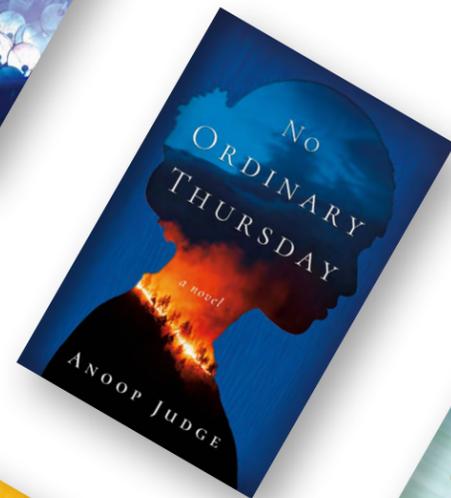




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# The Echo of Old Books

BARBARA DAVIS

3/28/2023

**Bestselling author Barbara Davis, whose books have reached over one million readers and will be translated into 18 languages, is back with an intimate tale of the pull of the past, the transformative power of love, and the magic of books, perfect for fans of *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*, *The Little Paris Library*, and *The Dictionary of Lost Words*.**

Book restoration expert Ashlyn Greer has always had an affinity for old books. Where most see paper and ink, Ashlyn sees worlds caught in a kind of limbo, waiting to be reawakened. Since childhood she's been able to touch a book and know something of its previous owner, as if the hands that once held it had left behind a psychic fingerprint only she can read. She has amassed a sizeable collection, all of which have one thing in common—each bears a poignant inscription on the flyleaf.

One day she stumbles across a leather-bound volume entitled *The Day After You*. The book has no copyright page, no author name or publication date. But it's the inscription that holds her attention: *For M— How could I have gotten it so wrong? H—* She buys the book and devours it in one sitting, her heart breaking as she reads the story of a man shattered when his lover fails to appear the day they were to run away together. The book is an accusation, a scathing demand for answers from the woman who vanished from his life forever—it's also clearly autobiographical.

But Ashlyn finds no record of any such book ever being published. She's given up hope—until a colleague finds a similarly bound volume entitled *All the Days After*. Penned by a woman, the book slowly unravels the bitter betrayal that kept the lovers apart. When read together the chapters feel like a conversation, bitter allegations met with an anguished defense. But the “conversation” is left dangling, and Ashlyn is determined to learn the identity of the lovers and know the rest of their story.

## Praise for Barbara Davis

“Historically sound with a thread of supernatural intrigue, this exploration of shared experiences, learned adaptations, and the power of trust is a book that fans of Catherine Ryan Hyde, Erica Bauermeister, and Lucinda Riley will fall in love with.” —**Booklist**

“This intriguing novel is magically woven together with sorrow, surprises, and happiness, just like the wedding gowns of *The Dress Witch*.” —**Historical Novel Society**

## About the Author

Barbara Davis is the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Last of the Moon Girls*, *When Never Comes*, *Summer at Hideaway Key*, *The Wishing Tide*, *The Secrets She Carried*, and *Love, Alice*. She spent more than a decade as an executive in the jewelry business before leaving the corporate world to pursue her lifelong passion for writing. A Jersey girl raised in the South, Barbara now lives in Rochester, New Hampshire, with her husband, Tom. She's currently working on her next book. Visit her at [www.barbaradavis-author.com](http://www.barbaradavis-author.com).



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical Fiction
PAGE COUNT	300

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Snap Out of It

MADDIE DAWSON

1/3/2023

**A funny, warmhearted novel about falling in love, falling apart, and pulling it all together again by the bestselling author of *Matchmaking for Beginners*.**

After three marriages and a lot of living, resilient Billie Slate knows exactly what trouble love can bring. Now she's reinvented herself as the Heartbreak Bunny, an on-call performance artist who can heal anyone who's been burned by that four-letter word, LOVE, by hopping about and whisking away sad mementos from their past relationships.

Call it magic. Call it peculiar. But her bunny costume is as perfect as her breakup mantra: SNAP OUT OF IT.

As Billie's business goes viral and skyrockets her to sudden fame, her comfortable life turns surreal: her daughter's marriage begins to fail, and Victor, a.k.a. Worst Husband Ever, wants not only to bond with the daughter he left but to win Billie back. Only he's got competition: a charming widower might be falling in love with the woman who no longer wants it.

As every romantic notion Billie had pushed away starts pushing back, the Heartbreak Bunny must confront the possibility that just maybe love has some tricks left up its sleeve.

## Praise for Maddie Dawson

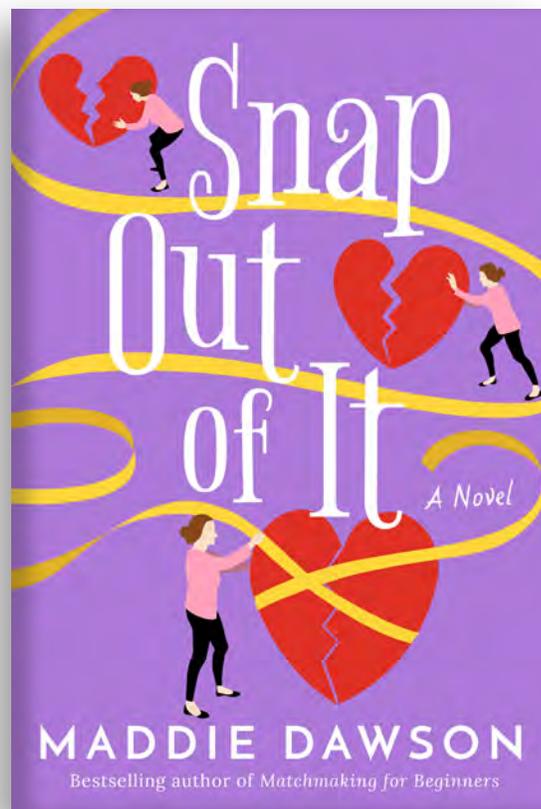
"Readers may have the impression that they're enjoying a typical rom-com, but unexpected decisions open the way for a welcome twist we didn't even know we needed." —**Booklist**

"*The Magic of Found Objects* is wonderful fun! Maddie Dawson is such an engaging and charming writer." —**Robyn Carr, #1 New York Times bestselling author**

## About the Author

Maddie Dawson grew up in the South, born into a family of outrageous storytellers. Her various careers as a substitute English teacher, department-store clerk, medical-records typist, waitress, cat sitter, wedding-invitation-company receptionist, nanny, day care worker, electrocardiogram technician, and Taco Bell taco maker were made bearable by thinking up stories as she worked. Today Maddie lives in Guilford, Connecticut, with her husband. She's the bestselling author of eight previous novels: *The Magic of Found Objects*, *A Happy Catastrophe*, *Matchmaking for Beginners*, *The Survivor's Guide to Family Happiness*, *The Opposite of Maybe*, *The Stuff That Never Happened*, *Kissing Games of the World*, and *A Piece of Normal*.

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GENRE	Book Club Fiction
PAGE COUNT	320

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Goodnight from Paris

JANE HEALEY

3/7/2023

**In Nazi-occupied France, an American film star takes on the most dangerous role of her life in a gripping novel about loyalty and resistance, inspired by a true story, from the *Washington Post* and Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Secret Stealers*.**

Paris, 1939. Hollywood actress Drue Leyton, married to Frenchman Jacques Tartière, lives as an expatriate in love. But when her husband is dispatched to Brittany to work as a liaison for the British military, Drue finds herself alone with her housekeeper, adrift and heartsick in her adopted city. With her career and fame forty-five-hundred miles away, Drue accepts an opportunity that will change her life forever.

Befriended by seasoned wartime journalist Dorothy Thompson, and urged on by political operative Jean Fraysse, Drue broadcasts radio programs to the United States. Her duty: shake America from its apathy and, as Nazis encroach and France is occupied, push for resistance and help from the U.S. As Drue and Jean fall under suspicion, Hitler sends his own message: when Drue's adopted country is conquered, she will be executed.

In a Paris that is no longer safe, Drue's political passion is ignited. She's prepared to risk anything to fight the enemy. No matter how dangerous it gets—for her, for everyone she loves, and for everything she's fighting for.

## Praise for Jane Healey

"So convincingly written it's impossible to put down." —*Historical Novels Review*

As realistic and heart-wrenching as *The Secret Stealers* is, it highlights the bravery and strength of the participants, of both genders, and reignites a faith in humanity." —*Mystery & Suspense Magazine*

## About the Author

Jane Healey is the Amazon Charts and *Washington Post* bestselling author of *The Beantown Girls* and *The Saturday Evening Girls Club*. When her daughters were young, Jane Healey left a career in high tech to fulfill her dream of writing historical fiction about little-known women in history. It was a passion that has turned into something much more. Jane shares a home north of Boston with her husband, two daughters, and two cats. When she's not writing, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, running, cooking, and going to the beach. For more information on the author or upcoming events or to schedule a book club visit, please visit her website, [www.janehealey.com](http://www.janehealey.com).



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical Fiction
PAGE COUNT	320

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Between Two Worlds (Zwischen zwei Welten)

The Achenthal Saga Book 1

IZABELLE JARDIN

8/9/2022

**A courageous woman in the Age of Industrialization: the first volume of #1 Kindle bestselling author Izabelle Jardin's new saga about the von Achenthal family.**

When, in the course of a single night, everything that we thought is secure evaporates like a mirage...

Silesia 1844: Elise von Achenthal leads a privileged and carefree life thanks to her family's flourishing cloth factory. But when she watches the desperate weavers being brutally crushed during their nightly attacks her grandfather's villa, she is ashamed.

A chance encounter leads Elise to the weavers' huts, and she understands the price at which her family's prosperity is earned. She no longer wants to stand idly by, and finds a like-minded person in the equally fascinating and mysterious reformer Konrad von Radenau. He encourages Elise and her parents to go to England, where the industrial revolution is in full swing.

In London, Elise is courted by the charismatic factory owner's son, Fletcher Cunningham. Conscious of what a connection with him could achieve for the Achenthal's company, Elise makes a promise to Fletcher, immediately hoping she'll never have to keep it.

Stay tuned for the next two books in the series, which will be released in 2023!

## About the Author

Izabelle Jardin studied social and political sciences in Oldenburg and Braunschweig. She lives with her family in a sleepy northern German village, has two sons and is married to the "ideal man." Her novels can regularly be found on the German bestseller lists. With her novel *Funkenflug*, published by Tinte & Feder, and with *Dragonfly Years*, the first volume of her saga about the von Warthenberg family, she was at the top of the Kindle charts for weeks.



IMPRINT	Tinte & Feder
GENRE	Historical Fiction
PAGE COUNT	365

## Rights Available

All Languages

# No Ordinary Thursday

ANOOP JUDGE

8/1/2022

**A family, broken by the shattering turns of a single day, will do anything to find their way back to one another.**

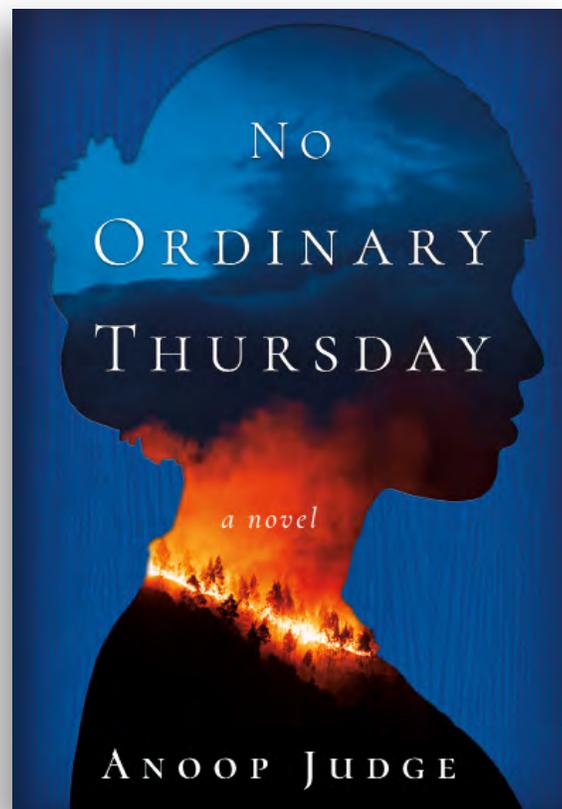
Lena Sharma is a successful San Francisco restaurateur. An immigrant, she's cultivated an image of conservatism and tradition in her close-knit Indian community. But when Lena's carefully constructed world begins to crumble, her ties to her daughter, Maya, and son, Sameer—both raised in thoroughly modern California—slip further away.

Maya, divorced once, becomes engaged to a man twelve years her junior: Veer Kapoor, the son of Lena's longtime friend. Immediately Maya feels her mother's disgrace and the judgment of an insular society she was born into but never chose, while Lena's cherished friendship frays. Meanwhile, Maya's younger brother, Sameer, struggles with an addiction that reaches a devastating and very public turning point, upending his already tenuous future.

As the mother, daughter, and son are compromised by tragedy, secrets, and misconceptions, they each must determine what it will take to rebuild their bonds and salvage what's left of their family.

## About the Author

Anoop Judge is the author of *The Rummy Club*, which won the 2015 Beverly Hills Book Award, and is a 2019 Pushcart Prize nominee for *The Awakening of Meena Rawat*. A recovering litigator, former TV presenter, and blogger, she has had essays and short stories published in *Green Hills Literary Lantern*, *Rigorous*, and *Scarlet Leaf Review*, among others. Born and raised in New Delhi, Anoop now resides in California. She is currently pursuing an MFA in Creative Writing at Saint Mary's College and is the recipient of the 2021–2023 Advisory Board Award and Alumni Scholarship. She is married with two nearly grown and fully admirable children. For more information visit [www.anoopjudge.com](http://www.anoopjudge.com).



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Family Drama
PAGE COUNT	335

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## Rights Available

All Languages

# Lemon Summer Days (Zitronensommertage)

KARIN LINDBERG

9/13/2022

**From a #1 Kindle bestselling German author whose books have reached over one million readers comes a touching story of loss and new beginnings set in the enchanting landscape of the Costa Brava.**

A stroke of fate throws Nuria's life completely off track. To get away from it all, she decides to spend some time with her grandparents who live at the seaside in Catalonia. Rather by chance she meets Xavi, the owner of a restaurant in Llafranc, Spain. Unlike her grandparents, who are constantly nagging her to get back to normal life, Xavi listens to her without giving well-intentioned advice. Because there have also been some serious setbacks in Xavi's life that he doesn't like to talk about.

The two spend a lot of time together, taking trips to wild and beautiful Costa Brava while getting to know each other better and better. But just as they are getting closer, Nuria suddenly gets a top job offer, for which she would have to go back to Germany.

Xavi is caught off guard when Nuria actually considers taking the job. Will they find happiness together after all?

## About the Author

Karin Lindberg spent ten years on the executive board of international corporations, but as soon as her first novel was published, she handed in her resignation to write every free minute. She enthusiastically creates strong heroines and attractive heroes, puts obstacles in their way and ultimately lets them experience their happy endings. Lindberg lives with her family just outside of Hamburg. She has now published more than thirty novels that have sold well over a million copies.



IMPRINT	Tinte & Feder
GENRE	Book Club Fiction
PAGE COUNT	348

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Through a Darkening Glass

R.S. MAXWELL

1/1/2023

**A mesmerizing World War II mystery about a Londoner who flees the city to write a novel and finds a truth stranger than fiction.**

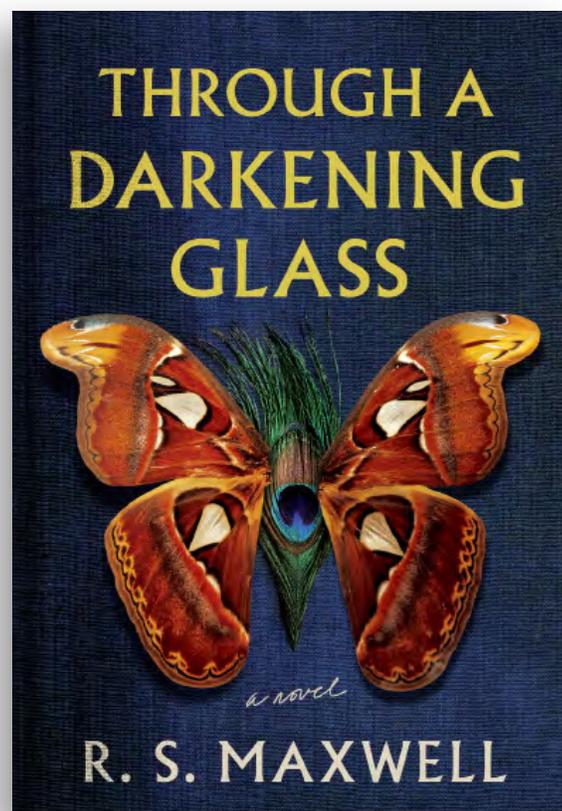
England, 1940. Literature student Ruth Gladstone evacuates Cambridge University for Martynsborough, a tiny English village with a shadowy history. For Ruth, retreating to a forgotten corner of the country is more than a safety maneuver; it's an opportunity to end an undesirable engagement and begin writing her first novel.

But upon her arrival, Ruth learns of a ghostly wraith haunting the villagers after decades of silence. Although Ruth is enthralled by the legend, the locals are less charmed by the wraith's return. They blame the evacuees—and among them, Ruth—for stirring up restless spirits.

Undeterred, Ruth joins forces with Malcolm, an injured soldier, to unravel the mystery of the wraith. As Ruth and Malcolm draw closer to the truth, they'll unearth long-buried secrets that could threaten them both...even as they craft a forbidden love story of their own.

## About the Author

Having earned an arts degree from York University many moons ago, R. S. Maxwell continues to read and study voraciously across multiple subjects that include cookery, gardening, English literature, music, art, and art history. Maxwell, who resides in Toronto, can typically be found working on another novel.



IMPRINT	Lake Union Publishing
GENRE	Historical Fiction
PAGE COUNT	336

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Picking up the Pieces

AMANDA PROWSE

1/10/2023

The newest novel from a writer the *Daily Mail* has called “the queen of family drama,” *Picking up the Pieces* is a life-affirming and stunning story of second chances with unforgettable depth.

As Nora and her British Army officer husband, Gordy, pack up yet another home and leave the sun of Cyprus for the drizzle of England, she can't shake a feeling of regret—at her failure to follow her own dreams, but also, if she's honest, at having ended up an officer's wife at all, drifting through a life of temporary homes and temporary relationships.

Since losing her parents at a young age, Nora's life has been lacking an anchor: someone or something to make her feel secure. Her marriage has been her only permanent relationship, and just as even that appears to be fizzling out, a tragedy forces Nora into the role of legal guardian to her six-year-old nephew, Ted.

Faced suddenly with a responsibility she never dreamed of, how can Nora possibly offer the boy the kind of unconditional love he deserves, when she's never experienced it for herself? But as she navigates the precarious and unfamiliar world of parenthood, Nora begins to see herself through Ted's eyes, as someone worthy of love and even joy.

When she's welcomed into the previously intimidating huddle of mums at the school gate, she has to wonder: is it too late to smash down the other barriers she's built—and to have a second chance at a happy marriage with Gordy?

## Praise for Amanda Prowse

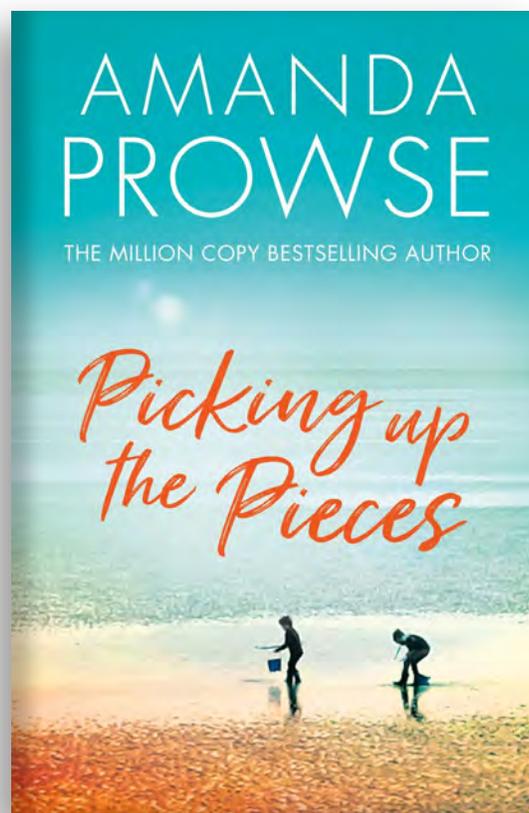
“A touching, believable story, perfect for fans of Sinead Moriarty and Rowan Coleman.” —*Candis*

“A brilliant read.” —*Bella*

“Raw and honest, the author is one who always writes from the heart.” —*The Sun*

## About the Author

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, and *The Boy Between* (a memoir written with her son, Josiah Hartley) was selected in 2022. 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. Amanda's ambition is to create stories that keep you 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
PAGE COUNT	360

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Love Made Me More

COLLEEN ROWAN KOSINSKI  
ILLUSTRATED BY SONIA SÁNCHEZ

12/13/2022

**An unexpectedly heartfelt tale of a friendship between a boy and an origami crane that continues throughout the boy's life.**

When a boy's grandmother shows him how to fold an origami crane, the boy and crane become instant friends. They sail around the room and play, but the crane also watches over the boy and comforts him in a time of loss. The crane is always on the boy's nightstand—it's the last thing he sees each night and the first thing he sees each morning.

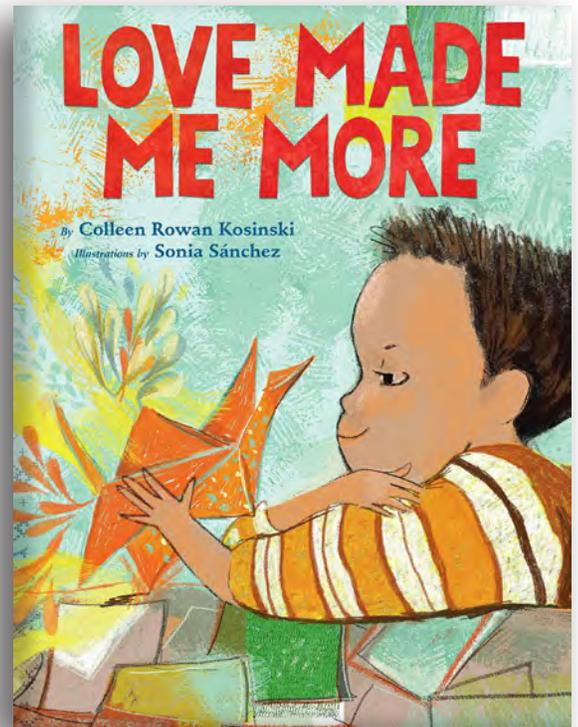
Over time, the boy grows older, and the crane becomes dusty. But even when the boy becomes a young man, the crane plays a part in the most important moments of his life. And one day, just like his grandmother before him, the man shows his own son how to fold origami as the crane looks on.

Beautifully written and illustrated, this story of an unlikely friendship that spans generations reminds us how much one moment with a loved one can affect our lives in the most meaningful way.

## About the Author

Colleen Rowan Kosinski is the author of *A Home Again* and 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 Design, 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](http://www.colleenrowankosinski.com).

Sonia Sánchez is the illustrator of a number of picture books, including *Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away* by Meg Medina, *A Crazy-Much Love* by Joy Jordan-Lake, and *The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier. Her books have been nominated for the Eisner Award and named a CBC/NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People and a Bank Street College Best Book of the Year. She lives with her husband, her kids, and a sleepyhead cat in Barcelona, Spain.



IMPRINT	Two Lions
GENRE	Picture Book Fiction
PAGE COUNT	32

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Anni Dreams of Biryani

NAMITA MOOLANI MEHRA

ILLUSTRATED BY CHAAYA PRABHAT

9/1/2022

## Anni's on a mission to YUM!

The café across the street from Anni's home in Little India makes the best biryani in the world. Fluffy and fragrant, spicy and succulent—Anni could eat it every day. In fact, Anni loves that biryani so much that she's determined to uncover the secret to the recipe. She has so many questions for Uncle, the grumpy chef and owner of the café. But he isn't providing any easy clues. So, with some careful planning, Anni sets out on a mission to find out the secret ingredients to this most special dish. Will Anni get the answers she's looking for...before it's too late?

## Praise and Reviews

"Mehra's text brings to life the sights, sounds, and smells of the neighborhood, while Prabhat's vivid and effusive digital illustrations weave in expressive faces and cultural details, including the biryani ingredients and scenes of dirty dishes in the sink...A curious and determined young cook gets her biryani recipe in this tale to savor."

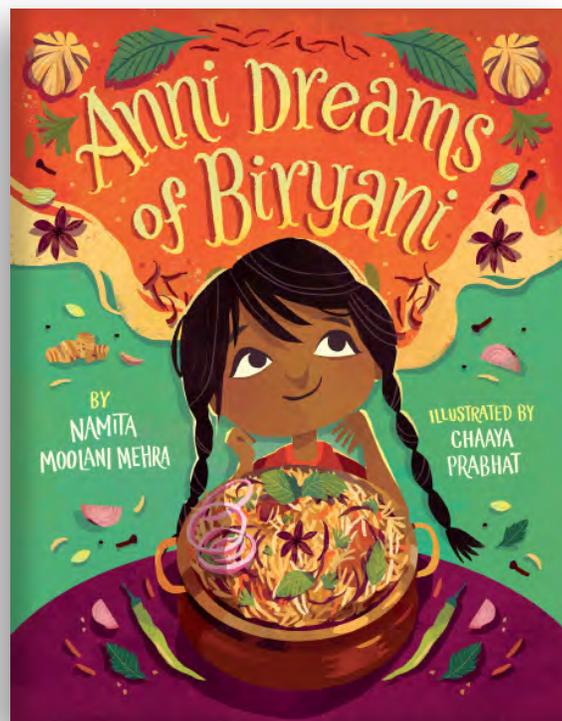
—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A pleasant story for small chefs, this is great for story hours on favorite dishes from around the world." —*School Library Journal*

## About the Author

Namita Moolani Mehra is a children's book author, cookbook author, and a food and parenting writer. She wrote the children's cookbooks *The Magic Spicebox* and *Superfoods for Superheroes*. *Anni Dreams of Biryani* is her first picture book. Namita also runs a social-impact business called Indian Spicebox that helps fund hot meals for underprivileged children in India. Namita was born in a remote village in Nigeria, grew up in the UK and India, studied in Chicago, and worked in New York for over a decade. She currently lives in Singapore with her husband and two children. Learn more at [www.namitamehra.com](http://www.namitamehra.com), and follow her on Twitter @namstwit.

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GENRE	Picture Book Fiction
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## Rights Available

All Languages

# Batu and the Search for the Golden Cup

ZIRA NAURYZBAI AND LILYA KALAUS

TRANSLATED BY SHELLEY FAIRWEATHER-VEGA

3/28/2023

**For fans of Rick Riordan comes an exciting fantasy adventure that weaves the unique mythology of Kazakhstan into a story of friendship and courage.**

A warrior's power lies not in his weapons, but in his heart.

Batu is just an ordinary kid in present-day Almaty, worried about bullies, school, and his mom's new baby...until the day he meets Aspara, the Golden Warrior, who steps straight out of his notebook cover—and out of Kazakhstan's past. Aspara has been waiting hundreds of years to be summoned to the human world, and to finally get his chance to search for the Golden Cup, a magical talisman sent down to the human world from the heavens. Anyone who drank from it became wise, honest, and just. When the Golden Cup was lost, the human world was beset with war and strife—and Aspara watched as many of his friends and family were killed or disappeared.

Craving adventure and a sense of purpose, Batu sets out with Aspara and his own friends to find the Golden Cup, plunging them into an adventure through Kazakhstan's past and present and a world where the Kazakh myths come alive. But there are others looking for the Cup, and they'll do anything to make sure that Batu and his friends fail. Will Batu and his friends make it out alive (and make it home in time for dinner)?

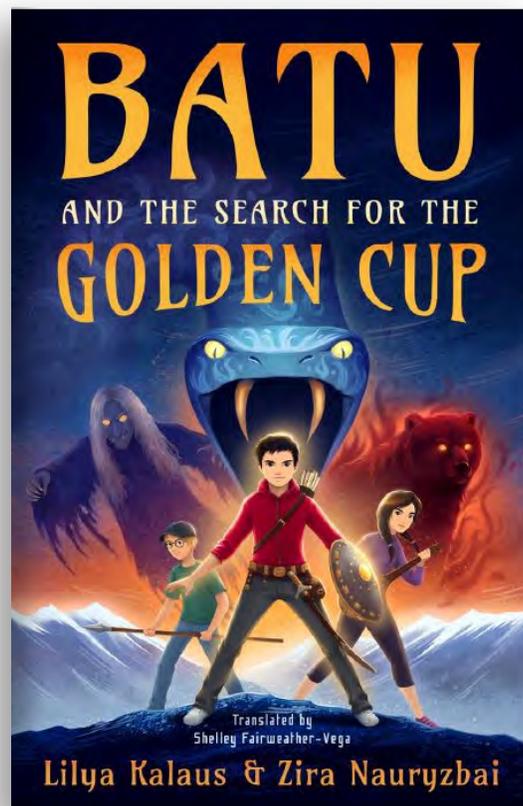
## About the Authors and Translator

Zira Nauryzbai is a writer with special interests in ancient Turkic mythology and modern Kazakh identity. She is the author of a monograph on Tengrism and of more than three hundred articles, all written in Russian. Links to her publications can be found on the site otuken.kz. She is also the host of a weekly radio program about Kazakh music.

Lilya Kalas is a philologist, author, literary editor, script writer, radio presenter, and artist from Almaty, Kazakhstan. She is the author of seven books, and her stories have been published in print and online literary journals in Kazakhstan, Russia, Uzbekistan, Germany, Ukraine, and the USA. She is a member of the Kazakhstani Union of Writers and the Kazakhstani PEN club, and is the head of her own publishing company.

Shelley Fairweather-Vega translates from Uzbek and Russian into English, specializing in texts concerning culture, history and politics. "The Stone Guest" was her first collaboration with Hamid Ismailov. She has also translated two other Uzbek stories and two novels by Ismailov, published in 2019 and 2020, and fiction by several other authors from Russia and Central Asia. Shelley is the president of the Northwest Translators and Interpreters Society.

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IMPRINT	Amazon Crossing Kids
GENRE	Middle Grade
PAGE COUNT	240

## Rights Available

All Languages, excluding Kazakh, Russian

# In the Pines

## Columbia River Series Book 3

KENDRA ELLIOT

8/16/2022

**A *Wall Street Journal* bestselling series from an author whose books have reached over 10 million readers and will be translated into 15 languages.**

**Clues to a hidden treasure. Clues to a family secret. Both lead to murder in a this twisting novel of suspense.**

A national treasure hunt with a \$2 million prize has driven obsessed fortune seekers to overrun the small town of Eagle's Nest, Oregon. The hunt's cryptic clues and the lure of wealth have exposed the desperate side of human greed: theft, fights, trespassing—and even the motive to kill. Police chief Truman Daly craves peace in his town but has a murder on his hands instead. Now the big prize isn't the only thing hiding in the pines. So is a killer.

When a young boy walks into the local café and claims his mother and baby sister have been missing for weeks, FBI special agent Mercy Kilpatrick investigates and exposes a disturbing twist in his story. Deep family secrets and lies that started sixty years ago have burst into the present, bringing with them deadly consequences.

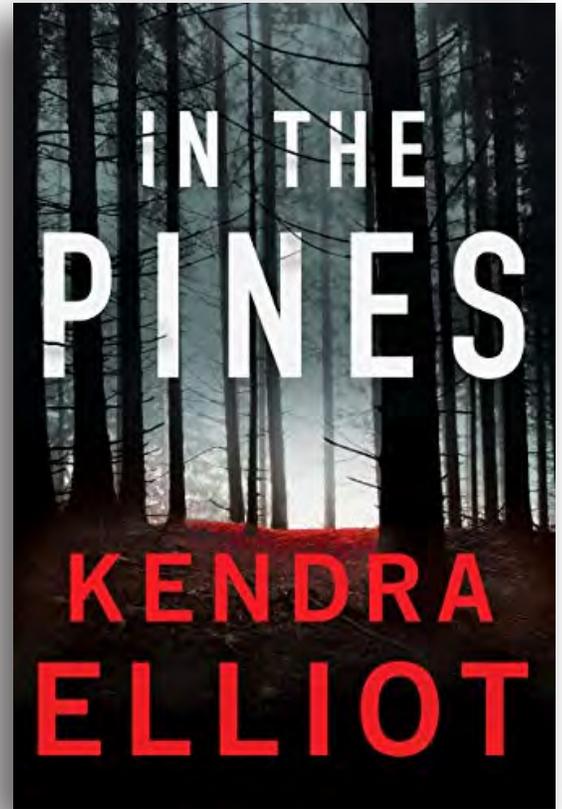
Mercy's and Truman's investigations lead down a path of murder, revenge, and buried secrets to uncover two intertwined mysteries as dark as an Oregon forest.

### Praise for Kendra Elliot

"[A] gripping novel of suspense from Elliot (*A Merciful Secret*)...Elliot skillfully unravels layers of intersecting stories, each one integral to the overall story of the Mills family and their small-town secrets. Readers will want to see more from this author." —***Publishers Weekly***

### About the Author

Kendra Elliot has landed on the *Wall Street Journal* bestseller list multiple times and is the award-winning author of the Bone Secrets and Callahan & McLane series, the Mercy Kilpatrick novels, and the Columbia River novels. She's a three-time winner of the Daphne du Maurier Award, an International Thriller Writers Award finalist, and an RT Award finalist. She has always been a voracious reader, cutting her teeth on classic female heroines such as Nancy Drew, Trixie Belden, and Laura Ingalls. She was born and raised in the rainy Pacific Northwest but now lives in flip-flops. Visit her at [www.kendraelliot.com](http://www.kendraelliot.com).



Crime Mystery  
and Thriller

IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	335

### Rights Available

All Languages

### Rights Sold

French, German, and Spanish

# The Family Bones

ELLE MARR

3/7/2023

**What makes a psychopath? A young woman delves into her family's shadowy legacy in a terrifying novel by the #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of *Strangers We Know*.**

Psychology student Olivia Eriksen's family is notorious among true-crime buffs. Faced with a legacy of psychopathy that spans generations, Olivia has spent much of her academic life trying to answer one chilling question: Nature or nurture?

Although she's kept a safe distance from her blood relatives for years, Olivia agrees to attend a weekend reunion. After all, her fiancé is eager to meet his future in-laws, and the gathering may give her a chance to interview her elusive grandfather about the family traits.

But nothing is ever peaceful among the Eriksens for long. Olivia's favorite cousin is found dead in a nearby lake. Then another family member disappears. As a violent storm isolates the group further, Olivia's fears rise faster than the river.

And an uninvited guest is about to join the party. True-crime podcaster Birdie Tan has uncovered a disturbing mystery in her latest investigation—and she's following it right to the Eriksens' mountain resort. There's a deadly twist in the family plot that even Olivia doesn't see coming.

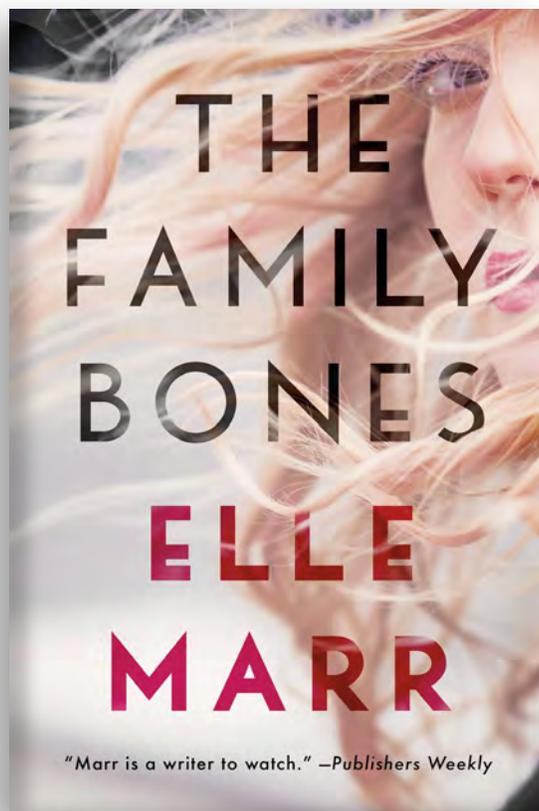
## Praise for Elle Marr

"...the increasingly tense plot takes turns the reader won't see coming. Marr is a writer to watch." —*Publishers Weekly*

"A deep, deep dive into unspeakable memories and their unimaginably shocking legacy." —*Kirkus Reviews (starred review)*

## About the Author

Elle Marr is the #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of *Strangers We Know*, *Lies We Bury*, and *The Missing Sister*. Originally from Sacramento, Elle graduated from UC San Diego before moving to France, where she earned a master's degree from the Sorbonne University in Paris. She now lives and writes in Oregon with her family.



Crime Mystery  
and Thriller

IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	300

## Rights Available

All Languages

# A Familiar Stranger

A. R. TORRE

9/27/2022

**For fans of Luanne Rice, Mary Kubica, and Sally Hepworth comes a new novel of psychological suspense from *New York Times* bestselling author A. R. Torre.**

**Such a quiet and ordinary wife and mother. Who will even notice what she's done?**

Lillian Smith leads an unexceptional life, writing obituaries and killing time with her inattentive husband and disconnected son. Then she meets David, a handsome stranger, in a coffee shop. Lured into an affair, she invents a new persona, one without strings, deadlines, or brooding husbands.

Lillian has never felt so reckless, unpredictable, or wanted. But as her affair with David intensifies, she withdraws from everything that's real, even her closest friend. When evidence of her life as a secret lover finds its way onto her son's social media, she risks ruining much more than her marriage or reputation.

As lies beget lies, Lillian's two worlds spiral dangerously out of control. And betrayals run deeper than she imagines. Because Lillian isn't the only one leading a double life.

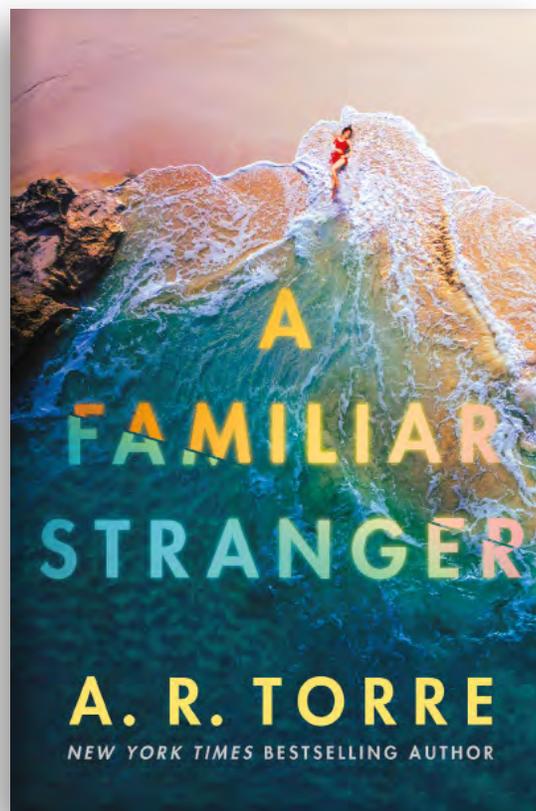
## Praise for A. R. Torre

"Ambitious and twisty...Great bedtime reading for insomniacs and people willing to act like insomniacs just this once." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"A blend of serial killer story, court cases, and even romance, this is a tricky story that will keep readers going." —*The Parkersburg News and Sentinel*

## About the Author

A. R. Torre is a pseudonym for *New York Times* bestselling author Alessandra Torre. Torre is an award-winning author of more than twenty-six novels. She has been featured in such publications as *ELLE* and *ELLE UK* and has guest-blogged for *Cosmopolitan* and the *Huffington Post*. In addition, Torre is the creator of Alessandra Torre Ink, a website, community, and online school for aspiring authors. Learn more at [www.alessandratorre.com](http://www.alessandratorre.com).



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All Languages

# The Last Lie Told

## Finley O'Sullivan Series Book 1

DEBRA WEBB

8/1/2022

**From USA Today bestselling author Debra Webb comes the thrilling first installment in the Finley O'Sullivan series, featuring a legal investigator haunted by her past and obsessed with the truth.**

Legal investigator Finley O'Sullivan searches for evidence the police overlooked, wading through secrets, lies, and betrayal to find answers. With the unsolved murder of her husband still very much on her mind, Finley must confront her own personal trauma on a daily basis. Lies are part of her livelihood, but they're also the reason she can't get justice for the man she loved.

When a man imprisoned for murder recants his confession, claiming he cleaned up the mess for his girlfriend—the victim's own daughter—Finley takes on the case. She discovers the victim had identical twin daughters...and the sisters have very different accounts of the crime.

As she dives headlong into the twins' traumatic past, Finley will have to contend with her own demons to get to the truth—before it's too late.

### Praise for Debra Webb

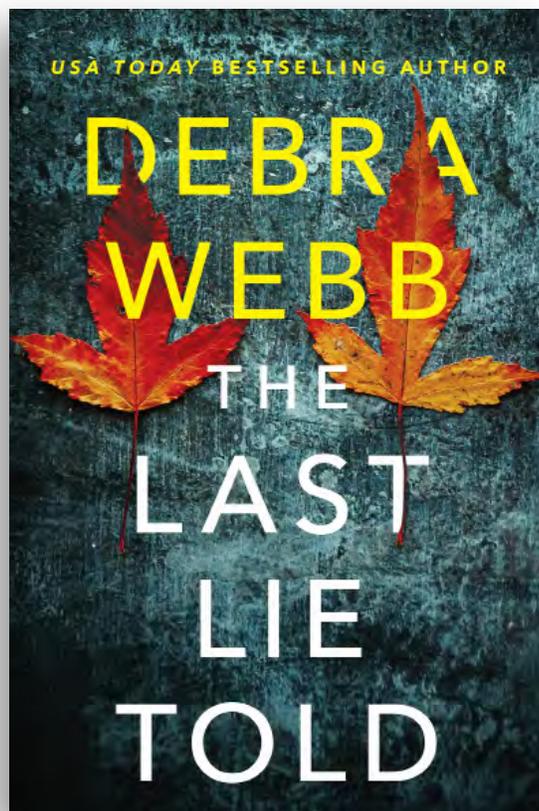
"A complex case fraught with angst and danger ends with surprising revelations." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Debra Webb writes the kind of thrillers I love to read. Sure, there is a murder or more. Yes, a twisted mystery to be solved. Once again, in *The Last Lie Told*, her characters are fully rendered and reveal themselves authentically as her novel unfolds and careens to its stunning conclusion. *The Last Lie Told* is her best yet. Webb is the queen of smart suspense." —**Gregg Olsen, #1 New York Times bestselling author**

### About the Author

Debra Webb is the *USA Today* bestselling author of more than 150 novels. She is the recipient of the prestigious Romantic Times Career Achievement Award for Romantic Suspense as well as numerous Reviewers' Choice Awards. In 2012 Webb was honored as the first recipient of the esteemed L. A. Banks Warrior Woman Award for courage, strength, and grace in the face of adversity. Webb was also awarded the distinguished Centennial Award for having published her hundredth novel. She has more than four million books in print in many languages and countries.

Webb's love of storytelling goes back to her childhood, when her mother bought her an old typewriter at a tag sale. Born in Alabama, Webb grew up on a farm. She spent every available hour exploring the world around her and creating her stories. Visit her at [www.debrawebb.com](http://www.debrawebb.com).



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GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	315

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### Rights Available

All Languages

# Off the Deep End

LUCINDA BERRY

1/10/2023

**From a bestselling author whose books have reached over 1 million readers and will be translated into 10 languages comes a heart-stopping psychological thriller about the shades of truth and the power of lies in the wake of one mother's unspeakable loss.**

Therapist turned stay-at-home mom Jules Hart's idyllic suburban life shatters when she crashes her car into an icy lake. Her son and another teenage boy plunge into the water with her, but Jules can only manage to save one—the *wrong* one.

Reeling from the death of her son, Jules spirals into a violent and unstable mental state. Ten months after the accident, she's still trying to reckon with the fact that she rescued Isaac Greer, another woman's child, when Isaac suddenly vanishes.

Jules finds herself at the center of a massive police investigation. While she harbors her own dangerous secrets, Jules is adamant that she didn't take Isaac. But then who did? Is Isaac the victim of a dangerous killer who's been targeting boys in the Midwest? Or is someone else pulling the strings in this deadly game?

## Praise for Lucinda Berry

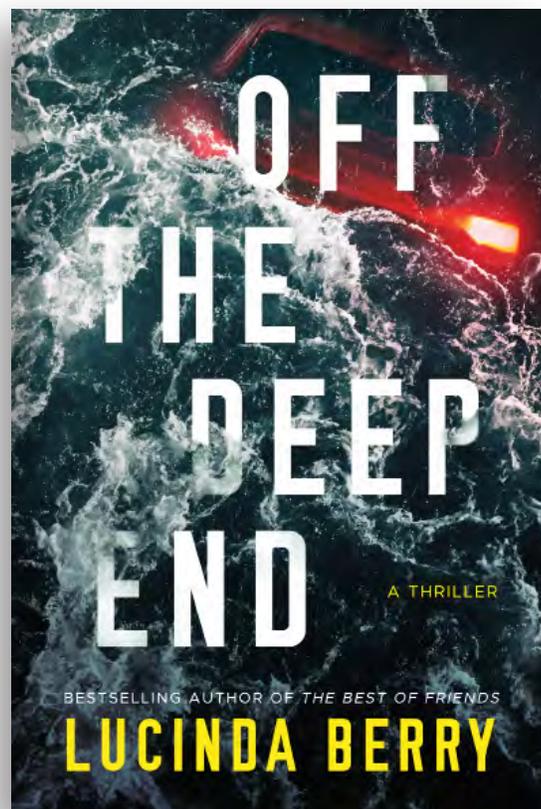
"Those looking for an emotional roller-coaster ride will be rewarded."  
—*Publishers Weekly*

"A mother's worst nightmare on the page. For those who dare."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*

## About the Author

Dr. Lucinda Berry is a former psychologist and leading researcher in childhood trauma. Now she writes full time, using her clinical experience to blur the line between fiction and nonfiction. She enjoys taking her readers on a journey through the dark recesses of the human psyche. Her work has been optioned for film and translated into multiple languages.

If Berry isn't chasing after her son, you can find her running through Los Angeles, prepping for her next marathon. To hear about her upcoming releases and other fun news, visit her on Facebook or sign up for her newsletter at [www.lucindaberry.com](http://www.lucindaberry.com).



Crime Mystery  
and Thriller

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PAGE COUNT	271

## Rights Available

All Languages

# The Blue Bar

## Blue Mumbai Thriller Series Book 1

### DAMYANTI BISWAS

1/1/2023

**On the dark streets of Mumbai, the paths of a missing dancer, a serial killer, and an inspector with a haunted past converge in an evocative thriller about lost love and murderous obsession.**

After years of dancing in Mumbai's bars, Tara Mondal was desperate for a new start. So when a client offered her a life-changing payout to indulge a harmless, if odd, fantasy, she accepted. The setup was simple: wear a blue-sequined saree, enter a crowded railway station, and escape from view in less than three minutes. It was the last time anyone saw Tara.

Thirteen years later, Tara's lover, Inspector Arnav Singh Rajput, is still grappling with her disappearance as he faces a horrifying new crisis: on the city's outskirts, women's dismembered bodies are being unearthed from shallow graves. Very little links the murders, except a scattering of blue sequins and a decade's worth of missing persons reports that correspond with major festivals.

Past and present blur as Arnav realizes he's on the trail of a serial killer and that someone wants his investigation buried at any cost. Could the key to finding Tara and solving these murders be hidden in one of his cold cases? Or will the next body they recover be hers?

### Praise and Reviews

*"The Blue Bar will assault your senses as the setting comes alive in this intricately woven mystery. It examines the gritty, corrupt politics of Mumbai as an inspector tries to solve cases of dismembered women when he doesn't know who to trust within his own ranks. A tale of loyalty, love, and revenge, this sophomore novel by Biswas is not to be missed."*

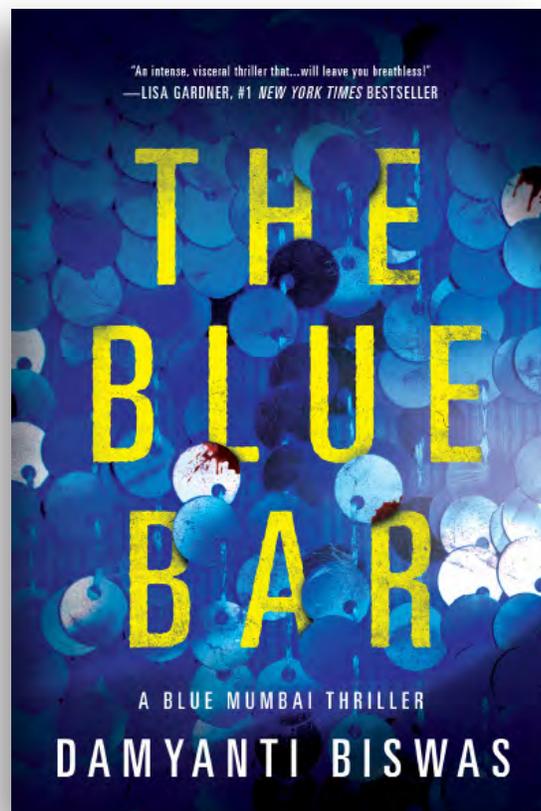
—**Jaime Lynn Hendricks, author of *Finding Tessa* and *It Could Be Anyone***

*"An intense, visceral thriller that...will leave you breathless!"*

—**Lisa Gardner, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**

### About the Author

Damyanti Biswas is the author of *You Beneath Your Skin* and numerous short stories that have been published in magazines and anthologies in the US, the UK, and Asia. She has been shortlisted for Best Small Fiction and Bath Novel Awards and is coeditor of the *Forge Literary Magazine*. Damyanti is also a supporter of Project WHY, a program that provides quality education to underprivileged children in New Delhi. Apart from being a novelist, Damyanti is an avid reader of true crime, a blogger, and an animal lover. Her ambition has always been to live in a home with more books than any other item, and she continues to work toward that. For more information, visit [www.damyantiwrites.com](http://www.damyantiwrites.com).



Crime Mystery  
and Thriller

IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Police Procedural
PAGE COUNT	395

### Rights Available

All Languages

# We Lie Here

RACHEL HOWZELL HALL

7/12/2022

**A woman's trip home reveals frightening truths in a twisty novel of murder and family secrets by the *New York Times* bestselling author of *And Now She's Gone* and *These Toxic Things*.**

TV writer Yara Gibson's hometown of Palmdale, California, isn't her first choice for a vacation. But she's back to host her parents' twentieth-anniversary party and find the perfect family mementos for the celebration. Everything is going to plan until Yara receives a disturbing text: *I have information that will change your life.*

The message is from Felicia Campbell, who claims to be a childhood friend of Yara's mother. But they've been estranged for years—drama best ignored and forgotten. But Yara can't forget Felicia, who keeps texting, insisting that Yara talk to her “before it's too late.”

But the next day is already too late for Felicia, whose body is found floating in Lake Palmdale. Before she died, Felicia left Yara a key to a remote lakeside cabin. In the basement are files related to a mysterious tragedy, unsolved since 1998. What secrets was Felicia hiding? How much of what Yara knows about her family has been true? The deeper Yara digs for answers, the more she fears that Felicia was right. Uncovering the truth about what happened at the cabin all those years ago *will* change Yara's life—or end it.

## Praise for Rachel Howzell Hall

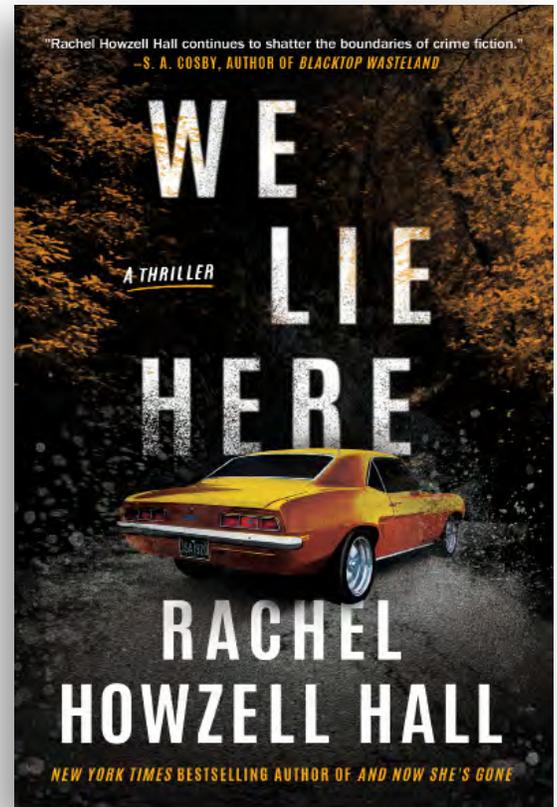
“Hall exhibits a mastery of slowly building pressure-cooker tension until it explodes. A less accomplished writer might not have been able to be as convincing with occasional situational constructs that stretch credulity, but Hall pulls all of it off with aplomb. She remains a writer to watch.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Hall has long forged a singular path as a crime writer, blending an increasingly assured mastery of the genre with an abiding interest in lives too often relegated to the margins. Watching her peel back the layers of Palmdale to expose its diverse residents and problems feels particularly gratifying and makes *We Lie Here* a fresh addition to a more inclusive list of essential L.A. crime fiction.” —*Los Angeles Times*

## About the Author

Rachel Howzell Hall is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *These Toxic Things*; *And Now She's Gone*; *They All Fall Down*; and, with James Patterson, *The Good Sister*, which was included in Patterson's collection *The Family Lawyer*. An Anthony, International Thriller Writers, and Lefty Award nominee, Rachel is also the author of *Land of Shadows*, *Skies of Ash*, *Trail of Echoes*, and *City of Saviors* in the Detective Elouise Norton series. A past member of the board of directors for Mystery Writers of America, Rachel has been a featured writer on NPR's acclaimed *Crime in the City* series and the National Endowment for the Arts weekly podcast; she has also served as a mentor in Pitch Wars and the Association of Writers Programs. Rachel lives in Los Angeles with her husband and daughter. For more information, visit [www.rachelhowzell.com](http://www.rachelhowzell.com).



Crime Mystery  
and Thriller

IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Woman Sleuth
PAGE COUNT	416

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Keep It in the Family

JOHN MARRS

10/18/2022

**In this chilling novel from bestselling author John Marris, whose books will be translated into over 20 languages, a young couple's house hides terrible secrets—and not all of them are confined to the past.**

Mia and Finn are busy turning a derelict house into their dream home when Mia unexpectedly falls pregnant. But just when they think the house is ready, Mia discovers a chilling message scored into a skirting board: *I WILL SAVE THEM FROM THE ATTIC*. Following the clue up into the eaves, the couple make a gruesome discovery: their dream home was once a house of horrors.

In the wake of their traumatic discovery, the baby arrives and Mia can't shake her fixation with the monstrous crimes that happened right above them. Haunted by the terrible things she saw and desperate to find answers, her obsession pulls her ever further from her husband.

Secrecy shrouds the mystery of the attic, but when shards of a dark truth start to emerge, Mia realizes the danger is terrifyingly present. She is prepared to do anything to protect her family—but is it already too late?

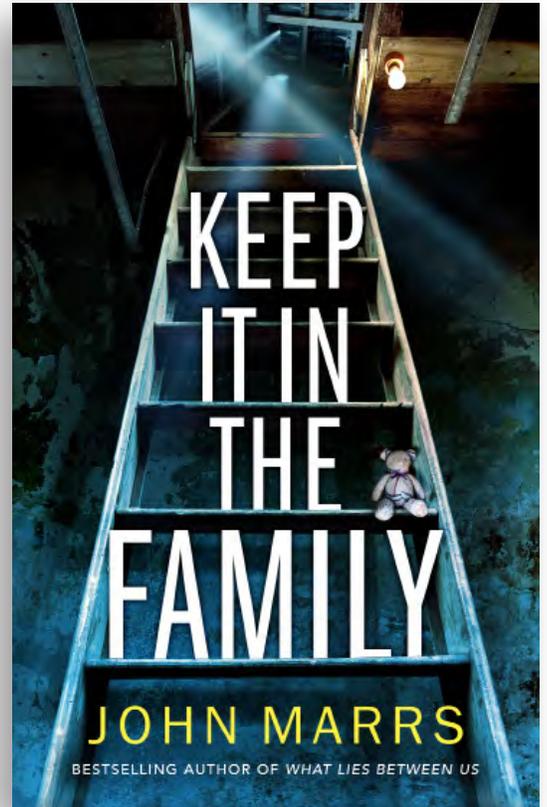
## Praise and Reviews

*"Keep It in the Family* is a tour-de-force of a novel. Darkly disturbing and with twists that just keep on coming, this is John Marris at his best, bringing you a family very much at their worst. I read it in one sitting."  
—**Sarah Pinborough, author of *Behind Her Eyes***

## About the Author

John Marris is an author and former journalist based in Northamptonshire. After spending his career interviewing celebrities from the worlds of television, film and music for numerous national newspapers, magazines and websites, he is now a full-time author.

Follow him at [www.johnmarrsauthor.co.uk](http://www.johnmarrsauthor.co.uk), on Twitter @johnmarrs1, on Instagram @johnmarrs.author, on TikTok @johnmarrs.author and on Facebook @johnmarrsauthor.



Crime Mystery  
and Thriller

IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
PAGE COUNT	347

## Rights Available

All Languages

## Rights Sold

German and Polish

# Embers on the Wind

LISA WILLIAMSON ROSENBERG

8/1/2022

**The past and the present converge in this enthralling tale of women connected by motherhood, slavery's legacy, and histories that span centuries.**

In 1850 in Massachusetts, Whittaker House stood as a stop on the Underground Railroad. It's where two freedom seekers, Little Annie and Clementine, hid and perished. Whittaker House still stands, and Little Annie and Clementine still linger, their dreams of freedom unfulfilled.

Now a fashionably distressed vacation rental in the Berkshires, Whittaker House draws seekers of another kind: Black women who only appear to be free. Among them are Dominique, a single mother following her grand-mère's stories to Whittaker House in search of an ancestor; Michelle, Dominique's lover, who has journeyed to the Berkshire Mountains to heal her own traumas; and Kaye, Michelle's sister, a seer whose visions reveal the past and future secrets of the former safehouse—along with her own.

For each of them, true liberation can come only from uncovering their connection to history—and to the spirits awaiting peace and redemption within the walls of Whittaker House.

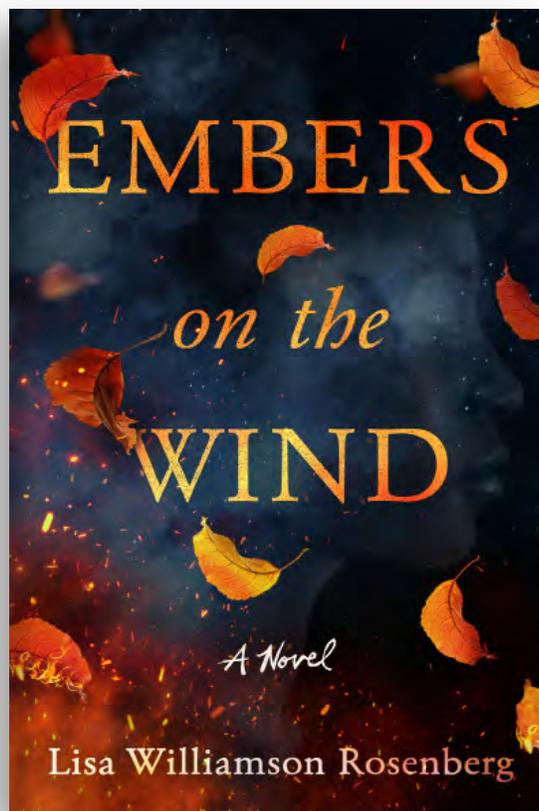
## Praise and Reviews

"A vital stop along the Underground Railroad, the historic Whittaker House should be a symbol of freedom and hope. Instead, it cries and whispers into the modern era, telling stories of all that was risked and lost by those who sought refuge there. Throughout this spellbinding, heartbreaking novel, Lisa Williamson Rosenberg weaves a tapestry from the lives that are bound to one another through a singular event. As this shared history comes into focus, readers come to understand the poignant and devastating impact of one word: *almost*." —**Bobi Conn, author of *In the Shadow of the Valley***

"Lisa Williamson Rosenberg's *Embers on the Wind* is a delight that will keep you turning pages to the very end. Her lyrical writing transports us from the nineteenth-century Underground Railroad to the Brooklyn of today, and in Rosenberg's hands, the history is as vibrant as present-day life. The women in this book are searching for freedom, and luckily for us readers, they bring us along for the magical ride." —**Cary Barbor, host of NPR's Gulf Coast Life Book Club**

## About the Author

Lisa Williamson Rosenberg is a writer, former ballet dancer, and psychotherapist specializing in depression, complex trauma, and racial identity. Lisa's essays have appeared in Longreads, Narratively, Mamalode, the *Defenders Online*, and *The Common*. Her fiction has been published in the *Piltdown Review* and in *Literary Mama*, where Lisa received a Pushcart nomination. A born-and-raised New Yorker and a mother of two college students, Lisa now lives in Montclair, New Jersey, with her husband and dog. For more information, visit [www.lisawrosenberg.com](http://www.lisawrosenberg.com).



Literary Fiction

IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	240

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## Rights Available

All Languages

# The Break

KATIE SISE

11/1/2022

**Can she trust the people she loves? Can she trust herself? A new mother is pushed to the edge in a provocative thriller by the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *Open House*.**

After the traumatic birth of her daughter at a New York City hospital, Rowan O'Sullivan returns home to her apartment with her perfect newborn, Lila. At her side are her husband, Gabe, and June, a part-time babysitter hired to help Rowan in any way she can.

But in this time of joy, Rowan can't shake the feeling that something isn't right. She feels dread. She's breaking.

Rowan's growing instability leads her to accuse June of unspeakable things. And when June disappears just days later, Rowan becomes a suspect. The neighbors heard the screaming. But only Rowan knows what really happened. If her mind can be trusted. Since Lila's birth, her memory has been both unreliable and frightening.

To uncover what happened to June and protect her new baby, Rowan must try to untangle the deep recesses of her mind and face the dark things she's so desperate to keep buried. When she does, no one is prepared for where the truth leads.

## Praise for Kate Sise

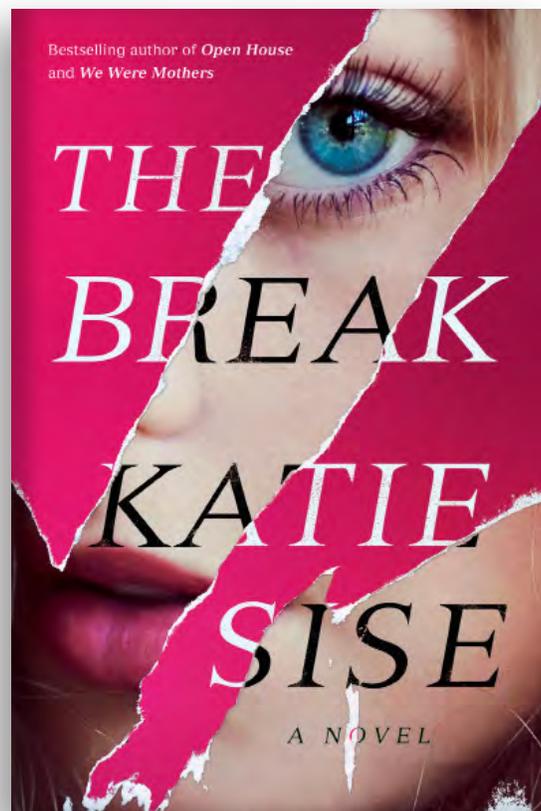
"A chilling thriller, *Open House* tracks a missing art student who vanished 10 years prior and how her disappearance connects with a recent attack during an open house in a small university town. It also showcases the unending loyalty of close girlfriends and sisterhood in life or death."

—*Good Morning America*

"Part murder mystery, part interpersonal drama, a serviceable who-done-it (or did anyone?) with a host of compelling characters...this novel has just enough twists to keep its readers along for the ride. Sleuths will delight in piecing together clues and untangling lies alongside the protagonists." —*Kirkus Reviews*

## About the Author

Katie Sise is the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *Open House* and *We Were Mothers*. Her novels have been included on best-of lists by *Good Morning America*, the *New York Post*, E! Online, PureWow, POPSUGAR, and *Parade* magazine. She is also a jewelry designer and television host and has written several young adult novels, including *The Academy*, *The Pretty App*, and *The Boyfriend App*, as well as the career guide *Creative Girl*. She lives with her family outside New York City. You can visit her online at [www.katiesise.com](http://www.katiesise.com).



Literary Fiction

IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	TBD

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Pesos: The Rise and Fall of a Border Family

PIETRO LA GRECA JR., WITH REBECCA PALEY

11/1/2022

**A true multigenerational story of how one family had and lost it all along the US-Mexican border.**

Pietro La Greca Sr. was an intimidating Napolitano con man dubbed “Mexico’s real-life Don Corleone.” He ran Mexico’s biggest money-laundering scheme during the worst economic period in the country’s history. His was a world of fast cars, mansions on the water, and VIP treatment at Las Vegas casinos. His exploitation of Mexico’s financial free fall made him a wealthy man. But while he was running his criminal empire, his son, Pietro Jr., a.k.a. Picho, was learning his father’s tricks—if only to bring the man down.

An epic tale of greed, high-finance scams, drug cartels, and brazen corruption by the rich and powerful on both sides of the border, *Pesos* is as personal as it is lavish and fantastical. At its heart is Pietro La Greca Jr., who reveals a decades-long family struggle over the boundaries of loyalty, betrayal, and love, and his soul-crushing quest to free himself from the sins of his father.

## Praise and Reviews

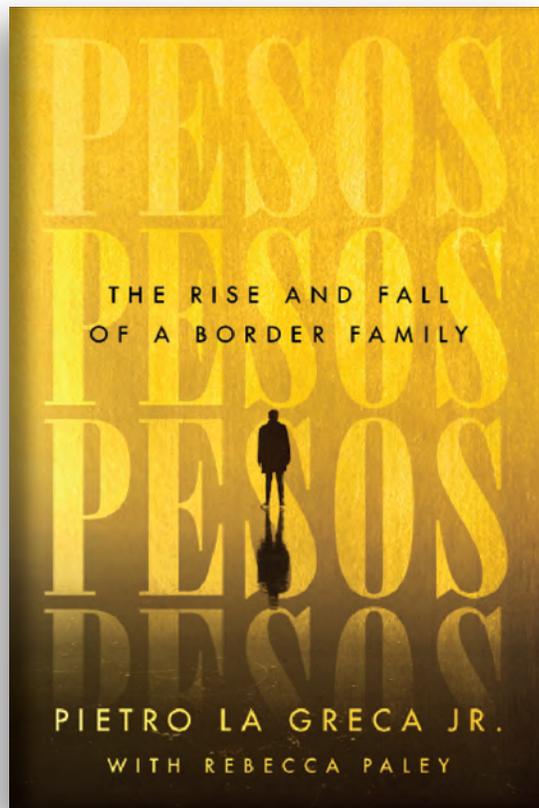
“La Greca proves a snappy raconteur of this turbulent tale. Fans of true crime and epic family sagas will not want to miss this one.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

## About the Author

Pietro La Greca Jr. served as a senior executive in the financial software services industry for over nineteen years. A veteran of the wealth and financial technology industry, he earned his BA and MBA from the University of San Diego. He lives in La Jolla, California, with his wife, Michelle, and six-year-old daughter, Gabi. When he isn’t entertaining clients with salty stories of his colorful family’s criminal past, Pietro volunteers for local charities throughout San Diego and serves on the board of trustees at an independent school in La Jolla.

Rebecca Paley is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of multiple books and lives in Brooklyn with her family.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Memoir
PAGE COUNT	251

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Excuse Me While I Disappear: Tales of Midlife Mayhem

LAURIE NOTARO

11/1/2022

**A laugh-out-loud spin on the realities, perks, opportunities, and inevitable courses of midlife.**

Laurie Notaro has proved everyone wrong: she didn't end up in rehab, prison, or cremated at a tender age. She just went gray. At past fifty, every hair's root is a symbol of knowledge (she knows how to use a landline), experience (she rode in a car with no seat belts), and superpowers (a gray-haired lady can get away with anything).

Though navigating midlife is initially upsetting—the cracking noises coming from her new old body, receiving regular junk mail from mortuaries—Laurie accepts it. And then some. With unintentional abandon, she shoplifts a bag of russet potatoes. Heckles a rude driver from her beat-up Prius. And engages in epic trolling on Nextdoor.com. That, says Laurie, is the brilliance of growing older. With each passing day, you lose an equivalent amount of fear.

And the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author has never been so fearlessly funny as she is in this empowering, candid, and enlightening memoir about living life on the other side of fifty.

## Praise for Laurie Notaro

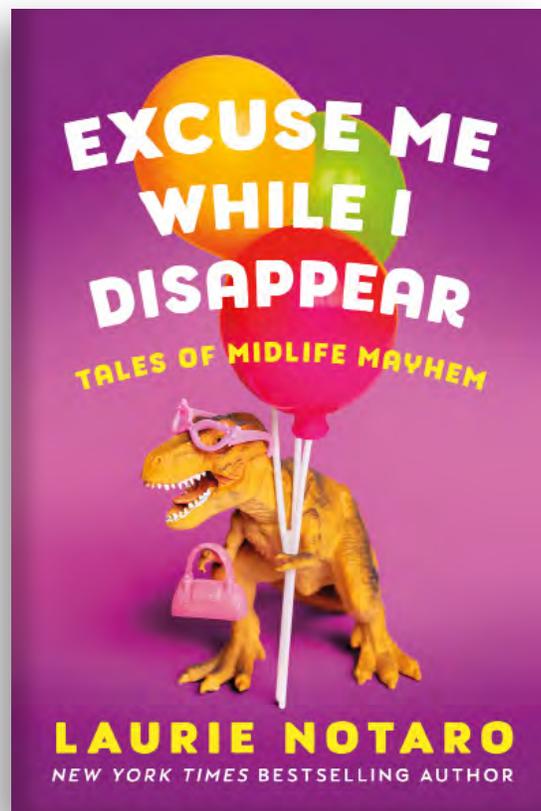
“If Laurie Notaro's books don't inspire pants-wetting fits of laughter, then please consult your physician because clearly your funny bone is broken.”  
—**Jane Lancaster**

“Hilarious, fabulously improper, and completely relatable, Notaro is the queen of funny.” —**Celia Rivenbark**

“Whenever I pick up a book by Laurie Notaro, I know I'll be in a good mood soon. Because Laurie Notaro makes me laugh. Period.” —**Meg Cabot**

## About the Author

Laurie Notaro is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the humor memoirs *The Idiot Girls' Action-Adventure Club*, *Autobiography of a Fat Bride*, *I Love Everybody*, *The Idiot Girl and the Flaming Tantrum of Death*, a finalist for the Thurber Prize, and *Housebroken*, among others. She is also the author of three works of fiction, including the historical novel *Crossing the Horizon*. Born in Brooklyn, New York, she then spent the remainder of her formative years in Phoenix, Arizona, where she created something of a checkered past. Laurie now resides in Eugene, Oregon, has a cute dog and a nice husband, and misses Mexican food like it was her youth.



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Nonfiction/Humor
PAGE COUNT	256

## Rights Available

All Languages

# Never Meant to Meet You

ALLI FRANK AND ASHA YOUMANS

10/1/2022

**From the authors of *Tiny Imperfections* comes a riotously funny, emotionally real look at race and religion, love and heartache, and the realities of parenting through it all.**

Self-appointed fixer of other people's woes Marjette Lewis is uncharacteristically determined to keep to her side of the driveway when it comes to her flawless neighbor Noa Abrams. Professionally, Marjette has her hands full as she prepares for a new class of kindergarteners and her first year of teaching without her best friend, Judy, as campus "Black-up." And at home, her son's budding manhood challenges her expectations, and her vexing ex-husband continues to be a thorn in her side.

But when tragedy strikes Marjette's street, and an unexpected child shows up on the first day of school with an uncle who has all the class moms aflutter, Marjette is forced to contend with both her neighbor and her own heartache over losing the life she once thought was guaranteed. Through laughter, tears, and the gift of found family, Marjette and Noa navigate the rituals of loss together and discover the strength to remake their lives—whether they meant to or not.

## Praise and Reviews

"As these neighboring families blend, the authors do a good job exploring the common ground between African American and Jewish experiences: the characters feel like real people with racial and religious identities that inform their worldviews, but don't define them...It's an impressive feat sure to move romance fans and women's fiction readers alike."

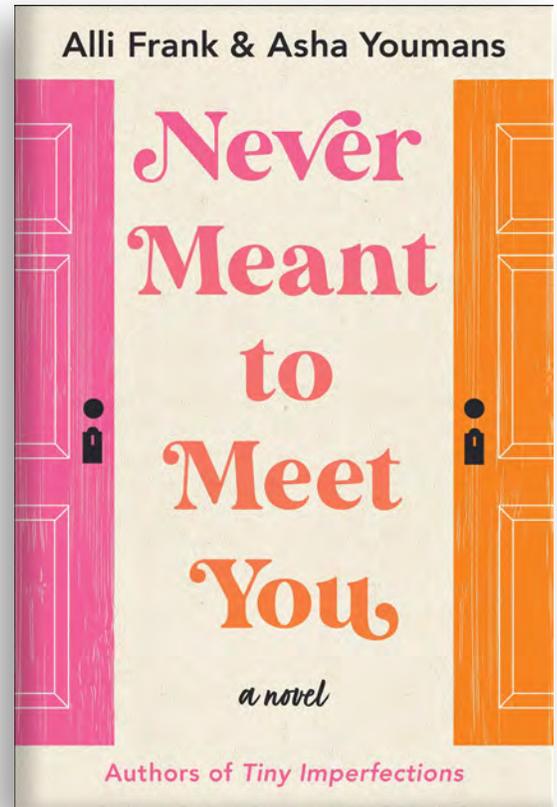
—***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

## About the Authors

Alli Frank has worked in education for more than twenty years, from boisterous public high schools to small, progressive private schools. A graduate of Cornell and Stanford University, Alli lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and two daughters. With Asha Youmans, she is the coauthor of *Tiny Imperfections* and is a contributing essayist in the anthology *Moms Don't Have Time To: A Quarantine Anthology*.

Asha Youmans spent two decades teaching elementary school students. A graduate of University of California, Berkeley, Asha lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband and two sons. With Alli Frank, she is the coauthor of *Tiny Imperfections*.

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# The Wrong Bridesmaid

LAUREN LANDISH

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**Opposites don't just attract—they ignite—in a flirty against-all-odds romance by *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Lauren Landish.**

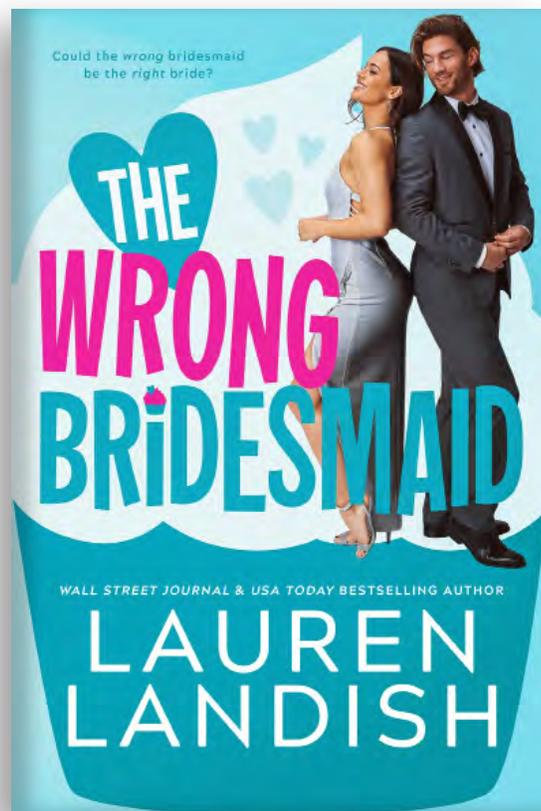
Wyatt Ford hightailed it out of Cold Springs to get away from his influential family and the unwanted privilege that came with it. Returning for his brother's wedding dredges up every reason he left. One unexpected bright spot: a curvy knockout who slings burgers, hustles pool...and hates the last name Ford.

Hazel Sullivan is fiercely independent and happy to be maid of honor for her best friend's wedding, but she isn't looking for romance. Especially not with a man whose family is dividing her town into a battleground with their development plans. Fighting the family is easy. Fighting Wyatt? Not so much. Why does the enemy have to be so drop-dead gorgeous?

The sparks that fly between Hazel and Wyatt might start out as combat, but one kiss and it's total surrender. How is a happy ever after even possible for two people with so little in common? Except, of course, for an overwhelming attraction and that growing temptation to say "I do" themselves.

## About the Author

*Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestselling author Lauren Landish writes books that have garnered praise from her legion of readers. When she's not plotting how she'll introduce you to your next sexy-as-hell hero, you can find her deep in her writing cave, furiously tapping away on her keyboard and writing scenes that would make even a hardened sailor blush. The author of the Truth or Dare series, the Irresistible Bachelors series, and the Bennett Boys Ranch books, Lauren lives in North Carolina with her boyfriend and fur baby. To find out more about Lauren and her world of rock-hard abs, chiseled smiles, and men with deep, fat pockets, visit her at [www.laurenlandish.com](http://www.laurenlandish.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lauren.landish](http://www.facebook.com/lauren.landish).



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# Big Chicas Don't Cry

ANNETTE CHAVEZ MACIAS

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**Four cousins navigate love, loss, and the meaning of family over the course of one memorable year in this heartfelt family drama.**

Cousins Mari, Erica, Selena, and Gracie are inseparable. They aren't just family but best friends—sharing secrets, traditions, and a fierce love for their *abuelita*. But their idyllic childhood ends when Mari's parents divorce, forcing her to move away. With Mari gone, the girls' tight-knit bond unravels.

Fifteen years later, Mari's got the big house and handsome husband, but her life is in shambles. Erica's boyfriend just dumped her, and her new boss hates her. Selena can't seem to find her place in the world—not Mexican enough for her family, not white enough for her colleagues. And Gracie is a Catholic school teacher with an all-consuming crush, but she can't trust herself when it comes to romance.

As rocky as the cousins' lives have become, nothing can prepare them for the heartbreaking loss of a loved one. When tragedy reunites them, will they remember their *abuelita*'s lessons about family and forgiveness—or are fifteen years of separation too much to overcome?

## Praise and Reviews

"Through heart-to-hearts, good food, and family tradition, the women rebuild their relationship with one another—and with their significant others. Chavez Macias loads her well-rounded story with charismatic characters, vivid descriptions, and appealing cultural specificity. This is a treat." —*Publishers Weekly*

"*Big Chicas Don't Cry* is a life-affirming novel centered on relationships, love, and loss. This heartwarming family drama uses alternating points of view to skillfully reveal nuanced characters, tangible emotions, and the enduring ties of a Mexican American family. I adored every minute I spent with this familia. It was as if Annette Chavez Macias took slivers of the people and experiences I've known and delicately etched them onto the page. An enduring family drama with heart, beauty, and vibrant culture." —*Diana Muñoz Stewart, bestselling author of the Black Ops Confidential series*

## About the Author

Annette Chavez Macias writes stories about love, family, and following your dreams. She is proud of her Mexican American heritage, culture, and traditions, all of which can be found within the pages of her books. For readers wanting even more love stories and guaranteed happily ever afters, Annette also writes romance novels under the pen name Sabrina Sol. Originally from Southern California, Annette lives just outside Los Angeles with her husband, three children, and four dogs.



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Romance

# Buried Deception

## On the Edge Series Book 1

AMANDA MCKINNEY

9/20/2022

**In the pulse-racing first installment of the On the Edge series, a criminal psychologist teams up with a former marine on a deadly wildland mission. Not even their hearts can stay out of harm's way.**

In the swamps of East Texas, alligators aren't the only danger lurking in the shadows.

After a young woman is brutally attacked on a popular hiking trail, the evidence points to the notorious Black Cat Stalker. The town of Skull Hollow enlists Dr. Mia Frost to provide a psychological profile and assist in the investigation.

When another person goes missing, Mia partners with Easton Crew, former marine and current CEO of a tactical tracking company. Both Mia and Easton are stubborn, strong-willed, and independent, but neither can deny the smoldering attraction between them.

As professional lines blur, Easton starts to question Mia's motives and worries she's getting too close to the investigation. The mystery begins to unravel, but so does Mia's mental health as the clues dredge up her own haunted past.

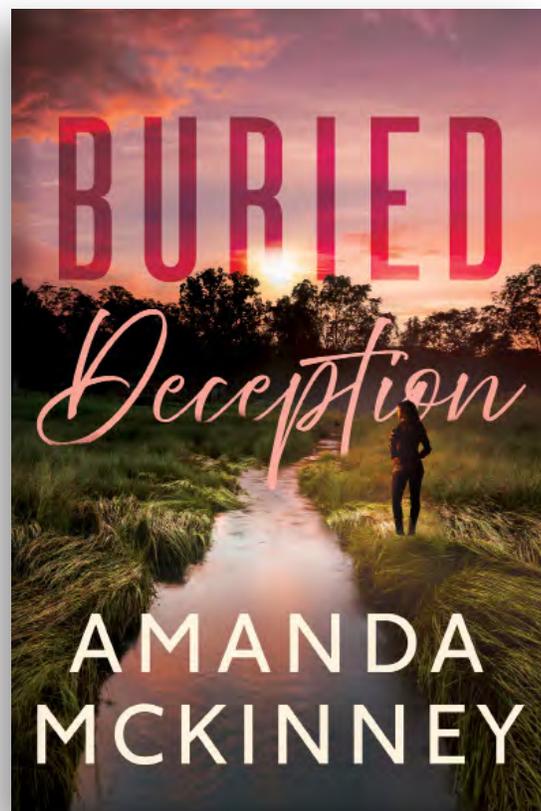
It soon becomes evident that things aren't as they seem...and people aren't always who they say they are.

### Praise and Reviews

"McKinney's completely absorbing suspense and low heat converge to make a satisfying read in this series launch." —*Library Journal*

### About the Author

Amanda McKinney is the author of more than twenty romantic-suspense, mystery, and action-and-adventure novels. Her books have received over fifteen literary awards and nominations. She lives in Arkansas with her handsome husband, two beautiful boys, and three obnoxious dogs and enjoys hiking, daydreaming, and very dirty martinis (on occasion, all three at the same time).



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Romance

# Runaway Groomsman

MEGHAN QUINN

10/11/2022

**From *USA Today* and Amazon Charts bestselling author Meghan Quinn comes a heartfelt romantic comedy about new beginnings and finding the romanticized happily ever after in the most unlikely of places.**

Hollywood screenwriter Sawyer Walsh knows a good love story when he sees it. *But when it comes to real life romance, he's a mess.* That's how he finds himself standing at the altar...as his ex-girlfriend ties the knot with his very famous best friend. The pressure, the resentment, the media coverage—it's all too much—and before he knows exactly what he's doing, he's making a run for it, *leaving a shocked congregation and flashing cameras in his wake.*

Needing to lie low amid the media fallout, Sawyer lands in the charming town of Canoodle, California, where he crosses paths with Fallon Long, who runs the Canoodle Cove Cabins, a family-owned business and Sawyer's new short-term residence. Overwhelmed with renovations and her long list of responsibilities, Fallon is struggling to make ends meet while attempting to bring the cabins back to their original glory. So when Sawyer arrives, she is grateful for the income, but immediately writes him off as just another vapid Hollywood hack, until he begins to prove her wrong at every turn.

As Fallon comes closer to saving the family business, an undeniable bond forms between her and the handsome screenwriter. But the pressures of her family obligations and Sawyer's notoriety might prove to be too much for anyone to handle. Could Canoodle be the setting for a new romance—or is true love just a Hollywood cliché?

## Praise and Reviews

"The supporting characters give this slow-burn romance from Quinn (*The Reunion*) a healthy dose of humor and heart and make this story one to include in all romance collections." —*Library Journal*

## About the Author

*USA Today* bestselling author, wife, adoptive mother, peanut butter lover, and creator of romantic comedies and contemporary romance, Meghan Quinn brings readers the perfect combination of heart, humor, and heat in every book.



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# External Forces

## The Marrowbone Spells Series Book 2

SHANNON FAY

11/8/2022

**A mage for the British royals matches wits with a power-mad old foe in a beguiling novel of enchantments and daring by Shannon Fay, author of *Innate Magic*.**

London, 1958. By crafting magical outfits for his friend, Princess Katherine, cloth mage Paul Gallagher is getting ahead. It's not a seamless path. Not since the Virtuis Party came to power. The far-right faction is using criminals to create a protective barrier around England. The enchanted uniforms the prisoners wear may beget a demand for mages, but using luckless convicts as tools for warmongering reactionaries isn't Paul's dream for cloth magic.

His road to success takes an even darker turn when the unexpected death of a member of the royal family plunges the country into chaos. The Virtuis Party is rising, its mysterious puppet master is gaining control, and Paul and his allies are prepared to do anything to protect the princess, the throne, and ultimately, the soul of the country. That means falling back on the innate magic Paul dreads using again. It's illegal, dangerous, and so potent it can raise the dead.

But as the fate of the entire nation hangs by a thread, dire times call for extreme magic.

### Praise for Shannon Fay

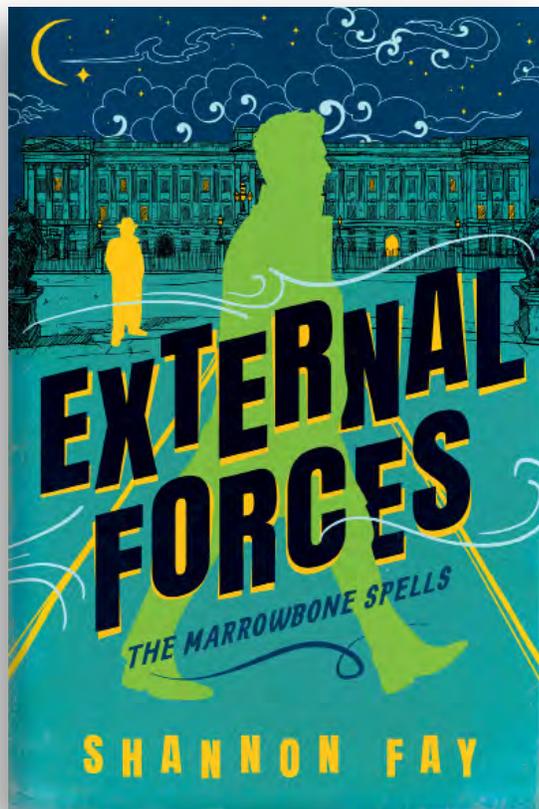
"Fay expertly crafts a delightfully adventurous tale, animated by Paul's chance encounters and audacious antics. This promising series starter announces Fay as a writer to watch." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Great fun on its own and a series to watch for." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"An absorbing debut fantasy novel...This great first fantasy outing from Fay will be well received by adults and young adults who like V. E. Schwab and Leigh Bardugo." —*Library Journal*

### About the Author

Shannon Fay is the author of *Innate Magic* in the Marrowbone Spells series. 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). For more information visit [www.ayearonsaturn.com](http://www.ayearonsaturn.com).



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GENRE	Historical Fantasy
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### Rights Available

All Languages

# The Foreign Exchange

Mambo Reina Series Book 2

VERONICA G. HENRY

2/28/2023

**From an author *Publishers Weekly* called “a writer to watch” comes the second book in a contemporary fantasy series featuring a Vodou priestess-turned-private detective.**

After solving a crime blamed on Vodou in New Orleans’ French Quarter, Vodou priestess turned amateur detective Reina Dumond has returned to her benevolent work as a healer. But when her friend and enigmatic client Evangeline “Vangie” Stiles comes to her for a spell, Mambo Reina quickly realizes what Vangie really needs is a sleuth.

Something is amiss in the Stilese’s marriage. Five thousand dollars has inexplicably appeared in the bank account Vangie shares with her scam-artist husband, Arthur, and she smells trouble. So does Reina. Especially when her investigation into Arthur’s likely new con leads to murder. Considering the manner of death and the signs on the victim’s body, Reina recognizes it for what it is: ritual magic of the vodouisant kind.

As Reina digs deeper, she encounters a conspiracy exploiting vulnerable youth—one of whom may have abilities just like hers. With the help of her friends Darryl and Tyka, Reina must hone her ever-evolving skills to uncover a mystery that reaches further than she imagined.

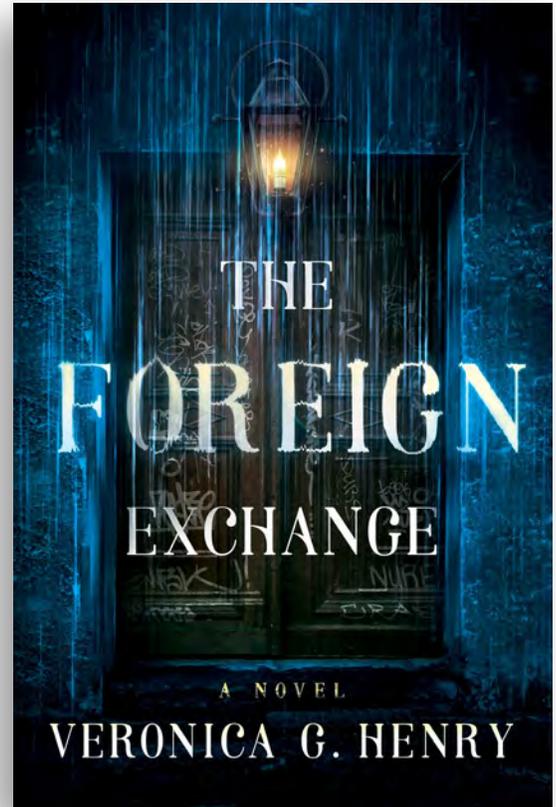
## Praise for the Author

“...this hits the sweet spot of eschewing overdone tropes while retaining the familiar elements that draw fans to the genre. Readers will hope to see more of Mambo Reina.” —***Publishers Weekly***

“*The Quarter Storm* conjures up an intriguing mystery that draws readers away from New Orleans’s famous tourist spots for a story filled with twists, turns, and unexpected discoveries that will leave them eager for more. Because there’s no better sleuth to handle a murder in New Orleans than a Vodou priestess.” —**Nicole Glover, author of *The Conductors***

## About the Author

Veronica G. Henry was born in Brooklyn, New York, and has been a bit of a rolling stone ever since. She is a graduate of the Viable Paradise Workshop, a member of SFWA, and an Author Spotlight interviewer for *Fantasy Magazine*. Her work has appeared in various online publications. The author of the novel *Bacchanal*, she now writes from North Carolina, where she eschews rollerballs for fountain pens and fine paper.



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GENRE	Contemporary Fantasy
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## Rights Available

All Languages

# Meru

S.B. DIVYA

2/1/2023

**One woman and her pilot are about to change the future of the species in an epic space opera about aspiration, compassion, and redemption by Hugo and Nebula Award finalist S. B. Divya.**

For five centuries, human life has been restricted to Earth, while posthuman descendants called alloys freely explore the galaxy. But when the Earthlike planet of Meru is discovered, two unlikely companions venture forth to test the habitability of this unoccupied new world and the future of human-alloy relations.

For Jayanthi, the adopted human child of alloy parents, it's an opportunity to rectify the ancient reputation of her species as avaricious and destructive, and to give humanity a new place in the universe. For Vaha, Jayanthi's alloy pilot, it's a daunting yet irresistible adventure to find success as an individual.

As the journey challenges their resolve in unexpected ways, the two form a bond that only deepens with their time alone on Meru. But how can Jayanthi succeed at freeing humanity from its past when she and Vaha have been set up to fail?

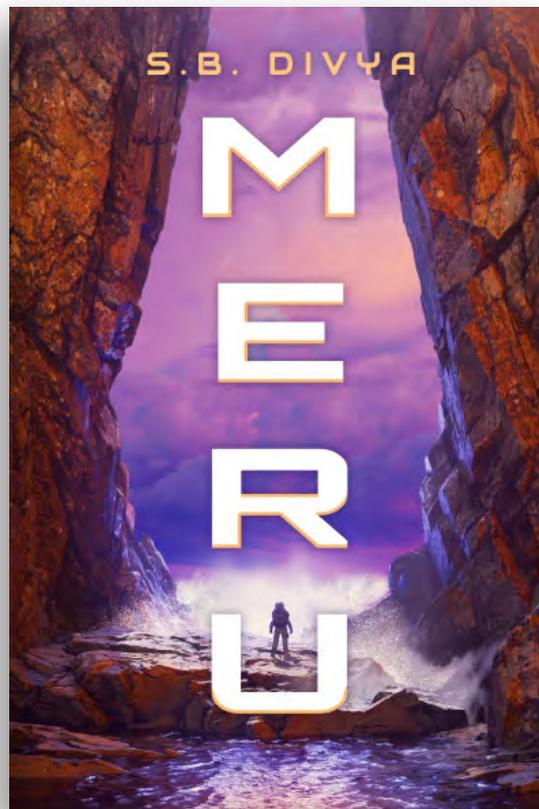
Against all odds, hope is human, too.

## Praise for S. B. Divya

“With clever invention and astute observation popping from every paragraph, *Machinehood* takes you on a thrilling ride through a gritty, panoramic future that showcases intelligence in all its manifestations, humanity in all its potentialities, the infinite grace of ourselves as well as of our creations.” —**Ken Liu, author of *The Grace of Kings* and *The Paper Menagerie and Other Stories***

## About the Author

S. B. Divya is a Hugo- and Nebula-nominated author whose work includes *Machinehood*, *Runtime*, and the short-story collection *Contingency Plans for the Apocalypse and Other Possible Situations*. Her stories have been published in various magazines, such as *Analog* and *Uncanny*; on Tor.com; and in several anthologies, including *Seasons Between Us* and *Rebuilding Tomorrow*. She holds degrees in computational neuroscience and signal processing, and she worked for twenty years as an electrical engineer before becoming an author. A lover of science, math, fiction, and the Oxford comma, she enjoys subverting expectations and breaking stereotypes whenever she can. For more information visit [www.sbdivya.com](http://www.sbdivya.com).



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All Languages

# June, Reimagined

REBEKAH CRANE

11/1/2022

**From the writer who brought you the Irish romance *The Upside of Falling Down* comes a new novel about secrets, friendship, reinvention, and unexpected love in the Scottish Highlands.**

June Merriweather is on the run—from her own life. Her brother is dead, her parents are liars, and her college major is a joke. Apart from her best friend, Matt, June is desperate for reinvention. And a one-way ticket out of Cincinnati to the Scottish Highlands is a good place to start.

With a backpack, an urn, and a secret, June begins again. She snags a job at a café and finds lodging at a quaint inn with a quirky cast of housemates. The only problem: the inn's infuriatingly perceptive (and sexy) owner, Lennox. He's suspicious of June. After all, no one comes to Scotland in the winter unless they're running from something. From rocky start to sizzling temptation, June's new world is exhilarating...and one detour away from disaster.

With her past and her future both vying for attention, June can't begin to picture where her reimagined life is headed next. And falling in love with the last person she expected is only the beginning.

## Praise for Rebekah Crane

"Inspired by a true event, Crane (*The Infinite Pieces of Us*, 2018) earnestly explores how silence perpetuates racism and what it means to be antiracist...With countless quotable lines like 'Love is a human right, not a reward for good behavior,' and timely antiracism discussion, this is a YA novel with love and substance." —**Booklist (starred review)**

"A naïve girl is forced to reconcile truths she thought she knew with the reality of the boy she loves. A romance that tackles serious issues..." —**Kirkus Reviews**

## About the Author

Rebekah Crane is the author of several critically acclaimed young adult novels, including *Only the Pretty Lies*, *Postcards for a Songbird*, *The Infinite Pieces of Us*, *The Upside of Falling Down*, *The Odds of Loving Grover Cleveland*, *Aspen*, and *Playing Nice*. A former high school English teacher, Crane now lives in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, where the altitude only enhances the writing experience. For more information about the author and her work, visit [www.rebekahcrane.com](http://www.rebekahcrane.com).



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GENRE	Contemporary Romance
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All Languages

# The Karma Map

NISHA SHARMA

3/1/2023

**A road trip through India is a liberating escape for two people connecting to their past and to each other in an emotional novel about self-discovery by the author of *My So-Called Bollywood Life*.**

Born and raised in the US, Tara Bajaj hides her family secrets. With beautiful clothes, a popular social media presence, and a spot on the Rutgers High Bollywood dance team, she does it well—until her carefully cultivated image shatters. Shut out by friends and with her future in flux, Tara accepts a guide position on a youth group temple tour through North India. The heart of her ancestry is as good a place as any to start over.

Silas D'Souza-Gupta is an aspiring photojournalist retracing the journey his two mothers took when they fell in love. The last thing he expects on this road trip through his roots is a girl with a history of her own he wants to explore. As Tara and Silas embark on remote pilgrimage sites from Punjab through the Himalayas, they discover what it means to be a child in the Indian diaspora, the significance of karma, and the healing power of love.

## Praise for Nisha Sharma

"Nisha Sharma's *Dating Dr. Dil* is what would happen if you put all my favorite romantic comedy tropes into a blender: a frothy, snarky, hilarious treat with a gooey, heartwarming center. The perfect addition to any rom-com lover's shelf." —**Emily Henry, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *People We Meet on Vacation***

## About the Author

Nisha Sharma is the award-winning author of the YA romance *My So-Called Bollywood Life*, and the follow up YA *Radha & Jai's Recipe for Romance*. She is also the author of the adult contemporary novels in The Singh Family Trilogy, and the forthcoming *If Shakespeare was an Auntie* Trilogy. Her writing has been praised in NPR, *Cosmopolitan*, *Teen Vogue*, *Buzzfeed*, *Hypable* and more. Nisha lives in Pennsylvania with her Alaskan husband, her cat Lizzie Bennett and her dog Nancey Drew. You can find her online at nisha-sharma.com or on Twitter, TikTok and Instagram at @nishawrites.



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# How to Win a Breakup

FARAH HERON

1/17/2023

**An “it” couple’s breakup becomes a sporting event in a deliciously charming novel about the games people play in the name of love.**

First, math genius and gamer-nerd Samaya gets dumped by her boyfriend. Then he sabotages her job and hooks up with her frenemy. What could be worse? Clearly, her golden-boy ex is winning the breakup. The only way Samaya can get some rebound cred is to find someone new. Even if she has to fake it.

At a volunteer bake sale, Samaya meets a sweet opportunity. Daniel is a handsome hockey jock and a whiz when it comes to lemon squares and brownies. And he agrees to play along. Quid pro quo. He’ll pretend to be the boyfriend of her dreams if Samaya helps him pass calculus.

This may well be the recipe for the best revenge, but Samaya has no idea how complicated it will get. As they whip up an imitation romance, and a bumbleberry pie, resisting each other’s very real charms proves impossible. Samaya finds herself on an unexpected journey of secrets, self-discovery, and the true meaning of moving on.



## Praise for Farah Heron

“...the exact kind of YA fiction I would’ve loved to read in high school when I was shaping my ideas about love and who I wanted to be. Heron’s newest book is filled with great lessons about staying true to yourself and what you want...” —*USA Today*

“As she does in her books for adults, Heron draws on her own Indian Tanzanian Canadian Muslim identity, and details of close-knit, transnational community enrich this YA debut. The book’s memorable secondary characters—including Nilusha, Tahira’s wise and compassionate mentor, and Juniper, Rowan’s sweet younger sister—help Tahira stay true to herself in this entertaining enemies-to-lovers rom-com.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

## About the Author

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 *Tahira in Bloom*, *Accidentally Engaged*, and *Kamila Knows Best*, 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. Farah lives in Toronto with her husband and two teens, a rabbit named Strawberry, and two cats who rule the house. For more information, visit [www.farahheron.com](http://www.farahheron.com).

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