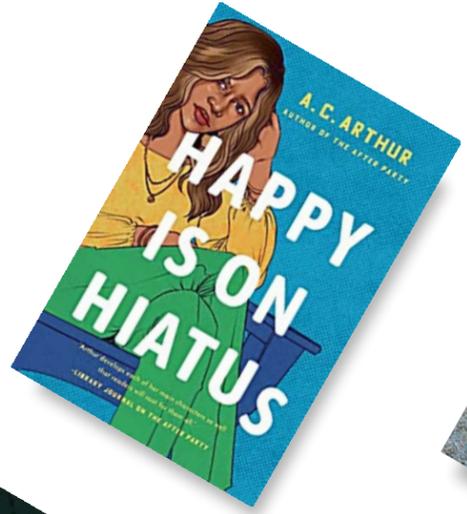
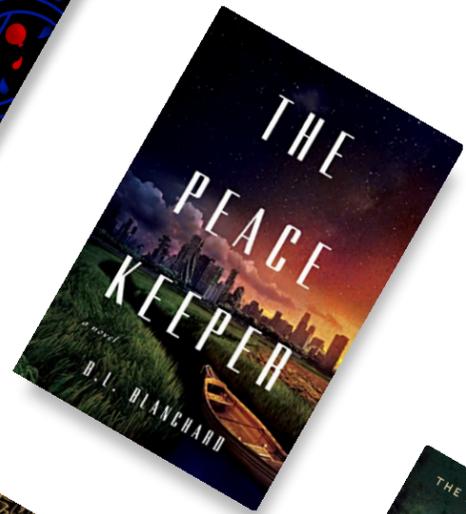


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Everything Must Go

CAMILLE PAGÁN

APRIL 26, 2022

A warm, wry novel about secrets, second chances, and the unbreakable bonds between mothers, daughters, and sisters by the #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of *Life and Other Near-Death Experiences*, whose work will be translated into over a dozen languages.

Laine Francis believes there's a place for everything—and New York, where her family lives, isn't her place. But no sooner does the professional organizer's marriage begin to unravel than her sisters drop another bomb on her: their mother, Sally, may have dementia, and they need Laine to come home.

Laine agrees to briefly return to Brooklyn. After all, bringing order to chaos is what she does best. To Laine's relief, Sally seems no more absentminded than usual. So Laine vows to help her mother maintain her independence, then hightail it back to Michigan.

Except Laine's plans go awry when she runs into her former best friend, Ben, and realizes she finally has a chance to repair their fractured relationship. Then she discovers that memory loss isn't the only thing Sally's been hiding, forcing Laine to decide whether to reveal a devastating truth to her sisters—and whether to follow her heart when it means breaking her mother's.

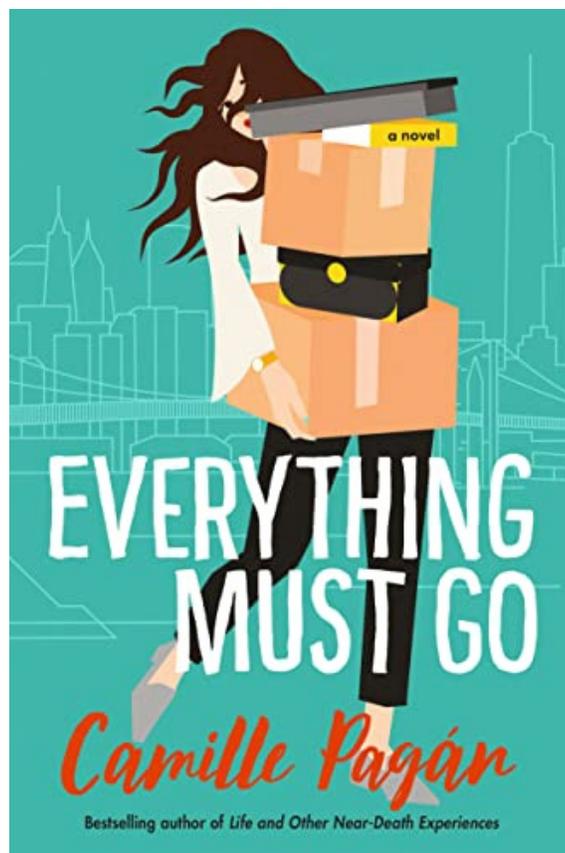
About the Author

Camille Pagán is the #1 Amazon Charts and *Washington Post* bestselling author of eight novels, including *Don't Make Me Turn This Life Around*, *This Won't End Well*, *I'm Fine and Neither Are You*, *Woman Last Seen in Her Thirties*, and *Life and Other Near-Death Experiences*, which has been optioned for film. Her work has also been published in the *New York Times*; *O, The Oprah Magazine*; *Real Simple*; *Time*; and many others. When Camille's not crafting her next story about love, relationships, and making the most of this wonderfully messy life, you'll usually find her with her family, talking shop with other writers, or at the beach—with a book in hand, of course. To learn more about her work, visit www.camillepagan.com.

Praise for Camille Pagán

"The Amazon charts bestselling author Camille Pagán writes with depth and soul about what makes a family whole." —*Good Morning America*

"A powerful story of family and hope—have tissues at the ready!"
—*Woman's World*



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All Languages

The Last Goddess

KATEŘINA TUČKOVÁ

TRANSLATED BY ANDREW OAKLAND

MAY 1, 2022

A woman delves into science and superstition, fear and persecution, and the hope and courage of belief in an award-winning and internationally bestselling novel by Kateřina Tučková.

Last in a centuries-old lineage of healing women, Dora Idesová was raised by her aunt Surmena in the White Carpathians. Resistant to superstition, Dora grew up hearing stories of the “goddesses” who were said to conjure love and curses and, through divine connection, cure the spirit and the body. Now an academic, Dora is researching the tales that for generations spellbound the hillside where she grew up. As the mysteries become truths, they reveal a stunning discovery that reaches back from the witch trials of the seventeenth century through Nazi-occupied Germany. Embarking on an emotional journey, Dora is about to find out how deeply and fatefully she is entwined with secret tradition.

Beautifully weaving together fact, folklore, and fiction, Kateřina Tučková draws on the stories of her ancestors to explore the extraordinary history of goddesses who walked the earth.

About the Author

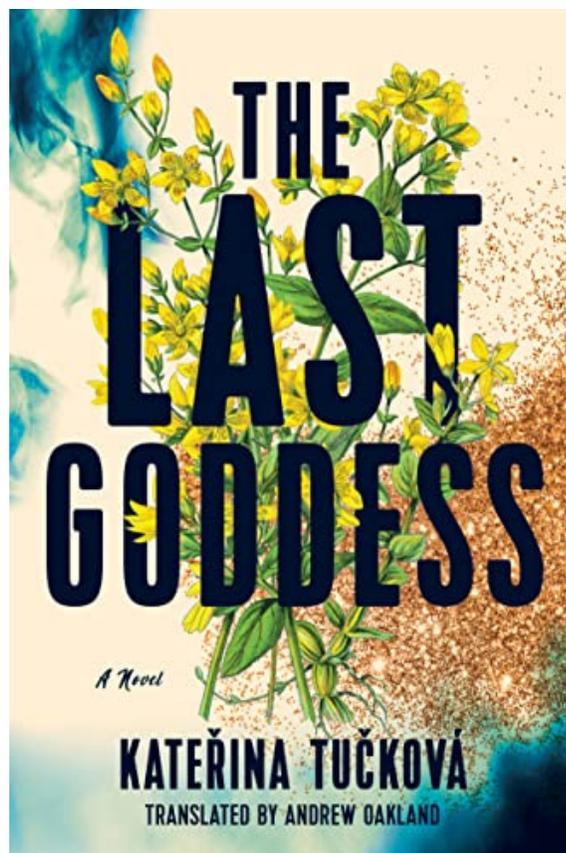
Kateřina Tučková is a Czech playwright, publicist, biographer, art historian, exhibition curator, and bestselling author of *The Last Goddess* and *Gerta*. She has won several literary awards, including the Magnesia Litera Award (for both *Gerta* and *The Last Goddess*), the Brno City Prize for literature, the Josef Škvorecký Award, and the Czech Bestseller Award. Kateřina is also the recipient of the Freedom, Democracy, and Human Rights Award from the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, and of the Premio Salerno Libro d'Europa at the book fair in Salerno, Italy. Between 2015 and 2018, she was a founder and first president of the Meeting Brno festival, focusing on international and intercultural dialogue. Kateřina currently lives in Prague and Brno, Czech Republic. Her books have been translated into nineteen languages, and her latest novel in Czech is *Bílá Voda*. For more information, visit www.katerina-tuckova.cz/en/.

Andrew Oakland lives in Brno, Czech Republic, and translates from both Czech and German. His recent translations include Michal Ajvaz's *The Golden Age* and *Empty Streets*, Radka Denemarková's *Money from Hitler*, and Martin Reiner's *No Through Road*.

Praise for *Kateřina Tučková*

“The story is an unvarnished chronicle of a young woman doing what she must to protect herself and her daughter.” —Historical Novel Society

“*Gerta's* main strength is its lyrical language, translated exquisitely from the original Czech into English by Véronique Firkusny. The nimble text elevates the narrative and evokes deep emotions, while succinct descriptions capture *Gerta's*—and her country's—pitiable condition.” —Washington Independent Review of Books



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This Place of Wonder

BARBARA O'NEAL

JULY 19, 2022

In the wake of a personal tragedy four women face the past, their futures, and each other in a novel of broken ties and healing by the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *When We Believed in Mermaids*.

When famed chef Augustus Beauvais dies, he leaves behind a celebrated reputation—and four women grappling with loss, anger, pain, but also the question of how the world will turn without him ...

Meadow is his ex-wife of twenty years who built an empire—and a family—with the man who still holds a place in her heart, even as she still struggles with his infidelities. More unforgiving is Maya, his estranged daughter recently out of rehab, but finally ready to reclaim her life. Nora, his latest girlfriend, sidelined her own career for unexpected love and a life of luxury, now gone with Augustus. And Rory, Meadow's daughter, the voice of calm and reason in a chorus of discontent.

As Meadow, Maya, Nora, and Rory are flung together by tragedy, grief, and secrets yet disclosed, they must accept—or turn away from—the legacy of great intentions and bad decisions Augustus left them. And when the circumstances around his death are called into question, their conflicted feelings only become more complicated. But moving forward is the only choice they have, and to do so, they'll need to rely on family, friendship, and inner strength.

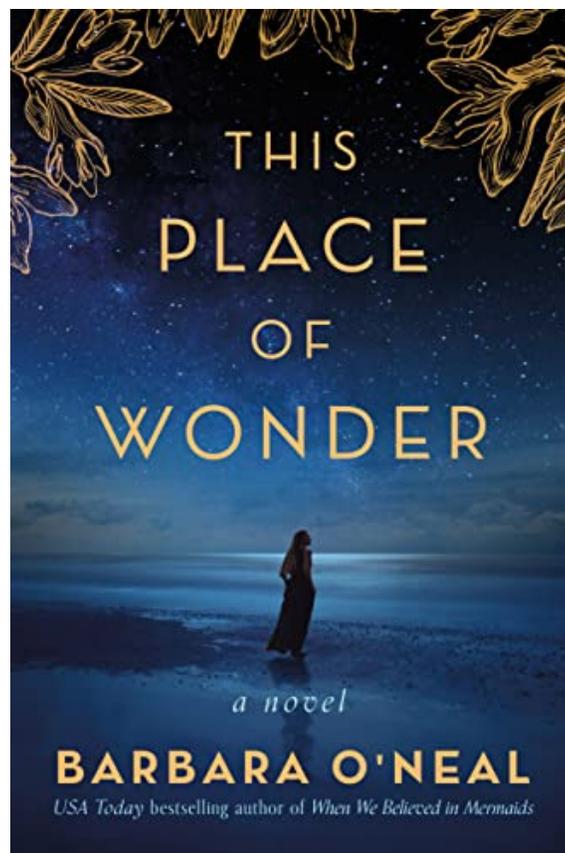
Set against the stunning, rugged California coastline, *This Place of Wonder* is an emotional, lush, and empowering story of four women finding their way in a changed world—and what a wondrous journey it will be.

About the Author

Barbara O'Neal is the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and Amazon Charts bestselling author of more than a dozen novels of women's fiction, including *Write My Name Across the Sky*, *The Lost Girls of Devon*, *When We Believed in Mermaids*, *The Art of Inheriting Secrets*, and *How to Bake a Perfect Life*. Her award-winning books have been published in nearly two dozen countries. She lives in the beautiful city of Colorado Springs with her husband, a British endurance athlete who vows he'll never lose his accent. To learn more about Barbara and her works, visit her online at www.barbaraoneal.com.

Praise for Barbara O'Neal

"Barbara O'Neal weaves an irresistible tale of creativity, forgery, family, and the FBI in *Write My Name Across the Sky*. Willow and Sam are fascinating, and their aunt Gloria is my dream of an incorrigible, glamorous older woman." —Nancy Thayer, bestselling author of *Family Reunion*



IMPRINT Lake Union Publishing

GENRE Family Drama

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The Candid Life of Meena Dave

NAMRATA PATEL

JUNE 1, 2022

A woman embarks on an unexpected journey into her past in an engrossing novel about identity, family secrets, and rediscovering the need to belong.

Meena Dave is a photojournalist and a nomad. She has no family, no permanent address, and no long-term attachments, preferring to observe the world at a distance through the lens of her camera. But Meena's solitary life is turned upside down when she unexpectedly inherits an apartment in a Victorian brownstone in historic Back Bay, Boston.

Though Meena's impulse is to sell it and keep moving, she decides to use her journalistic instinct to follow the story that landed her in the home of a stranger. It's a mystery that comes with a series of hidden clues, a trio of meddling Indian aunts, and a handsome next-door neighbor. For Meena it's a chance for newfound friendships, community, and culture she never thought possible. And a window into her past she never expected.

Now as everything unknown to Meena comes into focus, she must reconcile who she wants to be with who she really is.

About the Author

Namrata Patel is an Indian American writer who resides in Boston. Her writing examines diaspora and dual-cultural identity among Indian Americans and explores this dynamic while also touching on the families we're born with and those we choose. Namrata has lived in India, New Jersey, Spokane, London, and New York City and has been writing most of her adult life. For more information visit www.nampatel.com.



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All Languages

The Second Time We Met

FRANCES MENSAH WILLIAMS

AUGUST 1, 2022

A second chance at love, or a second chance at heartbreak?

After having her heart broken, hapless events manager Cara Nightingale has vowed to avoid relationships. That is, until she very literally bumps into handsome and kind Henry Fitzherbert for the second time.

But falling in love is just the easy part.

As class and cultures clash, reality bursts Cara and Henry's perfect love bubble. How is Cara's blended English, African, and Caribbean family – who create more drama than a reality show – ever meant to fit into Henry's world of croquet, country manors and aristocrats. And when old flames return with new trouble, Cara and Henry's romance seems truly doomed. Can they overcome their differences to find happy ever after?

About the Author

Frances Mensah Williams was born in Ghana, spent her early years in the USA and Austria, and grew up in the UK. After graduating from the University of Reading, she pursued a career in Human Resources Management, Training and Consultancy which spanned the UK and Africa. She is the Chief Executive of Interims for Development Ltd. and the Managing Editor of ReConnectAfrica.com, a careers and business website and online publication for African professionals in the Diaspora.

Frances Mensah Williams is the author of the novel *From Pasta to Pigfoot* and the nonfiction titles *Everyday Heroes – Learning from the Careers of Successful Black Professionals* and *I Want to Work in Africa: How to Move Your Career to the World's Most Exciting Continent*. She is the recipient of several awards and, in 2011, was nominated as one of the Top 20 Inspirational Females from the African Diaspora in Europe.

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The Deep Faith (Das tiefe Vertrauen)

Benhaim Estate Series Book 3

MARGIT STEINBORN

MAY 31, 2022

A touching, historical family saga full of romance and adventure, *The Deep Faith* is the third book in the #1 Kindle bestselling Benhaim Estate series, continuing the story of protagonists Klara and Rainer.

The past casts long shadows. But their love is stronger.

Lower Franconia, 1933. While Rainer and Klara observe their children beginning to forge their own paths, dark clouds appear on the horizon with the rise of the National Socialists. Their family is soon caught up in the whirlpool of events. Does Tobias have to go to another war, and is his sensitive brother Wieland's carefree childhood over? Does the budding love between Amelie and the Jewish pianist Samuel have a chance? Klara and Rainer's marriage is put to the test when the truth about a well-kept secret surges to light.

About the Author

Margit Steinborn was born in 1964 and grew up in a small, idyllic town in Bavaria. Since completing her foreign language studies, she has been working as a translator and lives with her family near Frankfurt am Main. In her free time, the author is enthusiastic about music, history, painting and literature. After the bestsellers *A New Heaven* and *A New Horizon*, she wrote the prelude to a moving family saga with *The Most Beautiful Dream*.



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All Languages

At the Quiet Edge

VICTORIA HELEN STONE

MAY 1, 2022

A young mother has done everything possible to put the past behind her, but it might not be enough in a gripping novel of suspense by the Amazon Charts bestselling author of the Jane Doe novels, whose work will be translated into 10 languages.

Abandoned by her fugitive ex-husband, Lily Brown is rebuilding her life on the edge of a Kansas town that still feels the sting of his crimes. Lily lies low, managing the isolated storage facility where she lives with her twelve-year-old son, Everett, and planning a better future for them both. That requires keeping secrets. Everett has them too.

After breaking into a storage unit, Everett finds photographs and news clippings of five girls missing for decades. For Everett, it's an adventure and a tempting mystery to solve. But digging further into a stranger's obsession is putting Everett and his mother in the crosshairs of a killer.

Then Lily's ex resurfaces from the shadows. Just as suddenly, an attentive new man enters Lily's life. And a suspicious detective, responding to reports of a prowler, watches every move Lily makes. It's getting harder for Lily to know who to trust—or whose secrets pose the most frightening threat of all.

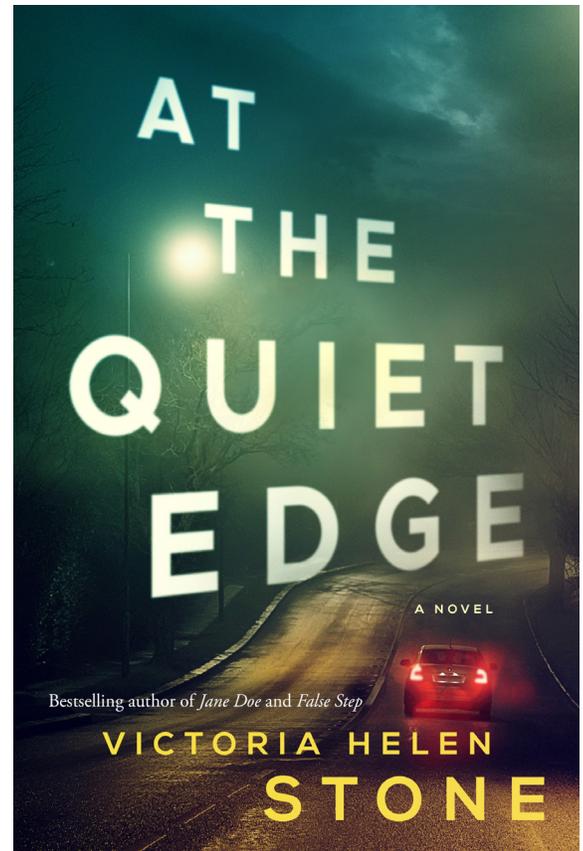
About the Author

Victoria Helen Stone is the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *Jane Doe* and *Problem Child* in the Jane Doe series; *The Last One Home*; *Half Past*; *False Step*; and *Evelyn, After*. Winner of the American Library Association's prestigious Reading List award for outstanding genre fiction, she also published twenty-nine books as *USA Today* bestselling author Victoria Dahl. Victoria writes in her home office high in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah, where she enjoys summer trail hikes almost as much as she enjoys staying inside during the winter. She is also passionate about dessert, true crime, and her terror of mosquitoes. For more information, visit www.victoriahelenstone.com.

Praise for Victoria Helen Stone

"Stone gradually reveals her multifaceted characters' secrets as the intricate, fast-paced plot builds to a surprising conclusion. Fans of dark, twisted tales of dysfunctional families will be satisfied." —*Publishers Weekly*

"*The Last One Home* is elegant and chilling, an indelible novel of family secrets. I couldn't put it down until I learned the truth about these finely-drawn characters—the ending left me absolutely shocked and amazed, and I can't stop thinking about it." —Luanne Rice, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Shadow Box*



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GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
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All Languages

I Am Able to Shine

KOREY WATARI,
MIKE WU (ILLUSTRATOR)

MAY 1, 2022

An affirmative, empowering story about embracing your identity and finding your voice, inspired in part by debut author Korey Watari's experiences growing up Asian American, and illustrated by her husband, Mike Wu, Pixar artist and creator of the Ellie series.

I am beautiful.

I belong here.

What I do matters.

I am able to shine.

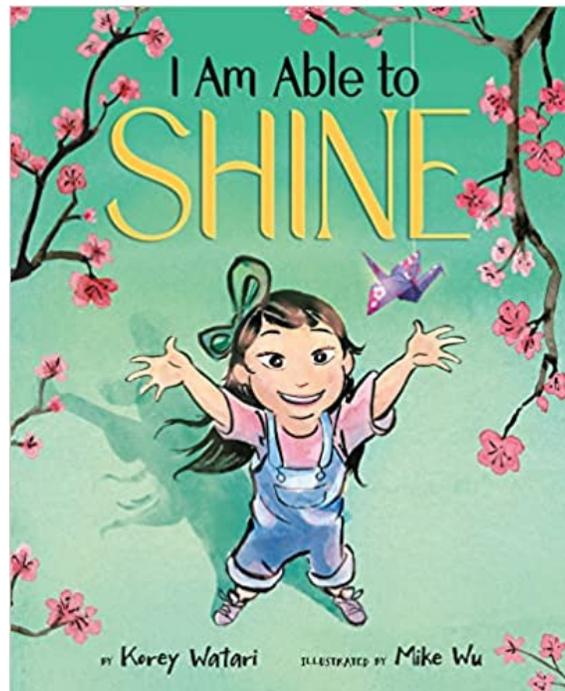
Each night Keiko whispers to her crane, "I wish to change the world." She is kind, and she has big dreams. But at times she feels invisible; she knows some people misjudge her. Keiko is also loved, so she perseveres and stands strong. Over time, her confidence grows, she shares more of herself, and she helps lift up others—and eventually lead them. She understands that no matter what, she can shine.

About the Author and Illustrator

Husband-and-wife team Korey Watari and Mike Wu live in the San Francisco Bay area in California with their two lively daughters. This is their first picture book together.

Korey is a sansei, or third-generation Japanese American, born and raised in Los Angeles. She played basketball for a Japanese American league, graduated from the University of California, Riverside, and studied at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. Korey has worked in the animation and fashion industries for companies such as Disney and the Gap. This is her first picture book. Learn more at www.koreywatari.com or on Twitter at @tinyteru.

Mike is the author and illustrator of the acclaimed, bestselling Ellie series, the first picture book of which was named one of NPR's best books of the year. He is also a Pixar artist and has worked on films including *The Incredibles*, *Ratatouille*, *Up*, *Toy Story 3*, *Coco*, and *Soul*. His illustrations have been hailed as "reminiscent of classics like *Harry the Dirty Dog* and *Curious George*." Visit him at www.theartofmikewu.com or on Instagram at @wudog23.



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GENRE	Picture Book
PAGE COUNT	40

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Pink Is Not a Color

LINDSAY WARD

JUNE 1, 2022

From the bestselling author of the Dexter T. Rexter series comes *Pink Is Not a Color*, a book set in the world of colors that tells the story of Pink, who finds happiness right where she always knew it was. A colorful companion to the popular picture book and Goodreads Choice finalist, *This Book Is Gray*.

Pink loves her rosy world, from her pink toy dinosaur to her pet flamingo, Phil. But when she sees the Primaries and Secondaries getting ready for the Rainbow Extravaganza, she begins to wonder why she isn't in the rainbow ... and if that means she's not really a color. Then she meets the Tints, and she's even more confused. Luckily, a friend shows her the many ways she spreads joy—reminding Pink that she is truly one-of-a-kind, rainbow or not. Featuring the world of colors introduced in *This Book Is Gray*—and a few new color concepts—this is a tale about appreciating who you are and realizing that only you can decide what makes you happy.

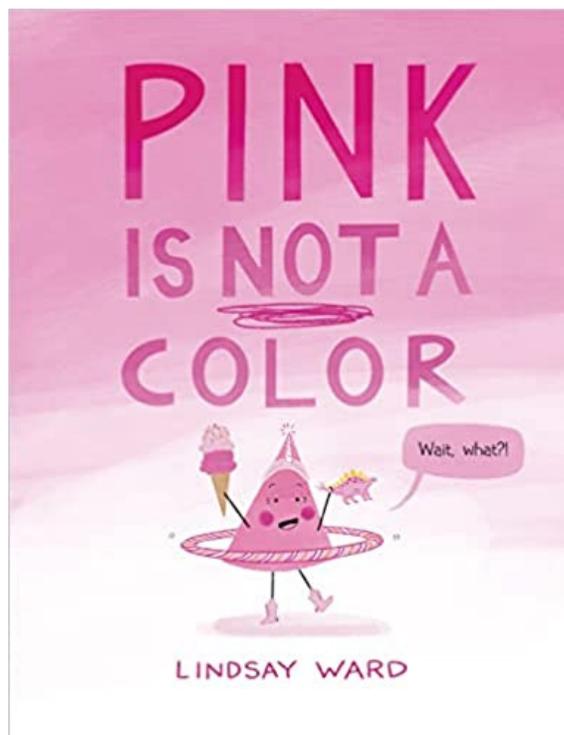
About the Author

Lindsay Ward is the creator of the Dexter T. Rexter series, as well as *Between the Lines*, *Scooper and Dumper*, *Rosie: Stronger Than Steel*, *This Book Is Gray*, *Brobarians*, *Helping Hospital*, *Rosco vs. the Baby*; and *The Importance of Being 3*. Her book *Please Bring Balloons* was also made into a play. Lindsay lives in Peninsula, Ohio with her husband, three boys, one dog, and eight ducks. When she's not drawing, Lindsay loves to bake. Pink frosted cupcakes are her favorite. Learn more about her at www.lindsaymward.com.

Praise for *Lindsay Ward*

"This book is a fun introduction to color theory that may inspire children to use more gray in their artwork and remind them to include friends who are left out." —*Booklist*

"A colorful primer on relationships and how to complement one another." —*School Library Journal*



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Thursday

ANN BONWILL

KAYLA HARREN (ILLUSTRATOR)

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A beautiful, sensitive picture book about a young girl surviving her parents' divorce with the help of her stuffed unicorn friend.

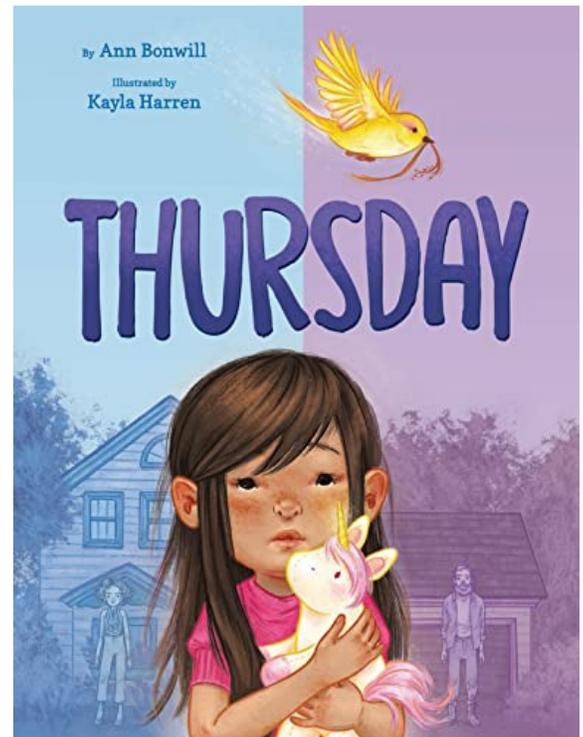
A true friend can help us through anything ...

When a little girl learns about her parents' divorce on a Thursday, it ruins her favorite day of the week. But her stuffed-unicorn friend steps in to help, taking her on adventures to cheer her up and staying by her side to comfort her when feelings are hard. Then, slowly, the little girl and her unicorn friend awaken to the natural world that surrounds them as life continues to shift and change...until the day that Thursday can become just Thursday again. Told with great sensitivity and beauty, this is a book of healing and hope for children experiencing divorce and a testament to the power of friendship in helping us to overcome life's biggest obstacles.

About the Author and Illustrator

Ann Bonwill grew up in Maryland surrounded by books. Before becoming an author, Ann worked as a clinical social worker, a Montessori teacher, and an autism therapist. She is now the author of multiple picture books and nonfiction books for children, including *When Mermaids Sleep*, illustrated by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher, and *I Am Not a Copycat!*, illustrated by Simon Rickerty. Ann has lived in many places, from Albuquerque, New Mexico; to Frankfurt, Germany. She currently lives in Virginia with her family. Learn more about the author at www.annbonwill.com.

Kayla Harren is a graduate of the School of Visual Arts in New York City with a BFA in illustration. She's an award-winning illustrator of multiple picture books, including *A Boy Like You*, written by Frank Murphy, and *The Boy Who Grew a Forest*, written by Sophia Gholz, among other titles. Her work has been featured in the Society of Illustrators, *American Illustration*, *Communication Arts*, and *3x3 Magazine*, and she won the *Highlights for Children* Pewter Plate Award. She lives in Minnesota with her family. Learn more about the illustrator at www.kaylaharren.com.



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Kismet

AMINA AKHTAR

JULY 1, 2022

By the author of #FashionVictim and for readers of *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia and *My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite comes this darkly humorous thriller about wellness gurus in the Arizona desert, who are being murdered in gruesomely creative ways.

Marley isn't just a visionary; she's a revelation. Her enthusiasm for achieving her best self is like a fever dream. Seduced by Marley's blinding ambition, Ronnie makes for the desert mountains of Sedona, Arizona.

Sedona isn't just a place, of course. It's a lifestyle: healing yoga, transcendent hikes, epic smoothies. Ronnie consumes her new bougie existence like a fine wine—but is it, really? Or is this whole wellness business a little sour?

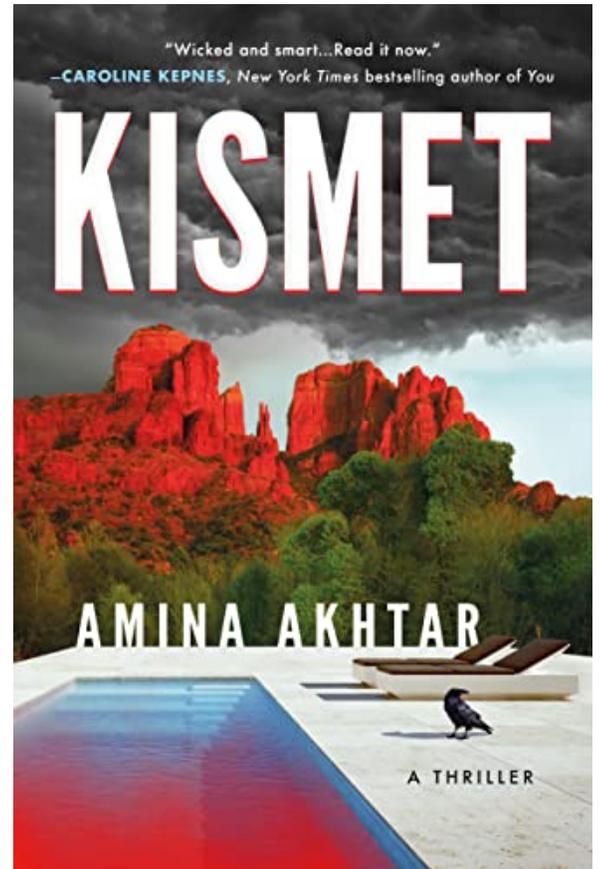
When the glam gurus around town start turning up gruesomely murdered, Ronnie has her answer: all is not well in wellness town. Even a decent juice cleanse can't make things right again. As Marley's obsession veers into madness, Ronnie starts to fear for her life. The writing is on the yoga pants: Sedona's secrets are coming home to roost.

About the Author

Amina Akhtar is a former fashion writer and editor. Her satirical first novel, #FashionVictim, drew rave reviews and acclaim, and was covered in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Fashionista*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *BookRiot*, *Crime Reads* and more. Amina's new book, *Kismet*, takes on the world of wellness, and all the crystals that go with it. This novel is set in Sedona, Arizona, where nature is just as much a character as anyone else. Amina's worked at *Vogue*, *Elle.com*, *Style.com*, *NYTimes.com*, and *NYMag.com* where she was the founding editor of The Cut blog. She's written for numerous publications, including *Yahoo Style*, *Fashionista*, *xoJane*, *Refinery29*, *Billboard*, and more. She currently lives not too far from the Sedona vortexes. *Kismet* is her second novel.

Praise for *Kismet*

"One of the most original, chilling, and startlingly honest thrillers I've ever read, Amina Akhtar plunges readers into an altogether fresh flavor of hell in *Kismet*. Balancing nail-biting terror with razor-sharp wit, Akhtar interrogates the feral side of the human heart with a rare fearlessness that is certain to make *Kismet* one of the year's hottest titles and an absolute must-read. Period." — P.J. Vernon, author of *Bath Haus*



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The Secret Witness

Shepard & Gray Series Book 1

VICTOR METHOS

JULY 1, 2022

A gripping new legal thriller by the Harper Lee Prize–winning author Victor Methos, whose work will be translated into nine languages.

From the bestselling author of *A Killer's Wife* comes the thrilling first installment in the *Shepard & Gray* series, featuring a young sheriff who teams up with a former prosecutor to stop a copycat killer.

This is the Reaper speaking.

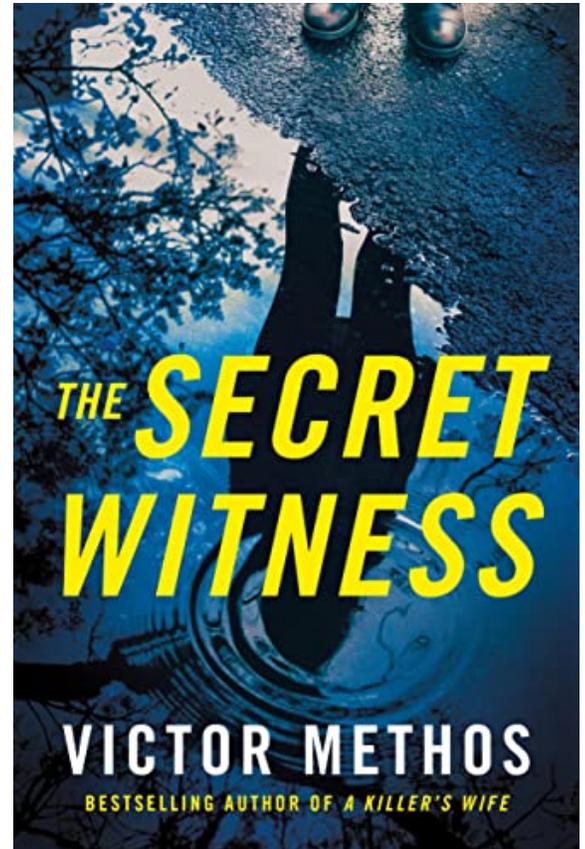
So begins an anonymous letter published in a Utah newspaper after a young couple is viciously murdered. Salt Lake County sheriff Elizabeth Gray leads the investigation into the double homicide, which is eerily reminiscent of a string of brutal killings years ago. When the letter leads detectives to yet another body, Gray calls on an old friend for help.

Former prosecutor Solomon Shepard is still struggling to recover from the deadly courtroom attack that ended his career. He's been keeping a safe distance from the action, teaching criminology seminars about serial murders and psychopathology—until Gray asks for his help on the Reaper case.

As the body count mounts, Shepard and Gray race to unravel the deranged design of a copycat killer—and find themselves in a face-off with an enemy they never saw coming.

About the Author

At the age of thirteen, when his best friend was interrogated by the police for over eight hours and confessed to a crime he didn't commit, Victor Methos knew he would one day become a lawyer. After graduating from law school at the University of Utah, Methos sharpened his teeth as a prosecutor for Salt Lake City before founding what would become the most successful criminal defense firm in Utah. In ten years, Methos conducted more than one hundred trials. One particular case stuck with him, and it eventually became the basis for his first major bestseller, *The Neon Lawyer*. Since that time, Methos has focused his work on legal thrillers and mysteries, winning the Harper Lee Prize for *The Hallows* and an Edgar nomination for Best Novel for his title *A Gambler's Jury*. He currently splits his time between southern Utah and Las Vegas.



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Rotten to the Core

A Lady Hardcastle Mystery Book 8

T E KINSEY

JUNE 7, 2022

The latest installment in the witty and charming historical mystery series that has reached over one million readers and stars Lady Hardcastle and Florence Armstrong: mistress and lady's maid, friends, confidantes, and amateur spies.

Summer 1911. A scorching heatwave engulfs the quiet town of Littleton Cotterell and brings about an unusually early harvest. The villagers are thrilled, but events quickly turn sour when one of them turns up dead in an apple orchard, stabbed through the heart.

Amateur sleuth Lady Hardcastle and her trusted lady's maid, Flo, suddenly have a juicy case on their hands. Might the mysterious stranger they recent-ly met in the village be to blame?

When a second cider-related murder takes place, it quickly becomes clear that there's more to these mysterious deaths than meets the eye. The daring duo uncover whispers of an ancient order and moonlit rituals. And evidence points to a macabre secret in the village stretching back years. A secret someone will do anything—anything at all—to keep hidden.

Something is rotten, that's for sure. With the local constabulary baffled, Lady Hardcastle and Flo must use all their powers of wit and whimsy to get to the bottom of the dastardly deed. But can they catch the killer before any more people drop dead?

About the Author

T E Kinsey grew up in London and read history at Bristol University. He worked for a number of years as a magazine features writer before falling into the glamorous world of the Internet, where he edited content for a very famous entertainment website for quite a few years more. After helping to raise three children, learning to scuba dive and to play the drums and mandolin (though never, disappointingly, all at the same time), he decided the time was right to get back to writing. *The Fatal Flying Affair* is the seventh story in the Lady Hardcastle Mystery series. His website is at tekinsey.uk and you can follow him on Twitter @tekinsey as well as on Facebook: www.facebook.com/tekinsey.



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The Falcon

Nina Guerrero Series Book 3

ISABELLA MALDONADO

JUNE 28, 2022

The third installment in the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling series that will be translated into 18 languages. Netflix has optioned book one, *The Cipher*, with Jennifer Lopez attached to produce and star in a film adaptation.

A serial killer's mind games are just beginning. FBI agent Nina Guerrero has no time left for games.

Special Agent Nina Guerrero and her FBI team are tasked with investigating the disappearance of six female undergrads at an elite university. The media descend like vultures. The families demand action. And Nina is following clue by chilling clue. Only to realize she's tracking the most cunning predator of her career: a cruel, calculating, and strategic master of mind control.

The case soon takes a turn for the worst, and the bizarre, when several victims are found perfectly preserved in an underground chamber of an abandoned mine. No signs of violence, no hint of how they died.

With her mission compromised, Nina must face her greatest failure—and greatest fear—to stop a deadly hunter before he claims another prize.

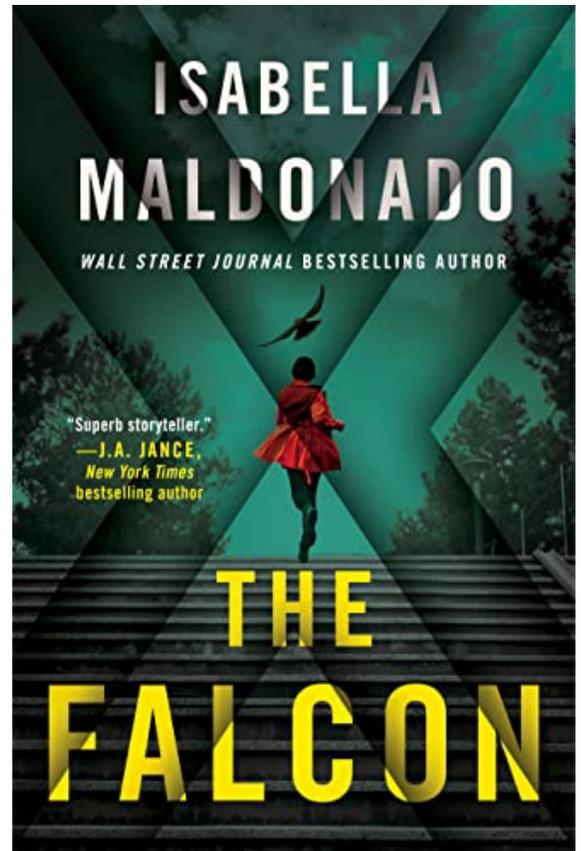
About the Author

Award-winning author Isabella Maldonado wore a gun and badge in real life before turning to crime writing. A graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico and the first Latina to attain the rank of captain in the Fairfax County Police Department just outside DC, she retired as the Commander of Special Investigations and Forensics. During more than two decades on the force, her assignments included hostage negotiator, department spokesperson, and precinct commander. She uses her law enforcement background to bring a realistic edge to her writing, which includes the Detective Cruz series and the Nina Guerrero series. For more information, visit www.isabellamaldonado.com.

Praise for Isabella Maldonado

"[In] this riveting series launch from Maldonado...the frequent plot twists will keep readers guessing to the end, and Maldonado draws on her 22 years in law enforcement to add realism. Determined to overcome her painful past, the admirable Nina has enough depth to sustain a long-running series." —*Publishers Weekly*

"*The Cipher* by Isabella Maldonado is a nail-biting race against time."
—POPSUGAR



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GENRE	Police Procedural
PAGE COUNT	336

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Or Else

JOE HART

APRIL 1, 2022

A secret love becomes a fatal affair in a twisting novel of suspense by *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Joe Hart.

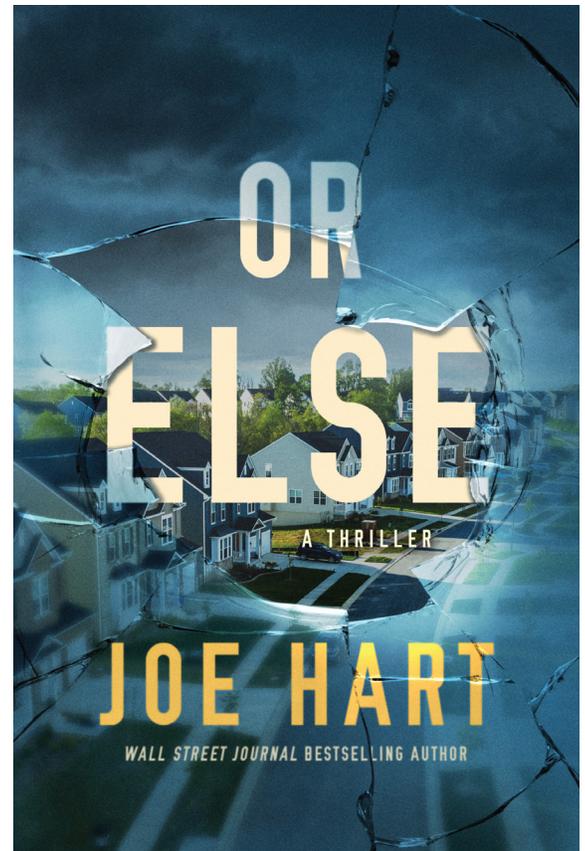
When novelist Andy Drake returns to his hometown to care for his ailing father, a reconnection with his childhood friend Rachel escalates into a secret love affair. For Rachel, struggling to maintain the facade of a picture-perfect life, it's an escape from an emotionally abusive marriage. Then Andy receives an anonymous note warning him to end the affair. *Or else.*

Whoever's been watching is going to make Andy pay. Weeks later, Rachel's husband, David, is shot to death. Rachel and her two young sons vanish without a trace. One misstep, one careless reveal, and Andy could look as guilty as sin. Clue by clue, as his investigation into the mystery unfolds, Andy discovers that he and Rachel weren't the only ones keeping secrets.

Nothing in this quiet neighborhood is as it seems. No one peeking from behind the curtains of their homes can be trusted. And the worst is yet to come. Because David isn't the only one who will die.

About the Author

Joe Hart is the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of fourteen novels, including *The River Is Dark*, *Obscura*, *The Last Girl*, and *We Sang in the Dark*. When not writing, he enjoys reading, exercising, exploring the great outdoors, and watching movies with his family. For more information on his upcoming novels and access to his blog, visit www.joehartbooks.com.



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GENRE	Psychological Thriller
PAGE COUNT	252

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The Goddess Effect

SHEILA YASMIN MARIKAR

OCTOBER 4, 2022

All she wants is to be her best self. Is she ready? Absolutely. Does she know what to expect? Absolutely not.

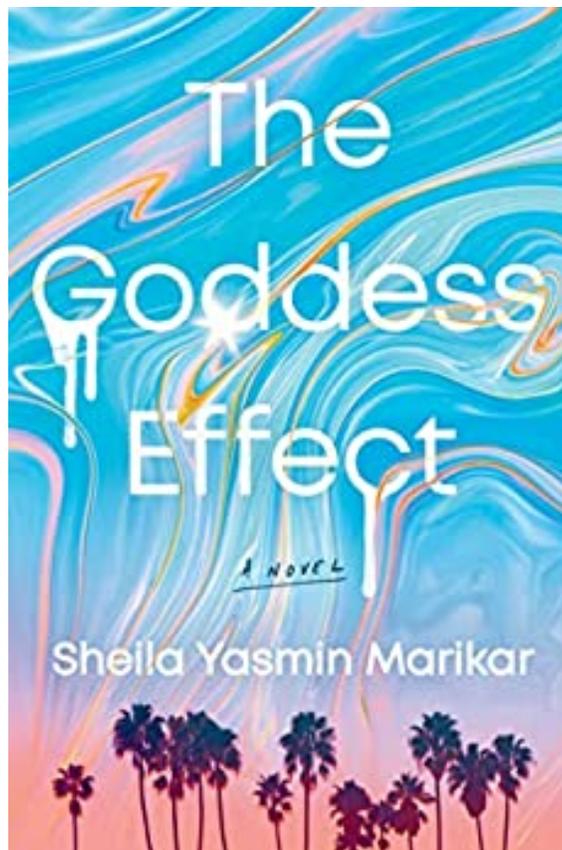
Anita is over her life in New York: her dead-end job, tiny studio apartment, self-obsessed friends, and overbearing mom. So she moves west to Los Angeles in search of a new career, enlightenment, and that nebulous target...wellness.

She discovers an elite workout class called the Goddess Effect, run by a lifestyle guru named Venus who's the very definition of #goals. One look at her Lululemon-clad acolytes sweating out their demons while dripping with confidence and Anita's all in. When one of the class regulars takes Anita under her wing, Anita's sure she's found her people.

But Anita's not so smitten that she doesn't wonder about a few things: an inexplicable invitation to a Goddess Effect retreat, a strange tradition of secret sharing, and whispers about "enhancements" that only Venus can provide. Anita is awakening to a terrifying epiphany: the Goddess Effect isn't quite what it seems, and it may turn her world—and that of everyone around her—upside down.

About the Author

Sheila Yasmin Marikar is a writer based in Los Angeles. Her work has been published in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, the *Economist*, *Fortune*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Vogue*, and many other publications. Her *New York Times Magazine* profile of the chef Gaggan Anand was selected for the 2021 edition of *Best American Food Writing*. Sheila began her career at ABC News. Originally from New Jersey, she is a graduate of Cornell University, where she studied history. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband. For more information visit www.sheilamarikar.com. Follow her on social media @sheilaym.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Literary Fiction
PAGE COUNT	300

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All Languages

Such a Beautiful Thing to Behold

UMAR TURAKI

MAY 1, 2022

An inexplicable sickness. A small town cut off from the world. An unexpected community of survivors forges a family out of the despair, struggling against things known and unknown for survival and hope. This thought-provoking, literary debut is perfect for fans of *Station Eleven* and *The Book of the Unnamed Midwife*.

A mysterious plague known as the Grey grips the small village of Pilam, which the world has quarantined without pity. Laying waste to Pilam's residents, the sickness saps its victims of strength, drains the color from their eyes, and kills all promise. Only the young are immune. But beyond the barricades and walls of soldiers—the manifestation of a nation's terror—there are rumors of a cure. Dunka, the eldest son of a family reeling from the Grey, takes on the daunting task of leaving Pilam to find that cure for his siblings and save them before it's too late.

His brother and sisters, however, have plans of their own. Navigating the chaos of violence, hunger, and death, each of them tries to make sense of the bleak circumstances, forging new bonds with other juvenile survivors left to their own devices. Now an unlikely family of six, they choose their own perilous paths, at first separately and then together, coming to terms with the decisions they make and the ghosts they cannot leave behind.

Umar Turaki's gripping novel is a story of survival, love, and the human spirit's tenacious capacity for wonder.

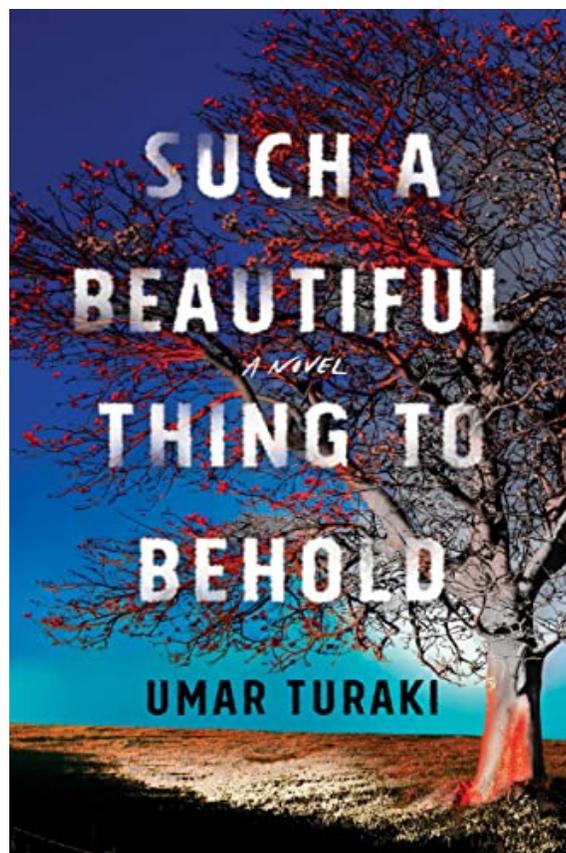
About the Author

Umar Turaki is a writer and filmmaker whose work has been short-listed for the Miles Morland Scholarship and long-listed for the Short Story Day Africa Prize. For more information, visit www.umarturaki.com.

Praise for *Such a Beautiful Thing to Behold*

"There is an aching beauty woven into the lyrical prose of this novel that lingers with the reader beyond the last page. Against the richly drawn canvas of a landscape rendered vividly and with meticulous detail, a story unfolds of a family and community faced with both outward and inner desolation. Compelled to untangle the difficult questions of what it means to be both human and humane in the face of unspeakable cruelty and horror, one is drawn in and held by their resilience, courage, vulnerability, and tenderness and the inimitable power of the ties that bind." —Colleen van Niekerk, author of *A Conspiracy of Mothers*

"Grim, beautiful—a stunning novel." —T. L. Huchu, author of *The Library of the Dead*



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Literary Fiction
PAGE COUNT	256

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All Languages

They Said They Wanted Revolution

NEDA TOLOUI-SEMNANI

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

From a daughter of Iranian revolutionaries, activists, immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers comes a gripping and emotional memoir of family and the tumultuous history of two nations.

In 1979, Neda Toloui-Semnani's parents left the United States for Iran to join the revolution. But the promise of those early heady days in Tehran was warped by the rise of the Islamic Republic. With the new regime came international isolation, cultural devastation, and profound personal loss for Neda. Her father was arrested and her mother was forced to make a desperate escape, pregnant and with Neda in tow.

Conflicted about her parents' choices for years, Neda realized that to move forward, she had to face the past head-on. Through extensive reporting, journals, and detailed interviews, Neda untangles decades of history in a search for answers.

Both an epic family drama and a timely true-life political thriller, *They Said They Wanted Revolution* illuminates the costs of righteous activism across generations.

About the Author

Neda Toloui-Semnani is a journalist and writer for *VICE News Tonight*. She holds a master of science in gender and social policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a master of fine arts in nonfiction from Goucher College. She lives in Brooklyn. For more information, visit www.nedasemnani.com.



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GENRE	Memoir
PAGE COUNT	288

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My Happiness is My Choice: How I Lost My Legs and Kept My Smile (Mein Glück ist meine Entscheidung)

ANGIE BERBUER AND ANDREA
SCHLITZER

APRIL 12, 2022

"The only thing I have to do is be grateful. Rejoice in my survival. Accept things as they are when it is not in my power to change or understand them. That's how I think of the negative and positive things in life. In good times and in bad. Nobody challenges their fortune, do they? So why dwell on misfortune? I am realistic and pragmatic. Look ahead, because behind you everything disappears in the cloud of dust that life leaves behind anyway. That's my motto."

Angie Berbuer was 21 years old when she lost the lower half of both her legs in a serious car accident. Shortly afterwards, the young Cologne woman started reporting on her health progress on social media from the hospital. The response to her posts was great and Angie noticed that her courage to face life was giving other people strength. To this day, she makes this her mission, inspiring more and more people with her openness, positivity and humor.

In this book, she tells of her ups and downs, how she ultimately overcame every obstacle and always remained true to her motto: to be the woman who never loses her smile.

About the Author

Angie Berbuer lives with her dogs in Cologne and works as a content creator. After her accident in 2019, she went public with her story. "Giving up," she says, "was never an option." Angie is considered a star on TikTok and Instagram. Since then, she has encouraged countless people with her openness, humor and presence. Her motto: "I don't have no legs, I have 3 pairs."



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GENRE Memoir

PAGE
COUNT 250

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All Languages

The Community

N. JAMIYLA CHISHOLM

JUNE 1, 2022

An arresting and emotional memoir about a family's indoctrination into a religious cult, a daughter coming to terms with a parent's devastating choices, and the trials ahead in post-9/11 New York.

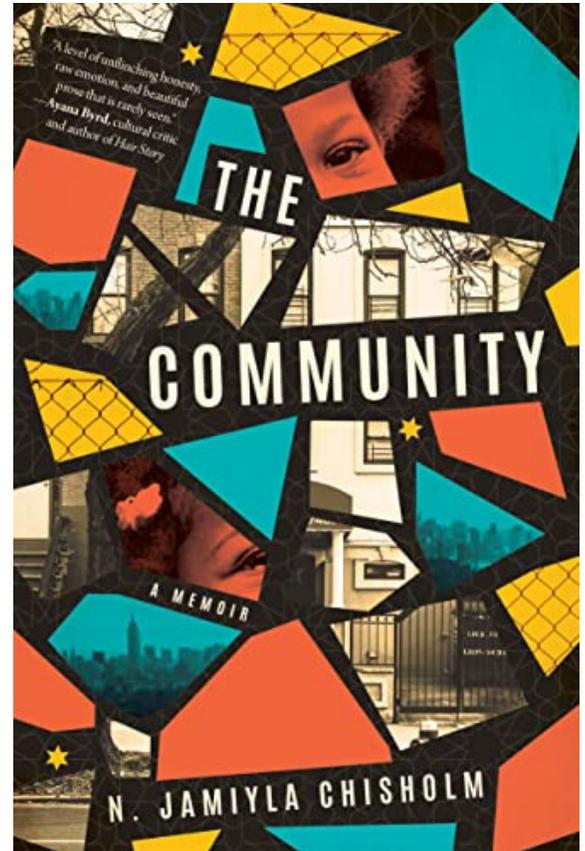
In 1978, when Jamiyla was two years old, her mother, Ummi, quit her job, converted to Islam with her husband, and moved into an exclusive Muslim society in Brooklyn. Once inside the Community, the family was separated by its powerful and charismatic leader, Dwight York, who was hiding behind the name Imam Isa. Instead of the devotional refuge they'd imagined, the Community was a nightmare of controlled abuse and unspeakable secrets.

Forty years later, Jamiyla was ready to excavate and understand a past buried in bad dreams, disturbing memories, and inexplicable rage. It was a place Ummi never wanted to return to. Jamiyla had to.

Jamiyla's emotional memoir tells her family's story of life inside and outside the cult, and of escaping into new challenges as conservative Muslims in the secular Brooklyn they left behind. A harrowing and deeply personal history fraught with racial tension and devastating personal betrayals, *The Community* is also a hopeful story brimming with Black pride, justice, and the long-overdue healing between a daughter and mother.

About the Author

N. Jamiyla Chisholm was born in New York City and grew up in Brooklyn. She graduated from City College in New York City, received her master of arts in teaching from the University of Southern California, and received her MFA from the Writer's Foundry at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn. As a journalist, Jamiyla has written countless articles focused on culture, race, and women, and she has worked with numerous media companies and publications, including COLORLINES, *Essence*, TIME'S UP, *VIBE*, and *The Source*. Jamiyla is an avid traveler, runner, and language learner. She lives in Brooklyn with her cat Reesies.



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GENRE	Memoir
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All Languages

War and Me

FALEEHA HASSAN,
TRANSLATED BY WILLIAM HUTCHINS

AUGUST 30, 2022

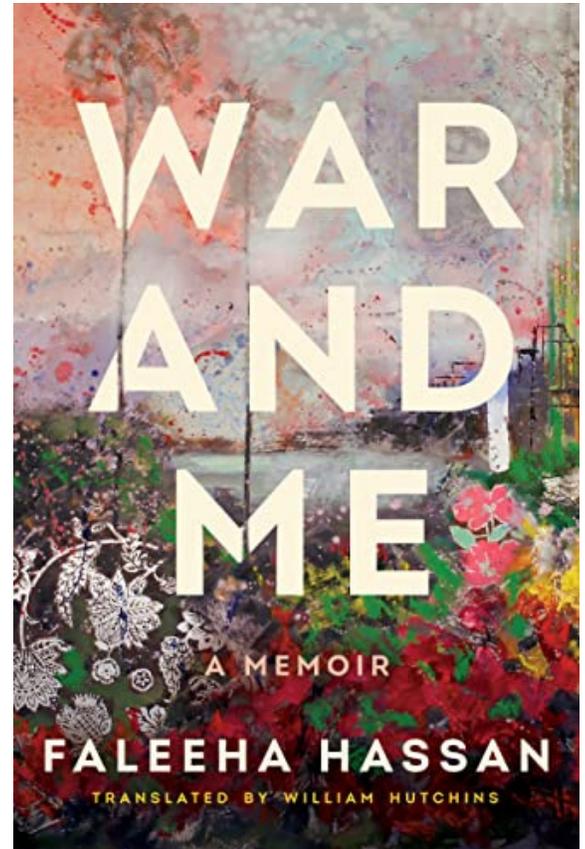
An intimate, personal story of the Iran-Iraq war by an award-winning Iraqi poet, whose poetry has been translated into five languages.

Faleeha Hassan narrates her experience of the long, difficult years of the Iran-Iraq War (1980–1988), with an intimate, personal story of the war's slow, steady erosion of all she knew and loved about home. As a late teen when war broke out, Faleeha accommodated deprivation and became an expert survivor, and as a young mother and PhD student in the war's later years, her resilience kept a family together even as it suffered intolerable losses.

With poetic language and emotional depth, she brings the reader close to the fear, the grief, and the ongoing suffering of life during wartime. The result is a unifying tribute to the meaning of each of the loved ones lost, an act of storytelling as a path to healing for the author and the reader, and a clarion call for peace.

About the Author

Faleeha Hassan is a black Iraqi author born in Najaf, Iraq, in 1967, who currently lives in the United States. She earned an MA in Arabic literature and has published several collections of poetry in Arabic: *Being a Girl*, *A Visit to the Museum of Shade*, *Five Titles for My Friend—The Sea, Though Later On*, *Poems to Mother*, *Gardenia Perfume*, and a collection of children's poetry, *The Guardian of Dreams*. Her works of Arabic prose include *Hazinia* or *Shortage of Joy Cells* and *Water Freckles* (a novella). Her poems have been translated into English, Italian, German, French, and Kurdish, and she has received awards from the Arab Linguists and Translators Association (WATA) and the Najafi Creative Festival for 2012, as well as the Naziq al-Malaika Prize, the al-Mu'tamar Prize for poetry, and the Shaheed al-Mihrab Foundation's short story prize. She serves on the boards of Baniqya, a quarterly in Najaf; Sada al Nahrain (Echo of Mesopotamia); and the Iraqi Writers in Najaf association. She is a member of the Iraq Literary Women's Association, The Sinonu (i.e., Swift) Association in Denmark, the Society of Poets Beyond Limits, and Poets of the World Community.



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GENRE	Memoir
PAGE COUNT	456

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All Languages

Happy Is On Hiatus

A.C. ARTHUR

JULY 1, 2022

From the bestselling author of *The After Party* comes a new book club novel that is *Soul Food* meets *Desperate Housewives*. When Rita McCall discovers her husband's affair, there isn't a lick of surprise—not a single tear or broken heart. Just a wife and mother who's over it and ready to watch her twenty-three-year marriage go up in flames. Sticking close, thick as thieves since childhood, Rita's unfailingly loyal cousins Jewel and Sharae become her lifeline. They stand beside her as she contemplates a new career and navigates the murky waters of being a preacher's daughter disgraced by scandal.

Although she would never turn her back on her cousin, Sharae has her own issues to deal with after learning of her father's jailhouse death and an inheritance she doesn't want. The last things she needs right now are a handsome lawyer snooping around in her business and a secret that comes back to bite.

With the cousins at life-changing crossroads, it'll take the wisdom of the Aunts and their family's legacy of feeding the soul to guide them through the painful secrets, betrayals, and empowering revelations ahead. They'll learn that what matters most is holding tight to love, to the promise of happiness, and most of all to each other.

About the Author

A. C. Arthur has worked as a paralegal in every field of law since high school, but her first love is and always will be writing romance. A multiple-award-winning author, A. C. has written more than eighty novels, including *The After Party* most recently and those under her *USA Today* bestselling pen name, Lacey Baker. After years of hosting reader-appreciation events, A. C. created the One Love Reunion, designed to bring together readers, authors, and other members of the literary industry to celebrate their love of books. A. C. resides in Maryland with her family, where she's currently working on her next book or watching *Criminal Minds*. For more information, please visit www.acarthur.com.

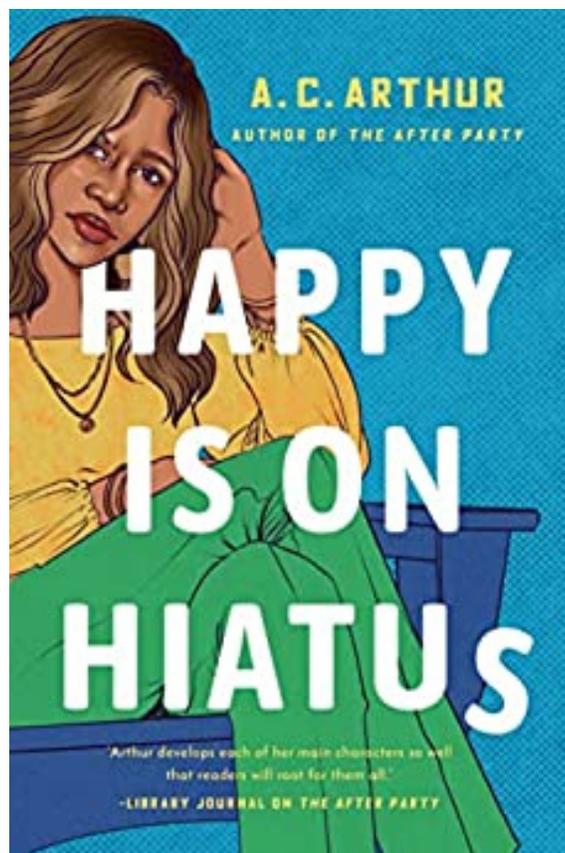
Praise for A.C. Arthur

"This is *Homicide: Life on the Streets* meets *9 to 5* meets *Bridgerton* in a story that screams to become a TV series. Part thriller and part mystery, this delightful story of friendship also celebrates sex, love, and family." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"Arthur develops each of her main characters so well that readers will root for them all." —*Library Journal*

"A sexy thrill." —*POPSUGAR*

"Comical, unique, and heartfelt...*The After Party* is a smart, tantalizing feat you won't want to put down." —*Shondaland*



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GENRE Book Club Fiction

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All Languages

West Side Love Story

PRISCILLA OLIVERAS

JUNE 1, 2022

A heart-stirring romance of star-crossed love, feuding familias, and the bonds of sisterhood by USA Today bestselling author Priscilla Oliveras.

Two familias in Texas, both alike in dignity, rivalries, and passion...

Having grown up in the nurturing household of Casa Capuleta, Mariana will do anything for familia. To solve her adoptive parents' financial problems amid their rapidly changing San Antonio comunidad, Mariana and her younger sisters are determined to win the Battle of the Mariachi Bands. That means competing against Hugo Montero, their father's archnemesis, and his band and escalating a decades-old feud. It also raises the stakes of Mariana's forbidden attraction for a certain dark-eyed mariachi who sets her heart racing.

To Angelo Montero's familia, Mariana is also strictly off-limits. But that doesn't stop him from pursuing her. As their secret affair intensifies and the competition grows fierce, they're swept up in a brewing storm of betrayals, rivalries, and broken ties. Against the odds, they vow to bring peace. But sacrifices must be made and consequences weighed for two star-crossed lovers to make beautiful music together.

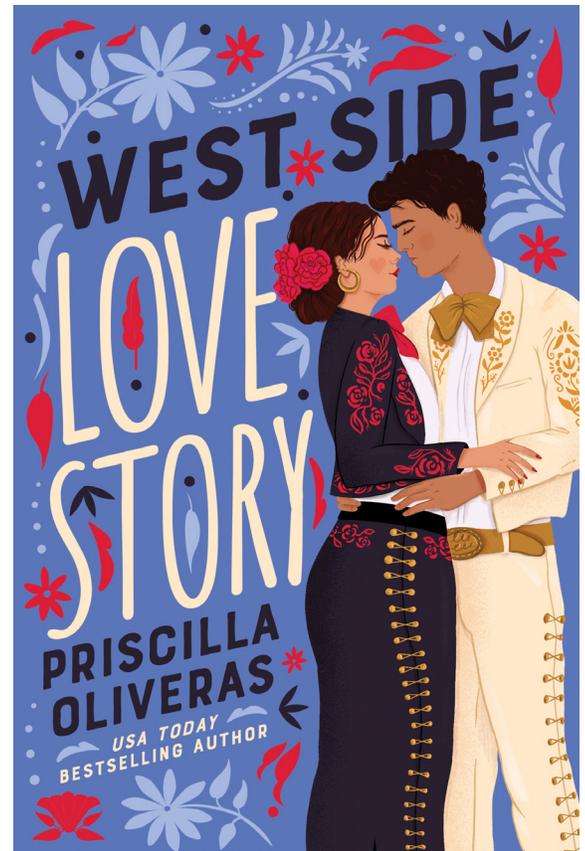
About the Author

Priscilla Oliveras is a *USA Today* bestselling author and 2018 RWA RITA double finalist who writes contemporary romance with a Latinx flavor. Proud of her Puerto Rican–Mexican heritage, she strives to bring authenticity to her novels by sharing her culture with readers. Her books have earned starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *Booklist* along with praise from *O*, *The Oprah Magazine*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Frolic*, and more. She earned her MFA in writing popular fiction from Seton Hill University, where she currently serves as adjunct faculty while also teaching the online class “Romance Writing” for ed2go. A longtime romance-genre enthusiast, Priscilla is also a sports fan, beach lover, and Zumba aficionado who often practices the art of napping in her backyard hammock. For more information, visit www.prisoliveras.com.

Praise for *West Side Love Story*

“A sweet romance and complicated family dynamics make this brilliantly executed Romeo and Juliet retelling a must-read. This is Priscilla Oliveras's best yet!” —Farrah Rochon, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Dating Playbook*

West Side Love Story captures the very best things about Latinx communities: fiercely loving families, passionate strivers, and joyfully embracing who we are. This delightful enemies-to-lovers romance is full of swoon-worthy moments and brimming with strong female characters. You will be rooting as hard for Mariana's all-girl mariachi band as you will for the hard earned HEA.” —Adriana Herrera, *USA Today* bestselling author



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
PAGE COUNT	331

Rights Available

All Languages

When It Falls Apart

CATHERINE BYBEE

JUNE 21, 2022

From *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Catherine Bybee, whose work will be translated into over 20 languages, comes a bittersweet romance about the power of love in the face of heartbreak and loss.

Brooke Turner has always had a complicated relationship with her father. But when his health takes a turn for the worse, she drops everything to care for him. He's her dad, after all, and he needs her. What Brooke doesn't anticipate is the unraveling of her long-term relationship and a cross-country move to San Diego's Little Italy.

Luca D'Angelo is the oldest of three children and a single father to a young daughter. When his mother rents the top floor of their house to Brooke, he's angry. Who is this beautiful stranger with no ties to the neighborhood? Can she be trusted in such close proximity to his family?

As Luca learns of Brooke's difficult journey with her ailing father, his heart softens. And Brooke, who witnesses Luca's struggle as a single parent, develops feelings for him too. But when it all falls apart, will love heal their wounded hearts?

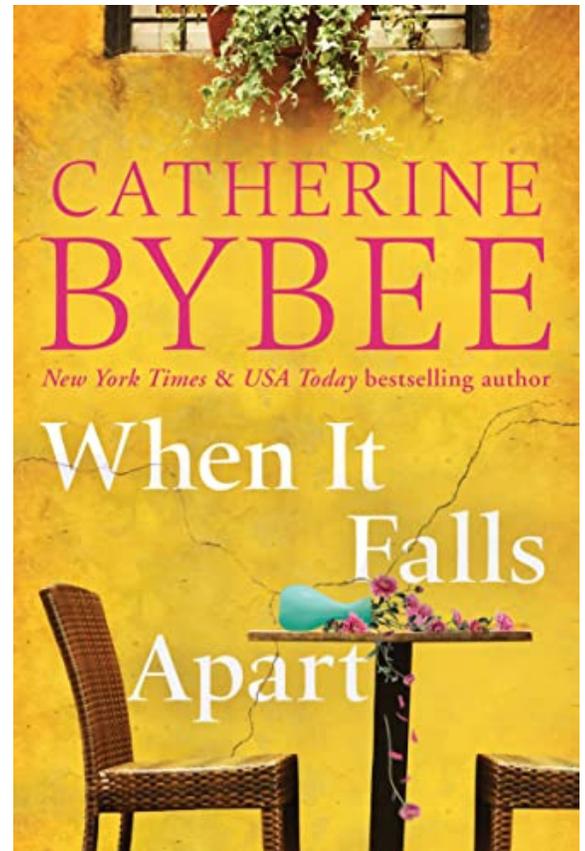
About the Author

New York Times, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author Catherine Bybee has written thirty-six books that have collectively sold more than nine million copies and have been translated into more than twenty languages. Raised in Washington State, Bybee moved to Southern California in the hope of becoming a movie star. After growing bored with waiting tables, she returned to school and became a registered nurse, spending most of her career in urban emergency rooms. She now writes full time and has penned the *Not Quite* series, the *Weekday Brides* series, the *Most Likely To* series, and the *First Wives* series.

Praise for *Catherine Bybee*

"This sweet, sexy book is just the escapism many people are looking for right now." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Bestselling author Catherine Bybee is known for her heartfelt tales, and her latest is bursting with charm." —*Woman's World*



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GENRE	Contemporary Romance
PAGE COUNT	TBC

Rights Available

All Languages

The Astronaut and the Star

JEN COMFORT

MARCH 1, 2022

An out-of-this-world romantic comedy featuring an astronaut tasked with training a Hollywood actor for a space flick.

Astronaut Regina “Reggie” Hayes wants to be the first woman on the moon—it’s all she’s ever dreamed of. But after a PR disaster, Reggie is off the list for a lunar mission. To rehabilitate her reputation with NASA, she agrees to a different kind of assignment: astronaut “training” with a Hollywood action hero.

Jon Leo is a charmer. With credits that include an underperforming sitcom and a campy action flick called *Space Dude*, his upcoming role in a prestigious movie could prove he’s a star. But Jon isn’t just big muscles and an otherworldly smile—he’s also a total space nerd. He’s pumped about his own personal space camp...until he meets ice-cold Reggie.

Although Reggie and Jon are polar opposites, their mutual attraction is undeniable, and it only takes a few weeks in close quarters for them to give in to its magnetic force. Jon is set on convincing Reggie this is a match made in the heavens, but her future is in space, and his is among stars of the Hollywood kind. The odds of successfully launching a real relationship outside the confines of the training base are anything but optimal.

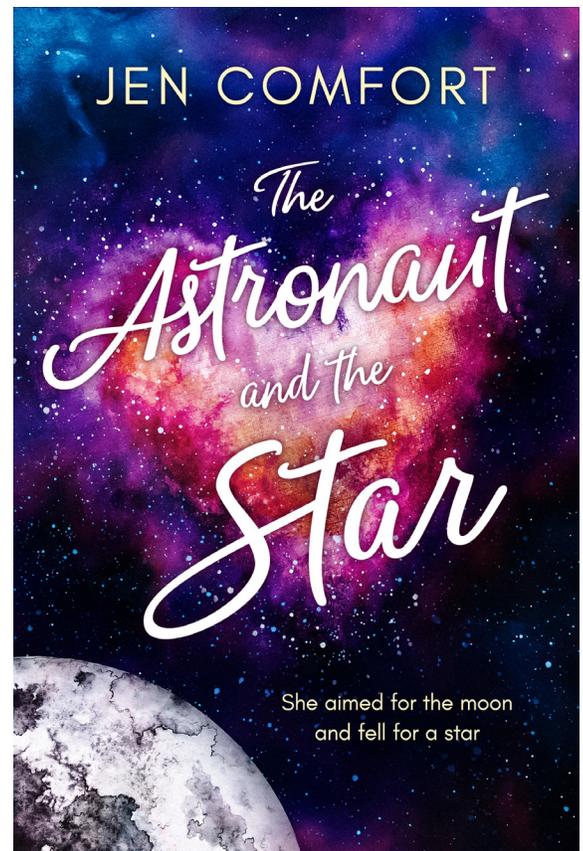
Reggie, content with keeping things casual, is forced by a sudden turn of events to confront the possibility of losing Jon forever. Now, she’ll do whatever it takes to win both the man *and* the moon.

About the Author

Jen Comfort is originally from Portland, Oregon, and dabbled in astrophysics before spending a decade working in restaurants in New York City and Portland. Now, she writes romantic comedies about hot nerds with very cool jobs. She spends her free time growing plants destined to die before their time, playing video games, and encouraging her two cats and malamute-husky dog to become internet famous with zero success.

Praise for *The Astronaut and the Star*

“A stellar debut full of horny heart and humor.” —*Library Journal* (starred review)



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GENRE	Contemporary Romance
PAGE COUNT	347

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Rights Available

All Languages

Something Fabulous

Something Fabulous Series Book 1

ALEXIS HALL

JANUARY 25, 2022

From the acclaimed author of *Boyfriend Material* comes a delightfully witty romance featuring a reserved duke who's betrothed to one twin and hopelessly enamoured of the other.

Valentine Layton, the Duke of Malvern, has twin problems: literally.

It was always his father's hope that Valentine would marry Miss Arabella Tarleton. But, unfortunately, too many novels at an impressionable age have caused her to grow up...romantic. So romantic that a marriage of convenience will not do and after Valentine's proposal she flees into the night determined never to set eyes on him again.

Arabella's twin brother, Mr. Bonaventure "Bonny" Tarleton, has also grown up...romantic. And fully expects Valentine to ride out after Arabella and prove to her that he's not the cold-hearted cad he seems to be.

Despite copious misgivings, Valentine finds himself on a pell-mell chase to Dover with Bonny by his side. Bonny is unreasonable, overdramatic, annoying, and...beautiful? And being with him makes Valentine question everything he thought he knew. About himself. About love. Even about which Tarleton he should be pursuing.

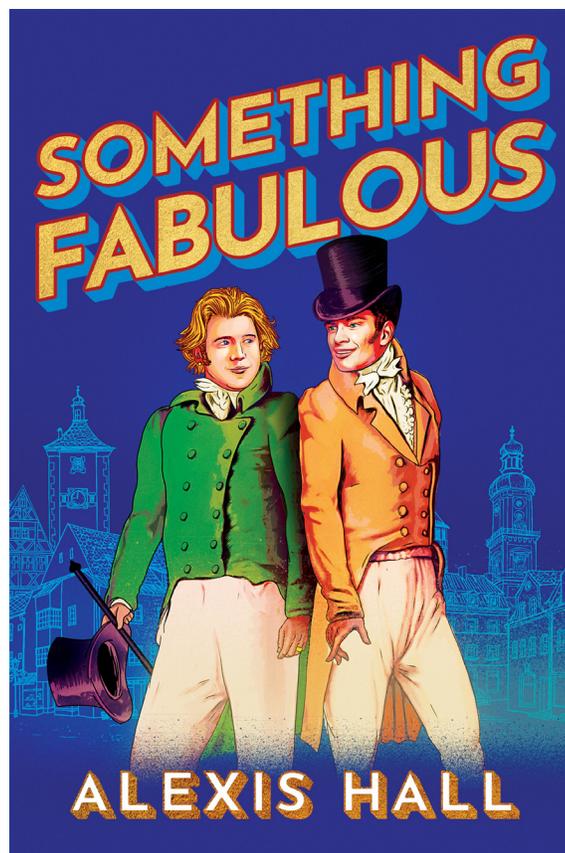
About the Author

Alexis Hall is determined to marry into money, as his grandfather drank half the family fortune and gambled the rest. He lives in a tumbledown mansion in a fictional county, and his valet doesn't even have a humorous name.

Praise for *Something Fabulous*

:"[A] wonderfully queer mash-up/send-up of buddy movies, Austen novels, and classic rom-coms." —*Publishers Weekly*

"The unabashedly gay Regency romp we all need. *Something Fabulous* is lighthearted, witty, silly good fun. I absolutely loved it!" —Helen Hoang, *USA Today* bestselling author



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Historical Regency
PAGE COUNT	363

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Hebrew

The Druid

The Dawning of Muirwood Series Book 1

JEFF WHEELER

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From the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author, whose books have reached over 4 million readers and will be translated into eight languages, comes a new epic fantasy series that explores the origins of Muirwood, the intricate and magical world that launched him to bestseller status.

Eilean was born a “wretched”—a lowly foundling raised by the Aldermaston of Tintern Abbey. Then she’s chosen to assist in establishing the new abbey of Muirwood, now the site of a castle in the swamps of Bearden Muir. Eilean’s role is as night servant to the druid Mordaunt, the king’s exiled advisor—and prisoner. He’s clever, dangerous, and invaluable to the Aldermaston.

Mordaunt’s priceless secret: the hiding place of an ancient tome that reveals the existence of other worlds and the magic between them. Mordaunt knows how potent its words are and how dangerous they could be in the wrong hands. But can Eilean win him over? All she must do is gain Mordaunt’s confidence and trust and persuade the apostate to divulge his secret to her. But as she learns more from Mordaunt, Eilean’s loyalties begin to fray. And the risks are greater than she imagined.

Despite betrayals, deceptions, and the deadly motivations of others, a girl from the flax fields is about to rise above her station. By exploring the potential of the power of an ancient spoken magic, Eilean is coming into her own.

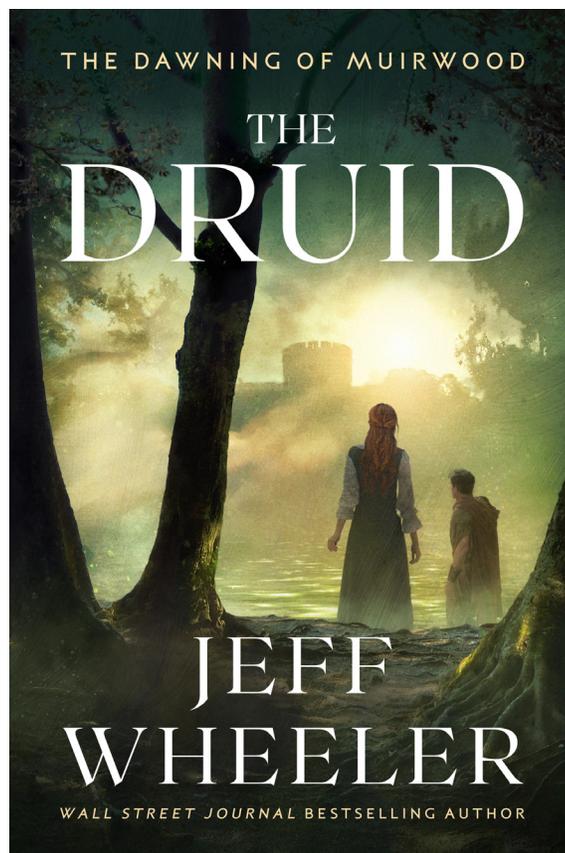
About the Author

Jeff Wheeler is the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of the First Argentines series (*Knight’s Ransom*, *Warrior’s Ransom*, *Lady’s Ransom*, and *Fate’s Ransom*); the Grave Kingdom series; the Harbinger and Kingfountain series; the Legends and Covenant of Muirwood trilogies; the Whispers from Mirrowen trilogy; and the Landmoor novels. 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. Learn more about Jeff’s publishing journey in *Your First Million Words*, and visit his many worlds at www.jeff-wheeler.com.

Praise for Jeff Wheeler

“With this superlative epic fantasy...Wheeler does an expert job of reintroducing his fantasy world through the eyes of sympathetic characters that fans and new readers alike will root for. This is sure to be a hit.”
—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“[Wheeler] adds elements of Arthurian legend to the start of the First Argentines series...along with splendid palace intrigues and battles.”
—*Booklist* (starred review)



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The Peacekeeper

B.L. BLANCHARD

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***The Calculating Stars* meets *The Night Watchman* in this alternate history science-fiction thriller set against the backdrop of a never-colonized North America. A broken Ojibwe detective embarks on an emotional and twisting journey to solve two murders, rediscovering family, and finding himself.**

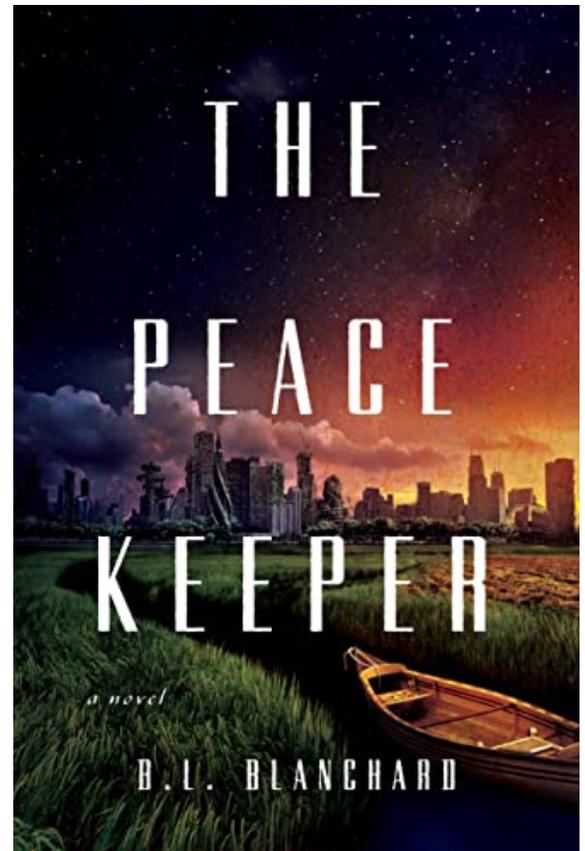
North America was never colonized. The United States and Canada don't exist. The Great Lakes are surrounded by an independent Ojibwe nation. And in the village of Baawitigong, a Peacekeeper confronts his devastating past.

Twenty years ago to the day, Chibenashi's mother was murdered and his father confessed. Ever since, caring for his still-traumatized younger sister has been Chibenashi's privilege and penance. Now, on the same night of the Manoomin harvest, another woman is slain. His mother's best friend. The leads to a seemingly impossible connection that takes Chibenashi far from the only world he's ever known.

The major city of Shikaakwa is home to the victim's cruelly estranged family—and to two people Chibenashi never wanted to see again: his imprisoned father and the lover who broke his heart. As the questions mount, the answers will change his and his sister's lives forever. Because Chibenashi is about to discover that everything about those lives has been a lie.

About the Author

B. L. Blanchard is a graduate of the UC Davis creative writing honors program and was a writing fellow at Boston University School of Law. She is a lawyer and enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She is originally from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan but has lived in California for so long that she can no longer handle cold weather, and resides in San Diego with her husband and two daughters. *The Peacekeeper* is her debut novel. For more information, visit www.blblanchard.com or follow her on Twitter @blblanchard.



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Exiles

ASHLEY SAUNDERS AND LESLIE SAUNDERS

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For fans of *Ready Player One* and *The Umbrella Academy* comes a thrilling science fiction adventure story set in Los Angeles in 2052, by the authors of the bestselling *Rule of One* series.

An experiment in survival awaits estranged twin sisters in a thrilling science fiction adventure.

Is fear the killer of dreams?

It's been twelve years since the 2040 Quake rocked the Golden State, fracturing Los Angeles and the fortunes of millions. It's been six years since tech billionaire Damon Yates founded his elite academy, giving Unfortunates from the wrong side of his hyperloop tracks a new future at Quest Campus, tucked away in the Santa Monica Mountains. But an endeavor that sought to bridge a divide only tore eighteen-year-old twin sisters apart.

Jade is a street-savvy adrenaline seeker ruling the city's downtrodden eastside. Crys is an influential socialite ensconced in Yates's westside mansion—every bit her foster father's daughter. After the mysterious murder of one of the academy's brightest, Jade sets out with her factious band of exiles to prove there's something sinister going on behind the walls of Yates's exclusive empire. But to expose the earthshaking truth, Jade needs her estranged sister back on her side.

There's a big problem, though: Crys is inexplicably terrified of her own twin's face.

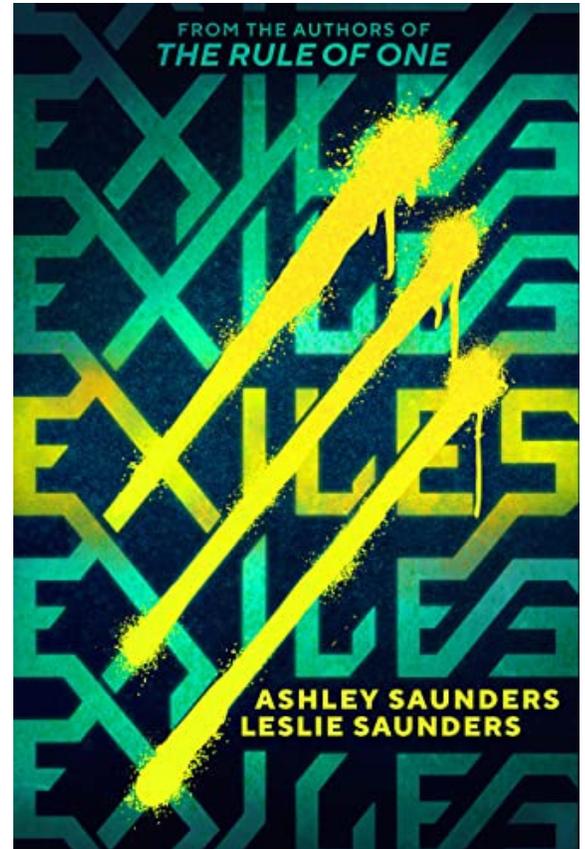
Combining a thrilling mystery with an examination of class difference, *Exiles* is an explosive coming-of-age adventure about living in—and doing anything to survive—the technologically advanced metropolis of the unshakable City of Dreams.

About the Authors

Ashley Saunders and Leslie Saunders are award-winning filmmakers and the authors of *The Rule of One* and *The Rule of Many*. Hailing from the suburbs of Dallas, Texas, the twin sisters honed their love of storytelling at the University of Texas at Austin. While researching the *Rule of One* series, they fell in love with America's national parks, traveling Ava and Mira's path. Currently, the sisters can be found with their Boston terriers in sunny Los Angeles, exploring hiking trails and drinking entirely too much yerba maté. Visit them at www.thesaunderssisters.com.

Praise for *Ashley Saunders and Leslie Saunders*

"*The Rule of One* is about family, adventure, self-discovery, and the search for space to belong. [It] hooks readers with the idea of a one-child policy in the future United States and a tightly held secret." —*Los Angeles Times*



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