heartbreak. And despite his misgivings, Clayton is entertaining fantasies that he could end their battle with a kiss. If only he had the courage to tell her how he feels—or the hope that she'd ever again let down her guard.

This meeting of the Mismatch Society is called to order...

About Christi Caldwell

Christi Caldwell is the *USA Today* bestselling author of numerous series, including *Lost Lords of London*, *Sinful Brides*, *Wicked Wallflowers*, and *Heart of a Duke*. She blames novelist Judith McNaught for luring her into the world of historical romance. When Christi was at the University of Connecticut, she began writing her own tales of love—ones where even the most perfect heroes and heroines had imperfections. She learned to enjoy torturing her couples before they earned their well-deserved happily ever after.

Christi lives in southern Connecticut, where she spends her time writing and looking after her twin girls and amazing son. Fans who want to keep up with the latest news and information can sign up for her newsletter at www.ChristiCaldwell.com.

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Praise for *Someone Wanton His Way Comes (Book One)*

"Caldwell provides enough secrets, scandals, and scheming to keep the lovers on their toes." —***Publishers Weekly***

"Humorous, tender, and altogether fun, Caldwell's latest will have wide appeal among romance readers." —***Library Journal (starred review)***

"With this first book in her new *Wantons of Waverton* series, Christi Caldwell expertly weaves a tapestry of humor, intrigue, friendship, family, and—of course—delicious romance. When Christi draws me into her romantic Regency world, I never want to leave! Sign me up for the Mismatch Society!" —***Tessa Dare, New York Times bestselling author***

"Sizzling passion, heartfelt romance, brimming with humor, *Someone Wanton His Way Comes* is a sexy, funny escape!" —***Eloisa James, New York Times bestselling author***

"Christi Caldwell's books are my newest must-read: wickedly sexy, deeply emotional, and compulsively readable." —***Alyssa Day, New York Times bestselling author***

"*Someone Wanton His Way Comes* is a dazzling rare gem that kept me enthralled." —***Janna MacGregor***

"*Someone Wanton His Way Comes* is as satisfying as a delicious slice of cake. I didn't just read this lush Regency romance; I gobbled it down and wanted more!" —***Karen Hawkins, New York Times bestselling author***

Maybe We Will (Book One)

Silver Harbor

MELISSA FOSTER

MAY 4, 2021

From Melissa Foster, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *She Loves Me*, comes a sexy and heart-warming novel about finding love—and family—where you least expect it.

When chef Abby de Messières returns to Silver Island with her sister to get their late mother's affairs in order, she expected to inherit her mother's bistro along with their childhood home, not to discover a half sister they never knew existed, and a handsome vacationer camped out on her mother's patio.

Workaholic Aiden Aldridge has been sent to Silver Island on a work-free vacation, armed with a "Let Loose list," and ordered to get a life by the much-younger sister he raised after the death of their parents. After years of focusing on his sister's well-being, he's blindsided by his intense attraction to the gorgeous, free-spirited Abby.

Aiden might not know much about chilling out, but he's excellent at striking deals. He helps Abby with the restaurant in exchange for her help in tackling the items on his list. Sparks fly as Aiden and Abby work, and play, side by side. Intimate conversations lead to steamy kisses and undeniable passion. But there's more to Aiden than Abby knows, and when the truth comes out, their new romance is put to the test, as the two find out if true love really can conquer all.

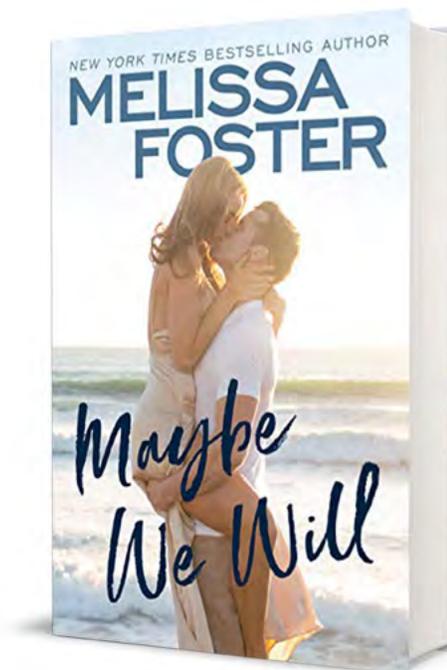
About Melissa Foster

Melissa Foster is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning author of nearly one hundred books, including the Sugar Lake series, The Steeles at Silver Island series, and the Harmony Pointe series. Her novels have been recommended by *USA Today's* book blog, *Hagerstown* magazine, the *Patriot*, and others. She has also painted and donated several murals to the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, DC.

She enjoys discussing her books with book clubs and reader groups, and she welcomes an invitation to your event. Visit Melissa on her website, www.MelissaFoster.com, or chat with her on Instagram @MelissaFoster_Author, Twitter @Melissa_Foster, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MelissaFosterAuthor.

Praise for *Maybe We Will (Book One)*

"The emotional, fast-paced story line, captivating hero and heroine, and stellar cast of supporting characters in the de Messières family make for a winning romance." —***Publishers Weekly***



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Read Between the Lines (Book One)

Ms. Right Series

RACHEL LACEY

DECEMBER 1, 2021

From award-winning author Rachel Lacey comes a playful romance about a Manhattan bookstore owner and a reclusive author who love to hate—and hate to love—each other.

Books are Rosie Taft's life. And ever since she took over her mother's beloved Manhattan bookstore, they've become her home too. The only thing missing is her own real-life romance like the ones she loves to read about, and Rosie has an idea of who she might like to sweep her off her feet. She's struck up a flirty online friendship with lesbian romance author Brie, and what could be more romantic than falling in love with her favorite author?

Jane Breslin works hard to keep her professional and personal lives neatly separated. By day, she works for the family property development business. By night, she puts her steamier side on paper under her pen name: Brie. Jane hasn't had much luck with her own love life, but her online connection with a loyal reader makes Jane wonder if she could be the one.

When Rosie learns that her bookstore's lease has been terminated by Jane's family's business, romance moves to the back burner. Even though they're at odds, there's no denying the sparks that fly every time they're together. When their online identities are revealed, will Jane be able to write her way to a happy ending, or is Rosie's heart a closed book?

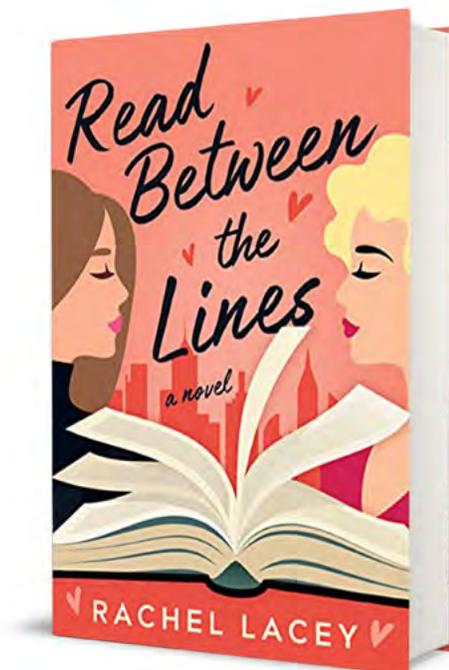
About Rachel Lacey

Rachel Lacey is an award-winning contemporary romance author and lover of travel. She's been climbed by a monkey on a mountain in Japan, gone scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef, and camped out overnight in New York City for a chance to be an extra in a movie. These days, the majority of her adventures take place on the pages of the books she writes. She lives in warm and sunny North Carolina with her family and a variety of rescue pets.

Rachel loves to keep in touch with her readers, who can subscribe to her e-newsletter for exclusive news and giveaways (<http://subscribepage.com/rachellaceyauthor>). Visit her at www.RachelLacey.com or on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/RachelLaceyAuthor, and don't forget to follow her on Twitter (@rachelslacey).

Praise for Rachel Lacey

"A slow-burn romance that will tug at your heartstrings." —**The Lesbian Book Blog**



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It Takes Heart (Book One)

Heart Resort

TIF MARCELO

AUGUST 10, 2021

From romance author Tif Marcelo comes a heartwarming story about taking a second chance on love at a family-owned couples resort.

Heart Resort, a private resort in the Outer Banks, is a romantic getaway for couples but a hotbed of family drama for its proprietors, the Puso family. Brandon Puso, the youngest of the four siblings, prefers life on his own as a licensed contractor in DC after a falling-out with his eldest brother.

After a hurricane plows through the Outer Banks, Brandon has a change of heart. He returns to the resort to help with the grand reopening but encounters his big sister's best friend, designer Geneva Harris, who's there to do the same thing. But Geneva and Brandon have a secret. Years ago, they had a secret romance that ended in heartbreak.

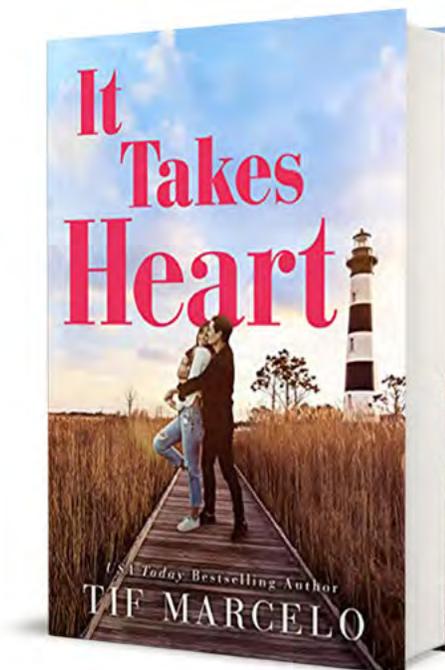
With the resort's future at stake, Brandon and Geneva decide to put the past aside and to keep peace with the family. But as their mutual attraction heats up, they have to decide if history will repeat itself—or if this time, love gets a second chance.

About Tif Marcelo

Tif Marcelo is a veteran US Army nurse who holds a BS in nursing and a master's in public administration. She believes in and writes about the strength of families, the endurance of friendship, and the beauty of heartfelt romance—and she's inspired daily by her own military hero husband and four children. She hosts the Stories to Love podcast, and she is also the *USA Today* bestselling author of *In a Book Club Far Away*, *Once Upon a Sunset*, *The Key to Happily Ever After*, and the Journey to the Heart series. Sign up for her newsletter at www.TifMarcelo.com.

Praise for *It Takes Heart (Book One)*

"Marcelo loads their darling romance with touching drama and sweet moments while seamlessly weaving in Filipino culture, language, and food, adding depth and authenticity to the plot. The endearing protagonists, dramatic sibling rivalry, and idyllic coastal setting make for a feel-good romance that readers won't want to miss." —***Publishers Weekly***



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Love, Comment, Subscribe (Book One)

Ponto Beach Reunion

CATHY YARDLEY

OCTOBER 1, 2021

From award-winning author Cathy Yardley comes *Love, Comment, Subscribe*, a fun, feisty romance about high school frenemies turned unlikely collaborators.

Back in high school, Lily Wang wanted to be popular, but she considered herself lucky to be part of a tight group of oddballs and honors students called the Nerd Herd. Now, at twenty-eight, she feels like she's finally on the cusp of succeeding as a beauty influencer—if she can hit five million subscribers, brands will take notice and she could get her own makeup line.

Fellow Nerd Herd alum Tobin Bui has had a lot of success as a YouTube gamer. But the road to online stardom has been rocky. First, he disappointed his parents by dropping out of college, and now, after years of pranks, skits, and playthroughs, he's struggling to come up with new content to satisfy his ever-growing fan base. His agents say he needs cross-audience appeal, a new twist.

When Nerd Herd frenemy Lily approaches Tobin about teaming up to do a video to bolster her brand and reinvigorate his, he agrees. But when their first collab video goes viral, their relationship heats up too. With the whole internet watching, will these two former misfits finally realize they're perfect together?

About Cathy Yardley

Cathy Yardley is an award-winning author of romance, chick lit, and urban fantasy. She has sold over 1.2 million books with publishers like St. Martin's Press, Avon, and Harlequin Books. She writes fun, geeky, and diverse characters who believe that underdogs can make good and that sometimes being a little wrong is just right. She likes writing about quirky adventures because she's had plenty of her own: she had her own army in the Society for Creative Anachronism; she's spent New Year's on a three-day solitary vision quest in the Mojave Desert; and she had VIP access to the Viper Room in Los Angeles. Now, she spends her time writing in the wilds of East Seattle, trying to prevent her son from learning the truth about any of said adventures and riding herd on her two dogs (and one husband).

Praise for *Love, Comment, Subscribe (Book One)*

"Yardley brings humor and humanity into the cutthroat world of online influencers, showing the realm's pleasures and pressures. Both protagonists are delightfully flawed, and Yardley seamlessly weaves their backstories and details of their Asian American heritage into the fast-paced narrative. This smart, sexy tale of fame and friendship is a charmer." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)



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Tahira in Bloom

FARAH HERON

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

A Young Adult coming-of-age romantic comedy that's *Schitt's Creek* meets Netflix's *The Big Flower Fight* starring a seventeen-year-old South Asian Muslim heroine.

Life is full of surprises in a winning novel about a girl dreaming big during one unexpected small-town summer.

When seventeen-year-old aspiring designer Tahira Janmohammad's coveted fashion internship falls through, her parents have a Plan B. Tahira will work in her aunt's boutique in the small town of Bakewell, the flower capital of Ontario. It's only for the summer, and she'll get the experience she needs for her college application. Plus her best friend is coming along. It won't be that bad.

But she just can't deal with Rowan Johnston, the rude, totally obsessive garden-nerd next door with frayed cutoffs and terrible shoes. Not to mention his sharp jawline, smoldering eyes, and soft lips. So irritating. Rowan is also just the plant-boy Tahira needs to help win the Bakewell flower-arranging contest—an event that carries clout in New York City, of all places. And with designers, of all people. Connections that she needs!

No one is more surprised than Tahira to learn that floral design is almost as great as fashion design. And Rowan? Turns out he's more than ironic shirts and soil under the fingernails. Tahira's about to find out what she's really made of—and made for. Because here in the middle of nowhere, Tahira is just beginning to bloom.

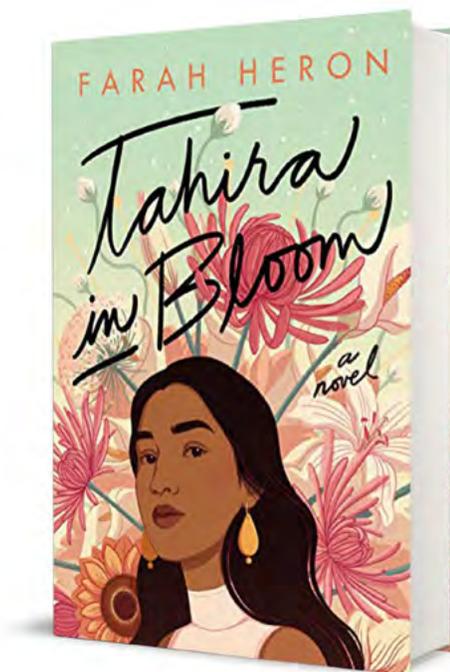
About Farah Heron

After a childhood filled with Bollywood, Monty Python, and Jane Austen, Farah Heron constantly wove uplifting happily ever afters in her head while pursuing careers in human resources and psychology. She started writing her stories down a few years ago and is thrilled to see her daydreams become books. The author of *Accidentally Engaged* and *The Chai Factor*, Farah writes romantic comedies for adults and teens full of huge South Asian families, delectable food, and most importantly, brown people falling stupidly in love.

Praise for *Tahira in Bloom*

"In *Tahira in Bloom*, Heron delivers all the necessary elements to an artfully designed rom-com: the perfect meet-cute, a delightful arrangement, and a rich connection to roots. A masterful debut!" —**Nisha Sharma, award-winning author of *My So-Called Bollywood Life***

"This heartwarming book tackles ambition and the toll it takes on family, friendship, romance, and identity." —**Roselle Lim, author of *Vanessa Yu's Magical Paris Tea Shop***



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Brown Boy Nowhere

SHEERYL LIM

AUGUST 1, 2021

A charming and hopeful Young Adult coming-of-age story with a romantic thread, for anyone who has ever felt like a fish out of water by a debut author.

Welcome to Nowhere, kid. Life starts here.

What's the problem? Sixteen-year-old Filipino American Angelo Rivera will tell you flat out. Life sucks. He's been uprooted from his San Diego home to a boring landlocked town in the middle of nowhere. Behind him, ocean waves, his girlfriend, and the biggest skateboarding competition on the California coast. Ahead, flipping burgers at his parents' new diner and, as the only Asian in his all-white school, being trolled as "brown boy" by small-minded, thick-necked jocks.

Resigned to being an outcast, Angelo isn't alone. Kirsten, a crushable ex-cheerleader and graffiti artist, and Larry, a self-proclaimed invisible band geek, recognize a fellow outsider. Soon enough, Angelo finds himself the leader of their group of misfits. They may be low on the high school food chain, but they're determined to hold their own.

Between shifts at the diner, dodging bullies, and wishing for home, Angelo discovers this might not be nowhere after all. Sharing it can turn it into somewhere in a heartbeat.

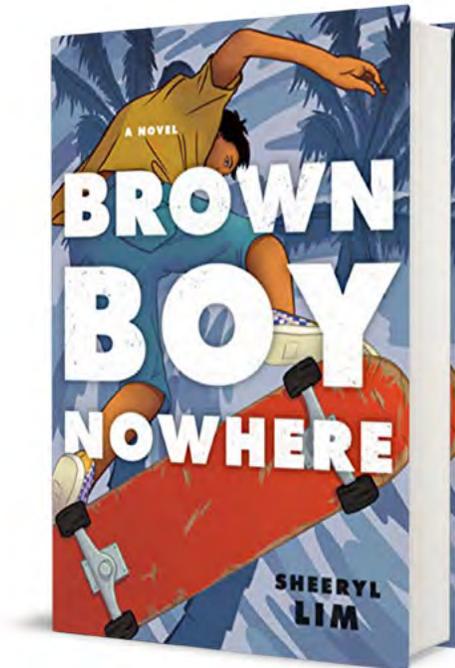
About Sheeryl Lim

Sheeryl Lim considers herself a bookworm since birth and boasts an unending TBR pile. If she isn't writing, she's eating popcorn or playing with her rescue dogs, Roscoe and Nollie. Originally from San Diego, California, the Filipino American author currently resides on the East Coast with her husband and fur babies. For more information, visit www.sheeryllim.com.

Praise for *Brown Boy Nowhere*

"Lim's straightforward narrative follows Angelo on his journey through friendship, love, and acclimating to a new home. For anyone who has felt unjustly uprooted, Angelo's story can provide comforting reassurance that one can re-create home and community wherever they are...A light read that celebrates inclusion." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"A cool read and a welcome addition to the growing collection of Filipino American young adult literature." —*Booklist*



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